

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO SERBIA

PASSAU TO BELGRADE – 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

This 10-day Danube adventure is the “Goldilocks” of luxury cruises—everything about it is just right! Embark in Germany, then explore Austria and its, castle-filled Wachau Valley, alluring Hungary, and the exotic environs of the Balkans as you cross the border into Serbia. From culture to history, and from sleepy villages to vibrant capitals, like Vienna, Budapest, and Belgrade, you’ll encounter the Danube’s very best. Best of all, RIVERSIDE CHOICE helps you experience each port the way you like best, from leisurely sightseeing and enriching wine tastings to get-up-and-go e-biking and other exciting options.

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Grein/Melk	Day 8 – Mohács
Day 3 – Melk/Krems	Day 9 – Novi Sad
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 10 – Belgrade
Day 5 – Vienna	
Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	



DATES IN 2027

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.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's 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 toast your grand Danube adventure!

DAY 2 – GREIN / MELK

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in 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. 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 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 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 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.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see Budapest by comfortable coach, visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion, or see the sights during an exhilarating e-bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace, and tonight is a magical concert at a beautiful local venue.

DAY 8 – MOHÁCS

Remain in Hungary 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 seeing the sights by e-bike, or 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

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

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