

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO HUNGARY

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

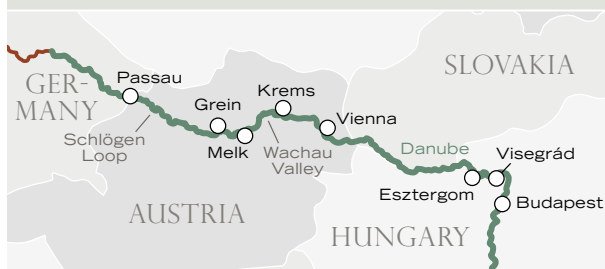


DANUBE RIVER IN SLOVAKIA

This week-long luxury cruise explores some of the Danube's most striking ports and capitals! Begin in Germany's Passau, the striking City of Three Rivers; Grein, whose 15th-century castle towers over Austria's oldest theater; magnificent Melk with its impressive abbey; and Vienna, the Baroque City of Music where grandiose Habsburg palaces are the very fabric of the cityscape. You'll also pass through the extraordinary Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overflowing with castles, vineyards, and apricot orchards; and spend time in Hungary's Esztergom, Visegrád, and Budapest, the breathtaking Queen of the Danube!

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Grein/ Melk	Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest
Day 3 – Melk/Krems/ Wachau Valley	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	



DATES IN 2027

10 Jun, 24 Jun, 8 Jul, 13 Aug, 27 Aug



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Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. From atop the Vista Deck with champagne in hand, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape hugging both sides of the Danube as your ship makes its grand entrance into Budapest. Cruise by world-famous landmarks, surrounded by thousands of shimmering lights, and toast the beauty and spirit of this magnificent capital.



AGGSTEN CASTLE RUIN, WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where three rivers come together—the greenish Inn from high in the Swiss Alps, the black moorland waters of the Ilz, and the blue Danube. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you get settled in. Tonight, meet cruisemates at your first gourmet dinner on board and raise a glass to toast your grand Danube adventure!

DAY 2 – GREIN / MELK

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where lockable seats and a privy right in the auditorium are among the curiosities. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you could hike up to Gobelwarte Observation Tower for outstanding views, or join a tour to Clam Castle, whose intriguing story began in the 12th century! You'll find a full listing of available excursions on our website. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk for a special tour through its Baroque Benedictine abbey, home to a library overflowing with rare, ancient manuscripts.

DAY 3 – MELK / KREMS / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

More time and more adventure in Melk! How about sightseeing by e-bike, or a visit to a bee farm and pastry workshop? Return to the ship for lunch, then stop in Krems to learn about one of the valley's special crops—apricots! Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their apricot liqueurs, or join a Wachau Valley wine tasting. Back on the ship, savor an al fresco barbecue dinner, cooked and served up on the Vista Deck as you cruise through the splendid Wachau.

DAYS 4 & 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, former home of Europe's powerful Habsburg rulers and some of history's most talented musicians. Join us for an exciting tour through the Hofburg, the city's imperial palace that was center of the Holy Roman Empire. See the former royal family's lavish living quarters, then step into the dazzling Treasury to marvel at its vault of riches. Other options include the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, or e-biking through historic Prater Park?

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Another day, another country as you disembark in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its ornate Treasury; a guided e-bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk; and more. Back on board for lunch on the way to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, enjoy a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE champagne entrance into Budapest, the incomparable Queen of the Danube!

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

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

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