

DANUBE SERENADE WITH BUDAPEST FOCUS & WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

Cruise in luxury from Austria to Germany through some of the Danube's most stunning sections. Embark in Vienna, where the Habsburg Empire left its indelible mark through grand Baroque architecture. A focus on Hungary is next, with stops in Esztergom, Hungary's medieval capital, ancient Visegrád, and three full days in Budapest, where photo-worthy scenes are everywhere. Afterward, cruise to nearby Bratislava for an encounter with the charms of Slovakia and cruise into the Wachau Valley, a treasure-trove of outstanding scenery, wines, and quaint medieval villages.

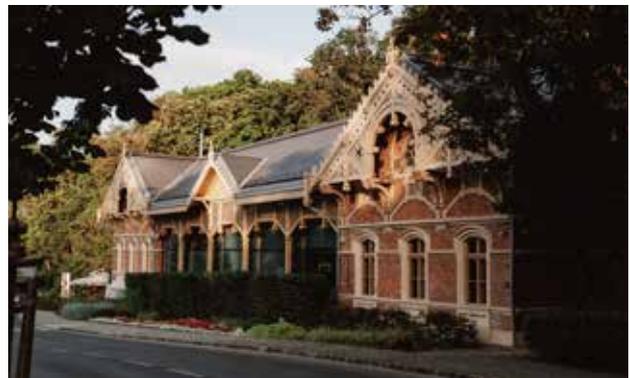
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Day 1 - Vienna	Day 7 - Bratislava
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Day 3 - Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 9 - Vienna
Day 4 - Budapest	Day 10 - Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 5 - Budapest	Day 11 - Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 6 - Budapest	Day 12 - Passau



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.



SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and expression of all things Baroque! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates 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 an elegant Habsburg palace at Schönbrunn; 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 the Riverside website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

As you slept, your ship entered Hungary. Disembark in Esztergom, the capital 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!

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring! You might enjoy our 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 the wonders of 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.



BELVEDERE PALACE, VIENNA

DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Another full day in Budapest provides more ways to experience the heart and soul of this amazing destination. Perhaps join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a boat ride to the neighboring artists' village of Szentendre, or the chance to 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 7 – BRATISLAVA

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising is followed by after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, the enchanting 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 the area's excellent wines? If you prefer, explore the hilltop castle, shop in the pedestrian-only Old Town, or enjoy a refreshing Slovakian beer in a local pub.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days immersed in the splendors of Vienna. Take advantage of another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion; spend free time at one of the city's world-class museums or famous coffee houses, part of UNESCO'S cultural heritage list; and attend 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 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein, a pretty village with interesting ties to England's King Richard the Lionheart. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the cliff-top castle ruin where he was imprisoned, or discover what makes Wachau Valley wines so special during a tasting. If you feel like challenging yourself, hop on an electric bicycle and ride along the river to meet up with your ship at its next port. Lunch on board is a delicious al fresco barbecue up on the Vista Deck, so you won't miss a moment of the Wachau's castle-laden scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, whose 11th-century Benedictine abbey remains one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. Other options? Visit 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a palate-pleasing baking and honey experience!

DAY 11 – 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 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. Afterward, be sure to pop into a local pastry shop to try delectable Linzer Torte, the world's first cake.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

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



VIEW FROM DÜRNSTEIN CASTLE RUINS