

SECRETS OF THE DANUBE WITH SCENIC WACHAU & IRON GATES

PASSAU TO BELGRADE – 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

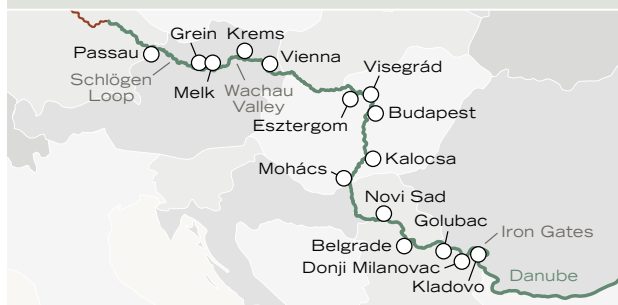


IRON GATES GORGE IN ĐERDAP NATIONAL PARK

Four unforgettable countries and the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley vie for your attention during this highlight-filled Danube luxury cruise. Begin in Germany's City of Three Rivers before crossing into Austria. There, spend time in charming Grein; Melk; and Vienna, the legendary City of Music. Next up: Hungary during its national independence celebration. Stops in Esztergom, Visegrád, Mohács, and beautiful Budapest will certainly leave an impression! Finally, enter Serbia, where fascinating ports and the incomparable Iron Gates Gorges await your discovery!

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 8 – Mohács
Day 2 – Grein/Melk	Day 9 – Novi Sad
Day 3 – Melk/Krems	Day 10 – Belgrade
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 11 – Golubac/ Donji Milanovac
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 12 – Kladovo
Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 13 – Belgrade
Day 7 – Budapest	



DATES IN 2027

27 Aug



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a VIP, after-hours entrance to breathtaking Belvedere Palace. Bask in the ornate Baroque atmosphere as you are treated to a private musical performance and the opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".



BAROQUE GARDEN, MELK ABBEY

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's incredible City of Three Rivers. 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

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 Valley.

DAY 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! Plus, don't miss our special VIP entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

While you slept, your ship crossed the border into Hungary. Dock first in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica; a guided e-bike tour along both sides of the Danube; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues 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 the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.



JOHANN STRAUSS STATUE, VIENNA



EVENING IN BUDAPEST

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights of Budapest by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating e-bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress Sisi, the much-adored Queen of Hungary. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to join our magical RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

DAY 8 – KALOCSA / MOHÁCS

Remain in Hungary, where after a quick stop in Kalocsa, you'll cruise farther south to Mohács. With a great RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; take an invigorating spin on an e-bike to visit the St. Nicholas Watermill, one of the few remaining mills still using traditional stones; or treat your tastebuds during a wine tasting and gingerbread-decorating workshop! A delightful onboard dinner awaits this evening as your ship cruises on to Serbia.

DAY 9 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. How about touring Petrovaradin Fortress, the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube? Another option is wine pairing in scenic Fruška Gora National Park. Surrounded by nature's beauty, you'll explore an ancient monastery, sample brandy made by the resident monks, get an introduction to Serbia's wine-growing heritage, and more!

DAY 10 – BELGRADE

A great day for exploring the Serbian capital! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and visits to St. Sava and Belgrade Fortress; time at the House of Flowers, the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito; or a stroll through a local market and Rakia distillery workshop.

DAY 11 – GOLUBAC / DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Rise and shine! Today is packed with incredible things to see and do. Don't miss the outing to mighty Golubac Fortress, Gateway to the Iron Gates. Dating back to the 14th century, this expansive fort repelled more than 120 attacks with its three compounds, 10 towers, and two portcullises, and thick, thick walls. Another great



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possibility is a tour through the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement at the amazing Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum. You'll learn about the highly developed culture that lived here, spanning the transition from hunter-gatherers to early European farmers. Later, reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue during our passage through the Iron Gates, boundary between Serbia and Romania.

DAY 12 – KLADOVO

Dobro jutro (good morning)! Sitting on the right bank of the Danube, the site of Kladovo has been inhabited since the Early Bronze Age. This is where Roman Emperor Trajan built his legendary bridge across the Danube, and where the Romans also constructed Diana Fortress, part of a vast defensive system along the empire's border. See the highlights during a guided walk, then rejoin your ship for lunch and the chance to take a dip in the counter-current pool.

DAY 13 – BELGRADE

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

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