

VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST WITH WACHAU VALLEY

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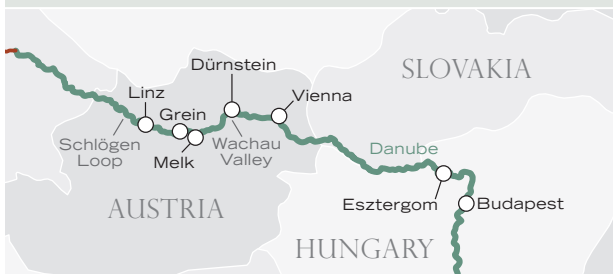


WACHAU VALLEY CASTLE

From Austria to Hungary, there's so much to see and experience along the remarkable Danube! Step aboard your luxury cruise ship in Vienna, one of the river's four inviting capitals. Then, cruise into the lovely Wachau Valley, a wonderland of apricot orchards, vineyards, castles, and charming ports, including Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; Melk with its 11th-century Benedictine abbey; charming Dürnstein – forever tied to its imprisonment of King Richard the Lionheart; and more. Then, pass into Hungary and visit Esztergom, where priceless treasures await at the country's largest church on Castle Hill – or you might enjoy hiking or biking to see the sights. Finally, raise a glass of Tokaji aszú (Hungarian wine) and toast the beauty of Budapest as you enter the capital in style, surrounded by icons on both banks of the Danube.

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



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.

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 even town prisoners could watch the performances from their jail cell! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg 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, join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear the city's history and visit the 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; visit gorgeous "Sound of Music" Salzburg; or travel into the Czech Republic to 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; the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle; 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 vinothèque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

DAY 5 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna gives you the chance to really explore this exquisite Danube gem. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, take a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, visit Schönbrunn Palace, or maybe join a day trip to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or join the locals at an authentic Viennese coffee house.

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. RIVERSIDE CHOICE 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 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, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our remarkable 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.