

UNABRIDGED DANUBE, MAIN & RHINE: BUCHAREST TO AMSTERDAM

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BELGRADE

Go Big or Go Home as you cruise through nine countries along the Danube, Main, and Rhine Rivers. You'll see palaces, fortresses, and half-timbered houses; savor everything from "smoked beer" to the world's best paprika; and make scenic passages you'll never forget. Your adventure begins with exotic Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Croatia. In Hungary, Budapest will leave you speechless, while Bratislava, Slovakia, is an unexpected gem. In Austria, waltz your way through Vienna and enjoy the Old World vibe of Dürnstein. Finally, enter Germany for an exuberant Willkommen! The lovely canals of Amsterdam place the perfect finish on this travel opus!

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| Day 1 - Bucharest/
Giurgiu | Day 12 - Dürnstein/
Melk |
| Day 2 - Rousse/
Svistov | Day 13 - Passau |
| Day 3 - Vidin | Day 14 - Regensburg |
| Day 4 - Kladovo/
Iron Gates | Day 15 - Nuremberg |
| Day 5 - Belgrade | Day 16 - Nuremberg |
| Day 6 - Vukovar | Day 17 - Bamberg |
| Day 7 - Kalocsa | Day 18 - Würzburg |
| Day 8 - Budapest | Day 19 - Miltenberg |
| Day 9 - Budapest | Day 20 - Rudesheim/
Rhine Gorge/
Koblenz |
| Day 10 - Bratislava | Day 21 - Cologne |
| Day 11 - Vienna | Day 22 - Amsterdam |
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DATES IN 2026

26 May, 22 Sep



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".



PAPRIKA HOUSE, VUKOVAR

DAY 1 – BUCHAREST / GIURGIU

Welcome to Bucharest, Romania's capital and a graceful center of belle époque architecture. Transfer to Giurgiu on the Lower Danube to embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy. Relax as you settle in, then meet fellow cruisemates tonight at your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – ROUSSE / SVISTOV

Your day begins in Rousse with an exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, including a visit to an ancient cave monastery. A full list of the excursions available throughout your cruise is on our website. Afterward, meet up with the ship in Svistov, a cultural center that was severely damaged during the Russo-Turkish War, sacked by the Russians in 1878, and nearly destroyed by an earthquake in 1977. Since then, it has recovered as a hub of agriculture, fishing, and higher learning. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by a relaxed afternoon of scenic cruising.

DAY 3 – VIDIN

Early arrival this morning in the Bulgarian port city of Vidin. This fertile hinterland is known for its tradition of wine production, which dates back to the time of the Thracians in 3500 BC. A great menu of excursions offers wine tasting, a baking demonstration in a traditional Bulgarian home, and a guided tour of Vidin and the medieval Belogradchik Fortress on the northern slopes of the Balkan Mountains.

DAY 4 – KLADOVO / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Dobro jutro (good morning) – welcome to Serbia! The site of Kladovo has been inhabited since the Early Bronze Age. Today, it's popular for its beaches, wine trails, cuisine, and adventure, yet the allure of the ancient past endures. This is where Roman Emperor Trajan built his legendary bridge across the Danube, and where the Romans also constructed Diana Fortress, part of a vast defensive system along the empire's border. Investigate the wonders of this fascinating port, then find a traditional pub and try a glass of the outstanding local wine. Later, reboard your ship for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue up on the Vista Deck as you cruise through the rugged Iron Gates gorges.

DAY 5 – BELGRADE

Your ship arrives this morning in the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. How about a heritage tour that reveals what the country was like as the former Yugoslavia, or maybe sightseeing by e-bike?

DAY 6 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and fortitude of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. See the city's many murals during a refreshing e-bike tour; embark on a fun beer-brewing experience; or visit the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site, followed by wine tasting that reveals why the region has been known since Roman times for its wine culture.

DAY 7 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning, then disembark mid-day in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! Here, a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE excursion whisks you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food.

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your ship makes its grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital. Disembark and see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the Hungarian Parliament Building; or explore historic Szentendre, whose lovely cobblestone streets are lined with Baroque homes and a Mediterranean atmosphere.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

DAY 9 – BUDAPEST

Some cities demand more time, and Budapest is certainly one of them! You might enjoy a visit to Austrian Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllő Palace, or time on the Buda side of the river to see the Castle District, the Matthias Coronation Church, and Fisherman's Bastion with its fairytale towers and turrets.

DAY 10 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning is followed by an after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. Spend time at the impressive Danubiana Art Museum, e-bike through the area wetlands, or discover the country's delicious wines or beers. If you prefer exploring independently, stroll up to Bratislava Castle or do some shopping in the pedestrian-only Old Town.

