

DANUBE LEGENDS WITH CITY OF MUSIC FOCUS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA PANORAMA

The Danube has five amazing Cs: castles, culture, churches, cuisine, and this luxury cruise! Travel through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany, encountering sleepy villages, three dynamic capitals, Nature's majesty in the Wachau Valley and Schlägen Loop, and man-made marvels like the Hungarian Parliament Building. Embark in Budapest with icons galore, then continue to Bratislava in Slovakia and Austria's ornate City of Music, Vienna. Also on the agenda: ancient Tulln; tiny Grein; Linz, a Capital of Culture; Dürnstein with its eye-catching blue-and-white Stiftskirche; and other ports. Additional time in Vienna is the icing of yet another "c" word: cake!

ITINERARY

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



DATES IN 2027

2 Jun, 16 Jun, 30 Jun, 5 Aug, 19 Aug*

*Please note this itinerary is in Budapest for the Hungarian National Day firework celebrations and will not visit Tulln.



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".

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, one of the Danube's four exciting capitals and home to 20 percent of Hungary's population. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the city straddles the river, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle into your luxurious Suite before your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast first, then Budapest! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers great ways to explore, like a tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building, or a walk around Buda's magnificent Castle District. For an active approach to your sightseeing, join a guided e-bike tour. You'll find a full list of available excursions on our website. Back on board later, prepare to be impressed as you head up to the Vista Deck and your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning is followed by an after-lunch stop in Bratislava, enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. Get an introduction to Slovakia's excellent wines at an exclusive tasting, see what everyday life is like here during a visit to a traditional family home, or stroll with a guide through the lovely Old Town for encounters with Michael's Gate, the Old Opera House, Primate's Palace—and the special "calling card" Napoleon's army left behind in 1809. Before returning to the ship, don't miss the chance to try a refreshing Slovakian beer in a local pub!



PRATER PARK, VIENNA



BUDA CASTLE

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Settled in pre-Roman times, the 2,000-year-old city of Tulln endured centuries of tumult: Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Somehow, it survived, emerging as the pretty City of Gardens you find today. Why not hop on an e-bike for a fun ride through the Austrian countryside, or explore one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases? Alternatively, join our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171. Later, have your camera handy, because your ship cruises into the photo-worthy Wachau Valley.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

Vienna greets you today, and you'll quickly see what attracted world-class composers to the splendid, Baroque Austrian capital. Join us for an exciting half-day tour through the Hofburg, the imperial palace that was the Habsburg rulers' primary residence and center of the Holy Roman Empire. See the former royal family's lavish living quarters and dazzling Treasury.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Another excitement-packed day in the City of Music. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, step inside another Habsburg palace: their 1,441-room summer getaway at Schönbrunn. Or, pedal your way around Prater Park with its giant Ferris wheel, erected in 1897 to mark the 50th year of Emperor Franz Joseph's accession to the throne. Tonight, join our special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's "The Kiss".

DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / WEISSENKIRCHEN

Arrive first in Dürnstein, the tiny river town that imprisoned England's King Richard the Lionheart on his way home from the Crusades. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike takes you up to the clifftop castle where he was held, or you can attend a tasting to learn what makes the Wachau Valley's wines so popular. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to sample apricot schnapps, created from apricots grown right in the Wachau! Tonight, you'll dine in Austria's finest restaurant—the Wachau Valley itself! From atop the Vista Deck, cruise by one brilliant scene after another as you savor a mouthwatering al fresco dinner.

DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen, where a visit to the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery is well worth your while, or a poignant tour through the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. Arrive after lunch in Linz to explore the Old Town or take a scenic hike.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in Germany's City of Three Rivers, where a guided walk through the Old Town shows off the work-of-art Town Hall and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to one of the world's largest organs.



STIFT DÜRNSTEIN AND CASTLE RUIN



WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 10 GREIN / MELK

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their cell. Meanwhile, you could hike up to Gobelwarte Observation Tower for outstanding views, or join a tour to Clam Castle, whose intriguing story began in the 12th century. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk for a special guided tour through its world-famous Baroque abbey.

DAY 11 – MELK / KREMS

More time and more adventure in Melk! How about sightseeing by e-bike, or a visit to a bee farm and pastry workshop? Return to the ship for lunch, then stop in Krems to learn about one of the valley's special crops—apricots! Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their apricot liqueurs, or join a Wachau wine tasting. Back on the ship, savor an al fresco barbecue dinner, cooked and served up on the Vista Deck as you cruise through the splendid Wachau.

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.



PASSAU, GERMANY'S CITY OF THREE RIVERS