

STORYBOOK RIVERS: RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



WÜRZBURG

Spend two weeks cruising the legendary Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, visiting historical dynamos like Amsterdam, Düsseldorf, and Nuremberg, as well as the villages of Rüdesheim, Miltenberg, and Bamberg. Enter the dramatic, castle-dotted Rhine Valley and hear the eerie legend of the Loreley. Also traverse the 16-lock Main-Danube Canal and pass the watershed monument at Pierheim. There, you will find yourself at 1,332 feet (406 meters) above sea level—and literally cruising downhill toward Budapest. Stop in Regensburg, Passau, Linz, and Melk, and marvel at the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley with its picture-perfect terraced vineyards and orchards. In Vienna, admire the opulent palaces, museums, and world-class coffee houses. Your final stop is Budapest, the regal capital of Hungary.

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Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 9 – Nuremberg
Day 2 – Amsterdam	Day 10 – Regensburg
Day 3 – Düsseldorf	Day 11 – Passau/ Linz
Day 4 – Rhine Valley/ Rüdesheim	Day 12 – Melk/Vienna
Day 5 – Miltenberg	Day 13 – Vienna
Day 6 – Würzburg	Day 14 – Budapest
Day 7 – Bamberg	Day 15 – Budapest
Day 8 – Nuremberg	



DATES IN 2027

22 Apr



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".



AMSTERDAM

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands and Venice of the North, where more than 62 miles (100 km) of canals zigzag through the city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and tonight, after your first gourmet dinner on board, join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the city's romantic canals.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Begin your day with breakfast before stepping off the ship to explore. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, spend time with the Dutch masters at the famous Rijksmuseum, or use Virtual Reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank. A full list of available excursions for your cruise is on our website.

DAY 3 – DÜSSELDORF

Welcome to Düsseldorf, ranked the sixth-most livable city in the world! Learn over 700 years of history on an interesting sightseeing tour; join a guided e-bike ride around the Old Town, Königsallee shopping district, and Media Harbor; or take a fun foodie walk to discover the city's delicacies. Break for lunch, then choose between an art safari or an Altbier discovery, complete with tasting of the famous copper-colored brew!

DAY 4 – RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

A leisurely start to the day, but you won't want to spend it sleeping as your ship passes through some of Europe's most spectacular scenery. Cruise through the dramatic Rhine Valley, where more than three-dozen ancient castles grace both banks of the river. Also see the mythical Rock of the Loreley and hear its haunting legend. Later, disembark in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim. Maybe visit the amazing Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum; soar over the area by cable car; or stroll through the local vineyards and attend a tasting of the Middle Rhine's delectable wines!

DAY 5 – MILTENBERG

Awaken this morning on an entirely different river! As you slept, the ship cruised from the Rhine onto the Main for afternoon arrival in Bavarian Miltenberg. You might enjoy a Jewish heritage tour that visits a 13th-century synagogue, mikveh, and more; a nature hike up a 2,000-year-old Roman path and food tastings at the city's 17th-century butcher shop; or an encounter with Miltenberg's fantastic medieval architecture and superb Bavarian cuisine!



SCENIC RHINE VALLEY

DAY 6 – WÜRZBURG

Head out today to discover the wonders of Würzburg through RIVERSIDE CHOICE. Stroll through the resplendent Old Town and wander through the Residenz, one of Europe's most magnificent palaces, or get a real taste of Würzburg's culture on a remarkable walk featuring the cathedral, the Old Town Bridge—and the best sausages in the city! An outing is also available along the famed Romantic Road to the must-see medieval city of Rothenburg.

DAY 7 – BAMBERG

Today is impressive from start to finish. Begin in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg. Dating back to the 9th century, the city extends over seven church-capped hills, leading to its nickname of Franconian Rome. Join a guided walk that visits the cathedral founded in 1004 AD, the canals and quaint fishermen's huts, and the unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Don't miss the chance to try Rauchbier (smoked beer), which the city has been brewing for almost 900 years. This evening, the ship enters an engineering marvel: the 106-mile (171-km) Main-Danube Canal. Completed in 1992, it provides a navigable waterway from the North Sea all the way to the Black Sea.

DAY 8 – NUREMBERG

Welcome to Nuremberg, bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged. Few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has, and your time here will provide the backstory. Consider a guided walk through the Old Town;

come face to face with sights forever tied to WWII, like the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the Palace of Justice, site of the Nuremberg trials; or head down into the secret underground rock vaults below Nuremberg Castle, where important art treasures were stored to protect them from WWII bombings.

DAY 9 – NUREMBERG

A second day in Nuremberg for another exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. If you prefer, head out on your own to explore independently or do some souvenir shopping!

DAY 10 – REGENSBURG

Regensburg has existed in some form since the Stone Age. Some of its fascinating milestones include construction of a Roman fort around 90 AD; its role as capital of Bavaria from the 6th to the 13th centuries; and its 12th-century Stone Bridge across the river that opened trade routes and launched the city's golden age. Today, Regensburg's well-preserved Old Town is the largest medieval city site north of the Alps. Excursion options feature an Old Town guided walk and stop at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant to sample its popular sausages. You could also tour Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD, or learn about the nearly lost art of hat making.

DAY 11 – PASSAU / LINZ

A delightful stop in Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube come together. Join an expert guide for a stroll through Old Town Passau; visit an artists' workshop; or maybe join an outing to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Later, dock in Austria's third-largest city for a guided evening walk.

DAY 12 – MELK / VIENNA

There simply isn't a better place to spend your morning than the pleasant town of Melk! You might enjoy exploring the grand Benedictine abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, or Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside. Back on board in time for lunch, then a relaxing afternoon of scenic cruising on the way through the breathtaking Wachau Valley to Austria's beautiful Baroque capital, Vienna. Tonight, channel your inner aristocrat during a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Belvedere Palace, followed by a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".



OLD TOWN HALL, BAMBERG



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DAY 13 – VIENNA

Start your unforgettable day exploring Vienna the way you like best. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the Habsburg rulers' opulent Schönbrunn Palace; a guided e-bike ride through Prater Park; or time at the world-famous Spanish Riding School, where the amazing Lipizzaner stallions train.

DAY 14 – BUDAPEST

This morning, your ship makes a grand entrance into Budapest! From atop the Vista Deck, admire one of the world's most beautiful cities as the ship passes by its famous icons lining both sides of the Danube. Once you disembark, see the highlights by comfortable coach, visit the vast

Hungarian Parliament Building, or take a tour of Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllő, one of the world's largest Baroque palaces. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to explore on your own!

DAY 15 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.

This cruise has extensions available, see our website for options.