

WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH VIENNA & BRATISLAVA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

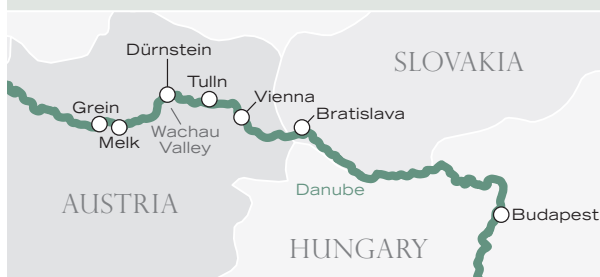


DÜRNSTEIN

Formed by the Danube eons ago, Austria's stunning Wachau Valley Cultural Landscape is one of the country's most popular destinations. Its allure? Beguiling castles, ornate monasteries, tantalizing orchard fruits, world-class wines, and irresistible villages around every bend. This week-long luxury cruise gives the Wachau the time and attention it deserves, stopping at the 2,000-year-old Roman settlement of Tulln; the Benedictine monastery at Melk; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; and Dürnstein with its famous blue and white tower, clifftop castle, and secret-recipe rye bread that you just might get to sample at the local wine bars! You'll also explore Vienna, heart of the Habsburg Empire and where Mozart, Strauss, Freud, Klimt, Marie Antoinette, and others once roamed; and Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, whose pedestrian-only Old Town will whisk you back in time!

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 6 – Melk / Grein
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Dürnstein / Vienna
Day 4 – Tulln / Wachau Valley	Day 8 – Vienna



DATES IN 2025

9 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Sep, 8 Oct



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 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to explore Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to Budapest! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy 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, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devin Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, hear about centuries marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War, and see the Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Cas-

tle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital and City of Music, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, and other exciting possibilities.

DAY 6 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Then, arrive at the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers will appreciate the Wachau Valley's tranquil setting. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein with its ties to England's King Richard the Lionheart. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a hike up to the town's clifftop castle ruin; a visit to an Austrian vinothèque for a tasting of Wachau wines; and a guided visit along the Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's The Kiss.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

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