

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY & MAJESTIC MELK ABBEY

PASSAU TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



DANUBE IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

Travel along Europe's second-longest river on this thrilling 2-week luxury cruise showcasing the Danube's finest stretches! Highlights include the photogenic Wachau Valley, where castles and vineyards greet you around virtually every bend of the river; Bratislava and Budapest, and five full days in Vienna, the enchanting City of Music. You'll also investigate the treasures of Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers; Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages; and Austria's quaint villages of Grein and Tulln, popular Dürnstein and Linz, and Melk with its Baroque Benedictine abbey, home to a library of rare ancient manuscripts!

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| Day 1 – Passau | Day 10 – Tulln/
Wachau
Valley |
| Day 2 – Grein/Melk | Day 11 – Vienna |
| Day 3 – Vienna | Day 12 – Vienna |
| Day 4 – Vienna | Day 13 – Dürnstein/
Melk |
| Day 5 – Vienna | Day 14 – Mauthausen/
Linz |
| Day 6 – Esztergom/
Visegrád/
Budapest | Day 15 – Passau |
| Day 7 – Budapest | |
| Day 8 – Budapest | |
| Day 9 – Bratislava | |



DATES IN 2026

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 shipmates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – GREIN / MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Your day begins in the quaint village of Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, which has more than a few unusual features. Our RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a hike up to the Gobelwarte Observation Tower, a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, and other options. You can see the full list on our website. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk. There, admire the splendor of the world-famous Baroque abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. This evening, dine in Austria's most scenic restaurant! A special al fresco dinner is cooked and served up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the castle- and vineyard-dotted 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 offerings are a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, or a fun electric bike ride around Prater Park, used at one time as imperial hunting grounds. After lunch, more tempting excursions are available, then this evening is a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and 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 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.



KARLSKIRCHE CHURCH, VIENNA

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 champagne and a grand UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE 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.

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.

DAYS 11 & 12 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna provides two final days in the City of Music. Let us help you make the most of your time with our fantastic RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions.

DAY 13 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

Compared to the grandiose architecture of Vienna, the quaint charm of Dürnstein is a stark contrast. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the town's castle ruin, where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades, or attend a tasting of the Wachau's famous wines. If you're feeling ambitious, ride an e-bike along the river to your next port at Melk. Otherwise, reboard the ship for al fresco barbecue, prepared and served up on the Vista Deck as you pass through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley. The afternoon is in Melk, whose ochre-colored Benedictine abbey is utterly amazing. Otherwise, how about a visit to an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm?

DAY 14 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can take you as far afield as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the Czech Republic's medieval walled village of Český Krumlov, and the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic past during WWII. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through stunning riverscapes. Arrive after lunch in Linz, where you can explore the Old Town with an expert guide or take a scenic hike. Whatever you choose, be sure your day includes a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 15 – PASSAU

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



VIEW OVER SALZBURG