

DANUBE SERENADE FROM THE CITY OF MUSIC TO THE CITY OF THREE RIVERS

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



VIEW TOWARD VISEGRÁD

Experience the best of the Danube when you cruise in luxury from Austria to Germany! Three awe-inspiring capitals get things started in Vienna, Budapest, and Bratislava. Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, select what and how you want to explore, then compare the unique character of each city to determine if you have a favorite. Also visit Esztergom, where Castle Hill has reigned majestically over the area since the 10th century; charming Dürnstein (a perennial traveler favorite); the Wachau Valley, where the scenery and wines will leave you speechless; and a whole lot more!

ITINERARY

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



DATES IN 2027

30 May, 13 Jun, 27 Jun, 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".

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's enchanting capital and true Baroque showcase! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you settle into your luxurious Suite. 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 tour through Prater Park, site of the 1873 World Fair. A full list of cruise excursions is available on our website.

DAY 3 – 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



ESZTERGOM BASILICA



BUDAPEST

to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a champagne entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest—like the scene from a movie.

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 an active approach to your sightseeing, join us for a guided e-bike tour, or a walk around the Buda side of the Danube to explore the magnificent Castle District. As the ship departs, the Vista Deck is the place to be for champagne and unforgettable impressions of this stunning Queen of the Danube.

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 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, 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 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 our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine-tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley. Be sure to keep your camera handy—this remarkable stretch of river is overflowing with photo-worthy castles and jaw-dropping scenery.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Two more days in the vibrant City of Music allows time for an exciting tour through 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 a spin on Prater park's giant Ferris Wheel might be fun! 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 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WEISSENKIRCHEN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

After plenty of hot coffee and a delicious breakfast, step off the ship this morning in Dürnstein, the "Pearl of the Wachau". This is where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades—and you can hike up to his castle prison for incredible views over the river. Other possibilities include a wine experience to learn what creates the valley's popular wines, or an active approach to sightseeing by e-bike. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to hike or explore the town that was at one time considered the center of the Wachau Valley. Return to the ship in time for dinner, which is a special treat! As you pass through the castle-lined scenery of the Wachau, savor a splendid al fresco barbecue up on the Vista Deck.

DAY 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Early arrival in the market town of Mauthausen. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, visit the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery, or maybe venture farther afield to Mozart's Salzburg or medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. After lunch on board, disembark in Linz for a guided

city walk and visit to the impressive cathedral, or an invigorating hike up the 1,768-foot (539-meter) Pöstlingberg hill overlooking the city. Tonight, a final gourmet dinner on board celebrates your exciting journey along the Austrian Danube.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in Germany's acclaimed City of Three Rivers. Situated along the Route of Emperors and Kings, this is where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet, and a guided walk through the Old Town shows off 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.

DAY 13 – GREIN / MELK

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their cell. Meanwhile, with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you could hike up to Gobelwarte Observation Tower for outstanding panoramic views, or join a tour to Clam Castle, whose intriguing story began in the 12th century! Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk. There, you won't want to miss the special guided tour through its world-famous Baroque abbey, filled with opulent architecture and a library overflowing with rare, ancient manuscripts.

DAY 14 – MELK / KREMS

After a good night's sleep, enjoy a delicious breakfast before stepping off the ship for more time in Melk. How about sightseeing by e-bike, or a visit to a bee farm and Austrian pastry workshop? Return to the ship for lunch, then stop in Krems for the chance 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. Back on the ship this evening, a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE treat is in store. As you cruise through the matchless scenery of the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, savor an al fresco barbecue, cooked and served up on the Vista Deck.

DAY 15 – VIENNA

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



MOZART'S SALZBURG