

DANUBE SERENADE WITH EXTENDED WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

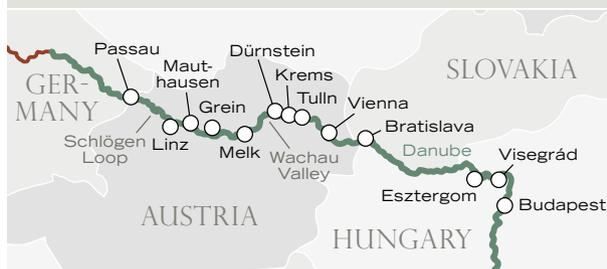


DANUBE RIVER NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

Immerse yourself in the treasures of the Danube as it winds its way through Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, and Germany during this remarkable 2-week luxury cruise. Embark in Vienna, and along the way, Riverside will give you three full days to explore the Austrian capital's epic palaces, museums, and long tradition of classical music. You'll also enjoy two full days in Budapest and time in Bratislava; Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages; and extended time in the celebrated Wachau Valley. Hear the Richard the Lionheart lore associated with Dürnstein; the lavish Baroque abbey at Melk; quaint Grein; and more!

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| Day 1 – Vienna | Day 9 – Vienna |
| Day 2 – Vienna | Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Melk |
| Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest | Day 11 – Mauthausen/ Linz |
| Day 4 – Budapest | Day 12 – Passau |
| Day 5 – Budapest | Day 13 – Grein |
| Day 6 – Bratislava | Day 14 – Wachau Valley/Krems |
| Day 7 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley | Day 15 – Vienna |
| Day 8 – Vienna | |



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 your fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your 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 the Riverside website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

As you slept, your ship entered 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!

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Ready to explore? You might enjoy 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, enjoy 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

A made-to-order breakfast will get you fueled-up and ready for another full day in Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers an inside look at the massive Hungarian Parliament Building, sightseeing by electric bicycle, and time in the fairytale Castle District on the Buda side of the river.



OLD TOWN HALL, BRATISLAVA

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.

DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising is followed by after-lunch arrival in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia. You might like perusing the impressive Danubiana Art Museum, a visit to a traditional Slovakian family home, or the chance to broaden your horizons and learn about (and taste) the area's excellent wines. If you prefer to do some shopping, the pedestrian-only Old Town is a great option.

DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old "Garden City" of Tulln. Settled in pre-Roman times, hear about centuries marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War, and see the Nibelungen Fountain commemorating Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside or discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting event at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days in Vienna! Take advantage of additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions, or spend free time at one of the city's world-class museums or famous coffee houses, part of UNESCO'S cultural heritage list. Plus, 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 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

You'll spot Dürnstein from a distance – just watch for its striking blue and white tower and cliff-top castle ruin looming over town. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the castle and hear its association with England's King Richard the Lionheart. Other possibilities? Attend a wine tasting to discover what makes Wachau Valley wines so special, or ride an e-bike along the river and meet up with your ship at its next port. On board, a fresco barbecue is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, so you won't miss a moment of the dreamlike scenery. The afternoon is in Melk, whose 11th-century Benedictine abbey is one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. You could also visit 13th-century Artstetten Castle, or a traditional 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 scenic day to do it. Arrive after lunch in Linz, where a tour through the Old Town reveals the massive, neo-Gothic Mariendom, or you can hike up Pöstlingberg hill overlooking Linz.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

Today's agenda features Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers. This is where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet, and a guided walk through the Old Town shows you the highlights. Admire the ancient cobblestones, the work-of-art Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral (home to one of the world's largest organs), and more. At the end, your efforts are rewarded with a frothy mug of refreshing Bavarian beer.



CYCLE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER

DAY 13 – GREIN

Enjoy your morning coffee on the Vista Deck, surrounded by outstanding scenery in every direction. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their jail cell. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can commune with nature during a pleasant e-bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle.

DAY 14 – WACHAU VALLEY / KREMS

An incredible start to the day with morning cruising through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. The peaceful ambiance and many castles make it easy to see why this stretch of the Danube has been inhabited since Neolithic times. At the far end of the Wachau, disembark in Krems for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery; a scenic hike through Old Town Krems and up into the vineyards; and other tempting possibilities.

DAY 15 – VIENNA

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



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