

DANUBE SERENADE WITH EXTENDED WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

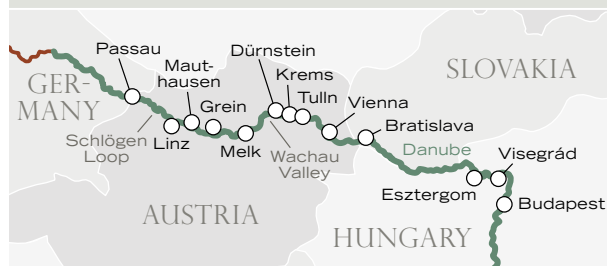


DANUBE RIVER NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

Immerse yourself in the treasures of the Danube as it winds its way through Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, and Germany during this remarkable 2-week luxury cruise. Embark in Vienna, and along the way, Riverside will give you three full days to explore the Austrian capital's epic palaces, museums, and long tradition of classical music. You'll also enjoy two full days in Budapest and time in Bratislava; Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages; and extended time in the celebrated Wachau Valley. Hear the Richard the Lionheart lore associated with Dürnstein; the lavish Baroque abbey at Melk; quaint Grein; and more!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 11 – Mautausen/ Linz
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 12 – Passau
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 13 – Grein
Day 6 – Bratislava	Day 14 – Wachau Valley/Krems
Day 7 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley	Day 15 – Vienna
Day 8 – Vienna	



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 your fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

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

As you slept, your ship entered Hungary. Disembark 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 UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE 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.

DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning—perfect for a relaxed breakfast and plenty of refills on your coffee or tea. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slova-



OLD TOWN HALL, BRATISLAVA

kia, 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, pedestrian-only 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 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 wine tasting event 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, Rococo-style 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

You'll spot Dürnstein from a distance—just watch for its striking blue and white tower and clifftop castle ruin looming over town. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the castle and hear its association with England's King Richard the Lionheart. Other possibilities? Attend a wine tasting to discover what makes Wachau Valley wines so special, or ride an e-bike along the river and meet up with your ship at its next port. On board, an al fresco barbecue is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, so you won't miss a moment of the dreamlike scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, whose 11th-century Benedictine abbey is one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. You could also visit 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or a traditional Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a palate-pleasing baking and honey experience.

DAY 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic past during WWII. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a scenic day to do it. Arrive after lunch in Linz, where a tour through the Old Town reveals the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or you can hike up Pöstlingberg hill overlooking Linz.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

Today's agenda features Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers. This is where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet, and a guided walk through the Old Town shows you the highlights. Admire the ancient cobblestones, the work-of-art Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs), and more. At the end, your efforts are rewarded with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer.



CYCLE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER

DAY 13 – GREIN

Enjoy your morning coffee on the Vista Deck, surrounded by outstanding scenery in every direction. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their jail cell. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can commune with nature during a pleasant e-bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle.

DAY 14 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

A morning overflowing with beauty as your ship passes back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. The terraced vineyards, apricot orchards, and peaceful atmosphere make 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 for a tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery, or other activities.

DAY 15 – VIENNA

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



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