

GRAND DANUBE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

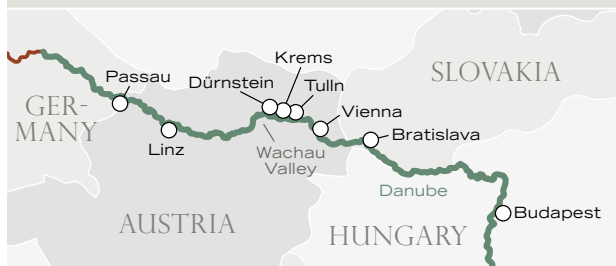


HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON THE DANUBE

This festive, week-long Danube cruise is the most amazing way to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the new. Embark in Passau, Germany's elegant City of Three Rivers, then cross into Austria for a stop in Linz, where the world's first cake was invented, as well as Krems and charming Dürnstein in the heart of the Wachau Valley. Onward to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary, one of the world's most beautiful cities; and Tulln for a fun and festive, Austrian-style New Year's Eve, complete with food, drinks, and fireworks to help you celebrate. Finally, spend New Year's Day in Vienna, the Habsburg Empire's lavish capital and beloved City of Music.

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Day 1 – Passau/Linz	Day 5 – Budapest
Day 2 – Krems/ Dürnstein	Day 6 – Tulln
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Tulln/Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna



DATES IN 2027

26 Dec



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression—like an incredible send-off to the old year and welcome to the new year during a Danube-style New Year's Eve party, with music, dancing, food, champagne, and more!



ČUMIL THE SEWER WORKER, BRATISLAVA

DAY 1 – PASSAU / LINZ

Welcome to Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and begin cruising by 9:30 this morning. Relax as you get settled in and enjoy your ship's many amenities. Before dinner, arrive in Linz for a very special champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

DAY 2 – KREMS / DÜRNSTEIN

Arrive mid-day in Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a guided stroll through neighboring Stein and a tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery, or an educational Wachau Wine Experience with cellar tasting. You can see a full list of the excursions available for your cruise on our website. Later, cruise on to Dürnstein, one of the valley's most picturesque ports. This is where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades. Spend time exploring the beautiful Old Town with its striking blue and white Stiftskirche, or pop into a local wine tavern to sample the Wachau's delectable wines.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Dock early in Bratislava, historically known as Pressburg. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, head to the warmth and wonder of the Danubiana Art Museum to admire the world-class works of art, or attend a tasting of delicious Slovakian wines. The lovely Old Town is also worth your time. Hunt for the quirky sculpture of Čumil the Sewer Worker and the cannonballs lodged in some of the buildings, "gifts" from Napoleon's army in 1809. Then, immerse yourself in the magic of the season at the atmospheric Winter Market. Be sure to try the local specialties, like topping-drenched placky (potato pancakes) and lánegos (fried bread), grilled sausages, and warm mead.

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Relax this morning as your ship crosses into Hungary. With your free time on board, you could opt for a pampering massage or spa treatment. After lunch, a special treat as your ship enters Budapest, one of the world's most beautiful cities. Head up to the Vista Deck for champagne and unhindered views of the monuments lining both sides of the river. A full menu of excursions is lined up and ready to go, like a ride in a warm and comfortable coach to see the highlights along the Ringstrasse, or an inside tour through the vast Hungarian Parliament Building. The holiday festivities also continue at the Christmas Market, so stop by if you like to experience the jolly local traditions and Hungarian cuisine, including warm mulled wine and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes).

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy another chance to explore the exquisite Queen of the Danube. Consider a guided tour of the Castle District with the striking architecture of Fishermen's Bastion, or a visit to Gödöllő, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 6 – TULLN

A peaceful day of scenic cruising lets you take advantage of your ship's amenities. Enjoy time in the hot tub, sauna, or steam room; or keep up with your exercise routine in the Fitness Center. The ship arrives this evening in 2,000-year-old Tulln—in plenty of time for UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE fun and a Danube-style send-off to the year. With music, food, champagne, and more, you can dance the night away as the midnight countdown approaches. Plus, Riverside has partnered with the city to ensure you can ring in the new year with a dazzling fireworks display!

DAY 7 – TULLN / VIENNA

Late-morning departure from Tulln gives you time to sleep a little later or ring in the new year bright and early with breakfast, coffee, and beautiful scenery as far as the eye can see—made even more impressive by a musical performance setting the mood. Return to Vienna after lunch for free time to explore the City of Music on your own.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

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