

# DESTINATION DANUBE: HUNGARY NATIONAL DAY & VIENNA IN DEPTH

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DAY FIREWORKS, BUDAPEST

This luxury cruise is amazing for so many reasons! Begin in Hungary during the nation’s exuberant independence celebration. Visit Budapest and Esztergom amidst a flurry of colorful flags and ribbons, parades, folk traditions, and fireworks. Hungary will soon occupy a special place in your heart! Then, pass through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, a scenic wonderland of castles, hillside orchards, world-class wines, and some of the river’s most unforgettable cities and villages. Finally, explore the wonders of Vienna for three full days. The Baroque City of Music has so much to see and do, it’s little wonder monarchs and musicians called it home over the centuries.

### ITINERARY

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



DATES IN 2026  
19 Aug



### RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences! In Budapest, the cityscape’s nighttime beauty is further enhanced by an explosion of light and color as the country celebrates Hungary National Day. Enjoy the festivities from atop the Vista Deck, with refreshments and unhindered views of the brilliant musical fireworks display over the Danube.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's majestic capital city spanning both sides of the Danube. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled in. Meet fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner, then feel free to explore Budapest's nightlife on your own. Your ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

A fantastic day to explore one of the world's most beautiful cities! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can relax and see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit Gödöllo Castle, one of the most important examples of Hungarian palace architecture (and Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace); and other exciting possibilities. For a complete listing of the excursions available throughout your cruise, see the Riverside website. Tonight, head up to your ship's Vista Deck for a very special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT. To celebrate Hungarian independence, join our Hungary National Day festivities, complete with champagne, refreshments, and outstanding views of Budapest's brilliant musical fireworks display over the river.

## DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning of cruising gives you time for a relaxed breakfast or to take advantage of your

ship's amenities. How about a workout in the ship's Fitness Center or a massage or spa treatment? After lunch, disembark in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options are a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, a guided e-bike tour along both sides of the Danube, and other options.

## DAY 4 – BRATISLAVA

Morning arrival in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of sightseeing options, including a refreshing e-bike ride through the Bratislavan wetlands, time at the Danubiana Museum, or a Slovakian wine discovery and tasting. If you prefer, head out on your own to search for Napoleon's wall-lodged cannonballs in the Old Town, or maybe try a delicious Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAYS 5 & 6 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's wonderful capital and center of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Two full days give you plenty of time to explore with RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. You might enjoy a visit to Hofburg Palace to admire the wonders in its lavish Treasury, the chance to peek inside mighty Schönbrunn Palace, e-biking through historic Prater Park, and other possibilities.



BUDAPEST AT NIGHT



WACHAU VALLEY

## DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / WEISSENKIRCHEN

Arrive in Dürnstein early and hear about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the third Crusades. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you could hike up to the town's castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley or join a wine experience to learn what creates the Wachau's popular wines – and to taste them for yourself! Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to hike, attend a wonderful wine tasting, or learn about (and sample) real Wachau Valley apricot schnapps. Tonight is a special treat! As you pass through the Wachau Valley, savor a delightful al fresco dinner up on the Vista Deck. Be sure to keep your camera ready, because each bend of the river seemingly reveals another stunning castle or terraced vineyard.

## DAY 8 – LINZ

An extra cup of coffee at breakfast will help prepare you for a busy day! How about an invigorating hike, a visit to the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery, or an outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or to medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic?

## DAY 9 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in Germany's acclaimed City of Three Rivers. Situated along the Route of Emperors and Kings, this is where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet, and a guided walk through the Old Town shows off the highlights. Admire the ancient cobblestones, the 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

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their cell. Meanwhile, with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you could hike up to Grein's 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 join a guided tour through its world-famous Baroque abbey, explore Melk by electric bicycle, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today.



DANUBE TOWER, VIENNA

## DAY 11 – VIENNA

Morning arrival back in Vienna for another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, some shopping, or maybe time at a world-class museum or in one of the city's historic coffee houses. This evening, a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace includes a private musical performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

## DAY 12 – VIENNA

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