

WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND WITH DANUBE CAPITALS & MELK ABBEY

PASSAU TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



KREMS ON THE DANUBE IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

For 22 miles (36 km), the Danube meanders through the scenic valley it carved millennia ago. This valley, the Wachau, is one of Europe's oldest cultural landscapes, and its mesmerizing monuments were essentially built on wealth from the region's incredible wine-growing tradition. This fantastic 2-week luxury cruise gives the Wachau the attention it deserves, with stops in some of Europe's quaintest villages, like Krems and Dürnstein, and time to explore 11th-century Melk Abbey, one of Austria's most beautiful Baroque monasteries. Three vibrant Danube capitals are the icing on the cake as you explore the treasures of Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest in all their glory!

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



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, meet fellow shipmates at 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 Habsburgs' Hofburg Palace with its priceless Treasury, or how about an exciting day trip to another neighboring Danube capital: charming Bratislava in 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 refined Austrian capital. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy an inside peek at the Habsburgs' former summer residence at 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.



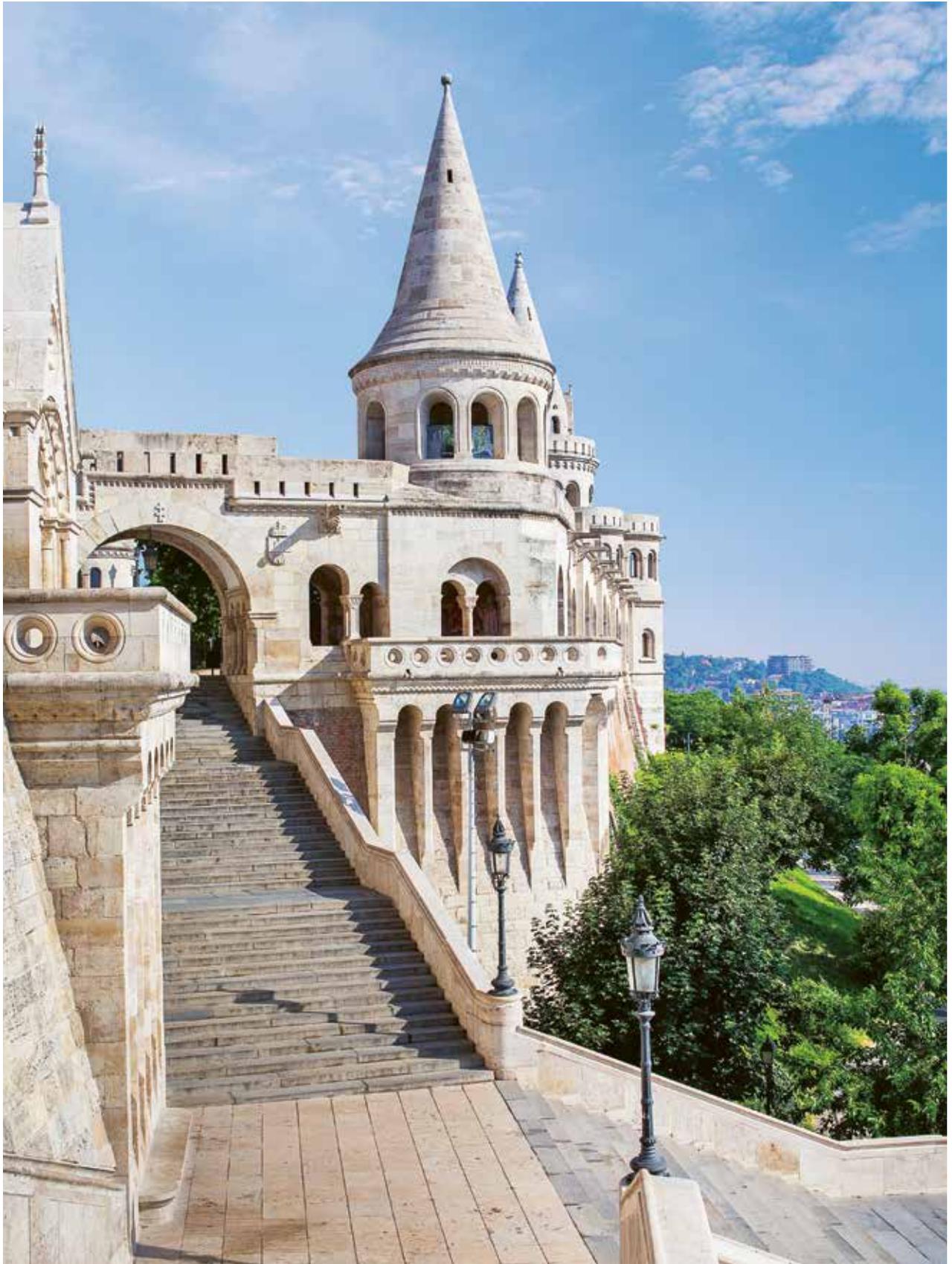
MICHAEL'S GATE, BRATISLAVA

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.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to Budapest with its grand architecture, fascinating history and culture, and mouthwatering food. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a wide range of outstanding shore excursions, so take your pick: the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, Austrian Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllo Palace, the fairytale architecture of Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District on the Buda side of the river, and more. Tonight, an evening of music and champagne awaits 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!

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 an engaging RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. Also, don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 13 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

Your morning port of call is in pretty-as-a-picture Dürnstein. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the clifftop castle ruin, where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned as he

traveled home from the Crusades. You might also enjoy a tasting of delicious Wachau Valley wines, or an electric bike ride to the ship's next stop in Melk. Lunch on the ship is up on the Vista Deck, where al fresco barbecue is prepared and served as you pass through the castle-filled Wachau. The afternoon is in Melk, whose Benedictine abbey is one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. Other options? Try a visit to 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or a traditional Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm.

DAY 14 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Busy or relaxed – the choice is yours today! To optimize your final cruise day, consider a RIVERSIDE CHOICE outing to Mozart's Salzburg, medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic WWII past. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through some of the Danube's prettiest landscapes. After lunch, arrive in Linz for a guided walk through the Old Town, or maybe an invigorating hike. Be sure to treat yourself to a decadent slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake!

DAY 15 – PASSAU

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



BRATISLAVIAN WETLANDS