

WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND WITH DANUBE CAPITALS IN DEPTH

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



SCHLÖGEN LOOP, DANUBE VALLEY

Cruise from Germany into the breathtaking Wachau Valley and beyond on this 11-day luxury cruise. Embark in Passau, the City of Three Rivers, and stop in charming Grein, home to Austria’s oldest theater, and Krems, a major producer of apricot schnapps! Next, waltz your way around Vienna, the impeccable City of Music, and bask in the welcoming atmosphere of Bratislava, Slovakia. Entering Hungary, explore Esztergom, the country’s capital during the Middle Ages, then enjoy three full days in Budapest, its current capital. From Parliament and the Castle District to the thermal baths and Jewish Quarter’s Bohemian ruin bars, there’s no shortage of things to see and do!

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



DATES IN 2026
28 May



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest’s remarkable Horse Railway Cultural Center. Situated in the reconstructed Zugliget Horse Railway terminal, you’ll sip champagne surrounded by period decor and ambiance from 150 years ago and will lose yourself in the heart and soul of the Danube as it is revealed through the music.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in and explore your ship's many amenities. Tonight, toast your journey during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – GREIN

Fresh coffee and amazing scenery in every direction are key ingredients to a great morning. After lunch, disembark in Grein, where a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions lets you commune with nature during a pleasant electric bicycle tour, hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, and other possibilities. A full list of available excursions is on our website.

DAY 3 – WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KREMS

An incredible start to the day with morning cruising through the legendary Wachau Valley. The ambiance alone makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. Be sure to have your camera, because there's no shortage of picturesque castles, wine villages, and vineyards. To accent the experience, enjoy a special al fresco barbecue, prepared and served up on the Vista

Deck. Then, as you reach the far end of the Wachau, disembark in the quaint city of Krems for a guided walk and tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery, or a hike through Old Town Krems and up into the surrounding vineyards.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's illustrious City of Music, historic home to monarchs and musicians alike. If you like, join us for an inside visit to the Habsburg rulers' 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.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

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



SCHOENBUEHEL CASTLE, WACHAU VALLEY

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Traveling southeast along the Danube, your ship enters Hungary! Begin 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 fun (and delicious) foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, explore the town first mentioned in 1009 AD, as well as its imposing fortress. Tonight is something special as you head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE champagne entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring the gorgeous 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 expansive oasis 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, savor a variety of Hungarian wines at a special tasting.



DANUBIANA ART MUSEUM, BRATISLAVA

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to Budapest's many facets and RIVERSIDE CHOICE lets you take your pick your focus: visit the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, Austrian Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllo Palace, Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District on the Buda side of the river, or other options. Tonight is an evening of music and champagne during a private RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at the historic Horse Railway Cultural Center.

DAY 9 – BUDAPEST

One last day in Budapest to put your finger on the pulse of this amazing city. Perhaps join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a boat ride to the neighboring artists' village of Szentendre or the chance to see the sights from the seat of an electric bicycle. Back on the ship later, the Vista Deck is the place to be for final glimpses of the city as your ship moves slowly out of Budapest.

DAY 10 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for bottomless refills on your coffee and the chance to admire the scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for plenty of tempting RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the world-class Danubiana Art Museum, an active e-bike ride through the scenic Bratislavan wetlands, or the chance to visit a traditional Slovakian family home? The hilltop castle and pedestrian-only Old Town are also worth exploring – be sure to cap your time here with a refreshing Slovakian beer at an inviting sidewalk pub!

DAY 11 – VIENNA

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



VAJDAHUNYAD CASTLE IN BUDAPEST CITY PARK