

GRAND DANUBE & ITS CAPTIVATING CANAL

NUREMBERG TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



NUREMBERG

Your journey begins in medieval Nuremberg, one of Germany's most evocative cities with its many sights tied to WWII. Embark your luxury ship and cruise to one of the largest of the canal's 16 locks. Descend 80 feet (almost 25 meters) before passing the watershed monument at Pierheim. Here, you will find yourself at 1,332 feet (406 meters) above sea level, cruising downhill toward Budapest. Along the way, stop in Regensburg, Passau, Linz, and Melk. Highlights include the chance to enjoy a pint at a traditional Bavarian beer garden, ride a bike to the Walhalla memorial, or visit Mozart's Salzburg or fairytale Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. In Vienna, discover a city overflowing with opulent palaces, museums, and world-class coffee houses. Your final stop is Budapest, the regal capital of Hungary spanning both sides of the Danube.

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Day 1 – Nuremberg	Day 5 – Melk/Vienna
Day 2 – Nuremberg	Day 6 – Vienna
Day 3 – Regensburg	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Passau/Linz	Day 8 – Budapest



DATES IN 2027

29 Apr



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".

DAY 1 – NUREMBERG

Welcome to Nuremberg, known to this day for its gingerbread, sausages, and handmade toys. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy, get settled, and investigate your ship's fantastic amenities. Then, tonight, meet fellow shipmates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – NUREMBERG

Bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged, few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has. Today's RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions provides the backstory. Join an expert guide to see the Old Town with its King's Gate, former customs house, Executioner's Bridge, and more – or sights tied to WWII, like the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg trials took place. Alternatively, investigate the secret underground world chiseled into the rock under Nuremberg Castle, which has been used since the 14th century as an art bunker, air raid shelter, and recently, as a cellar for aging and storing beer. See our website for a full list of the excursions available on your cruise.

DAY 3 – REGENSBURG

Regensburg has existed in some form since the Stone Age and it's not difficult to see signs of the many cultures and influences that contributed to its evolution. Some of its fascinating milestones include construction of a Roman fort around 90 AD; its role as capital of Bavaria from the 6th to the 13th centuries; and its 12th-century Stone Bridge across the river that opened trade routes and launched the city's golden age. Today, Regensburg's well-preserved Old Town is the largest medieval city site north of the Alps. Excursion options include a stop at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant to sample its popular sausages, or a tour of Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD.

DAY 4 – PASSAU / LINZ

So much to see and do in Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube come together. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a visit to an artists' workshop, or a day trip to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to the Czech Republic's walled city of Český Krumlov. Evening docking in Austria's third-largest city for a guided stroll to experience Linz in its prettiest light.

DAY 5 – MELK / VIENNA

There simply isn't a better place to spend your morning than the pleasant town of Melk! You might enjoy exploring the grand Benedictine abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, or Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside. Back on board in time for lunch, then scenic cruising through the breathtaking Wachau Valley to Austria's beautiful Baroque capital, Vienna. Tonight, channel your inner aristocrat during a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Belvedere Palace, followed by a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Start your unforgettable day exploring Vienna the way you like best. Visit the Habsburg rulers' opulent Schönbrunn Palace; pedal an e-bike through Prater Park, a former imperial hunting ground; or spend time at the Spanish Riding School, where the amazing Lipizzaner stallions train!

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

A grand entrance into Budapest starts your morning right. From atop the Vista Deck, admire one of the world's most beautiful cities as the ship passes by its famous icons lining both sides of the Danube. Once you disembark, see the highlights by comfortable coach, visit the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, or tour Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllő, one of the world's largest Baroque palaces.

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

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

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