

MAJESTY OF THE DANUBE & SCENIC WACHAU FROM BUDAPEST TO PASSAU

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA

Celebrate summer with the perfect Danube getaway! Begin with three glorious days in Budapest, where icons abound, like the Castle District, Fishermen's Bastion, and the vast riverside Parliament. Slovakia's alluring capital, Bratislava, is next with its hilltop castle overlooking the pedestrian-only Old Town. In Vienna, Austria's lavish City of Music, "world class" is everywhere – palaces, museums, cathedrals, concert halls, even coffee houses! Finally, cruise next into the scenic Wachau Valley for enriching visits to charming Dürnstein and Linz, Melk's stately Benedictine abbey, Mauthausen with its tragic WWII past, and Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers!

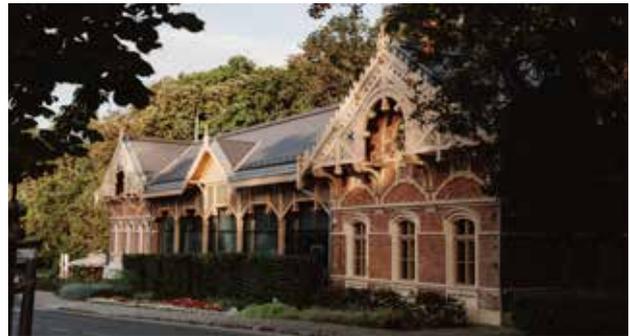
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DATES IN 2026

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's remarkable Horse Railway Cultural Center. Situated in the reconstructed Zugliget Horse Railway terminal, you'll sip champagne surrounded by period decor and ambiance from 150 years ago and will lose yourself in the heart and soul of the Danube as it is revealed through the music.

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital spanning both sides of the Danube. Embark the Riverside Mozart and settle into your luxurious Suite with the help of your personal Butler. Tonight, toast your journey during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest with its grand architecture, fascinating history and culture, and mouthwatering food. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a wide range of outstanding shore excursions, so take your pick: the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, Austrian Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllo Palace, Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District on the Buda side of the river, or other options. A complete list of excursions for your cruise is available on our website. Tonight, enjoy an evening of music and champagne during a private RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at the historic Horse Railway Cultural Center.

DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

Another full day in Budapest provides additional opportunities to put your finger on the pulse of this amazing city. Perhaps join us for a boat ride to the neighboring artists' village of Szentendre, or see the sights from the seat of an electric bicycle. Back on the ship later, prepare to be impressed as you head up to the Vista Deck to witness your ship's majestic departure from this "Queen of the Danube".

DAY 4 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, disembark in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of options! How about surrounding yourself with artistic beauty at the Danubiana Art Museum, e-biking through the scenic Bratislavan wetlands, or the chance to see what everyday life is like here during a visit to a traditional family home? Alternatively, maybe try a refreshing Slovakian beer at a local pub!

DAY 5 – VIENNA

You've arrived in Vienna, former home of history's powerful Habsburg rulers as well as some of the world's most famous composers. Join us for an exciting half-day tour through the Hofburg, the city's must-see imperial palace that was center of the Holy Roman Empire. See the former royal family's lavish, Rococo-style living quarters, then

step into the dazzling Treasury to marvel at its vault of priceless crowns, riches, and artifacts.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer escape, or historic Prater Park by electric bicycle. If you like, take a spin on the park's giant Ferris wheel for outstanding views over the city. Tonight is our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein this morning with its interesting ties to England's King Richard the Lionheart. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the castle ruin above town for great views over the Danube; discover what makes Wachau Valley wines so special during a tasting; or ride an e-bike along the river and meet up with your ship at its next port. Lunch on board is a special al fresco barbecue on the Vista Deck, so you won't miss a moment of the Wachau Valley's castle-laden scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, whose Benedictine abbey is home to a vast library of ancient manuscripts. A tour is also available to 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or to a traditional Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm to learn about their production of honey wine, honey vinegar, and even honey beer!

DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the Czech Republic's medieval walled village of Český Krumlov, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a scenic day to do it. Arrive after lunch in Linz, an EU-designated European Capital of Culture in 2009. Here, a tour through the Old Town shows off the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or you can hike up Pöstlingberg hill, for views over Linz. Whatever you choose, be sure your day includes a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

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