

# DANUBE LEGENDS FROM BUDAPEST TO VIENNA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

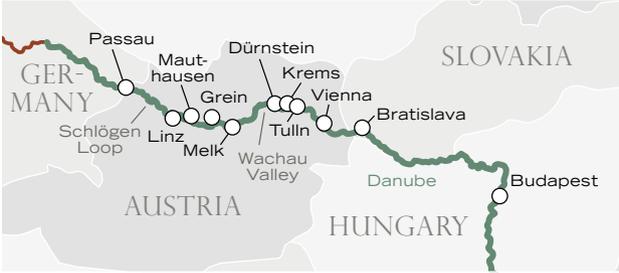


SUNRISE IN DÜRNSTEIN

Formed by the Danube eons ago, Austria’s stunning Wachau Valley is one of the country’s most popular attractions with its beguiling castles, ornate monasteries, tantalizing orchard fruits, world-class wines, and irresistible villages around every bend. This luxury cruise gives the Wachau the time and attention it deserves, stopping at 2,000-year-old Tulln; the Benedictine monastery at Melk; Grein, home to Austria’s oldest theater; and Dürnstein with its famous blue and white tower. You’ll also explore breathtaking Budapest; Slovakia’s warm capital, Bratislava; and Vienna, heart of the former Habsburg Empire.

### ITINERARY

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Day 1 – Budapest               | Day 8 – Mauthausen/<br>Linz         |
| Day 2 – Budapest               | Day 9 – Passau                      |
| Day 3 – Bratislava             | Day 10 – Grein                      |
| Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau<br>Valley | Day 11 – Wachau<br>Valley/<br>Krems |
| Day 5 – Vienna                 | Day 12 – Vienna                     |
| Day 6 – Vienna                 |                                     |
| Day 7 – Dürnstein/<br>Melk     |                                     |



### 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. 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 your sightseeing, join us for a guided e-bike tour, or a walk around the Buda side of the Danube to explore the 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 a movie-like departure as your ship moves past the grand Budapest icons lining both sides of the Danube.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and plenty of refills on your coffee or tea. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. A menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICES includes an introduction to the area's excellent wines, a visit

to a traditional Slovak home, and a guided walk around the Old Town – don't miss Napoleon's cannonballs lodged in the ancient walls or the irreverent statue of Čumil peering up from the city sewer. If you prefer, hike up to the hilltop castle to survey the entire area.

## DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

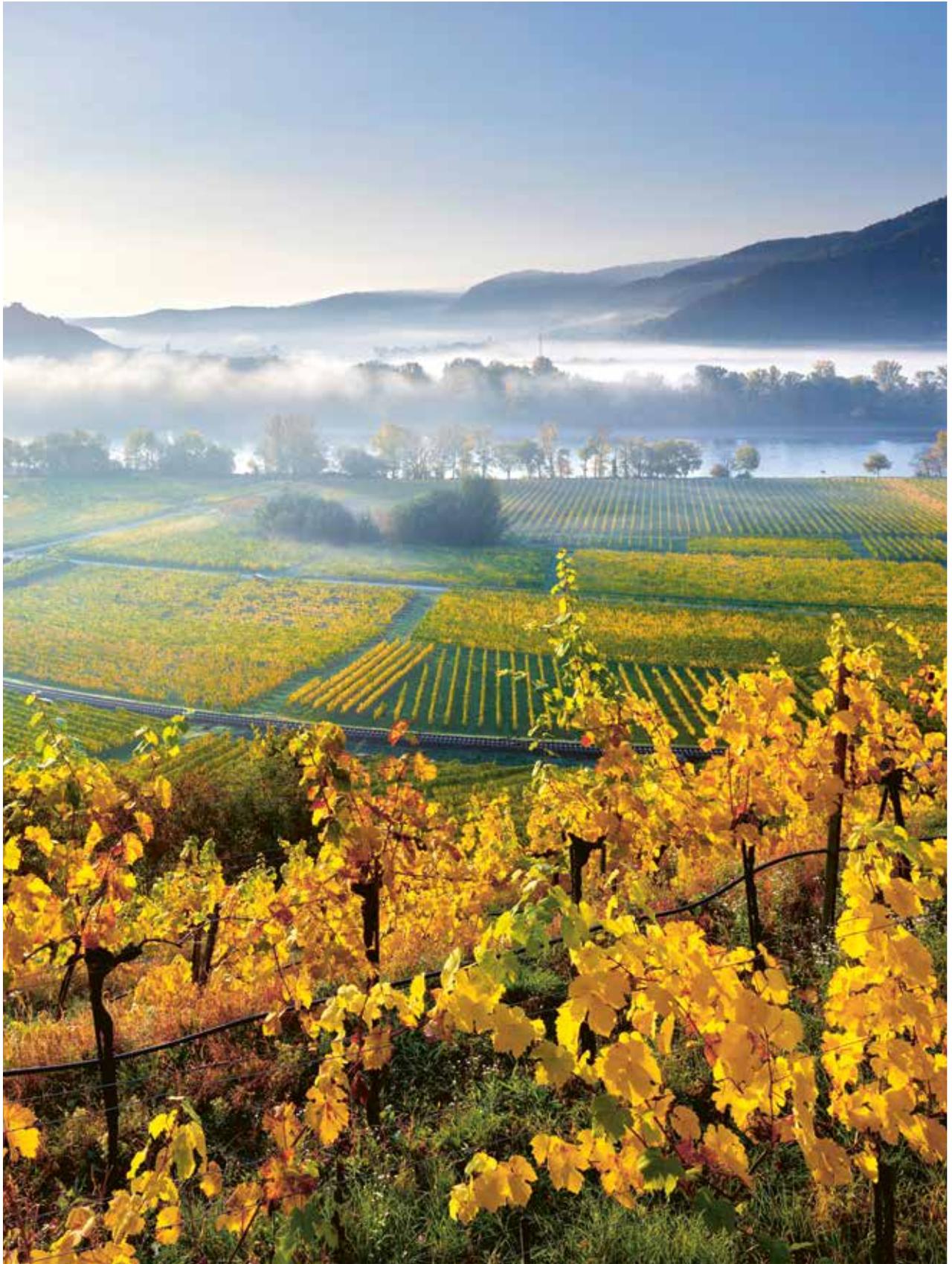
Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln suffered through Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, it's a much happier place, filled with gardens and ideal for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE e-bike tour in the Austrian countryside, or our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle. Later, your ship cruises into the legendary Wachau Valley.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

