

VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & THE WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

Austria, Hungary, Slovakia – three bewitching Danube countries in one luxury cruise. Embark in Vienna, Austria's lavish capital and proof of the Habsburg Empire's passion for Baroque! From here, cruise to and through the always-popular Wachau Valley, 20 miles of riverside castles, orchards and vineyards, and some of Europe's tastiest wines and apricot products. Stop in Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; at Melk's 11th-century Benedictine abbey; little Dürnstein – forever known for imprisoning King Richard the Lionheart; and more. Then, cross into Hungary for a dazzling arrival into Budapest, one of the world's most beautiful cities, followed by the whimsical Slovak capital of Bratislava. Active sightseeing opportunities and a selection of excursions through RIVERSIDE CHOICE make this a trip to remember!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 2 – Grein	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 3 – Linz	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 4 – Melk/Wachau Valley/ Dürnstein	Day 9 – Budapest
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 10 – Bratislava
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	Day 12 – 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.



HORSE CARRIAGES AT THE RESIDENZPLATZ, SALZBURG

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 reserved seats could be locked with a key! 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, 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; 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 vintner 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 Schön-



STIFT DÜRNSTEIN AND CASTLE RUIN



SZÉCHENYI CHAIN BRIDGE CONNECTING BUDA AND PEST

brunn 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 free and easy morning on your ship as you cross the border 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! 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 Synagogue. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

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

DAY 9 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairytale 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 10 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scen-



ESZTERGOM BASILICA

ery. 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 11 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town of 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 in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery 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 enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

DAY 12 – VIENNA

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