

WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND & GIFTS OF THE DANUBE

PASSAU TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



KREMS

Spend two exciting weeks cruising along Europe's second-longest river—the dazzling Danube! Highlights include the photogenic Wachau Valley, where castles and vineyards greet you around virtually every bend of the river; Bratislava and Budapest, and four full days in Vienna, the enchanting City of Music. You'll also investigate the treasures of Hungary's ancient Esztergom and Visegrád; and Austria's quaint villages of Tulln, Dürnstein, Weissenkirchen, and others. Disembark in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers come together.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 9 – Bratislava
Day 2 – Grein	Day 10 – Tulln
Day 3 – Krems	Day 11 – Vienna
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 12 – Vienna
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 13 – Dürnstein/ Weissen- kirchen
Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 14 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 7 – Budapest	Day 15 – Passau
Day 8 – Budapest	



DATES IN 2027

27 May



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like an exclusive visit to Greinburg Castle, one of the first castles in the German-speaking world. Enjoy a special welcome reception with canapes and an aperitif, followed by a guided tour, entertaining knights' battle, and a delightful private concert.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where there's something to see in every direction: three different rivers, Veste Oberhaus fortress to the north, and the Mariahilf pilgrimage church to the south! 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 RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. You might enjoy communing with nature as you ride an e-bike, or visiting Clam Castle's well-preserved rooms. A RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience is also on offer to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, the oldest residential castle in Austria. After a warm welcome and refreshments, embark on a guided tour to see rooms decorated with priceless historical art and furnishings, the unique Sala Terrena (Stone Theater), Diamond Vault, Knights Hall, and more. Your visit is capped off with an entertaining knights' battle and riveting private concert.

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. After lunch, reach the far end of the valley and dock in Krems 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 Wachau Wine Experience with tasting. A full list of excursions for your cruise is available on our website.

DAY 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 royal riches. Other opportunities 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!



SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

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.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary's elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. It's a great day for exploring this stunning capital—how about a special tour to one of 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

Another day devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building, see the sights in an active way during a guided e-bike excursion, or stroll around the Buda side of the Danube to explore the magnificent Castle District. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for a movie-like departure through Budapest's grand cityscape.



VIEW FROM DÜRNSTEIN'S CASTLE RUIN



NAPOLEON STATUE, BRATISLAVA

DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

By now, you've earned a relaxed morning, so linger longer over breakfast, savor another steaming mug of freshly brewed coffee or tea, and bask in the river's scenes of daily life. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for an introduction and tasting of the region's wines, or a walking tour through the lovely, pedestrian-only Old Town. Don't miss Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls or the quirky Čumil sculpture peering up from the city sewer. For outstanding views over the city and river, hike up to the hilltop castle, then try Slovakian beer in a local pub.

DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, this city of gardens was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, you might enjoy a fun e-bike adventure through the Austrian countryside, or wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and keep your camera handy as we cruise back through the Wachau Valley.

DAYS 11 & 12 – VIENNA

Return to Vienna for two more days to explore—with the help of RIVERSIDE CHOICE, of course! You might enjoy a high-tech Mozart experience, time at one of the world-class museums, or the chance to watch a dazzling performance at the Spanish Riding School. Plus, don't miss our special VIP entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 13 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / WEISENKIRCHEN

The quaint appearance of Dürnstein belies the fact that England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned here on his way home from the Crusades. You can hike up to the clifftop castle where he was held and then enjoy a tasting of regional specialties, or see the town's highlights with an expert guide, followed by a stop at the abbey for a tasting of Wachau Valley wines. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for a tasting of authentic, made-in-the-Wachau apricot schnapps. Tonight, you'll dine in Austria's finest restaurant—the Wachau Valley itself! From atop the Vista Deck, cruise by one brilliant scene after another as you socialize and savor a mouthwatering al fresco dinner.

DAY 14 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the small market town of Mauthausen. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, visit the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery, "Sound of Music" Salzburg, or medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. After lunch on board, disembark in Linz, named a European Capital of Culture in 2009. Enjoy a guided walk and visit to the impressive cathedral, or an invigorating hike up the 1,768-foot (539-meter) Pöstlingberg hill overlooking the city. This is also the birthplace of the famous Linzer Torte, the world's first cake, so be sure to try a piece at a local pastry shop or café!

DAY 15 – PASSAU

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