

DANUBE SERENADE: VIENNA TO PASSAU WITH MAGNIFICENT MELK ABBEY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY VINEYARDS

If the Danube is your dream destination, then pack your bags! This 12-day luxury cruise includes the region's must-see sights and legendary river ports. Embark in Vienna, where in two full days Riverside will give you a proper introduction to the Austrian capital's epic palaces, museums, and long tradition of classical music. You'll also explore Bratislava and Budapest; and will spend time in Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages; and the celebrated Wachau Valley. Hear the Richard the Lionheart lore associated with Dürnstein; visit Linz, where the world's first cake was invented; the impressive Baroque abbey at Melk; and more!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 8 – Vienna
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Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Melk
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 11 – Mauthausen/ Linz
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 12 – Passau
Day 6 – Bratislava	
Day 7 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley	



DATES IN 2026

19 Apr, 3 May, 17 May, 30 Aug, 13 Sep,
27 Sep, 11 Oct, 25 Oct, 8 Nov



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".

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, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions shows off the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, Prater Park by electric bicycle, or even the Spanish Riding School, where the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions train. You can see a full listing of available activities for your cruise on our website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Welcome to Hungary! Your day begins 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!

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A great day for exploring the enticing Hungarian 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 delicious Hungarian wines. If you prefer, head out on your own to maybe shop or relax at a riverbank café to sample a hearty bowl of authentic Hungarian gulyás (goulash)!

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, a final day to see anything you may have missed. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers some great tours, like an inside look at the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building, or time on the Buda side of the river for encounters with the fairytale Castle District and Fishermen's Bastion. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck to bid the city búcsú (farewell) as your ship moves slowly past the grand monuments lining the river.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST



WACHAU VALLEY NEAR DÜRNSTEIN



PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN BRATISLAVA

DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for an onboard massage or workout in the Fitness Center. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for tempting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. Spend time at the impressive Danubiana Art Museum, visit a traditional family home, to see what everyday life is like here, or learn about (and taste) the area’s excellent wines. If you prefer to do some independent shopping, the pedestrian-only Old Town is a great option.

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, it was marked over the centuries by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Today, the tumult is a distant memory in this “Garden City”. See the amazing Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun’s proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln), cycle through the Austrian countryside on an e-bike, or enjoy one of Europe’s most unique organic gardening showcases. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days to immerse yourself 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 join us for 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 / MELK

If there’s a single port that symbolizes the Wachau Valley, it’s Dürnstein. A distinctive blue and white tower, imposing cliff-top castle ruin, and Old World charm look like something right out of a picturebook. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE hike up to the castle is a popular activity, while wine enthusiasts will stay busy tasting the outstanding wines produced from the local vineyards. For a truly active pursuit, pedal your way via electric bicycle to the ship’s next stop. Back on board, al fresco barbecue is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, before disembarking in Melk. There, you can visit the august Benedictine abbey, one of the most exquisite Baroque structures in the world; tour Artstetten Castle; or attend an Austrian pastry workshop and bee farm for a sweet honey experience.

DAY 11 – MAUTHAUSEN / LINZ

Decisions, decisions! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers so many possibilities today, including outings to “Sound of Music” Salzburg, the medieval village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial. If you’d rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through some of the Danube’s most stunning landscapes. Arrive after lunch in Linz to explore the Old Town with an expert guide, or take a scenic hike. Whatever you choose, be sure your day includes a big slice of Linzer Torte, the world’s first cake.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

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



OLD MARKET SQUARE, LINZ