

WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH DANUBE CAPITALS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

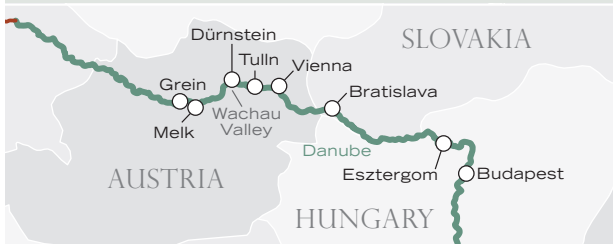


DEVÍN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

Good things come in threes! On this fantastic cruise, spend time in three of the Danube's river-side capitals: breathtaking Budapest; City-of-Music Vienna; and Bratislava, an unexpected gem that will capture your heart. Also bask in the wonders of the Wachau Valley for three days. Formed by the Danube eons ago, the Wachau deserves more than a fleeting glance. Where else can you find terraced vineyards and apricot orchards, august castles and monasteries, and inviting villages around every bend of the river? Visit the 2,000-year-old Roman settlement of Tulln; Melk Abbey; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; Dürnstein with its distinctive blue and white tower and heavenly secret-recipe rye bread; Hungary's Esztergom; and more!

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 7 – Dürnstein/ Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 9 – Esztergom
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 10 – Budapest
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Budapest
Day 6 – Melk/Grein	



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 check out Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of 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, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture; 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



ROYAL PALACE OF GÖDÖLLŐ

Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín 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



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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 Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of 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. Disembark in 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 this morning will appreciate the

breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein, where an expert guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a brisk hike up to the town's clifftop castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley; a visit to an Austrian vinotheque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a guided visit along the celebrated 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 stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful The Kiss.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

Enjoy one more day to waltz your way around the City of Music. Take advantage of our RIVERSIDE CHOICE offerings, or you can head out on your own to spend time in one of the world-class museums; explore some of history's most impressive palaces; or just relax and mingle with the locals at an atmospheric Viennese coffee house.

DAY 9 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! Take advantage of the day with another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion or you can head out to explore independently!

DAY 11– BUDAPEST

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



SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA



VINEYARD NEAR VIENNA