DAZZLING DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY VIENNA TO PASSAU – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY

The sights and flavors of the darling Danube are yours during this memorable 4-day river journey. Embark in Vienna, Austria's stately capital that is simply packed with grand palaces, world-class museums, and inviting coffee houses. Then, cruise in ultimate luxury into the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Admire the pretty riverbanks lined with impressive castles, and terraced vineyards and orchards! Exciting port stops include quaint Dürnstein and its fabled past with King Richard the Lionheart; Melk, home to the impressive, ochre-colored abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, gorgeous spiral staircase, and terrace overlooking the river; and Passau, one of Germany's busiest manufacturing centers of bladed weapons during the Renaissance!





UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. In Melk, one of Europe's grandest Baroque abbeys has stood over the Danube for a thousand years. Follow in the footsteps of its Benedictine monks, arriving at last at the abbey church for a heavenly organ concert that seemingly commands both time and space.

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, 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 as your ship departs Vienna.

DAY 2 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein early and hear about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the third Crusades. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. you can hike up to the town's castle ruin for panoramic views over the Wachau Valley; visit an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and to learn the secrets behind the Wachau's popular wines; or bike along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship for a gourmet lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the Wachau Valley. Be sure to keep your camera ready, because each bend of the river seemingly reveals another medieval castle or gorgeous terraced vineyard. This afternoon is in Melk, where the Benedictine abbey is one of the largest and most exquisite Baroque structures in the world. During your tour, see the imperial staircase, marble hall,

and library of ancient manuscripts, and enjoy an awe-inspiring UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE musical performance on the abbey's famous organ. Another option is a visit to Artstetten Castle to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlögen Loop – absolutely stunning. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

DAY 4 – PASSAU

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



SCHLÖGEN LOOP