

DANUBE SERENADE: VIENNA LOOP WITH BUDAPEST FOCUS

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



VISEGRÁD CASTLE, HUNGARY

Travel from Vienna to Vienna through some of the Danube’s most unforgettable ports on this week-long luxury cruise! The Habsburg Empire’s grandness is on full display in Vienna, the City of Music where Strauss, Mozart, Freud, Klimt, Marie Antoinette, and others called home over the centuries. Next, enter Hungary for an in-depth look at Esztergom and Visegrád, two of the country’s important ancient sites, followed by three days in Budapest, one of the world’s most breathtaking capitals. Then, Bratislava, Slovakia, will impress you with its picturesque hillside castle and charming, pedestrian-only Old Town.

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Budapest
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 7 – Bratislava
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna



DATES IN 2026

31 May



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest’s remarkable Horse Railway Cultural Center. Situated in the reconstructed Zugliget Horse Railway terminal, you’ll sip champagne surrounded by period decor and ambiance from 150 years ago and will lose yourself in the heart and soul of the Danube as it is revealed through the music.

DAY 1 – VIENNA

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

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to Vienna, and a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions helps you make the most of your time. How about a relaxed panoramic city tour aboard a comfortable coach; a visit to the Habsburg rulers' expansive Schönbrunn summer estate; or an e-bike ride around historic Prater Park, site of the 1873 World Fair? You can see a list of available activities for your entire cruise on our website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

As you slept, your ship crossed the border into Hungary. Disembark in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its ornate Treasury; a guided electric bike tour along the riverbank; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch on the way to Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, enjoy a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE champagne entrance into Budapest, the incomparable Queen of the Danube!



ESZTERGOM

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring Hungary's irrepressible capital. Join us for a special tour to 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 5 – BUDAPEST

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

DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Another full day to dive into the culture and history of this amazing city. See the sights from the seat of an electric bicycle, or join an outing to the neighboring artists' village of Szentendre. 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 7 – BRATISLAVA

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising is followed by after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. How about spending time at the world-class Danubiana Art Museum, a visit to a traditional family home, or a tasting of Slovakia's excellent wines? If you prefer, explore the hilltop castle, or shop in the pedestrian-only Old Town.

DAY 8 – VIENNA

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