

FESTIVE DANUBE CAPITALS & YULETIDE TRADITIONS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST SPANNING BOTH SIDES OF THE DANUBE

There's still time to make this a Christmas to remember with a festive journey along the Danube! From Budapest to Bratislava to Vienna, each stop introduces you to a different country's Advent traditions at the jolly Karácsonyi Vásárok / Vianocné Trhy / Weihnachtsmärkte – Christmas Markets! Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions in each port also help you navigate the historical sights and rich cultures, including Budapest's monumental Parliament lining the banks of the Danube, Heroes' Square, and the photogenic Castle District; Bratislava's lovely, pedestrian Old Town and imposing hilltop castle; and Vienna's regal palaces, fantastic museums, and Baroque splendor.

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 4 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 3 – Bratislava	

DATES IN 2026

2 Dec, 16 Dec

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".



VIENNA'S RATHAUSPLATZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you settle in, then, tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, a full menu of great excursions is lined up and ready to go! You could ride in a warm and comfortable coach to see the highlights; tour the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or bask in the holiday ambiance at one of the city's many Christmas Markets. The Advent Feast at the Basilica was crowned Europe's best market in 2023, so dive right into the jolly crowd and sample traditional Hungarian dishes, mulled wine, and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes). Be sure to check out the Riverside website for a full list of excursions for your cruise. Return to the ship in time for lunch, but first head up to the Vista Deck to bid Viszontlátásra (good-bye) to the Queen of the Danube as you sip champagne and your ship makes a majestic departure from Budapest.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Morning arrival in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, head to the warmth and wonder of the Danubiana Art Museum; attend a tasting of delicious Slovakian wines; or visit a Slovak home to see what everyday life is like here. There's also time to explore the festively decorated Old Town with its traditional Christmas Market. Be sure to try the local specialties, like topping-drenched placky (potato pancakes) and lángos (fried bread), grilled sausages, and warm mead.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

Your ship arrives early in Vienna, Austria's one-of-a-kind Baroque capital and City of Music. RIVERSIDE CHOICE can show you the highlights during a panoramic tour along the Ringstrasse, followed by time in the festively decorated historical district and at the Christmas Market near St. Stephen's Cathedral. You could also go royal with a visit to the former Habsburg rulers' primary residence, Hofburg Palace, with its awe-inspiring Treasure, or to their summer getaway at Schönbrunn, which has its very own Christmas Market! If you prefer, duck into a cozy coffee house for a mélange coffee and tantalizing piece of apfelstrudel, or peruse the masterpieces at one of the many world-class museums. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful "The Kiss".

DAY 5 – VIENNA

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET, BRATISLAVA