

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE EPIC JOURNEY

PASSAU TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



VIEW OVER VISEGRÁD

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 five full days in Vienna, the enchanting City of Music. You'll also investigate the treasures of Hungary and Austria's quaint villages. Disembark in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 9 – Bratislava
Day 2 – Grein/Melk	Day 10 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley
Day 3 – Melk/Krems/ Wachau Valley	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



DATES IN 2027

10 Jun, 24 Jun, 8 Jul, 13 Aug*

* Please note this itinerary is in Budapest for the Hungarian National Day firework celebrations and will not visit Tulln.



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 City of Three Rivers. Embark the Riverside Mozart, get settled into your luxurious Suite, and relax as your ship departs in the afternoon. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

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 / WACHAU VALLEY

More time and more adventure in Melk! How about 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.



BUDAPEST CITY PARK



MELK ABBEY

DAYS 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!

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

As you slept, your ship crossed the border into Hungary. Disembark in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE visit to Esztergom Basilica shows off its ornate Treasury. Other options? A guided e-bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch on the way 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 imposing fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for champagne and an unforgettable UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE entrance into Budapest, the incomparable Queen of the Danube!

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary's elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. How about a special tour 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.



WACHAU VALLEY



VINEYARDS IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, like a tour inside the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, time in the fairytale Castle District on the Buda side of the river; and more. From the Vista Deck later, bid the city búcsú (farewell) as your ship moves slowly past the grand monuments lining both banks of the river.

DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning as your ship makes its way to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. How about wine and beer tasting at 16th-century Pálffy Manor, or time in the pedestrian-only Old Town—watch for Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls and other gems hidden in plain sight! If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle for amazing views.

DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Settled in pre-Roman times, the 2,000-year-old Garden City of Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Things are certainly less dire today, so hop on an e-bike for a joyful ride through the Austrian countryside, or join a wine tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise back into the heart of the Wachau Valley.

DAYS 11 & 12 – VIENNA

Two more days in the City of Music let you explore to your heart's content! Check out one of the fantastic equine performances at the Spanish Riding School, or maybe peruse the world-class museums or savor coffee and pastries like a local in an atmospheric Vienna coffeehouse. Also, don't miss our special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's powerful work, "The Kiss".

DAY 13 – DÜRNSTEIN / WEISSENKIRCHEN

When you see a distinctive blue and white tower perched on the riverbank and an imposing castle ruin looming high on the cliffside, you'll know you've arrived in the popular port town of Dürnstein. If you're feeling active, join our RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike up to the castle. You'll be rewarded with incredible views over the Danube. For something more sensory, we suggest a Wachau Valley wine tasting to see what makes the area's wines so special. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for a tasting of Wachau Valley apricot schnapps. Tonight, it's an al fresco dinner to remember as your meal is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, surrounded by a magical environment of medieval castles, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

DAY 14 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen, where a visit to the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery is well worth your while, or a poignant tour through the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. Arrive after lunch in Linz, a European Capital of Culture, to explore the Old Town or take a scenic hike. Whatever you choose, be sure to stop by a pastry shop to try Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 15 – PASSAU

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