

DANUBE SERENADE WITH SCENIC WACHAU & VIENNA IN DEPTH

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DAY FIREWORKS, BUDAPEST

Some of the Danube's most picturesque settings, medieval villages, and cosmopolitan capitals await during this epic 2-week luxury cruise. Visit the big, like Budapest, Vienna, and Bratislava; the small, like charming Esztergom and Weissenkirchen; and the scenic, like the castle- and vineyard-filled Wachau Valley. Each stop has a unique history and captivating story to tell, bringing your adventure to life in colorful ways. Why was England's king imprisoned high above the river in tiny Dürnstein? Why were there locks on the front-row seats of Austria's oldest theater in Grein? Which Budapest statue brings good luck when you rub its belly? Learn the answers on your amazing cruise!

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

DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and host city to the powerful Habsburg rulers from the 13th to 20th centuries. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. Then, meet fellow shipmates at your first gourmet 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 or historic Prater Park by e-bike. Visit the Riverside website to see a full list of activities available during your cruise.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

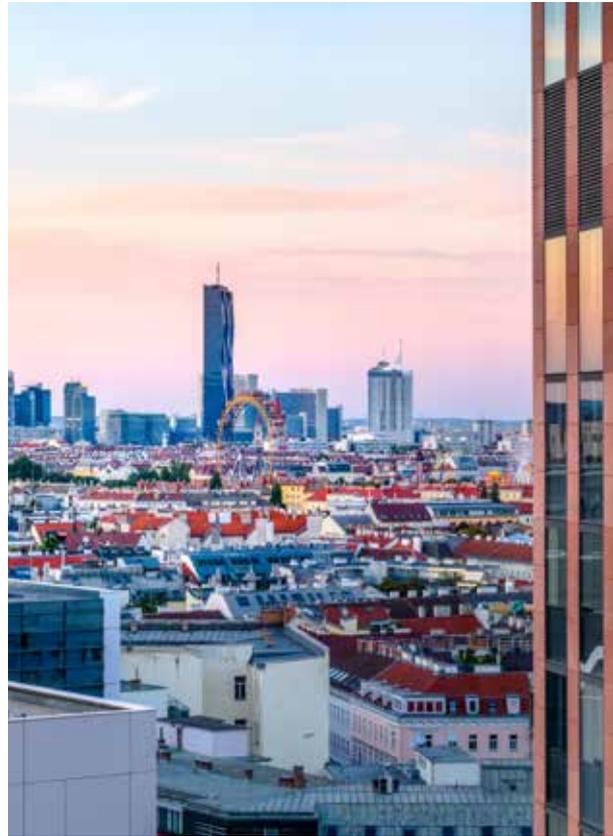
Arrive this morning in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Engaging RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; and more. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues 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 the twinkling cityscape of Budapest – like the scene from a movie. Cheers!

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, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; and other options. 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 affords time for a relaxed breakfast or to take advantage of your ship's amenities. How about a massage or spa treatment? After lunch, return to Esztergom for another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. A guided e-bike tour along both sides of the Danube might be fun!



VIENNA'S SKYLINE

DAY 7 – BRATISLAVA

Morning arrival in Bratislava, magical capital of Slovakia. Ride an electric bike through the Bratislavan wetlands, peruse the art masterpieces at the Danubiana Museum, or expand your horizons during a tasting of Slovakian wines. If you prefer, walk up to the castle for outstanding panoramic views, or search the Old Town for Napoleon's wall-lodged cannonballs!

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 the riches in its 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. Plus, join us for a 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 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

Ready for a day of adventure? 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.

DAY 12 – PASSAU

Dock bright and early in Germany's acclaimed City of Three Rivers. Situated along the Route of Emperors and Kings, 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 the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their cell. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you could take a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, or other excursions. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to Melk. There, join a guided tour through its world-famous Baroque abbey, explore Melk by electric bicycle, or visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today.



VIEW FROM DÜRNSTEIN'S CASTLE RUIN

DAY 14 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna for a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse and a stroll around the historical district. Additional excursion choices are available, too, so spend your final cruise day the way you like best!

DAY 15 – VIENNA

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



PASSAU