

DANUBE LEGENDS & ADVENT WONDERS

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

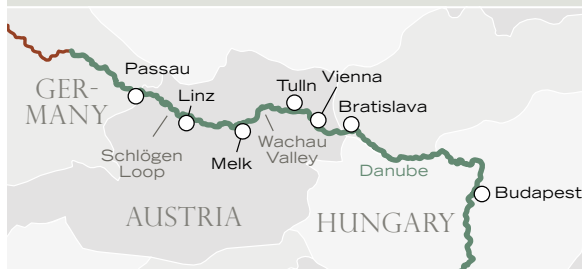


VIENNA SKYLINE

This luxury cruise will put the Ho-Ho-Ho into your holidays! Begin in Budapest with its picturesque Castle District and impressive Parliament lining the river. Then, explore Bratislava, where amusing sculptures rise unexpectedly from the sewers; and Vienna, the historic domain of monarchs and music. Also visit Melk and its regal Benedictine abbey; the tiny market town of Mautausen; and Linz. Along the way, visit Christmas Markets to sample the warm mulled wine and gingerbread, and to shop for holiday gifts at the festively decorated wooden huts. Even Mother Nature is in the gift-giving spirit as you pass by the riverbank castles and terraced vineyards of the Wachau Valley.

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 7 – Melk
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 8 – Mautausen/ Linz
Day 4 – Tulln	Day 9 – Passau
Day 5 – Vienna	



DATES IN 2027

20 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".

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates at your first onboard gourmet dinner.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, like a tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building to see its impressive Golden Staircase, Crown of St. Stephen, and other treasures. If you prefer an active approach to your sightseeing, join us for a guided e-bike tour, or a walk around the Buda side of the Danube to explore 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 sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning—perfect for a relaxed breakfast and plenty of refills on your coffee or tea. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for some outstanding excursion options. Oenophiles can get an introduction to the area's



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS, BRATISLAVA

excellent wines. Meanwhile, you can't go wrong with a guided walking tour through the lovely, pedestrian-only Old Town—don't miss Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls or the “Peeping Tom” statue of Čumil peering up from the city sewer. If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle or pop into a pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer.



HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT, BUDAPEST

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old “Garden City” of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Noteworthy sights include the Nibelung Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun’s proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). You might enjoy our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley. Be sure to keep your camera handy—this remarkable stretch of river is overflowing with photo-worthy castles and jaw-dropping scenery.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

Austria’s capital greets you with all of its Baroque splendor, and you’ll quickly see what attracted some of the world’s finest composers and musicians. Join an exciting tour through Hofburg Palace, center of the Holy Roman Empire and the former Habsburg rulers’ primary residence with its lavish living quarters and dazzling Treasury.



BELVEDERE PALACE, VIENNA

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Another day of wonder in the City of Music. Explore the Habsburgs’ Schönbrunn summer palace, enjoy a multimedia extravaganza dedicated to Mozart, or head to one of the many Christmas Markets for the chance to make merry and enjoy a soul-warming mug of mulled wine. Tonight, join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE event at Belvedere Palace—a private musical performance with champagne and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt’s evocative work, “The Kiss”.

DAY 7 – MELK

Get a leisurely start to your day with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to relax and appreciate the gorgeous passing scenery of the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Have your camera on hand as the ship cruises by countless castles, fortresses, and monasteries. Arrive in Melk after lunch and embark on a RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. How about a tour of resplendent Melk Abbey with a gingerbread, wine, or coffee experience? Or, maybe visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today.

DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen, where a highlight excursion is available to Austria’s picture-perfect Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming site for “The Sound of Music” movie. Tour the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old World wrought-iron guild symbols and bustling shops, then explore one of Europe’s prettiest Christmas Markets. Another option is a jaunt to the destination spa town/ski resort of St. Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region. Surrounded by stunning, lakeside scenery, peruse the artisan huts selling gifts, crafts, and every Advent delicacy you can imagine. Later, the ship continues to Linz, Austria’s third-largest city, for a guided sightseeing walk. See the Old Town Hall; Feichtinger House with its carillon, which changes tunes seasonally; and the Holy Trinity column, built to commemorate victims of the plague. Conclude at the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz, where you’re free to shop, try the local holiday treats, and join in the Advent fun.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

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



WOLFGANG LAKE