DAY 11 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital that was influenced heavily over the centuries by monarchs and musicians alike! Visit the Habsburg rulers' primary residence at Hofburg Palace, or the Spanish Riding School, where the famed Lip-

izzaner stallions train. Tonight, join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 12 – DÜRNSTEIN–MELK

A Danube favorite is on tap today. If you're feeling active, lace up your hiking shoes and trek up to Dürnstein Castle or enjoy the scenery from atop an e-bike. A tasting of the Wachau's popular wines is also available. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising to Melk for a tour through its splendid Baroque abbey or a visit to Artstetten Castle to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today.

DAY 13 – PASSAU

A lot of exciting possibilities today! Early risers might enjoy a day trip to Mozart's exquisite Salzburg or to medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. For a more leisurely start to the day, arrive this afternoon in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, for a guided tour of the medieval city center or a visit to an artists' workshop.

DAY 14 – REGENSBURG

Mid-morning stop in Regensburg, which was influenced and built by many cultures over its 2,000 years. Join a walk through the Old Town and sample sausage at the world's oldest continuously operating restaurant, or enjoy a boat ride through the Danube Gorge and a visit to Weltenburg Abbey, where monks began brewing beer in 1050 AD.

DAY 15 – NUREMBERG

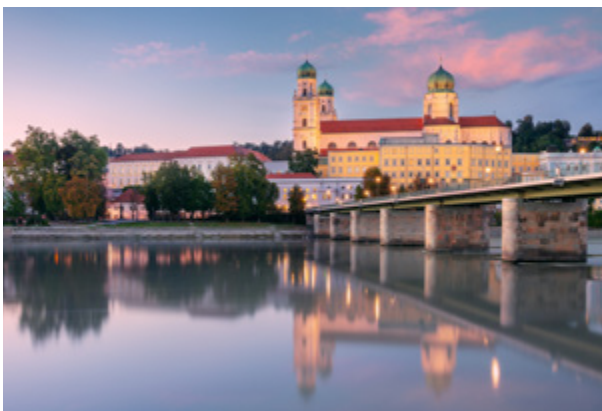
Bewitchingly beautiful yet historically damaged, few cities have suffered the split personality that Nuremberg has. Today, you'll get the backstory during a selection of excursions. Join an expert guide to see the Old Town with its King's Gate, former customs house, Executioner's Bridge, and more. Or, a WWII-focused tour might be of interest, featuring the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the Palace of Justice where the Nuremberg trials took place.

DAY 16 – NUREMBERG

Enjoy another day in Nuremberg, a city known for its toys, gingerbread, and sausages since the Middle Ages. You might enjoy a tour under the castle to see the secret rock vaults that protected precious art treasures during WWII.

DAY 17 – BAMBERG

One of Germany's unrivaled masterpieces awaits in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg. A great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions includes a guided visit to the four-towered cathedral founded in 1004 AD, the quaint fishermen's huts in Little Venice, and the unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Also available? A tour focusing on the Rauchbier (smoked beer) the city has been brewing for almost 900 years.



PASSAU

DAY 18 – WÜRZBURG

The wonders of Würzburg can be seen today on a walk through the resplendent Old Town, followed by a tour of the Residenz, one of Europe's grandest palaces. If you prefer, experience the cathedral, Old Town Bridge, and the best sausages in the city; or join an outing along the famed Romantic Road to medieval Rothenburg.

DAY 19– MILTENBERG

A relaxed morning is followed by afternoon arrival in Bavarian Miltenberg. Activities include a nature hike along a 2,000-year-old Roman path, with food and beverage tastings at the city's 17th-century butcher shop; or a look at Miltenberg's medieval architecture and Bavarian cuisine.

DAY 20 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

Spend a beautiful morning in the wine village of Rüdesheim. Ride the cable car, hike through the vineyards and sample the wines, or shop along the atmospheric Drosselgasse. Be sure to try an authentic Rudesheimer Coffee – your tastebuds will thank you! Reboard the ship for lunch and scenic cruising through the Rhine Gorge. Admire dozens of stunning hilltop castles and the Rock of the Loreley with its dramatic legend. After-dinner arrival in Koblenz, where you'll accompany the town watchman on his nightly patrol to ensure the safety of the citizens in 1870s Koblenz!

DAY 21 – COLOGNE

The magnificence of Cologne is established first by its skyline, which is shaped by 12 historical churches. One in particular steals the show today – the twin-spired cathedral. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, get a peek inside this impressive landmark. Alternatively, embark on a Kölsch Beer Discovery or visit the chocolate museum!

DAY 22 – AMSTERDAM

Your day begins with a glorious entrance into Amsterdam, the awe-inspiring Venice of the North. Immerse yourself in very different art at the Rijksmuseum or Street Art & Graffiti Museum, or use virtual reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank. Later, join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the lovely canals!

DAY 23 – AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.