

HEART OF THE DANUBE & THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

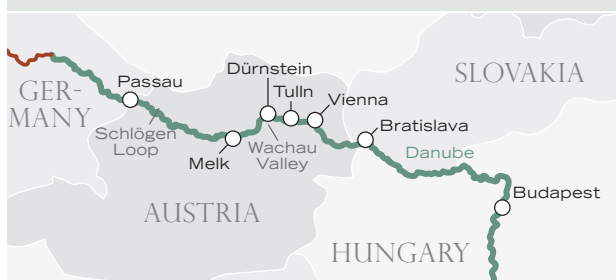


WACHAU VALLEY

The echoes of empires are calling on this immersive river cruise from Budapest to Passau. Stop in powerful cities and quaint villages alike, discovering the cultural and historical marks left behind in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany. Highlights include the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building, Bratislava's formidable hilltop castle, Vienna's fascinating Ringstrasse lined with palatial architecture, the impressive riverside Benedictine Abbey of Melk, and the timeless charms of Dürnstein. Mother Nature has a few brag-worthy masterpieces to see as well, including the terraced vineyards and apricot orchards of the scenic Wachau Valley, and the Danube's dramatic Schlägen Loop, a horseshoe-shaped river bend crafted by time itself.

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



DATES IN 2025

11 May, 4 Jun, 23 Aug, 18 Oct



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

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 a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, peek inside the vast Parliament complex; see the highlights by comfortable coach; or do your sightseeing from the seat of a bike. After-lunch options include visits to Gödöllő Castle, Dohány Synagogue, or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion for excellent views over the city and river. Later, head up to the ship's Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly 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 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 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein early and learn about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the Crusades. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the town's castle ruin for great panoramic views; visit a vinothèque for a tasting of Wachau Valley wines; or get active with a bike ride along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship for a gourmet lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the inspiring Wachau Valley. The afternoon is in Melk, whose Benedictine abbey is one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. See the imperial staircase, marble hall, and library before a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert on the abbey's famous organ. Another option is a visit to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today.

DAY 7 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlögen Loop. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

DAY 8 – PASSAU

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