

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE & WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



PANORAMA VIEW OF ESZTERGOM

You'll be in heaven for eleven ... days, that is, during this luxury Danube cruise. Highlights include Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers; Grein, whose 15th-century castle towers over Austria's oldest theater; and Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages. You'll also explore the photo-worthy Wachau Valley, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with castles and vineyards; as well as three peerless Danube capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest! Along the way, sample each country's fabulous wines and cuisine, interact with the locals for an authentic impression of the regions, and see the highlights the way you choose through RIVERSIDE CHOICE!

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| Day 1 – Passau | Day 7 – Budapest |
| Day 2 – Grein/Melk / Wachau Valley | Day 8 – Budapest |
| Day 3 – Vienna | Day 9 – Bratislava |
| Day 4 – Vienna | Day 10 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley |
| Day 5 – Vienna | Day 11 – Vienna |
| Day 6 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest | |



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, Germany's City of Three Rivers along the Route of Emperors and Kings. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your ship departs in the afternoon. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates at 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, a scenic stretch dotted with castles and terraced vineyards.

DAY 3 – VIENNA

Arrive in the Austrian capital of Vienna, 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

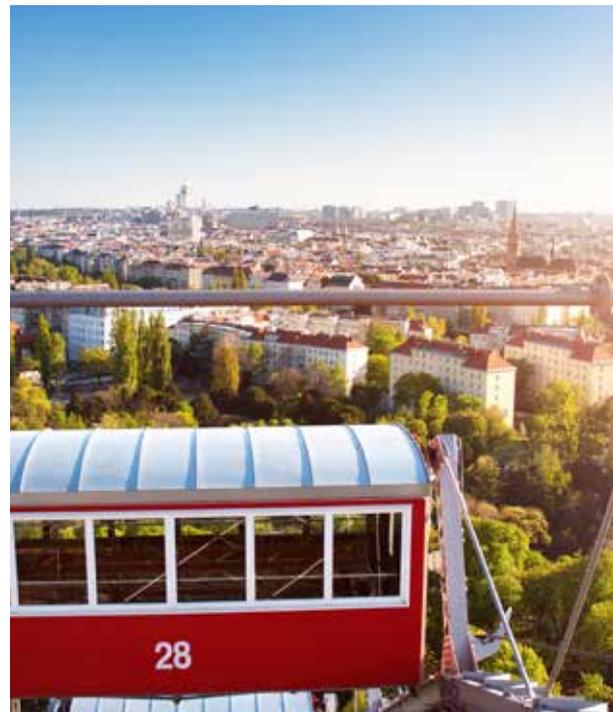
Enjoy two more days to immerse yourself in the splendors of Vienna. If you'd like a preview of Bratislava, RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers an outing to get you there and back. You could also head to the Ringstrasse for time at the Kunst-historisches Museum, one of the most important museums in the world, or visit the Spanish Riding School at Hofburg Palace, where the Lipizzaner Stallions train for their dazzling equine performances.

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

A great day for exploring the enticing Hungarian capital. Join us for a special tour to City Park, one of the world's first public parks. Spanning 302 acres (122 hectares), this Budapest gem is home to a zoo, circus, thermal baths, museums, and more. Visit the Hungarian House of Music for a unique sound dome experience and Vajdahunyad Castle, built to represent different parts of the Kingdom of Hungary. Afterward, participate in a tasting of delicious Hungarian wines.



VIEW FROM VIENNA'S PRATER PARK FERRIS WHEEL



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to see the sights, like a tour inside the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, sightseeing by electric bicycle, and time in the fairytale Castle District on the Buda side of the river. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck to bid the city búcsú (farewell) as your ship moves slowly past the grand monuments lining the river.

DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning, followed by after-lunch docking in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. A full line-up of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options includes the incredible Danubiana Art Museum, a visit to a traditional Slovakian family home, or the chance to learn about (and taste) the area's excellent wines. If you prefer, do some shopping in the pedestrian-only Old Town, or pop into a local pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer.

DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, it's an impressive City of Gardens! See the Nibelungen Fountain that

commemorates Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln); ride an e-bike through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases; or join our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

DAY 11 – VIENNA

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



BUDAPEST CASTLE DISTRICT