

THREE RIVERS: RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Spend two weeks cruising the legendary Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, visiting historical dynamos like Amsterdam, Düsseldorf, and Nuremberg, as well as the equally important villages of Rüdesheim, Miltenberg, and Bamberg. Enter the dramatic, castle-dotted Rhine Gorge and hear the eerie legend of the Lorelei. Also traverse the 16-lock Main-Danube Canal and find yourself at 1,332 feet (406 meters) above sea level – literally cruising downhill toward Budapest. Stop in Regensburg, Passau, Linz, and Melk, and marvel at the Wachau Valley with its picture-perfect terraced vineyards. In Vienna, admire the opulent palaces, museums, and world-class coffee houses. Your final stop is Budapest, the regal capital of Hungary.

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Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 9 – Nuremberg
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DATES IN 2025

17 Sep



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands and the Venice of the North, where more than 62 miles (100 km) of canals zigzag through the city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Your ship remains in port overnight, so don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the city's romantic canals.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Rise and shine! Begin your day with breakfast before stepping off the ship to explore. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can spend time with Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh, and other Dutch masters at the world-famous Rijksmuseum; or take advantage of Virtual Reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank. Later, a coach transfers you to nearby Utrecht, where you will meet back up with your ship.

DAY 3 – DÜSSELDORF

Welcome to Düsseldorf, an international business and financial center, known for its fashion and art, and ranked the sixth-most-livable city in the

world! This bustling metropolis has a lot to see and do – learn over 700 years of history on an interesting RIVERSIDE CHOICE sightseeing tour; join a guided bike ride around the Old Town, Königsallee shopping district, Media Harbor, and more; or take a fun foodie walk to discover the city's delicacies. Break for lunch, then choose between an art safari or an Altbier discovery, complete with tasting of the copper-colored brew!

DAY 4 – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

A leisurely start to the day, but you won't want to spend it sleeping as your ship passes through some of Europe's most spectacular scenery. Cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, where, for more than a millennium, the riverbanks have been graced by more than three dozen stunning hilltop castles. Also see the mythical Rock of the Lorelei and hear its eerie legend. Later, disembark in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim for the RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion that appeals most to you! Maybe hop aboard the Winzerexpress train to see the sights and visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum; soar over the area by cable car, followed by an authentic Rüdeshimer coffee; enjoy an active bike tour; or traverse the vineyards by chauffeured Land Rover with a tasting of the exquisite wines!

DAY 5 – MILTENBERG

A morning of scenic cruising is followed by afternoon arrival in the Bavarian town of Miltenberg. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE options feature a Jewish heritage tour that visits a 13th-century synagogue, mikveh, old cemetery, and more. A nature hike up a 2,000-year-old Roman path is also available, along with food tastings at the city's 17th-century butcher shop. You could also join an expert guide for an encounter with Miltenberg's fantastic medieval architecture and superb Bavarian cuisine!

DAY 6 – WÜRZBURG

Head out today to discover the wonders of Würzburg through RIVERSIDE CHOICE. Stroll through the resplendent Old Town and wander through the Residenz, one of Europe's most magnificent palaces, or get a real taste of Würzburg's culture on a remarkable walk featuring the cathedral, the Old Town Bridge—and the best sausages in the city! An outing is also available along the famed Romantic Road to medieval Rothenburg, one of Germany's most alluring walled cities.



RHINE TOWER, DÜSSELDORF



BAMBERG

DAY 7 – BAMBERG

One of Germany's unrivaled masterpieces awaits in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg. Dating back to the 9th century, the city extends over seven church-capped hills, leading to its nickname: Franconian Rome. Join an enjoyable RIVERSIDE CHOICE guided walk that visits the four-towered cathedral founded in 1004 AD, the quaint fishermen's huts lining the canals of Little Venice, and the unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Other options include a tour focusing on the Rauchbier (smoked beer) the city has been brewing for almost 900 years, or a refreshing bike ride past the many highlights.

DAY 8 – NUREMBERG

Welcome to Nuremberg, bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged. Few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has, and your time here will provide the backstory. A number of fantastic RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions will also help you get acquainted with the city. Consider a guided walk through the Old Town, one of Europe's most important economic and cultural centers during the Middle Ages, and the chance to come face to face with sights forever tied to WWII, like the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg trials took place. If an active pursuit is more to your liking, how about a forest hike through the beautiful Schwarzach River Valley?

DAY 9 – NUREMBERG

A second day in fabulous Nuremberg affords another opportunity to join an exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. Options include a guided tour of the city's secret underground rock vaults below Nuremberg Castle, where important art trea-

asures were stored to protect them from WWII bombings. If you prefer, head out on your own to explore independently or do some souvenir shopping!

DAY 10 – REGENSBURG

Regensburg has existed in some form since the Stone Age and it's not difficult to see signs of the many cultures and influences that contributed to its evolution. Some of its fascinating milestones include construction of a Roman fort around 90 AD; its role as capital of Bavaria from the 6th to the 13th centuries; and its 12th-century Stone Bridge across the river that opened trade routes and launched the city's golden age. Today, Regensburg's well-preserved Old Town is the largest medieval city site north of the Alps, and you can experience the highlights with RIVERSIDE CHOICE! Options include an Old Town guided walk with a stop at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant to sample its popular sausages. You could also tour Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD; join a guided bike ride to the Walhalla memorial; or visit the 13th-century Herzogspark with its square medieval tower, lily pond, and alpine, rose, and Renaissance gardens.

DAY 11 – PASSAU / LINZ

So much to see and do today in Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube come together. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a guided walk through Old Town Passau; a hands-on art workshop; or a day trip to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to the medieval walled city of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Evening docking is in Linz, Austria's third-largest city. Since your ship remains in port until late, you're free to head out on your own to experience the city at night.



MIRABELL PALACE & GARDEN, SALZBURG



WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 12 – MELK / VIENNA

There simply isn't a better place to spend your morning than the pleasant town of Melk! You might enjoy exploring the grand Benedictine abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, or Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside. Back on board in time for lunch, then it's a relaxing afternoon of scenic cruising on the way to Austria's beautiful Baroque capital, Vienna. Tonight, channel your inner aristocrat during a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Belvedere Palace, followed by a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

DAY 13 – VIENNA

Start your unforgettable day exploring Vienna the way you like best. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historic district; a visit to the Habsburg rulers' opulent Schönbrunn Palace; or a guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower. Or, how about time at the world-famous Spanish Riding School to see a performance of the incredible Lipizzaner stallions?

DAY 14 – BUDAPEST

After a leisurely morning of cruising, your ship makes a grand entrance into Budapest! From atop the Vista Deck, admire one of the world's most beautiful cities as the ship passes by its famous icons lining both sides of the Danube. Once you disembark, RIVERSIDE CHOICE has lots of options! See the highlights by comfortable coach or maybe learn about the city's rich Jewish history during a visit to Europe's largest synagogue and old Jewish quarter. After lunch, how about a visit to the Royal Palace of Gödöllő, one of the world's largest Baroque palaces? Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to explore on your own!

DAY 15 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Debussy and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.