

# WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND FROM PASSAU TO VIENNA

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



DANUBE RIVER NEAR BRATISLAVA

Some travelers love cosmopolitan cities. Others prefer Old World villages or the peace and beauty of nature. This luxury cruise is the perfect balance of it all! Explore three Danube capitals in Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest. Our RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions ensures you have plenty of options when it comes to the must-see sites! Also wander through picturesque villages, like Grein with its oddity-filled old theater; Krems, whose Baroque town gate is like something out of a fairytale; Esztergom, home to an impressive basilica atop Castle Hill; and others. A final treat is time in the Wachau Valley, where stunning riverscapes and some of Austria's best wines await!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Grein	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 3 – Wachau Valley/Krems	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

16 Apr, 30 Apr, 14 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.



OLD TOWN PASSAU

#### DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube Rivers, Veste Oberhaus fortress, and the Mariahilf pilgrimage church 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 step off the ship in Grein after lunch 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 see 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.

#### 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, stop in Krems for 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 tour and 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 Habsburg rulers' 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 magic of Vienna. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you might enjoy an inside peek at the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, a relaxed electric 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.



ESZTERGOM BASILICA

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary! Your day begins 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 e-bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk; 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

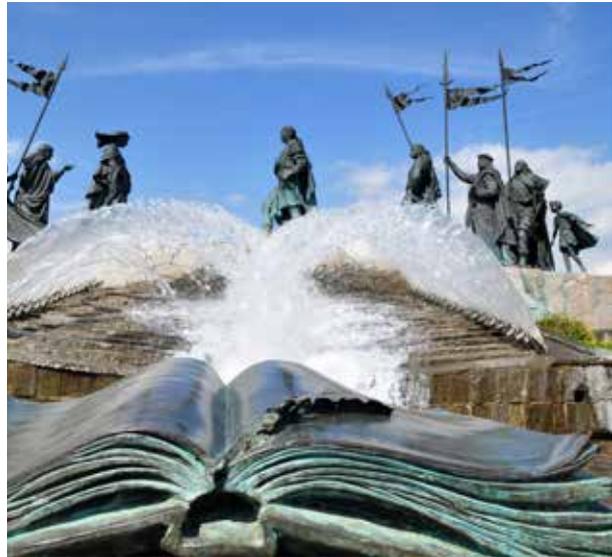
A great day for exploring. Join us for a special tour to one of the world's first public parks. Spanning 302 acres (122 hectares), this gem is home to a zoo, circus, thermal baths, museums, and more. Visit the Hungarian House of Music for a unique sound dome experience and Vajdahunyad Castle, built to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

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

Fuel up with breakfast, then seize the day! How about a tour inside the vast Hungarian Parliament Building or time in the Castle District? 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.



DANUBE RIVER NEAR ESZTERGOM



NIBELUNGEN FOUNTAIN, TULLN

## DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for an onboard massage or spa treatment. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. You might enjoy a visit to a traditional Slovakian family home, the chance to learn about (and taste) the area's excellent wines, or time at the impressive Danubiana Art Museum. If you prefer to shop, the Old Town is a great pedestrian-only option. When you're finished, maybe pop into a local pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer!

## DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old "Garden City" of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, hear about centuries marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War, and see the Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside, or discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE 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.