

DANUBE LEGENDS: HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, AUSTRIA & GERMANY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



DEVÍN CASTLE RUINS NEAR BRATISLAVA

Discover the Danube’s quaint villages and bustling capitals on this luxury cruise from Budapest. Come face to face with the city’s vast riverside Parliament, Heroes’ Square, and Castle District before heading to Bratislava, the warm and welcoming capital of Slovakia. In Vienna, marvel at the monumental architecture lining the Ringstrasse as you follow in the footsteps of Mozart, Strauss, and the powerful Habsburg rulers. Also experience the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, with visits to charming Tulln and Dürnstein, Melk and its monumental abbey, the tiny market town of Mauthausen, and Linz. Disembark in Passau, Germany’s City of Three Rivers!

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 7 – Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 8 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 9 – Passau
Day 5 – Vienna	

DATES IN 2026

22 Apr, 6 May, 20 May, 2 Sep, 16 Sep,
30 Sep, 14 Oct, 28 Oct, 11 Nov



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to breathtaking Belvedere Palace. Bask in the ornate Baroque atmosphere as you are treated to a private musical performance and the opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt’s masterful “The Kiss”.

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's elegant cultural, economic, and political hub. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your luxurious Suite.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, we'll help you get acquainted with the Queen of the Danube, one of the world's most beautiful cities. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, like a tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building to see its impressive Golden Staircase, Crown of St. Stephen, and other treasures. If you prefer an active approach to sightseeing, join a guided electric bicycle tour, or a walk around the Buda side of the Danube to explore the magnificent Castle District. You'll find a full list of the excursions available on your cruise at our website. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning, followed by after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. Here, oenophiles can get an introduction to the area's excellent wines during a tasting. Meanwhile, you can't go wrong with a guided walk through the lovely, pedestrian-only Old Town – watch for Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls and the "Peeping Tom" statue of Čumil peering up from the city sewer.

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old "Garden City" of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, it's a much more enjoyable place, so get out there and ride an e-bike through the Austrian countryside, or join a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the legendary Wachau Valley.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

If you wake up this morning and feel like waltzing, it's no surprise. Vienna, the grand City of Music, greets you with all of its unique splendor. Don't miss an exciting half-day tour through the Hofburg, the imperial palace that was the Habsburg rulers' primary residence and center of the Holy Roman Empire. See the former royal family's lavish living quarters, dazzling Treasury, and more.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

A day of wonder awaits today in the Austrian capital. RIVERSIDE CHOICE shows off the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, or historic Prater Park by electric bicycle. If you like, take a whirl on the park's giant Ferris wheel for a bird's-eye view over the city. Tonight, don't miss 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 charming Dürnstein, home to a distinctive blue and white tower and imposing cliff-top castle ruin with a fascinating past. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a tasting of popular Wachau Valley wines, or ride an e-bike along the river and meet up with your ship in Melk. Lunch on board is a special al fresco barbecue, prepared and served on the Vista Deck so you won't miss a moment of the captivating scenery. The afternoon is in Melk for a tour of its awe-inspiring Benedictine abbey; a visit to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside; or time at an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a palate-pleasing baking and honey experience!

DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Decisions, decisions – what will you choose? We can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the Czech Republic's medieval 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, the scenery alone will reward your choice. Arrive after lunch in Linz, a 2009 European Capital of Culture, where a tour through the Old Town shows off the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom. You could also hike up Pöstlingberg hill for amazing panoramic views over the city and river.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

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