

MAJESTIC WATERS OF EUROPE: DANUBE, MAIN & RHINE

BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



COLOGNE

Cruise south to north during two splendid weeks, from Hungary all the way to the Netherlands! Embark on the mighty Danube, visiting three amazing capitals: Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna! It just doesn't get any grander as you investigate the rich histories and traditions of these very different cities. Heading upriver, true wonders await, like Europe's largest pipe organ in Passau, the world's oldest restaurant in Regensburg, and Bamberg's unusual "smoked beer". Travel along the Main River, which seamlessly leads you onto the Romantic Rhine. Here, world-class wines and fairytale charm await in Rüdesheim before Mother Nature takes center stage in the awe-inspiring Rhine Valley. The journey concludes with time in elegant Cologne and Amsterdam, the stunning Venice of the North!

ITINERARY

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



DATES IN 2027

20 May



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".

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, proud capital of Hungary. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and settle in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board. Also enjoy a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE twilight departure from Budapest on the Vista Deck, complete with twinkling lights, the city's stunning landmarks, canapés, and a glass of champagne to toast it all!

DAY 2 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax on board. Then, after lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, spend time at the impressive Danubiana Art Museum, eBiking through the beautiful Bratislavan wetlands, or the chance to discover the country's delicious wines or beers. For a complete list of excursions available on your cruise, visit our website. If you prefer exploring independently, stroll up to Bratislava Castle overlooking the Old Town and river, or do some shopping in the pedestrian-only Old Town.

DAY 3 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital that was influenced heavily over the centuries by monarchs and musicians alike! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; a visit to the Habsburgs' primary residence at Hofburg Palace, including its lavish Treasury; time at the Spanish

Riding School, where the world-famous Lipizzaner stallions train; and more. Tonight, join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 4 – DÜRNSTEIN / MELK

A Danube favorite awaits in Dürnstein, known for its medieval castle ruins and Richard the Lionheart lore. If you're feeling active, lace up your hiking shoes for a brisk trek up to the castle or enjoy the scenery from the seat of an e-bike. A tasting of the Wachau's popular wines is also available. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising to Melk for an encounter with its splendid Baroque abbey or a visit to Artstetten Castle to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today!

DAY 5 – PASSAU

A lot of exciting possibilities today! Early risers might enjoy a day trip from Linz to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you prefer a more leisurely start to the day, enjoy scenic cruising and afternoon arrival in Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube meet. Awaiting your discovery are a RIVERSIDE CHOICE orientation of the medieval city center, or an interesting visit to an artists' workshop.



DÜRNSTEIN



HISTORICAL SAUSAGE KITCHEN, REGENSBURG

DAY 6 – REGENSBURG

Mid-morning call in Regensburg, where evidence abounds of the many cultures that built the city over 2,000 years. RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions are a walk through the Old Town and sample of sausage at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant, or time at the interesting Bavarian History Museum. You can also enjoy a boat ride through the gorgeous Danube Gorge, followed by a visit to Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD.

DAY 7 – NUREMBERG

Bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged, few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has. Today, you'll get the backstory during a selection of excursions. Join an expert guide to see the Old Town with its King's Gate, former customs house, Executioner's Bridge, and more. Or, a WWII-focused tour might be of interest, featuring the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and other infamous sites.

DAY 8 – NUREMBERG

Enjoy another day in Nuremberg, a city known for its toys, gingerbread, and sausages since the Middle Ages. You might enjoy a unique tour under the castle to see its secret rock vaults and learn how Nuremberg protected its precious art treasures during WWII.

DAY 9 – BAMBERG

One of Germany's unrivaled masterpieces awaits 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. A great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions is available, including a guided visit to the four-towered cathedral founded in 1004 AD, the quaint fishermen's huts lining the canals of Little Venice, and the unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Or, you might enjoy a tour focusing on the Rauchbier (smoked beer) the city has been brewing for almost 900 years.

DAY 10 – WÜRZBURG

Head out today to discover the wonders of Würzburg. Take a walk through the resplendent Old Town and wander through the Residenz, one of Europe's most magnificent palaces, or get a taste of Würzburg's culture and cuisine on a guided stroll featuring the cathedral, Old Town Bridge—and the best sausages in the city! Alternatively, an outing is available along the famed Romantic Road to medieval Rothenburg, one of Germany's most amazing walled cities.

DAY 11 – MILTENBERG

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising, with afternoon arrival in the alluring Bavarian town of Miltenberg. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, embark on a nature hike along a 2,000-year-old Roman path, with food and beverage tastings at the city's 17th-century butcher shop; or maybe a tour focused on Miltenberg's medieval architecture and superb Bavarian cuisine.



MILTENBERG



RHINE VALLEY

DAY 12 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

A beautiful morning—and a beautiful place to spend it in the cozy wine village of Rüdesheim. Here, you can soar over the area by cable car, savor an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee, or hike through the local vineyards and attend a tasting of delicious Rhine Valley wines. Reboard your ship for lunch, then cruise through the dramatic Rhine Valley. For more than a millennium, the riverbanks have been graced by dozens of stunning hilltop castles, and the mythical Rock of the Loreley also awaits with its dramatic legend. After dinner onboard, dock in Koblenz for a unique RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at Namedy Castle, featuring a wonderful private concert, refreshing aperitif, and a visit to the family-owned castle.

DAY 13 – COLOGNE

This morning is dedicated to the magnificence of Cologne, whose impressive skyline is shaped by 12 historical churches! One in particular steals the show—the Gothic, twin-spired cathedral. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a guided stroll through

the Old Town and peek inside the landmark cathedral. Alternatively, treat your tastebuds during a Kölsch Beer Discovery or time at the Cologne Chocolate Museum, or join a fun guided e-bike tour!

DAY 14 – AMSTERDAM

Your day starts with breakfast and a glorious entrance into Amsterdam, the awe-inspiring Venice of the North. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers time at the world-famous Rijksmuseum to see some of the world's most famous works of art; a visit to the unique Street Art & Graffiti Museum, or a tour utilizing virtual reality technology that follows in the footsteps of Anne Frank.

DAY 15 – AMSTERDAM

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

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