

GRAND DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO ROMANIA

NUREMBERG TO BUCHAREST – 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

From vibrant capitals to sleepy villages ... local vineyards to monk-brewed beers ... and from manmade splendors to nature's wonders, this cruise has it all! First up is Nuremberg with its glorious, dark, and even hidden past! Then, enter one of the Main-Danube Canal's largest locks—a drop of 80 feet (25 meters)! There are plenty of places and ways to celebrate along the way. How about a frothy mug at a Bavarian beer garden, a sample of the world's first cake, or a bike ride or scenic hike? In Vienna, you'll find a city overflowing with palaces, museums, and world-class coffee houses, while beneath Budapest's beauty is the unbending spirit of the Hungarian people. On to Mohács with its colorful Busó culture; Belgrade, Serbia's impressive capital; and pretty Donji Milanovac, which sets the stage for scenic cruising through the rugged Iron Gates. Afterward, visit Vidin in one of the Danube's southernmost sections.

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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".



NUREMBERG

DAY 1 – NUREMBERG

Welcome to Nuremberg, one of Germany's most beautiful cities. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy, get settled, and investigate your ship's fantastic amenities. Then, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions at an onboard welcome dinner. Your ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 2 – NUREMBERG

Bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged. Few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has, and today's RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of activities provides the back story. Join an expert guide to see the Old Town sights such as the King's Gate, former customs house, Executioner's Bridge, and more—or sights tied to WWII, like the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the other infamous sites. A full list of excursions for your cruise is available on our website.

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 an Old Town guided

walk with a stop at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant to sample its popular sausages. You could also tour Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD; join a guided e-bike ride to the Walhalla memorial; or learn about the nearly lost art of hat making.

DAY 4 – PASSAU / LINZ

So much to see and do today in Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube come together. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a guided walk through Old Town Passau; a visit to an artists' workshop; or a day trip to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to the medieval walled city of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. 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 it's a relaxing afternoon of scenic cruising through the breathtaking Wachau Valley on the way 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. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historic district; a visit to the Habsburg rulers' opulent Schönbrunn Palace; or a guided e-bike ride through Prater Park, a former imperial hunting ground. Or, how about time at the world-famous Spanish Riding School, where the amazing Lipizzaner stallions train?

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

This morning, your ship makes a grand entrance into Budapest! 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 take a tour of Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllő, one of the world's largest Baroque palaces. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to explore on your own!

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

Budapest is a city that demands more time, so enjoy a second day to explore its wonders. Join us on the Buda side of the river, home to the remarkable Castle District, Matthias Church, fairytale Fisherman's Bastion, and more!



BUDA CASTLE



SZÉCHENYI SQUARE, PÉCS

DAY 9 – MOHÁCS

Remain in Hungary, cruising farther south for a stop in Mohács, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played important roles. With a great RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum, explore historic Pécs and tour the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory, or visit the St. Nicholas Watermill and Treadmill, one of the few remaining mills still using traditional stones. A delightful onboard dinner awaits this evening as your ship cruises on to Serbia.

DAY 10 – NOVI SAD

Entering Serbia today, get an early start in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. How about seeing the sights by e-bike, visiting a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, or touring Petrovaradin Fortress, the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube! Another option is our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE outing to Mount Fruška Gora, site of the country's oldest national park. Surrounded by nature's beauty, you'll explore an ancient monastery, sample brandy made by the resident monks, and then get an introduction to Serbia's delicious wines, followed by a tasting.

DAY 11 – BELGRADE

A fascinating day awaits in the “White Fortress” of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a captivating heritage tour to learn what the country was like as the former Yugoslavia, or a visit to Zasavica Nature Reserve – including a scenic cruise and tasting of authentic Balkan donkey cheese!

DAY 12 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

A relaxed morning—ideal for breakfast, hot coffee or tea, and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the stately Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas. Join us for an exciting excursion to the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, or maybe stroll along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés—a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties like grilled meats and homemade pastries. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a beautiful al fresco dinner during our passage through the stunning Iron Gates gorges, the boundary between Serbia and Romania.

DAY 13 – VIDIN

This morning you'll find yourself in one of the Lower Danube's southernmost sections. Step off the ship in the Bulgarian port city of Vidin, a fertile hinterland known for its wine production, which dates back to the time of the Thracians in 3500 BC. Learn about the many cultures that contributed to the creation of Vidin over the centuries, including the Romans, Serbians, Hungarians, Ottomans, and Austrians. Highlights here include two well-preserved medieval fortresses; Orthodox churches, a synagogue, and a mosque; and a collection of Renaissance-era buildings. Don't miss our excursion featuring the famous Belogradchik Rocks, or a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE visit to a traditional Bulgarian home for a baking demonstration of local specialties. Spend the late afternoon and evening back on the ship, where a pampering massage or a swim in the counter-current pool may be the perfect way to wrap up an exciting day.

DAY 14 – GIURGIU / BUCHAREST

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



DONJI MILANOVAC