

WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND & GRAND DANUBE CAPITALS

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY IN AUTUMN

If you have a week, Riverside can help you make the most of it! Embark your luxury ship in Lower Bavaria's Passau, a former Roman colony and hub of trade and commerce in the Middle Ages. Then, on to charming Grein, whose 15th-century castle towers over Austria's oldest theater. Some of Europe's most awe-inspiring scenery (and delectable wines) await in the Wachau Valley, so keep your camera handy and your tastebuds ready! Finally, come face to face with magnificence in Austria's celebrated Vienna and Budapest, Hungary, one of the most beautiful cities in the world!

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



DATES IN 2026

16 Apr, 30 Apr, 14 May, 28 May, 11 Jun,
10 Sep, 24 Sep, 8 Oct, 22 Oct, 5 Nov



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – such as an exclusive visit to Greinburg Castle, one of the first castles in the German-speaking world. Enjoy a special welcome reception with canapés and champagne, followed by a guided tour and a delightful private concert set within this remarkable historic setting.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where three different rivers, Veste Oberhaus fortress to the north, and Maria-hilf pilgrimage church to the south provide something to see in every direction! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and explore your ship's many amenities before savoring your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – GREIN

Enjoy a free and easy morning, then after lunch, step off the ship in Grein for a wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. Commune with nature during a pleasant electric bicycle tour, or visit Clam Castle's well-preserved rooms. A RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience is also on offer to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, the oldest residential castle in Austria. After a warm welcome and champagne, embark on a guided tour to admire rooms decorated with priceless historical art and furnishings, the unique Sala Terrena (Stone Theater), Diamond Vault, Knights Hall, and more. Your visit is capped off with an entertaining private concert – you'll truly feel like you've stepped back in time!

DAY 3 – WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KREMS

A perfect start to the day as you cruise through the castle-filled Wachau Valley. The ambiance alone makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. To accent the experience, step up onto the Vista Deck, where a special al fresco barbecue is prepared and served among the scenic beauty. Afterward, a stop in Krems offers the chance to learn about one of the valley's special crops – apricots! Within the EU, the Wachau apricot is protected as its own brand. Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs and brandies, or join a Wachau Wine Experience with tasting. A full list of excursions for your cruise is available on our website.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

Austria's capital and illustrious City of Music welcomes you with open arms today! If you like, join us for an inside visit to the Habsburgs' Hofburg Palace with its priceless Treasury, or how about an exciting day trip to another neighboring Danube capital: charming Bratislava, Slovakia? See the highlights of the beautiful Old Town during a guided walk, followed by a tasting of authentic Slovak beer at a local brewery.



SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL, VIENNA

DAY 5 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy an inside peek at the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, a relaxed e-bike ride through Prater Park with its giant Ferris wheel, or a tour of the Spanish Riding School, where the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions are trained.

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.