

DANUBE SERENADE: AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY & GERMANY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



PANORAMIC VIENNA

As it flows through 10 countries, the Danube is legendary for its impressive variety of sights and scenery. This fantastic cruise travels through four countries in 12 days, introducing you to the heart and soul of each port. From the Ringstrasse of Vienna and the Castle District of Budapest to the famed Wachau Valley, expert guides will introduce you to the familiar paths and haunts of some of history’s most influential figures. You’ll also enjoy free time – to mingle with the locals in a Viennese coffee house, try a refreshing Slovakian beer at a Bratislava pub, savor a slice of the world’s first cake in Linz – or let your ship’s crew pamper you with a relaxing onboard massage or spa treatment!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 10 – Dürnstein/ Wachau Valley/ Weissenkirchen
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 11 – Linz
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 12 – Passau
Day 5 – Budapest	
Day 6 – Esztergom	
Day 7 – Bratislava	
Day 8 – Vienna	



DATES IN 2026
16 Aug

RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT
Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences! In Budapest, the cityscape’s nighttime beauty is further enhanced by an explosion of light and color as the country celebrates Hungary National Day. Enjoy the festivities from atop the Vista Deck, with refreshments and unhindered views of the brilliant musical fireworks display over the Danube.



LITTLE CARPATHIANS NEAR BRATISLAVA

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's fabulous Baroque capital that's simply overflowing with a heritage of music, culture, and historic Habsburg power! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first onboard gourmet dinner.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

A magical day as you explore Vienna through a great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. Whether investigating the Habsburgs' summer getaway at Schönbrunn Palace or riding an e-bike through Prater Park, you can't go wrong in the City of Music! For a full list of activities available on your cruise, see our website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Arrive this morning 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 opulent Treasury; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues 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 – like the scene from a movie.

DAYS 4 & 5 – BUDAPEST

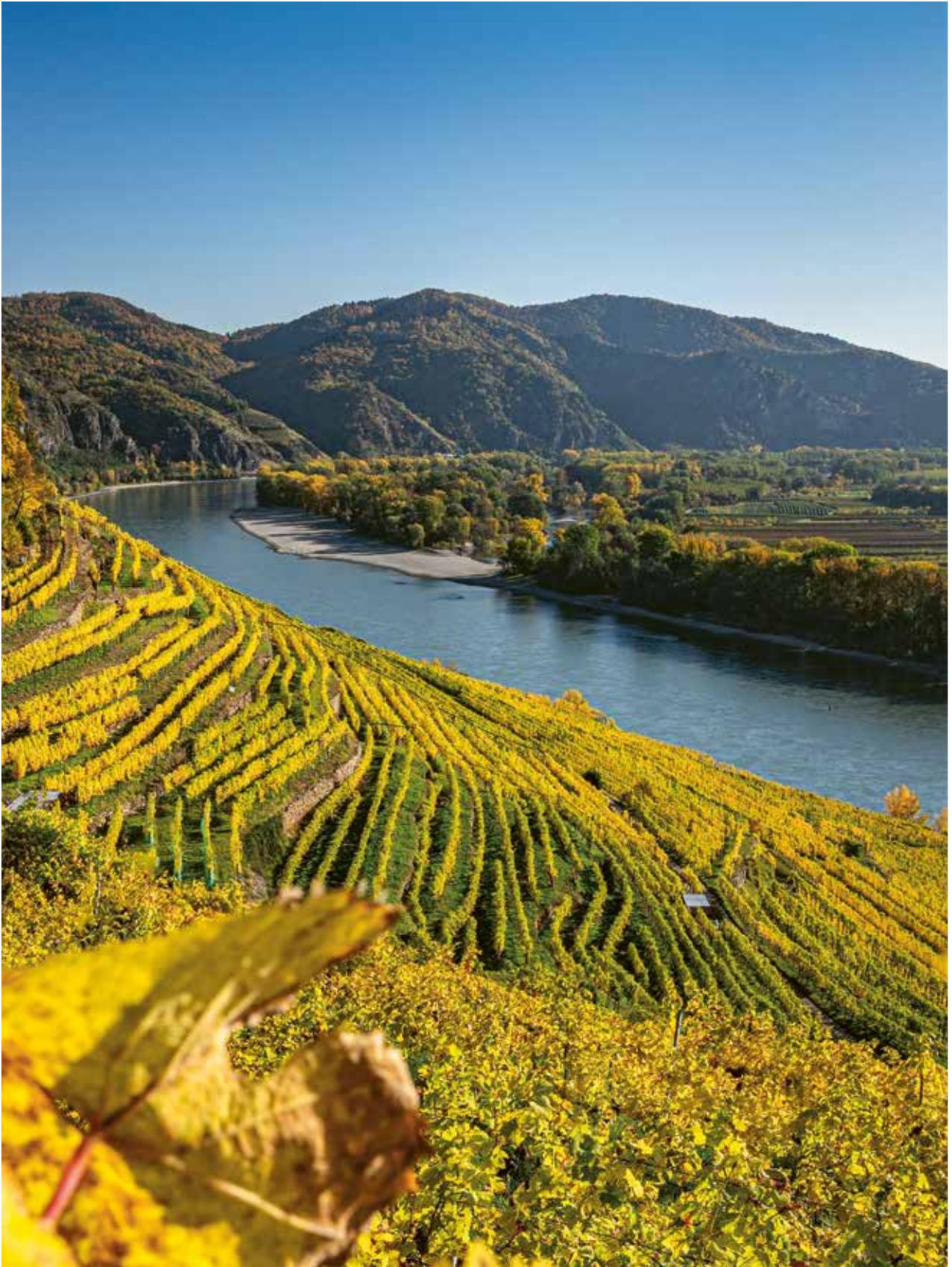
Take advantage of two full days to explore one of the world's most beautiful cities! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can relax and see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit Gödöllo, one of the most important examples of Hungarian palace architecture (and Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace); and other possibilities. Plus, your ship's Vista Deck is host to a very special RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT. To celebrate Hungarian independence, join our Hungary National Day festivities, complete with champagne, refreshments, and outstanding views of Budapest's brilliant musical fireworks display over the river.

DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning of cruising – why not keep up with your exercise regimen in the ship's Fitness Center or let us pamper you with a spa treatment? After lunch, return to Esztergom for another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. You might enjoy an electric bicycle tour along both sides of the Danube!

DAY 7 – BRATISLAVA

Morning arrival in Bratislava, surrounded by lush vineyards, the Little Carpathians mountain range, and an abundance of wooded hiking and biking trails. RIVERSIDE CHOICE is ready to show you just what makes this capital of Slovakia so alluring! Enjoy some quiet time to peruse the



WACHAU VALLEY TERRACED VINEYARDS

masterpieces at the Danubiana Museum, pedal an e-bike through the Bratislavan wetlands, or impress your friends back home with newfound knowledge you learn about Slovakian wines during a tasting. If you prefer, head out on your own to search for Napoleon's wall-lodged cannonballs in the Old Town, or maybe try a delicious Slovakian beer at a local pub!

DAYS 8 & 9 – VIENNA

Enjoy two more days to immerse yourself in the splendors of Vienna. You might enjoy a visit to Hofburg Palace to admire its riches-filled Treasury, or free time at one of the city's famous coffee houses – be sure to try a piece of decadent Viennese apfelstrudel or sachertorte. Also, 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 SCENIC CRUISING / WEISSENKIRCHEN

Arrive in Dürnstein early and hear about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the Crusades. RIVERSIDE CHOICE pairs you with a guide for an exhilarating hike up to the castle ruin overlooking the river, or you might enjoy a wine experience to learn what creates the Wachau's popular wines. Reboard your ship for lunch, then dock in Weissenkirchen for the chance to try authentic, made-in-the-Wachau apricot schnapps. Back on the ship later



MEDIEVAL ČESKÝ KRUMLOV



WACHAU APRICOT SCHNAPPS

is a special treat. As you cruise through the Wachau Valley, savor a delightful al fresco dinner up on the Vista Deck – keep your camera ready, because each bend of the river seemingly reveals another stunning castle or terraced vineyard.

DAY 11 – LINZ

During your time ashore today, RIVERSIDE CHOICE will get your heart pumping during an invigorating hike, or you can visit St. Florian Monastery, "Sound of Music" Salzburg, or the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Tonight, a final gourmet dinner on board celebrates your exciting journey along the Austrian Danube.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

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