

DANUBE LEGENDS FROM BUDAPEST TO VIENNA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

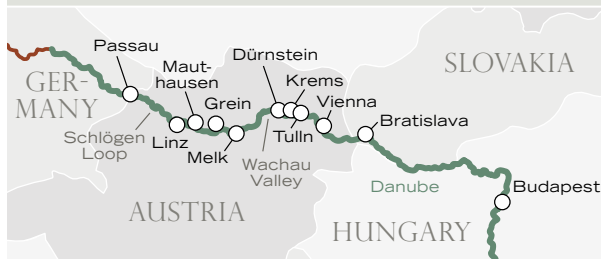


SUNRISE IN DÜRNSTEIN

Formed by the Danube eons ago, Austria's stunning Wachau Valley is one of the country's most popular attractions with its beguiling castles, ornate monasteries, tantalizing orchard fruits, world-class wines, and irresistible villages around every bend. This luxury cruise gives the Wachau the time and attention it deserves, stopping at 2,000-year-old Tulln; the Benedictine monastery at Melk; Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; and Dürnstein with its famous blue and white tower. You'll also explore breathtaking Budapest; Slovakia's warm capital, Bratislava; and Vienna, heart of the former Habsburg Empire.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 8 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 2 – Budapest	
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 9 – Passau
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 10 – Grein
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Wachau Valley/ Krems
Day 6 – Vienna	Day 12 – Vienna
Day 7 – Dürnstein/ Melk	



DATES IN 2027

21 Apr, 5 May, 19 May, 11 Sep, 25 Sep,
9 Oct, 23 Oct, 6 Nov



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a VIP, after-hours entrance to breathtaking Belvedere Palace. Bask in the ornate Baroque atmosphere as you are treated to a private musical performance and the opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".



HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT, BUDAPEST

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your luxurious Suite.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast first, then Budapest! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, like a guided e-bike tour, or time in the magnificent Castle District. You'll find a full list of the excursions available for your cruise on our website. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for champagne and sheer magic as your ship slowly exits the grand cityscape.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning—perfect for a relaxed breakfast as your ship makes its way to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. How about wine and beer tasting at 16th-century Pálffy Manor, or a guided walk through the pedestrian-only Old Town—watch for Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls and other gems hidden in plain sight! If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle for amazing views.

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Settled in pre-Roman times, the 2,000-year-old Garden City of Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Things are certainly less dire today, so hop on an e-bike for a ride through the Austrian countryside, or join a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the legendary Wachau Valley.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

If you wake up this morning and feel like waltzing, it's no surprise. Vienna, the grand City of Music, greets you with all of its unique splendor. Join us for an exciting tour to see the highlights, including the Hofburg Palace Gardens, Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna State Opera, and more. You might also enjoy time to peruse the world-famous Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Fine Arts), or a spectacular high-tech encounter with Mozart and his music.



WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 6 – VIENNA

A day of wonder awaits in the City of Music. RIVERSIDE CHOICE visits Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence, or Prater Park by e-bike. If you like, take a spin on the park's famous giant Ferris wheel. Tonight, don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

When you see a distinctive blue and white tower on the riverbank and an imposing castle ruin perched on an overhead cliff, you'll know you're in Dürnstein, one of the Wachau's prettiest towns! Discover the charms of the Old Town, followed by a tasting of Wachau Valley wines at the local abbey, or if you're feeling ambitious, ride an e-bike along the river to your next port at Melk. Otherwise, reboard the ship for an al fresco barbecue, prepared and served up on the Vista Deck as you pass through the stunning Wachau. The afternoon is in Melk, whose ochre-colored Benedictine abbey is utterly amazing. Otherwise, participate in a pastry workshop and visit a local bee farm.



MARIENDOM, LINZ

DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

So many great activities today—you may have trouble deciding! RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. After lunch on board, arrive in Linz. Here, a tour through the Old Town shows you the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, while a guided hike might also be fun. Be sure to top off your day with a big slice of Linzer Torte, invented in the 1600s and said to be the world's first cake!

DAY 9 – PASSAU

Arrive today in Germany's City of Three Rivers. See the highlights during a guided walk through the Old Town. Admire the ancient cobblestones, the work-of-art Town Hall, and St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs). Then, rest and recharge over a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer!

DAY 10 – GREIN

Enjoy a free and easy start to your day. Then, after lunch, step off the ship in Grein for a pleasant hike to the Gobelwarte Observation Tower, or time investigating the many quirky features at Austria's oldest theater. A special experience is also on offer to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, the oldest residential castle in Austria. During a guided tour, learn more about this ducal residence and hunting castle and admire its unique Sala Terrena (Stone Theater), Diamond Vault, Knights Hall, and more. Your visit is capped by a delightful private musical performance.

DAY 11 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

Morning cruising back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, whose ambiance alone makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. After lunch, reach the far end of the valley and dock in Krems for a tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery, or other activities.

DAY 12 – VIENNA

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

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