

ETERNAL DANUBE: GERMANY, AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, SERBIA & CROATIA

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

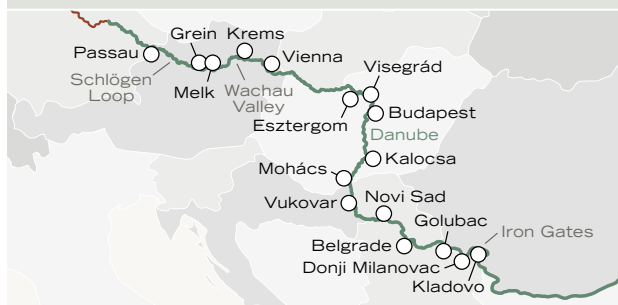


VISEGRÁD

This epic adventure along the Danube includes five countries, three capitals, natural wonders, and more! Begin in Germany before crossing into Austria with its World Heritage Wachau Valley, one of the river's most iconic stretches. Explore Vienna, then Hungary during its national independence celebration. See the highlights in Esztergom, Visegrád, and Mohács, as well as Serbia's Novi Sad, Belgrade, and breathtaking Iron Gates. Finally, Vukovar offers a glimpse at scenic Croatia before returning to Hungary to Budapest, which will positively enchant you.

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 10 – Belgrade
Day 2 – Grein/Melk	Day 11 – Golubac/ Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates
Day 3 – Melk/Krems	
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 12 – Kladovo
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 13 – Belgrade
Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 14 – Vukovar
Day 7 – Budapest	Day 15 – Kalocsa
Day 8 – Mohács	Day 16 – Budapest
Day 9 – Novi Sad	



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".

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.



ESZTERGOM

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 – 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; 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 possi-

bility 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

A return to Belgrade affords another opportunity to stroll through a local market and attend a Rakia distillery workshop. Or maybe investigate the country's incredible natural beauty at the Zasavica Nature Reserve—including a tasting of authentic Balkan donkey cheese!

DAY 14 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and fortitude of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can view the city's evocative (and sometimes provocative) building murals during an e-bike tour; embark on a fun Croatian beer discovery; or sample the local flavors as you peruse the Osijek Market.

DAY 15 – KALOCSA

After a delicious hot-or-not breakfast on board, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! Here, a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE excursion whisks you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food. You'll even have a chance to interact with the animals, sample paprika products, and enjoy a ride in a traditional horse-drawn cart.

DAY 16 – BUDAPEST

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



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