

MAJESTY OF THE DANUBE: COLORFUL CAPITALS & WACHAU IN DEPTH

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA

Why settle for an ordinary summer vacation when you can elevate to a two-week luxury cruise? Begin and end in breathtaking Budapest, along with two additional days to discover all the Hungarian capital has to offer. Spend time in Slovakia's unique capital, Bratislava; and four full days exploring Baroque palaces and museums in Vienna. The photogenic Wachau Valley features unforgettable visits to Dürnstein, Linz, Krems, and other ports; Melk's stately Benedictine abbey; and Mauthausen with its tragic past tied to WWII. Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, and Esztergom, capital of Hungary in the Middle Ages, round out your journey.

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 9 – Passau
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Day 8 – Mauthausen/Linz	



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, dive right into Budapest with its grand architecture, fascinating history and culture, and hearty cuisine. 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, or Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District on the Buda side of the river. For a complete list of excursions for your cruise, see 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, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for a tempting assortment of RIVER-



SZÉCHENYI CHAIN BRIDGE CONNECTING BUDA AND PEST

SIDE CHOICE excursions! How about an encounter with world-class art at the Roman galley-shaped Danubiana Art Museum, an exhilarating bike ride through the scenic Bratislavan wetlands, or the chance to see what everyday life is like here during a visit to a traditional family home? Shopping in the Old Town or a stroll to Bratislava Castle are other worthwhile activities.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

If you find yourself with the urge to waltz your way to breakfast this morning, don't worry – you're in Vienna! The lavish Austrian capital played host to some of the world's most famous composers over the centuries, including Mozart, Strauss, Beethoven, Brahms, and Schubert. 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 gilded living quarters, then step into the dazzling Treasury to marvel at its vault of priceless crowns, riches, and artifacts.



HOFBURG PALACE, VIENNA



DÜRNSTEIN CASTLE RUIN

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. Experience Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer escape, or Prater Park by electric bicycle. If you like, take a spin on the park's giant Ferris wheel for outstanding views of 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 – forever tied to England's King Richard the Lionheart and his trusty minstrel, Blondel. 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 up on the Vista Deck, so you won't miss a moment of the fairytale scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, whose Benedictine abbey is one of the world's finest Baroque structures. A tour is also available to 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or 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

How would you like to spend your day? RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. If you'd rather relax on board, do it! The scenery will make it worth your while. Arrive after lunch in Linz to tour the Old Town with its massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or to hike up Pöstlingberg overlooking the city and river. Whatever you choose, be sure your day includes a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where three rivers – the Inn, Ilz, and Danube – converge along the lovely Route of Emperors and Kings. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, take a guided walk through the Old Town to admire the ancient cobblestones, the work-of-art Town Hall, and St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs). Afterward, recharge with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer. Prost!

DAY 10 – GREIN

Enjoy your morning coffee on the Vista Deck, surrounded by outstanding scenery in every direction. After lunch, disembark in Grein, where you can commune with nature during a pleasant e-bike tour, hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, and other fun activities.

DAY 11 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

An incredible start to the day with a morning return through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. The peaceful ambiance makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. As you reach the far end of the valley, disembark in the quaint city of Krems to learn about one of the valley's special crops – apricots! Within the EU, the Wachau apricot is protected as its own brand. Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs and brandies. Other enticing excursions are available as well, so see our website for specifics.

DAYS 12 & 13 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna helps you really get to know this legendary city – and RIVERSIDE CHOICE is ready! If you'd like more time in Bratislava, we have an outing to get you there and back. You could also head out on your own to the celebrated Ringstrasse, home to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, one of the most important museums in the world.

DAY 14 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Arrive this morning in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Visit Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury; take a guided e-bike tour along both sides of the Danube; see the sights as you sample the local specialties during a fun foodie walk; and more. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, enjoy a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE return to Budapest – complete with twinkling lights, stunning panoramic views, and champagne to toast it all!

DAY 15 – BUDAPEST

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