

DAZZLING DANUBE CHRISTMAS WITH FESTIVE CAPITALS

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

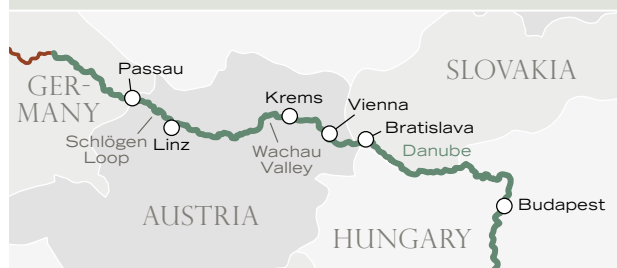


OLD TOWN PASSAU AT CHRISTMASTIME

It may not be gingerbread and sugarplums, but this week-long luxury cruise is a holiday treat all the same! Travel along the Danube through four countries, encountering twinkling lights, colorful decorations, and fascinating Advent traditions along the way! Embark in Passau and bask in your crew's merry spirit and first-class pampering. Then, enter the lovely Wachau Valley, whose landscape is filled with castles and vineyards. Stop in Linz and Krems before arriving in imperial Vienna, made legendary by monarchs and musicians alike; Bratislava, quirky capital of Slovakia; and Budapest, Hungary's incomparable capital lining both banks of the river.

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Bratislava
Day 2 – Linz	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 3 – Krems	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	



DATES IN 2027

28 Nov, 12 Dec



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow"—then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, situated along the Route of Emperors and Kings and where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your luxurious Suite. As your ship departs, meet fellow shipmates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – LINZ

Early morning arrival in Linz, Austria's third-largest city. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, join a local expert for a guided sight-seeing walk that includes the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz. Alternatively, take advantage of a day trip to Austria's picture-perfect Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming site for "The Sound of Music" movie, or to lovely lakeside St. Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, wonderful highlights and Christmas Markets in incredibly scenic settings await. For a listing of excursion options for your entire cruise, visit our website. Tonight, a very special treat—be sure to join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

DAY 3 – KREMS

Arrive today in the quaint city of Krems, situated at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk

through neighboring Stein and tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery, or an educational Wachau Wine Experience with cellar tasting. Afterward, make merry at the delightful Krems Christmas Market, where you'll have time to browse the wooden stalls and indulge in heavenly local Advent specialties!

DAY 4 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable Baroque capital! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburg rulers' summer home; and other enriching options. If you prefer, you're free to do some shopping or duck into an inviting Viennese coffee house. Later, check out the dazzling evening atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets.

DAY 5 – BRATISLAVA

A free and easy morning, followed by lunchtime arrival in Bratislava at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains. Capital of the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 18th centuries, today Bratislava is Slovakia's exciting capital and cultural center. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a tasting of delicious Slovakian wines, or explore the festively decorated Old Town with its traditional Christmas Market. Browse the huts selling Christmas decorations and hand-crafted gift items, and be sure to try the local specialties, like topping-drenched placky (potato pancakes) and lángos (fried bread), grilled sausages, and warm mead.

DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

This morning, your ship makes its grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital that is all dressed up with bows, boughs, and lights for the holidays. The entire day is devoted to the city's many wonders on both sides of the Danube. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, get a peek inside the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; tour Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's, favorite palace; mingle with the locals at the Christmas Market; and other great options. Your ship remains in port tonight for a memorable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Wenckheim Palace.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

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



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