

WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND FROM PASSAU TO VIENNA

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



SCHLÖGEN LOOP

Some travelers love cosmopolitan cities. Others prefer Old World villages or the peace and beauty of nature. This luxury cruise is the perfect balance of it all! Explore three Danube capitals in Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest. Our RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions ensures you have plenty of options when it comes to the must-see sites! Also wander through picturesque villages, like Grein with its oddity-filled old theater; Krems, whose Baroque town gate is like something out of a fairytale; Esztergom, home to an impressive basilica atop Castle Hill; and others. A final treat is time in the Wachau Valley, where stunning riverscapes and some of Austria's best wines await!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Grein	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 3 – Wachau Valley/Krems	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

15 Apr, 29 Apr, 13 May, 27 May, 19 Sep,
3 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct, 14 Nov



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—such as an exclusive visit to Greinburg Castle, one of the first castles in the German-speaking world. Enjoy a special welcome reception with canapés and champagne, followed by a guided tour and a delightful private concert in this remarkable historic setting.



OLD TOWN PASSAU

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube Rivers, Veste Oberhaus fortress, and the Mariahilf pilgrimage church provide something to see in every direction! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and explore your ship's many amenities before savoring your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – GREIN

Enjoy a free and easy start to your day. Then, after lunch, step off the ship in Grein for a wonderful choice of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. You might enjoy communing with nature as you ride an e-bike, or visiting Clam Castle's well-preserved rooms. A RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT at 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, the oldest residential castle in Austria, is also available and includes a guided tour, and a private musical performance. For other options, a full list of excursions for your cruise is available on our website.

DAY 3 – WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KREMS

A perfect morning as you cruise through the castle-filled Wachau Valley. The ambiance alone makes it easy to see why this stretch of the

Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. To accent the experience, step up onto the Vista Deck, where a special al fresco barbecue is prepared and served for lunch among the scenic beauty. Afterward, a stop in Krems offers the chance to learn about one of the valley's special crops—apricots! Within the EU, the Wachau apricot is protected as its own brand. Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs, or join a tasting of Wachau Valley wines.

DAYS 4 & 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, former home of history's powerful Habsburg rulers as well as composers Mozart, Strauss, Beethoven, and others. 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 opportunities include the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, e-biking through historic Prater Park, or a high-tech encounter with Mozart.



ESZTERGOM BASILICA

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

While you slept, your ship entered Hungary. Dock first in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to the Esztergom Basilica Library to learn about “lost recipes” from the Cardinal’s table, or a fun visit to a local family farm. 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 fabulous champagne entrance into Budapest.

DAYS 7 & 8 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary’s elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore—how about a special visit 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. Later, as the ship departs from Budapest, the Vista Deck is the place to be for champagne and unforgettable final impressions of this stunning Queen of the Danube.



DANUBE RIVER NEAR ESZTERGOM



NIBELUNGEN FOUNTAIN, TULLN

DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning—perfect for an onboard massage or spa treatment. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. You might enjoy an easy walk up to the city’s landmark castle for excellent views, or take the chance to learn about (and taste) the area’s excellent wines. If you prefer to shop, the Old Town is a great pedestrian-only option. When you’re finished, maybe pop into a local pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer!

DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old “Garden City” of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, hear about centuries marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War, and see the Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun’s proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside, or discover one of Europe’s most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE 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.

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