

ETERNAL DANUBE: FOUR CAPITALS & WACHAU VALLEY

BELGRADE TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN

Spend momentous days and dazzling nights cruising the Upper and Lower Danube in River-side style! Embark in the Balkan nation of Serbia, where Belgrade stands as one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Cross the border to Vukovar to learn about the devastation that occurred during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s—and how a simple water tower became a symbol of the people's strength and spirit. Hungary is next, with stops in ancient Kalocsa and Budapest, the capital whose breathtaking highlights will positively enchant you. Two more breathtaking Danube capitals follow: Bratislava, Slovakia, and Vienna, Austria, as well as a highlight passage through the castle-filled Wachau Valley.

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Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 2 – Vukovar	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 3 – Kalocsa	Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 11 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 12 – Passau
Day 6 – Bratislava	
Day 7 – Tulln	



DATES IN 2027

8 Sep



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 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the White Fortress of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the Riverside Mozart and settle into your luxurious Suite—with the help of your personal Butler. Tonight, meet fellow cruise-mates during your first gourmet dinner on board. Your ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and fortitude of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can view the city's evocative (and sometimes provocative) building murals during an e-bike tour; embark on a fun Croatian beer discovery; or sample the local flavors during a visit to the Osijek Market. To see your cruise's full offering of excursions, see our website.

DAY 3 – KALOCSA

After a delicious hot-or-not breakfast on board, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! Here, let us whisk you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food. You'll even have a chance to interact with the animals, sample paprika products, and enjoy a ride in a traditional horse-drawn cart.



CASTLE DISTRICT, BUDAPEST



TASTE THE WINES OF SLOVAKIA

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's cultural, economic, and political hub. It's a great day for exploring—how about a special tour to one of the city's bustling markets? You'll enjoy an introduction to Hungarian foods, flavors, and culture through a variety of tastings and vendor encounters.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to see the sights, like a tour inside the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, sightseeing by e-bike, and time in the fairytale Castle District on the Buda side of the river. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for champagne and to bid the city búcsú (farewell) as your ship moves slowly past the grand monuments lining the river.

DAY 6 – 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 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 unusual sculpture of Čumil peering up from the city sewer. If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle or enjoy a refreshing Slovakian beer at a local pub.



MEDIEVAL ČESKÝ KRUMLOV



HOFBURG PALACE, VIENNA

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive in 2,000-year-old Tulln, marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, you might enjoy a fun e-bike tour through the Austrian countryside, or a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** wine-tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Another noteworthy sight is Tulln's Nibelung Fountain that commemorates Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley, a remarkable stretch of river overflowing with photo-worthy castles.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

Austria's capital greets you with all of its Baroque splendor. You'll quickly see what attracted world-class composers like Mozart, Strauss, Beethoven, and Schubert. Join us for 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.

DAY 9 – VIENNA

Another day of wonder in the City of Music. Explore the Habsburgs' Schönbrunn summer palace, cycle through Prater Park, or enjoy a multimedia extravaganza dedicated to Mozart. Tonight, join our **RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE** event at Belvedere Palace—a private musical performance with champagne and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's powerful work, "The Kiss".

DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

Arrive in storybook Dürnstein with its distinctive blue and white Stiftskirche tower and clifftop castle ruin. With **RIVERSIDE CHOICE**, enjoy a tasting of Wachau Valley wines, or ride an e-bike along the river and meet up with your ship at its next port. Lunch on board is up on the Vista Deck, where an enjoyable al fresco barbecue is prepared and served—surrounded by the valley's intoxicating scenery. The afternoon is in Melk for a tour of its Baroque Benedictine abbey; Artstetten Castle; or a palate-pleasing baking and honey experience at a local bee farm!

DAY 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! Join us for an outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or visit the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. Arrive after lunch in Linz, a 2009 European Capital of Culture, where a tour through the Old Town shows off the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom. You could also hike up Pöstlingberg overlooking Linz, or head to a konditorei (pastry shop) for a slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake!

DAY 12 – PASSAU

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

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