

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE & WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

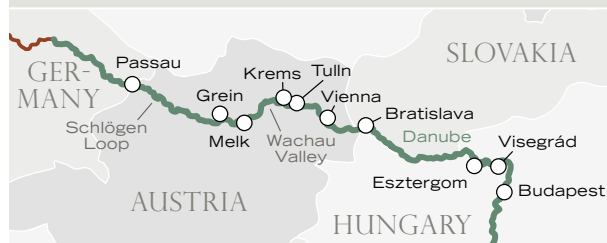


ESZTERGOM

You'll be in heaven for eleven ... days, that is, during this luxury Danube cruise. Highlights include Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers; Grein, whose 15th-century castle towers over Austria's oldest theater; and Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages. You'll also explore the photo-worthy Wachau Valley, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with castles and vineyards; as well as three peerless Danube capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest! Along the way, sample each country's fabulous wines and cuisine, interact with the locals for an authentic impression of the regions, and see the highlights the way you choose through RIVERSIDE CHOICE!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Grein/Melk	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 3 – Melk/Krems/ Wachau Valley	Day 9 – Bratislava
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 10 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Vienna
Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	



DATES IN 2027

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

*Please note this itinerary is in Budapest for the Hungarian National Day firework celebrations and will not visit Tulln.



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

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.



MELK ABBEY

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers along the Route of Emperors and Kings. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your ship departs in the afternoon. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

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 composers and musicians. Join us for an exciting tour through the Hofburg, the

city's must-see imperial palace that was center of the Holy Roman Empire. See the former royal family's lavish, Rococo-style 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. A spin on the park's giant Ferris Wheel might be fun!

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 RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its ornate Treasury; a guided e-bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; 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!



VIEW FROM VIENNA'S PRATER PARK FERRIS WHEEL



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring the enticing Hungarian capital. Join us for 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 8 – 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 to bid the city búcsú (farewell) as your ship moves slowly past the grand monuments lining the river.

DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning, followed by after-lunch docking in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. A full line-up of **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** options includes the chance to learn about (and taste) the area's excellent wines. If you prefer, do some shopping in the pedestrian-only Old Town, or pop into a local pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer.

DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, it's an impressive City of Gardens! See the Nibelungen Fountain that commemorates Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln); ride an e-bike through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases; or join our **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

DAY 11 – VIENNA

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

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BUDAPEST CASTLE DISTRICT