

DANUBE RIVER DANCE WITH BUDAPEST IN DEPTH

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



VISEGRÁD CASTLE

When you're exploring the gems of the Danube, the main thing you want is ... time. This luxury cruise delivers that and a whole lot more. Spend time in Bratislava, and three full days each in Vienna and Budapest. Then, see more of Hungary in its medieval capital, Esztergom; and more of Austria as you pass through the delightful scenery of the Wachau Valley and Schlägen Loop. Also visit ancient river ports like Dürnstein with its captivating Richard the Lionheart lore; Melk and its Benedictine abbey; Mauthausen with its ties to WWII; and charming Linz, Grein, and Krems. You'll even explore Germany's Passau, the famed City of Three Rivers!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 3 – Dürnstein/ Melk	Day 10 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest
Day 3 – Mauthausen/ Linz	Day 11 – Budapest
Day 4 – Passau	Day 12 – Budapest
Day 6 – Grein	Day 13 – Budapest
Day 7 – Wachau Valley/Krems	Day 14 – Bratislava
	Day 15 – Vienna



DATES IN 2026

24 May



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to breathtaking Belvedere Palace. Bask in the ornate Baroque atmosphere as you are treated to a private musical performance and the opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".



PÖSTLINGBERG CHURCH AND HILL, LINZ

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. Tonight, toast your journey during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the exquisite City of Music (not to mention the city of museums, palaces, culture, and so much more). A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off Habsburg rulers' stately Schönbrunn Palace or Prater Park by electric bicycle, with the chance to take a whirl on its famous giant Ferris wheel. You can see a full listing of available excursions on the Riverside website. Tonight, don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

DAY 3 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Compared to the grandiose architecture of Vienna, the quaint charm of Dürnstein is a stark contrast. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the town's castle ruin for breathtaking views, or attend a tasting of the area's delicious wines. If you're feeling ambitious, ride an e-bike along the river to your next port at Melk. Otherwise, re-board the ship for al fresco barbecue, prepared and served up on the Vista Deck as you pass

through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley. The afternoon is in Melk, where the Benedictine abbey is one of Europe's true Baroque treasures. A tour is also available to an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for an encounter your sweet tooth will love!

DAY 4 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE can whisk you off to "Sound of Music" Salzburg, the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial to learn about the area's tragic past during WWII. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great (and scenic) day to do it. Arrive after lunch in Linz, a 2009 European Capital of Culture, where a tour through the Old Town shows off the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or you can hike up Pöstlingberg hill overlooking Linz. Before you head back to the ship, be sure to stop by a local Konditorei (pastry shop) for a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 5 – PASSAU

Port of call is in Passau, where three rivers converge. Join us for a guided walk through the Old Town to admire its ancient cobblestones, the mural- and carillon-endowed Town Hall, and St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs). At the end, your efforts are rewarded with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer.

DAY 6 – GREIN

An easy start to your day, then disembark in tiny Grein after lunch. RIVERSIDE CHOICES feature a pleasant e-bike tour, or a visit to medieval Clam Castle, a formidable fortress with an intriguing history! If you're looking for something unusual, pop into the country's oldest theater, where humorous and entertaining oddities await.

DAY 7 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

An incredible start to the day with morning cruising back in the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. The peaceful ambiance makes it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. To accent the experience, step up onto the Vista Deck, where a special al fresco barbecue is prepared and served among the scenic beauty. Afterward, a stop in Krems offers the chance to learn about one of the valley's special crops – apricots! Within the EU, the Wachau apricot is protected as its own brand. Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs and brandies, or join a Wachau Wine Experience with tasting.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days in Vienna. If you'd like a preview of Bratislava, RIVERSIDE CHOICE has an outing to get you there and back. You could also tour Hofburg Palace's world-famous Spanish Riding School, where the mesmerizing Lipizzaner Stallions are trained.

DAY 10 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Cruising farther southeast, your ship crossed into the parliamentary republic of Hungary. Begin your time here in Esztergom, the capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury; a guided electric bicycle tour along both sides of the Danube; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Explore the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD and marvel at its imposing fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a champagne entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

DAY 11 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring the Hungarian capital! Join us for a special tour through City Park, one of the world's first public parks. Spanning 302

acres (122 hectares), this Budapest gem is home to a zoo, circus, thermal baths, museums, and more. Visit the Hungarian House of Music for a unique sound dome experience and Vajdahunyad Castle, built to represent different parts of the Kingdom of Hungary. Afterward, participate in a tasting of Hungarian wines.

DAY 12 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, explore the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building, Austrian Empress Sisi's beloved Gödöllo Palace, or Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District on the Buda side of the river. Tonight, enjoy music, champagne, and more during a private RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at the historic Horse Railway Cultural Center.

DAY 13 – BUDAPEST

One last day to discover the heart and soul of this amazing city. Perhaps take a boat ride to the neighboring artists' village of Szentendre, or see the sights from the seat of an electric bicycle. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for a final look at this grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

DAY 14 – BRATISLAVA

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising is followed by after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options. How about time at the world-class Danubiana Art Museum, an e-bike ride through the scenic Bratislavan wetlands, or the chance to see what everyday life is like here during a visit to a traditional family home? Alternatively, you could head out on your own to the Old Town, or try Slovakian beer at a local pub.

DAY 15 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.



ESZTERGOM BASILICA