

ESSENCE OF HUNGARY & AUSTRIA WITH BUDAPEST FOCUS

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



VIENNA SKYLINE

Sweeping boulevards lined with Baroque, Neoclassical, and Art Nouveau architecture. Mouth-watering cuisine. Monumental attractions like Parliament, the Castle District, and Fishermen's Bastion. Budapest has so much to offer, and this luxury cruise gives you just what you need to discover its charms: time! You'll also visit Esztergom, Hungary's former capital during the Middle Ages. Then, a jaunt into Slovakia introduces Bratislava's allure before entering Austria, one of the Danube's crowning glories. Stops include Vienna, one-time center of the Habsburg Empire; Melk's Benedictine abbey; Dürnstein, where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades; and more. Finally, breathtaking scenery filled with castles and terraced vineyards is on full display during a memorable passage through the Wachau Valley.

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DATES IN 2025

6 Jul, 31 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as “Spy” and “Red Sparrow” – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, 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. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – 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. An exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes 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 3 – 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! RIVERSIDE CHOICE affords you the chance to see the highlights by comfortable coach; to visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage at Dohány



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

Synagogue. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our unforgettable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Another full day in Budapest lets you soak in everything that makes the city so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, "Hungary's Versailles" and one of the largest Baroque castles in the world.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairy-



ESZTERGOM



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

tale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river, or a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

The morning is free to do as much (or as little) as you like. Take extra time at breakfast or get in a workout at the onboard fitness center. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, hear about centuries marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War, and see the Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place here). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, bike through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit the 12th-century Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its collection of castles, vineyards, and apricot orchards.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna gives you the chance to really explore this exquisite Danube gem. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, and more. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or soak up the atmosphere in an authentic Viennese coffee house!

DAY 9 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a “jail seat” where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein to learn the fascinating tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a brisk hike up to the clifftop castle ruin for great views; a visit to a vinothèque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a tour along the celebrated Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

DAY 11 – VIENNA

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



MELK ABBEY