

ETERNAL DANUBE WITH GEMS OF THE MAIN & RHINE

BELGRADE TO AMSTERDAM – 19 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS



COLOGNE

When a simple introduction just isn't enough, this 19-day Danube, Main, and Rhine luxury cruise provides a full immersion! Travel through Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands, with highlight passages on the intricate Main-Danube Canal, UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, and castle-filled Rhine Valley. You'll spend time in five unique European capitals, as well as countless other cities, towns, and villages, each with their own history and alluring personality. Along the way, you'll also have the chance to sample local delicacies, such as paprika in the Paprika Capital of the World, "smoked beer" in Bamberg, and world-class wines in the very regions where they're crafted.

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Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 11 – Nuremberg
Day 2 – Vukovar	Day 12 – Nuremberg
Day 3 – Kalocsa	Day 13 – Bamberg
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 14 – Würzburg
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 15 – Miltenberg
Day 6 – Bratislava	Day 16 – Rüdesheim/ Rhine Valley/ Koblenz
Day 7 – Vienna	Day 17 – Cologne
Day 8 – Dürnstein/ Melk	Day 18 – Amsterdam
Day 9 – Passau	Day 19 – Amsterdam
Day 10 – Regensburg	



DATES IN 2027

16 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".



BUDAPEST

DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the “White Fortress” of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and settle in. Tonight, meet fellow ship-mates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

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 murals during a refreshing e-bike tour; embark on a fun beer-brewing experience; or visit the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site, followed by a unique wine tasting that quickly reveals why this region has been known since Roman times for its wine culture! For a complete list of excursions available on your cruise, see our website.

DAY 3 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship’s many outstanding amenities. Around mid-day, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary’s oldest towns and

the Paprika Capital of the World! Here, a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE excursion whisks you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food.

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Right after breakfast, your ship makes its grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary’s amazing capital spanning both banks of the Danube. Disembark and see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit Austrian Empress Sisi’s beloved Gödöllő Palace, or join our outing to Szentendre, a historic town that was reduced to a single family and their service staff during the Ottomans’ rule of the 17th century. Today, its lovely cobblestone streets radiate a Mediterranean atmosphere.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

With your second day in Budapest, a visit to the expansive Hungarian Parliament Building would be worth your while. Completed in 1902, this is the city’s most famous landmark and the largest building in Hungary. See the ornate halls, hand-painted frescoes, grand staircase, the Holy Crown of Hungary, and more.

DAY 6 – 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, e-biking through the beautiful Bratislava wetlands, or the chance to discover the country’s delicious wines or beers. 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.



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DAY 7 – 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 8 – 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 9 – PASSAU

A lot of exciting possibilities today! Early risers might enjoy a day trip 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.

DAY 10 – 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 11 – 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



SCHAUBLING TOWER, PASSAU

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 12 – 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 13 – 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 14 – 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 15 – 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.

DAY 16 – 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 17 – 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 18 – 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; a tour utilizing virtual reality technology that follows in the footsteps of Anne Frank; or our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the city's romantic canals.

DAY 19 – AMSTERDAM

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



WÜRZBURG