

DANUBE HOLIDAY MAGIC: CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY & NEW YEAR'S IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

From the finest gourmet meals and a personal Butler to enriching shore excursions and cultural experiences, we'll ensure you have a December to remember! Embark in Vienna, and cruise in pampered luxury, stopping at Christmas Markets to sample mouthwatering Advent specialties and soak up the jolly atmosphere. Visit Linz; the magnificent Benedictine abbey of Melk; and Budapest, the extraordinary capital of Hungary. Best of all, spend Christmas in Germany's Passau; an intimate New Year's Eve in Tulln, complete with fireworks; and New Year's Day in Vienna—a thrilling way to start 2028!

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| Day 1 – Vienna | Day 6 – Krems/
Dürnstein |
| Day 2 – Melk | Day 7 – Bratislava |
| Day 3 – Linz/
Engel-
hartszell/
Passau | Day 8 – Budapest |
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| Day 5 – Passau/
Linz | Day 10 – Tulln |
| | Day 11 – Tulln/Vienna |
| | Day 12 – Vienna |



DATES IN 2027

22 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!

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart, get settled into your Suite with the help of your personal Butler, and take advantage of our convenient shuttle to visit one of Vienna's jolly Christmas Markets. Later tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to relax and appreciate the gorgeous passing scenery of the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Along the way, enjoy a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE onboard presentation about Glühwein, the region's popular hot mulled wine served at Christmas Markets far and wide. Sample three distinct varieties, accompanied by traditional Christmas treats. After lunch, arrive in Melk and embark on a RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. How about a tour of the resplendent Benedictine Melk Abbey with a gingerbread, wine, or coffee experience? Or, consider an outing to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today. To see a full list of excursion options, go to our website.

DAY 3 / CHRISTMAS EVE – LINZ / ENGELHARTSZELL / PASSAU

An exciting Christmas Eve Day awaits. Begin in Linz, a European Capital of Culture, where you're invited to a full-day excursion to magnificent Salzburg, film site for "The Sound of Music" movie. You'll spend time along the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old World wrought-iron guild symbols and bustling shops and then at one of Europe's prettiest Christmas Markets. Later, rejoin the ship in Engelhartszell and cruise on to Passau as you enjoy an onboard dinner featuring delectable German-style Christmas dishes. If you like, attend Heiligabend (Christmas Eve) Mass at the 17th-century Italian Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ.

DAY 4 / CHRISTMAS DAY – PASSAU

Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas)! Your time in the beautiful City of Three Rivers will be a day to remember. Learn all about Bavarian Christmas traditions during a scenic winter walk that ends at a local farmstead for merry music, holiday treats, and a visit from a special VIP to wish you the merriest Christmas ever. Return to your ship in time for dinner, featuring a menu of delicious Anglo-Saxon Christmas recipes!



SALZBURG



DÜRNSTEIN

DAY 5 – PASSAU / LINZ

The ship departs Passau around mid-morning, with plenty of time to admire the surrounding scenery, take a dip in the indoor counter-current pool, or rejuvenate with a pampering spa treatment. Before dinner, arrive in Linz, an exciting European capital of culture, for a very special champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

DAY 6 – KREMS / DÜRNSTEIN

Arrive today mid-day in the quaint city of Krems, situated 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. 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 7 – BRATISLAVA

Dock early in Bratislava, historically known as Pressburg. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, 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 lángos (fried bread), grilled sausages, and warm mead.

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

Relax this morning as your ship crosses into Hungary. With your free time on board, you could opt for a pampering massage. 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 mouth-watering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes).

DAY 9 – 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 10 – TULLN

A peaceful day of scenic cruising gives you plenty of time to 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 11 – 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 12 – VIENNA

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