

SERENADE OF THE DANUBE FROM PASSAU TO BUDAPEST

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

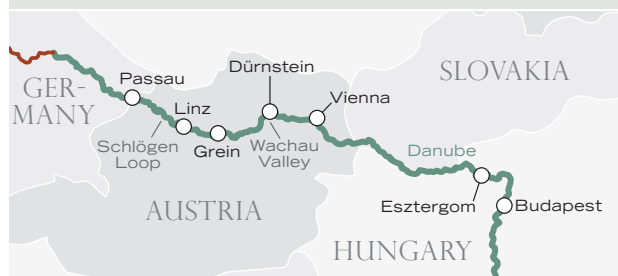


WACHAU VALLEY NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

Not all weeks are created equal, but this is one you'll be talking about for years to come! Your 8-day voyage begins in Passau, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers converge. Then, on to Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; and lovely Dürnstein, which remains forever connected to England's King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Spend two unforgettable days in Vienna, where the opulent palaces and Baroque architecture simply invite you to waltz! Afterward, discover the spirit of Hungary, with port stops in Esztergom, one of the country's oldest towns, and, of course, Budapest, the exquisite capital spanning both banks of the Danube.

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Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Linz	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 8 – Budapest



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 oddities include a curtained-off toilet near the seats so patrons wouldn't miss the plot! 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 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 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 can 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

What will you do with your second day in the City of Music? You can take advantage of another great RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a day trip to nearby Bratislava, wonderful capital of Slovakia, or maybe head out to do some souvenir shopping!

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, Hungary's "Versailles" and one of the largest Baroque castles in the world. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our magical UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

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