

DANUBE RIVER DANCE IN THE LEGENDARY WACHAU

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

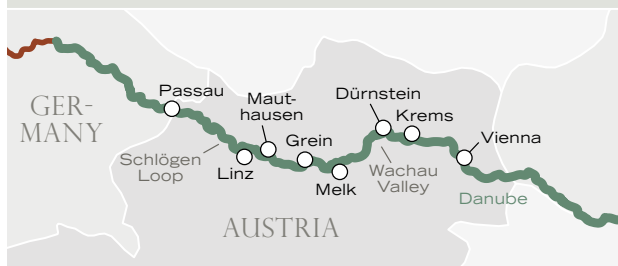


SUNSET OVER THE DANUBE

Austria's relationship with the Danube is special—and the focus of this luxury cruise. Begin and end in Vienna with its Baroque architecture lining the Ringstrasse and rich coffee house culture that is often imitated but never duplicated. Other unforgettable ports include Dürnstein with its ties to King Richard the Lionheart; Melk, home to the impressive, ochre-colored abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts; Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; Passau, the bustling City of Three Rivers; and Mauthausen, crossroads of two trade routes during Roman times. The Schlögen Loop and Wachau Valley top the trip with riverbank castles, terraced vineyards, and more!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Passau
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 6 – Grein
Day 3 – Dürnstein/ Wachau Valley/Melk	Day 7 – Wachau Valley/Krems
Day 3 – Mauthausen/ Linz	Day 8 – Vienna



DATES IN 2027

25 Apr, 9 May, 23 May, 15 Sep, 29 Sep,
13 Oct, 27 Oct, 10 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, toast your journey during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

If you wake up this morning and feel like waltzing, it's no surprise. Vienna, the grand City of Music, greets you with all of its unique splendor. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off Habsburg rulers' stately Schönbrunn Palace or Prater Park by e-bike, which includes the chance to take a whirl on its famous giant Ferris wheel. You can see a full listing of available excursions on our website. Tonight, don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 3 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Compared to the grandiose architecture of Vienna, the quaint charm of Dürnstein is a stark contrast. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the town's castle ruin, where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades, or attend a tasting of the Wachau's famous wines. If you're feeling ambitious, ride an e-bike along the river to your next port at Melk. Otherwise, reboard the ship for an al fresco barbecue, prepared and served up on the Vista Deck as you pass through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley. The afternoon is in Melk, whose ochre-colored Benedictine abbey is utterly amazing. A tour is also available to a traditional Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm to learn about their production of honey wine, honey vinegar, and even honey beer!

DAY 4 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! Let us 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, a 2009 European Capital of Culture, where a tour through the Old Town shows off the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or you can hike up Pöstlingberg hill overlooking Linz. Whatever you choose, it's sure to pair well with a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.



PASSAU

DAY 5 – PASSAU

Port of call is in Passau, perched along the Route of Emperors and Kings. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, consider a guided walk through the Old Town to admire the work-of-art Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs), and other highlights. Afterward, your efforts are rewarded with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer.

DAY 6 – GREIN

After lunch, step off the ship in tiny Grein, where a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience is available to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, the oldest residential castle in Austria. After a warm welcome and champagne, tour this ducal residence and hunting castle. See rooms decorated with priceless historical art and furnishings, the unique Sala Terrena (Stone Theater), Diamond Vault, Knights Hall, and more. Your visit is capped off with a riveting private concert!

DAY 7 – WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KREMS

An incredible final day as you cruise back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau. 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 8 – VIENNA

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

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