

PEARLS OF THE DANUBE & WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN

If you only have a little time to spare, then Carpe Diem – seize the day (or, in this case, seize the five days of this memorable Danube River jaunt). Spend time in some of Europe's most striking cities, towns, and villages, including Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers come together; Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake (which is, incidentally, still made today); charming Grein; and lovely Dürnstein with its looming clifftop castle ruin and striking blue and white abbey. You'll also cruise through the incredible Wachau Valley, a splendid UNESCO World Heritage Site overflowing with riverbank castles, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards. Your adventure concludes in Vienna, the celebrated City of Music, where opulent palaces and grandiose architecture lining almost every street positively invite you to waltz!

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Day 1 – Passau

Day 4 – Vienna

Day 2 – Linz

Day 5 – Vienna

Day 3 – Grein/
Dürnstein



DATES IN 2025

18 May, 11 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship departs this afternoon and cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where owners could lock their reserved seats to prevent others from sitting there! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing al fresco barbecue lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, evening arrival in Dürnstein with its fascinating lore tied to King Richard the



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DANUBE TOWER, VIENNA

Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Hear the story as you join a local expert for a walk and tasting of the Wachau's famous wines.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. This morning's RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace; or a fun guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower. Alternatively, you could head out on your own to spend time in a world-class museum, atmospheric Viennese coffee house, or the acclaimed Spanish Riding School, training center of the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful The Kiss.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.