

DANUBE SERENADE: VIENNA TO PASSAU WITH MAGNIFICENT MELK

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

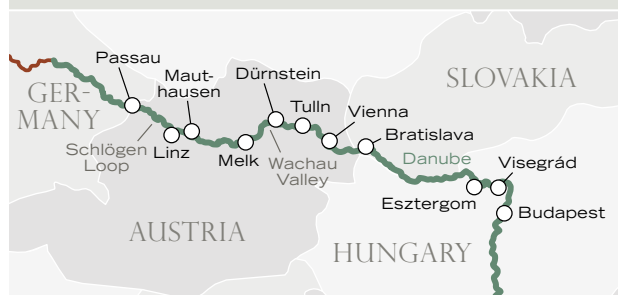


WACHAU VALLEY VINEYARDS

If the Danube is your dream destination, then pack your bags! Embark in Vienna, where plenty of time in the City of Music gives you a proper introduction to the Austrian capital's epic palaces, museums, and long tradition of classical music. You'll also explore Bratislava and Budapest; Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages; and the celebrated Wachau Valley. Hear the Richard the Lionheart lore associated with Dürnstein; visit Linz, where the world's first cake was invented; the impressive Baroque abbey at Melk; and more!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 7 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 11 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 6 – Bratislava	Day 12 – Passau



DATES IN 2027

18 Apr, 2 May, 16 May, 22 Sep, 6 Oct,
20 Oct, 3 Nov



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 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off the city's highlights during a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, or you can see the sights in an active way during an e-bike ride through Prater Park, site of the 1873 World Fair. A full list of cruise excursions is available on our website. Tonight, don't miss our special after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary! Your day begins in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE

activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its ornate Treasury; 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 captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a memorable champagne entrance into Budapest, the incomparable Queen of the Danube!

DAYS 4 & 5 – BUDAPEST

Take full advantage of your time in one of the world's most beautiful cities! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, like a tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building to see its impressive Golden Staircase, Crown of St. Stephen, and other treasures. If you prefer, get active during our guided e-bike tour, or stroll around the Buda side of the Danube to explore the magnificent Castle District. As the ship departs Budapest, the Vista Deck is the place to be for champagne and wonderful impressions of this stunning cityscape.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST



WACHAU VALLEY NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for some outstanding excursion options. Oenophiles can get an introduction to the area's excellent wines. Meanwhile, you can't go wrong with a guided walking tour through the lovely Old Town—don't miss Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls or the “Peeping Tom” statue of Čumil peering up from the city sewer. If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle or pop into a pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer.

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, it was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, the tumult is a distant memory in this “Garden City”. Cycle through the Austrian countryside on an e-bike, or enjoy one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Two more days in the vibrant City of Music let you explore Hofburg Palace, the one-time 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 royal riches. The Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace is another possibility, or even a fantastic equine performance at the famed Spanish Riding School.

DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

If there's a single port that symbolizes the Wachau Valley, it's Dürnstein. A distinctive blue and white tower, imposing clifftop castle ruin,



BRATISLAVA'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACE



OLD MARKET SQUARE, LINZ

and Old World charm look like something right out of a picturebook. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike up to the castle is a popular activity, while wine enthusiasts will stay busy tasting the outstanding wines produced from the local vineyards. For a truly active pursuit, pedal your way via e-bike to the ship's next stop. Back on board, an al fresco barbecue is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, before disembarking in Melk. There, you can visit the august Benedictine abbey, one of the most exquisite Baroque structures in the world; tour Artstetten Castle; or attend an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a sweet honey experience.

DAY 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Decisions, decisions! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers so many possibilities today, including outings to “Sound of Music” Salzburg, the medieval village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through some of the Danube's most stunning landscapes. Arrive after lunch in Linz to explore the Old Town with an expert guide, or take a scenic hike. Whatever you choose, be sure your day includes a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

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

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