

# PEARLS OF THE DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO HUNGARY

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

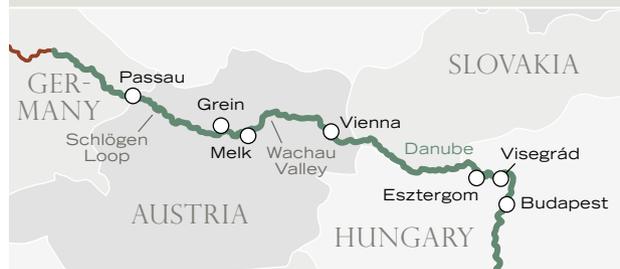


DANUBE RIVER IN SLOVAKIA

This week-long luxury cruise explores some of the Danube's most striking ports and capitals! Begin in Germany's Passau, part of the Route of Emperors and Kings; Grein, whose 15th-century castle towers over Austria's oldest theater; and Vienna, the Baroque City of Music where grandiose Habsburg palaces are the very fabric of the cityscape. You'll also pass through the extraordinary Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overflowing with castles, vineyards, and apricot orchards; and spend time in Hungary's Esztergom and Budapest, the breathtaking Queen of the Danube!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Grein/ Melk/ Wachau Valley	Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest
Day 3 – Vienna	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	



## DATES IN 2026

25 Jun, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug, 27 Aug



## 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 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where three rivers come together – the greenish Inn from high in the Swiss Alps, the black moorland waters of the Ilz, and the blue Danube. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your ship departs in the afternoon. Tonight, toast your journey during your first gourmet dinner on board.

## DAY 2 – GREIN / MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, which has a variety of 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 electric bike, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. This evening, a special al fresco dinner is cooked and served up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley.



AGGSTEN CASTLE RUIN, WACHAU VALLEY

## DAY 3 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. This morning's RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, or a fun electric bike ride around historic Prater Park. After lunch, more outstanding excursions are available, so take your pick! This evening is a special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

## DAYS 4 & 5 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days to immerse yourself in everything Vienna has to offer. You could head to the Ringstrasse for time at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, one of the most important museums in the world, or visit the Spanish Riding School at Hofburg Palace, where the Lipizzaner Stallions train for their dazzling equine performances. If you'd prefer to check off another country from your Bucket List, visit Bratislava, Slovakia – RIVERSIDE CHOICE will get you there and back!

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Another day, another country as you disembark in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its ornate Treasury; a guided electric bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch on the way to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, enjoy a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE champagne entrance into Budapest, the incomparable Queen of the Danube!

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

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