

# DANUBE SERENADE WITH VIENNA FOCUS

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



VISEGRÁD

If the thought of Vienna makes your heart beat a little faster, then you won't want to miss this fantastic Riverside luxury cruise! Your adventure begins and ends in Austria's delightful capital – with another four full days to revel in the splendor of this City of Music. Visit Slovakia's beautiful capital, too, with time in Bratislava, and two full days in Budapest, Hungary, one of the world's most stunning cities. Finally, cruise through the romantic Wachau river valley, whose shores are dotted with castles, pretty medieval villages, and hills carpeted with apricot orchards and vineyards that produce some of Europe's most popular wines.

## ITINERARY

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



## DATES IN 2026

14 Jun, 28 Jun, 12 Jul, 26 Jul



## 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 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, join a tasting of delicious Hungarian wines.

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers more great ways to see Budapest's icons, like a tour inside the vast Hungarian Parliament Building, sightseeing by electric bicycle, and time in the Castle District on the Buda side of the river. 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.



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

## DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning – perfect for a dip in the counter-current pool or a steam in the sauna. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for an assortment of RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities. Consider time at the impressive Danubiana Art Museum, or a visit to a Slovakian family home. If you prefer, pop into a local pub for a refreshing Slovakian beer, or walk up to stately Bratislava Castle.

## DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old “Garden City” of Tulln. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers an exhilarating bike ride through the Austrian countryside, or we can introduce your “green thumb” to one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens. UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting is also available at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171.

## DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna provides two final days in the City of Music. Let us help you make the most of your time with our fantastic RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. 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”.



MELK ABBEY

#### DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / WEISSENKIRCHEN

If there's a port that best symbolizes the Wachau Valley, it's Dürnstein. Its distinctive blue and white tower, imposing 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 may enjoy a tasting of the outstanding wines produced from the local vineyards. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to sample authentic Wachau apricot schnapps.

#### DAY 11 – LINZ

Enjoy a wonderful day of choices! How about a visit to the Baroque jewel of St. Florian Monastery, Mozart's Salzburg, or the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic?

#### DAY 12 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in 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 off 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.

#### DAY 13 – GREIN / MELK / WACHAU VALLEY

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in tiny Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, which has a variety of humorous and quirky features. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, become one with nature during a pleasant e-bike tour, or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk. There, you can get an inside look at its world-famous Baroque abbey, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. This evening, a special al fresco dinner is cooked and served up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes back through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley.

#### DAY 14 – VIENNA

Morning arrival back in Vienna for more time in the esteemed city of former monarchs and musicians. Why not join another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion? There's also time for shopping, a riveting museum visit, or a mélange coffee and scrumptious piece of apfelstrudel at an atmospheric coffee house.

#### DAY 15 – VIENNA

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



MOZART'S SALZBURG