

# WACHAU VALLEY WONDERLAND & FOUR-COUNTRY DANUBE ADVENTURE

PASSAU TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

When it comes to rivers, the Danube is epic, flowing for 1,770 miles (2,850 km) through 10 countries, more than any other river in the world! This exciting cruise highlights four of those countries and some of the river’s most memorable sections. Embark in Germany’s Passau, where the Danube mingles with the Inn and Ilz. Then, enter Austria to explore the beauty and culture of the Wachau Valley, as well as Vienna, the City of Music, and Melk with its fantastic Baroque abbey. Hungary offers two show-stoppers of its own in ancient Esztergom and breathtaking Budapest, while Slovakia’s capital, Bratislava, will capture your heart with its warmth and exquisite Old Town.

### ITINERARY

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



### DATES IN 2026

16 Apr, 14 May, 10 Sep, 24 Sep, 8 Oct, 22 Oct, 5 Nov



### 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 exciting City of Three Rivers. 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 refreshments, 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.

## 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.



WACHAU APRICOT LIQUEUR

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Disembark today in Vienna, Austria's illustrious City of Music, historic home to monarchs and musicians. 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.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to Vienna's many wonders. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, get an inside peek at the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, ride an e-bike through Prater Park with its giant Ferris wheel, or tour 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

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.



VIENNA VINEYARDS



MAIN SQUARE, OLD TOWN BRATISLAVA

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great ways to explore, 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 – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options. You might enjoy time at 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 to do some independent shopping, the pedestrian-only Old Town is a great option.

## DAY 10 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old “Garden City” of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, it's a much more enjoyable place, so get out there and ride an e-bike through the Austrian countryside, or join a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the legendary Wachau Valley.

## DAYS 11 & 12 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days of Vienna magic. Take advantage of additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions, or head out on your own to shop or experience one of the city's famous coffee houses – be sure to try a piece of decadent Viennese Apfelstrudel. Also, join us for 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

If there's a single port that symbolizes the Wachau Valley, it's Dürnstein. Its distinctive blue and white tower, imposing castle ruin looming over town, and overall charm look like something right out of a picturebook. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike up to the castle is a popular activity, while wine enthusiasts may enjoy a tasting of the outstanding wines produced from the local vineyards. For a truly active pursuit, pedal your way via electric bicycle to the ship's next stop. Back on board, al fresco barbecue is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, before disembarking in Melk. There, you can visit the august Benedictine abbey, one of the most exquisite Baroque structures in the world; tour Artstetten Castle; or visit a traditional Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a sweet honey experience.

## DAY 14 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Decisions, decisions! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers so many possibilities today, including outings to “Sound of Music” Salzburg, the medieval village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. 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 most stunning landscapes. Arrive after lunch in Linz to 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.