

DANUBE LEGENDS WITH CITY OF MUSIC FOCUS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA PANORAMA

The Danube has five amazing Cs: castles, culture, churches, cuisine, and this luxury cruise! Travel through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany, encountering sleepy villages, three dynamic capitals, Nature’s majesty in the Wachau Valley and Schlägen Loop, and man-made marvels like the Hungarian Parliament Building. Embark in Budapest with icons galore, then continue to Bratislava in Slovakia and Austria’s ornate City of Music, Vienna. Also on the agenda: ancient Tulln; tiny Grein; Linz, a Capital of Culture; Dürnstein with its eye-catching blue-and-white Stiftskirche; and other ports. Additional time in Vienna is the icing of yet another “c” word: cake!

ITINERARY

- Day 1 – Budapest
- Day 2 – Budapest
- Day 3 – Bratislava
- Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
- Day 5 – Vienna
- Day 6 – Vienna
- Day 7 – Dürnstein/Weissenkirchen
- Day 8 – Linz
- Day 9 – Passau
- Day 10 – Grein/Melk
- Day 11 – Vienna
- Day 12 – Vienna



DATES IN 2026

17 Jun, 1 Jul, 15 Jul, 29 Jul



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, one of the Danube's four exciting capitals and home to 20 percent of Hungary's population. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the city straddles the river, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle into your luxurious Suite before your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast first, then Budapest! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers great ways to explore, like a tour inside the 691-room Hungarian Parliament Building, or a walk around Buda's magnificent Castle District. For an active approach to your sightseeing, join a guided electric bicycle tour. You'll find a full list of available excursions on our website. Back on board later, prepare to be impressed as you head up to the Vista Deck and your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning is followed by an after-lunch stop in Bratislava, enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. Get an introduction to Slovakia's excellent wines at an exclusive tasting, see what everyday life is like here during a visit to a traditional family home, or stroll with a guide through the lovely Old Town for encounters with Michael's Gate, the Old Opera House, Primate's Palace – and the special "calling card" Napoleon's army left behind in 1809. Before returning to the ship, don't miss the chance to try a refreshing Slovakian beer in a local pub!



PRATER PARK, VIENNA



INNER COURTYARD OF BUDA CASTLE

DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Settled in pre-Roman times, the 2,000-year-old city of Tulln endured centuries of tumult: Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Somehow, it survived, emerging as the pretty City of Gardens you find today. Why not hop on an e-bike for a fun ride through the Austrian countryside, or explore one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases? Alternatively, join our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171. Later, have your camera handy, because your ship cruises into the photo-worthy Wachau Valley.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

Vienna greets you today, and you'll quickly see what attracted world-class composers to the splendid, Baroque Austrian capital. 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 and dazzling Treasury.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Another excitement-packed day in the City of Music. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, step inside another Habsburg palace: their 1,441-room summer getaway at Schönbrunn. Or, pedal your way around Prater Park with its giant Ferris wheel, erected in 1897 to mark the 50th year of Emperor Franz Joseph's accession to the throne. Tonight, join our special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's "The Kiss".



STIFT DÜRNSTEIN AND CASTLE RUIN

DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / WEISSENKIRCHEN

Arrive first today in Dürnstein, the tiny river town that imprisoned England's King Richard the Lionheart on his way home from the Crusades. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike takes you up to the clifftop castle where he was held, or you can attend a tasting to learn what makes the Wachau Valley's wines so popular. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to sample apricot schnapps, created from apricots grown right in the Wachau!

DAY 8 – LINZ

How would you like to spend your day? An invigorating hike might be fun, or you could visit the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery, Mozart's Salzburg, or the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic.

DAY 9 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in Germany's City of Three Rivers, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet. Here, a guided walk through the Old Town shows off the ancient cobblestones, work-of-art Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs), and more. At the end, your efforts are rewarded with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer.

DAY 10 – GREIN / MELK / WACHAU VALLEY

A sight-filled day is in store in Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, which is packed with humorous and quirky features. Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you could hike up to the Gobelwarte Observation Tower for outstanding panoramic views, or join a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk. There, you can get an inside look at its world-famous Baroque abbey, explore town by e-bike, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. Tonight, as your ship passes back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, a dining experience you'll never forget. From atop the Vista Deck, cruise by one brilliant scene after another as you savor a delicious al fresco dinner.

DAY 11 – VIENNA

Morning arrival back in Vienna for more time in the esteemed city of former monarchs and musicians. Why not join another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion? There's also time for shopping, a museum visit, or a mélange coffee and scrumptious piece of sachertorte at an atmospheric coffee house.

DAY 12 – VIENNA

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



WACHAU VALLEY



PASSAU, GERMANY'S CITY OF THREE RIVERS