

# VIENNA WALTZ WITH SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



LINZ, CAPITAL OF UPPER AUSTRIA

Experience the gems of the Austrian Danube on this special 5-day discovery cruise. Begin and end in Vienna, a city renowned for its lavish Baroque architecture, world-class museums, and rich coffee house culture. Then, continue to a wonderful lineup of ports, including Grein, where you'll be fascinated by the curiosities in Austria's oldest theater, and Linz, the birthplace of the Linzer Torte, the world's first cake. In Melk, explore a splendid 11th-century abbey that houses an extensive collection of ancient manuscripts, along with endless views over the river. You'll also enjoy Dürnstein, known for its striking blue and white tower and legendary ties to King Richard the Lionheart. As you pass through the picturesque Wachau Valley, you'll discover a wonderland of apricot orchards, vineyards, and regal riverbank castles – like a vision from a postcard!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna  
Day 2 – Grein  
Day 3 – Linz

Day 4 – Melk/Wachau Valley/  
Dürnstein  
Day 5 – Vienna



## DATES IN 2025

4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights' battle to whisk you back in time.



GARDEN PAVILION AT MELK ABBEY

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's exciting capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and 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 as your ship departs Vienna and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where oddities include a curtained-off toilet near the seats so patrons wouldn't miss any of the plot! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour; hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle; or see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at Artstetten Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

## DAY 3 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, 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! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley; visit gorgeous Salzburg, of "Sound of Music" fame; or travel into the Czech Republic to experience the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 4 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

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. Or, for an active option, you can cycle from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, your knowledgeable guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment. A hike up to the town's castle ruin provides amazing views, or join us at an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

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



VINEYARDS OF THE WACHAU VALLEY