

# DANUBE NEW WINE CELEBRATION WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

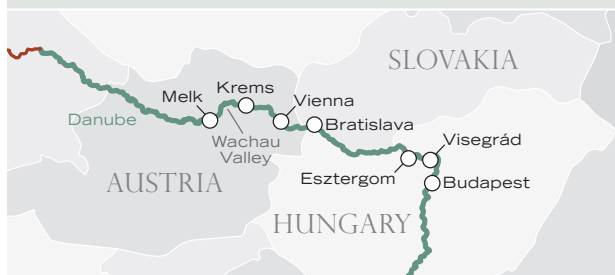


VINEYARDS AT SUNSET

Three regal Habsburg capitals, the incomparable Wachau Valley, and a rollout of the harvest's new wines – it all equals one amazing Danube cruise! Spend a full week exploring, starting in Austria's capital, Vienna, the divine City of Music. Then, investigate the treasures of Melk's Benedictine abbey, and wander through Krems, where wine connoisseurs congregate each autumn. The terraced vineyards and apricot orchards of the glorious Wachau usher you on to the unexpected gem of Bratislava, Slovakia, and Hungary's Visegrád, Esztergom, and Budapest, one of the world's most elegant cities. But beyond sightseeing, you'll also help the locals celebrate the year's grape harvest during St. Martin's festivities, where the new wine is blessed and served for the very first time!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Visegrád/ Budapest
Day 2 – Melk/Krems	
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 4 – Esztergom	Day 7 – Budapest



## DATES IN 2025

5 Nov



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an onboard wine-paired dinner hosted by Riverside's Master Sommelier and an award-winning local wine-maker. Learn about the region's tantalizing wines and how perfectly they pair with each course of your gourmet meal!

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's big, beautiful, Baroque capital city! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. If you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour! Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

## DAY 2 – MELK / KREMS

Today the fun begins in Melk! A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a visit to the legendary Baroque abbey with its collection of ancient manuscripts; or a tour of the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. For lunch, dine up on your ship's Vista Deck as you cruise through the stunning Wachau Valley. Then, on to Krems for more RIVERSIDE CHOICE options: a guided tour of Stein with apricot schnapps tasting at the Bailoni distillery; a city highlights tour by bike; or a stroll along Krems' famous art mile with time at the award-winning State Gallery of Lower Austria. Tonight on your ship, a special treat awaits! Savor a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE gourmet wine-paired dinner conducted by your onboard Sommelier and Gerhard Kracher, whose family-run Kracher Winery has earned the coveted "Wine Maker of the Year" seven times! Hear about the Burgenland region's sweet wines, including the world-famous Trockenbeerenauslese, Beerenauslese, and ice wine; learn the secret behind the area's successful viticulture; and experience the fantastic end result, paired perfectly with each stage of your meal.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Late-morning arrival in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, where wine has a 3,000-year tradition due to the fertile soil and sun-filled days. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of sightseeing options! How about an Old Town walking tour, time at the Danubiana Art Museum, an active bike ride to Devin Castle, a fascinating Jewish heritage tour, or a tasting of the country's best new wines? Alternatively, head out on your own to shop or maybe try Slovakian cuisine at a charming Old Town café!

## DAY 4 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a relaxed morning of breakfast and scenic cruising, with after-lunch arrival in Esztergom, capital of Hungary in the Middle Ages. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury; a guided bike tour through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun

foodie walk to sample the local favorites and specialties; a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its castle; or an enriching wine tour featuring Hungary's version of the harvest's new wines!

## DAY 5 – VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Late-morning arrival in Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, you'll receive a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as its captivating fortress. Alternatively, join an informative (and delicious) tasting of the area's new wines! Back on your ship this evening, join your Master Sommelier for a tasting and explanation about the region's St. Martin's Day new-wine traditions. Then, later, night owls will get a special treat as your ship makes a regal entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the Queen of the Danube. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the highlights during a panoramic coach tour; visit the monumental Parliament Building; join an exhilarating bike tour; or learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, how about a visit to Gödöllo Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; or maybe a jaunt to neighboring Szentendre, a town known for its colorful, Baroque architecture and narrow, cobblestone streets?

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

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



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