

DANUBE SERENADE: VIENNA TO PASSAU WITH WACHAU GEMS

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE WACHAU VALLEY

If the thought of the Danube makes your heart beat a little faster, then grab your passport and let Riverside take you there! In less than two weeks you'll experience the region's must-see sights and legendary river ports. Embark in Vienna and enjoy a proper introduction to the Austrian capital's epic palaces, museums, and long tradition of classical music. You'll also explore Bratislava and Budapest, and will spend time in 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; and so much more!

ITINERARY

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



DATES IN 2027

30 May, 13 Jun, 27 Jun, 11 Jul, 16 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".



BUDAPEST

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, former Baroque playground of monarchs and musicians! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you settle into your luxurious Suite.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your day is dedicated to the magic of the Austrian capital. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off the highlights during a coach tour along the Ringstrasse, or you can pedal your way through Prater Park on a guided e-bike tour. A full list of excursions for your cruise is on our website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

While you slept, your ship crossed into Hungary. Dock in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Activities include a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties and a visit to impressive Esztergom Basilica. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on 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 champagne and your first glimpse of Budapest, Hungary's magnificent capital.

DAYS 4 & 5 – BUDAPEST

Make the most of your time in one of the world's most beautiful cities! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers 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, hop on an e-bike to see the highlights or stroll with a guide around the fairytale Castle District. As the ship departs, sip champagne on the Vista Deck and raise a glass in farewell to the stunning Queen of the Danube.

DAY 6 – 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 some outstanding excursions. If wine is your passion, try an introduction and tasting of the region's wines. Meanwhile, the lovely, pedestrian-only Old Town gives you instant access to the heart and personality of the city—don't miss Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls or the quirky Čumil sculpture peering up from the city sewer. For outstanding panoramas, hike up to the hilltop castle, then pop into a pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer.

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

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, cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley, a remarkable stretch of river overflowing with picture-perfect castles and natural beauty.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

The City of Music welcomes you back with all sorts of intriguing possibilities. For a peek at the lavish lifestyle of the Habsburgs, you might enjoy touring Hofburg Palace or the imperial family's "summer cottage", the 1,441-room Schönbrunn Palace. Finally, be sure to join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / WEISSENKIRCHEN

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. Re-board 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 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen for a visit of the 9th-century Augustinian Abbey of St. Florian, a true Baroque gem; or a poignant tour through the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. Tonight, a final gourmet dinner on board celebrates your journey.

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.



DÜRNSTEIN



WEISSENKIRCHEN