Vienna greets you today with all of its Baroque splendor. You'll quickly see what attracted world-class composers like Mozart, Strauss, Beethoven, and Schubert. Join us for 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.



HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT, BUDAPEST



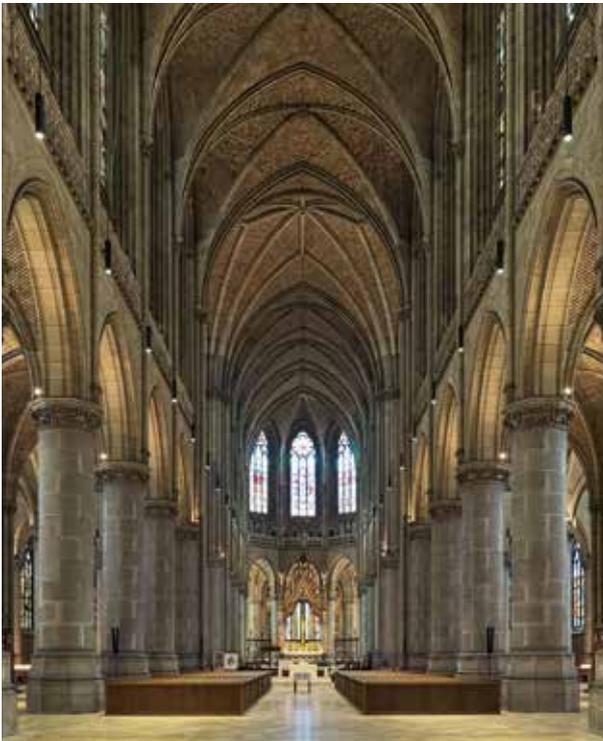
WACHAU VALLEY

## DAY 6 – VIENNA

A day of wonder awaits in the City of Music. RIVERSIDE CHOICE visits Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence, or Prater Park by electric bicycle. If you like, take a spin on the park's famous giant Ferris wheel. 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

When you see a distinctive blue and white tower on the riverbank and an imposing castle ruin perched on an overhead cliff, you'll know you're in Dürnstein, one of the Wachau's prettiest towns! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, discover the valley's tasty wines, 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, prepared and served on the Vista Deck so you won't miss a moment of the castle-laden scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, with a tour of the awe-inspiring Benedictine abbey; a visit to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside; or a pastry workshop and bee farm outing for a palate-pleasing baking and honey experience!



MARIENDOM, LINZ

## DAY 8 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

So many great activities today – you may have trouble deciding! RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. After lunch on board, arrive in Linz, a 2009 European Capital of Culture. Here, a tour through the Old Town shows you the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, while a guided hike might also be fun. Be sure to top off your day with a big slice of Linzer Torte, invented in the 1600s and said to be the world's first cake!

## DAY 9 – PASSAU

Arrive today in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers. Let RIVERSIDE CHOICE show you the highlights during a guided walk through the Old Town. Admire the ancient cobblestones, the work-of-art Town Hall, and St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs). Then, rest and recharge over a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer!

## DAY 10 – GREIN

Coffee on the Vista Deck starts your day just right! After lunch, disembark in Grein, where you can commune with nature during a pleasant e-bike tour, visit Clam Castle's well-preserved rooms, or join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Enjoy a warm welcome and champagne, a guided tour through rooms decorated with priceless historical art and furnishings and a private concert befitting royalty!

## DAY 11 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

Morning cruising back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, whose ambiance alone makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. At lunchtime, step up onto the Vista Deck, where a special al fresco barbecue is prepared and served amid the scenic beauty. Later, stop in Krems to learn about one of the valley's special crops – apricots! Wachau apricots are protected as their own brand in the EU, and RIVERSIDE CHOICE visits the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs.

## DAY 12 – VIENNA

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