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WACHAU VALLEY



## THE LEGENDARY DANUBE

As rivers go, the Danube's great influence throughout European history cannot be denied. Rising in the Black Forest of Germany, it pushes 1,770 miles to the Black Sea, making its determined presence known in 10 different countries and four capitals – Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, and Belgrade, more than any other river in the world. Time invested on the Danube is richly rewarding. Its cities, towns, and villages beckon with intriguing histories and architectural nods to the people and cultures that came before. And its scenery? Positively transformational, whether it's the vineyards, apricot orchards, and castles of the Wachau Valley; the horseshoe-shaped Danube Bend; rugged Iron Gates gorges; or natural wonders of the Danube Delta. For centuries, this waterway has worked its way into the hearts and minds of those who experience it, inspiring the legend of the Danube Mermaid, Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz, the Bulgarian National Anthem, Danube-class ships in the Star Trek universe, and more.

SO MUCH MORE.

## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENTS

REMARKABLE AND INCLUDED TO FURTHER ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

### BELVEDERE

Some places share an eternal bond and the sheer magnificence of the Belvedere makes it a natural fit for Vienna. As you enter for a VIP, after-hours visit, you'll feel like a part of the Habsburgs' inner circle. Marvel at the Painted Hall with its gorgeous ceiling frescoes, the Grand Staircase – and the even grander Marble Hall. With the magical melodies of a private concert filling the air with scene-setting music, bask in the Baroque ambiance and enjoy a rare, crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*, the highlight of the Upper Belvedere's permanent art collection.

### LENTOS ART MUSEUM

In a land overflowing with ancient treasures, something modern has to be truly impressive to compete. The Lentos Art Museum in Linz is. Constructed on the banks of the Danube, its transparent glass façade is brilliantly illuminated at night, joyfully inviting passers-by to take a peek inside. During a private, after-hours visit, you will be welcomed with a glass of champagne and a priceless gift: time. You'll have time to peacefully admire the paintings, sculptures, object works, and photographs by important artists such as Klimt, Warhol, Chagall, and other art masters.



BELVEDERE PALACE, VIENNA



LENTOS ART MUSEUM, LINZ

### WENCKHEIM PALACE

Music is powerful. Music in a special venue can be transcendent. This exclusive event whisks you into Budapest's fantastic Palace Quarter for a private concert at the Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. With its towers, Baroque gardens, and Renaissance-style terrace, this is one of the city's most beautiful palaces. Admire the library with its ornate spiral staircase, the grand reception salon, elegant 200-guest ballroom, and other lavish spaces captured in Hollywood movies such as *"Spy"* and *"Red Sparrow"*. Then, sip champagne as the spirit of the Danube is revealed through the music.



WENCKHEIM PALACE, BUDAPEST



FIREWORKS OVER BUDAPEST DURING HUNGARY NATIONAL DAY

### FIREWORKS DURING HUNGARY NATIONAL DAY

Hungary's timeless beauty and rich history are mesmerizing – even more so when combined with an authentic cultural experience. This special cruise immerses you in the country's traditions, identity, and heritage during Hungary National Day, a commemoration of its founding. In Esztergom, Visegrád, Kalocsa, Mohács, and, of course, Budapest, interact with the locals and dive into the sea of green, red, and white ribbons, signifying hope, strength, and national pride. The revelry continues on your ship's Vista Deck, with food, drinks, music, and unhindered views of the festive fireworks over the Danube.



CASTLE CLAM, GREIN

### EXCLUSIVE WINE-PAIRED DINNER

It isn't enough to just drink wine. It's meant to be tasted, contemplated, and understood. During this special wine cruise, join Riverside's Master Sommelier for an onboard wine-paired dinner with Kracher, an Austrian winemaker whose family-run winery has been named "Wine Maker of the Year" seven times. Learn about the Burgenland region's sweet Trockenbeerenauslese, Beerenauslese, ice wine, and other varieties – and the secrets behind the area's success. Then, taste for yourself how perfectly the selected wines pair with each course of your gourmet meal!

### CASTLE CLAM

Political intrigue, robber barons, excommunication. This was the Middle Ages for a castle fortress whose earliest mention was in 1149. Stability came in the 15th century as the Clam forefathers took (and kept) control. Step inside Castle Clam for an exclusive visit of what has been a beloved family home for over 570 years. Begin with a private reception and welcome by the current Count Clam, then accompany him on a tour of the castle's living quarters and secret spaces. Along the way, hear intriguing history and anecdotes, then cheer your favorite knight during a harrowing sword fight.



EXCLUSIVE WINE-PAIRED DINNER

## CRUISE DEPARTURES

### A DASH OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA TO BUDAPEST

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
27 Apr, 8 May, 22 May, 15 Jun, 25 Jun, 6 Jul,  
16 Jul, 31 Jul, 10 Aug, 3 Sep, 14 Sep, 24 Sep,  
5 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct

### AUSTRIA'S DANUBE TREASURES WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
22 Jun, 13 Jul, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct

### DAZZLING DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO PASSAU - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
15 May, 8 Jun, 27 Aug, 22 Oct

### DANUBE LEGENDS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
23 Apr, 30 Apr, 11 May, 4 Jun, 28 Jun, 9 Jul,  
23 Jul, 3 Aug, 13 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 17 Sep,  
27 Sep, 8 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov

### HUNGARY'S DANUBE IN FOCUS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST - 5 DAYS /  
4 NIGHTS  
19 Jul



BUDAPEST

### PEARLS OF THE DANUBE & WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
18 May, 11 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct

### VIENNA WALTZ WITH SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct

### DARLINGS OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA TO BUDAPEST WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
22 Jun, 13 Jul, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct

### DANUBE KALEIDOSCOPE FROM BUDAPEST TO THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST - 8 DAYS /  
7 NIGHTS  
23 Apr

### WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH VIENNA & BRATISLAVA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
9 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Sep, 8 Oct

### HEART OF THE DANUBE & THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
11 May, 4 Jun, 23 Aug, 18 Oct

### SERENADE OF THE DANUBE FROM PASSAU TO BUDAPEST

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
18 May, 11 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct

### HUNGARY'S DANUBE IN FOCUS PLUS BRATISLAVA & VIENNA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS  
19 Jul

### DANUBE MEDLEY: VIENNA, BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & THE WACHAU

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
27 Apr, 8 May, 25 Jun, 6 Jul, 31 Jul, 10 Aug,  
3 Sep, 14 Sep, 24 Sep, 5 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct

### VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct



RIVERSIDE MOZART ON THE DANUBE

### DANUBE RIVER DANCE: VIENNA & THE WACHAU

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
15 May, 8 Jun, 27 Aug, 22 Oct

### CALL OF THE DANUBE: BUDAPEST TO VIENNA & THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS  
30 Apr, 28 Jun, 23 Jul, 6 Sep, 27 Sep

### WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH DANUBE CAPITALS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST - 11 DAYS /  
10 NIGHTS  
9 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Sep, 8 Oct

### DARLINGS OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA, BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS  
22 Jun, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct

### CALL OF THE DANUBE: BUDAPEST LOOP WITH SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST - 12 DAYS /  
11 NIGHTS  
28 Jun, 23 Jul, 6 Sep, 27 Sep

### THREE-CAPITAL DANUBE OVERTURE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS  
27 Apr, 25 Jun, 3 Sep, 24 Sep

### ESSENCE OF HUNGARY & AUSTRIA WITH BUDAPEST FOCUS

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS  
6 Jul, 31 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct

### VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & THE WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA - 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS  
4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct

### DANUBE CAPITALS WITH WACHAU VALLEY & EASTER IN VIENNA

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
17 Apr

### SOLSTICE IN THE WACHAU WITH DANUBE FIREWORKS ILLUMINATION

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
18 Jun

DANUBE CAPITALS WITH HUNGARY  
NATIONAL DAY FIREWORKS  
VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
17 Aug

DANUBE NEW WINE CELEBRATION WITH  
WACHAU VALLEY  
VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
5 Nov

INTO THE LOWER DANUBE: BUDAPEST TO  
BELGRADE  
BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE - 4 DAYS /  
3 NIGHTS  
25 May

SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE: SERBIA,  
ROMANIA & THE IRON GATES  
BELGRADE TO BELGRADE - 4 DAYS /  
3 NIGHTS  
28 May

LOWER DANUBE SAMPLER: SERBIA,  
CROATIA & HUNGARY  
BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST - 5 DAYS /  
4 NIGHTS  
31 May

LOWER DANUBE TRAVERSE: BUDAPEST TO  
BELGRADE  
BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE - 7 DAYS /  
6 NIGHTS  
25 May

SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE: SERBIA  
TO HUNGARY WITH IRON GATES  
BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST - 8 DAYS /  
7 NIGHTS  
28 May

FOUR CAPITALS: LOWER DANUBE TO THE  
WACHAU VALLEY  
BELGRADE TO VIENNA - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS  
31 May

DANUBE EXTRAORDINAIRE: VIENNA TO  
BELGRADE  
VIENNA TO BELGRADE - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
22 May

GLORIES OF THE LOWER DANUBE:  
HUNGARY, BALKANS & IRON GATES  
BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST - 11 DAYS /  
10 NIGHTS  
25 May

SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE TO  
VIENNA WITH IRON GATES & WACHAU  
BELGRADE TO VIENNA - 12 DAYS /  
11 NIGHTS  
28 May

SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE TO  
PASSAU WITH IRON GATES & WACHAU  
BELGRADE TO PASSAU - 15 DAYS /  
14 NIGHTS  
28 May

DANUBE MYSTIQUE: VIENNA TO  
BELGRADE WITH IRON GATES  
VIENNA TO BELGRADE - 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS  
22 May

SERENADE OF THE DANUBE FROM THE  
WACHAU TO THE BALKANS  
PASSAU TO BELGRADE - 11 DAYS /  
10 NIGHTS  
18 May

THE CONSUMMATE DANUBE FROM  
GERMANY TO THE BALKANS  
PASSAU TO BELGRADE - 14 DAYS /  
13 NIGHTS  
18 May

CHRISTMAS DREAMS ON THE DANUBE  
WITH WACHAU VALLEY  
PASSAU TO VIENNA - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
26 Nov, 10 Dec

DANUBE GIFTS OF THE SEASON: VIENNA,  
BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST  
VIENNA TO BUDAPEST - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
29 Nov, 13 Dec

CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE ALONG THE  
DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY  
VIENNA TO PASSAU - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
22 Nov, 6 Dec

FESTIVE DANUBE CAPITALS & YULETIDE  
TRADITIONS  
BUDAPEST TO VIENNA - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS  
2 Dec, 16 Dec

DANUBE CHRISTMAS TREAT WITH  
WACHAU VALLEY  
PASSAU TO BUDAPEST - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
26 Nov, 10 Dec



MELK ABBEY

CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS ON THE  
DANUBE  
VIENNA TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
22 Nov, 6 Dec

THREE-CAPITAL CHRISTMAS CRUISE:  
VIENNA, BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST  
VIENNA TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
29 Nov, 13 Dec

DANUBE HOLIDAY DELIGHTS WITH  
WACHAU VALLEY  
BUDAPEST TO PASSAU - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS  
2 Dec

DANUBE HOLIDAY DELIGHTS WITH  
CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY  
BUDAPEST TO PASSAU - 11 DAYS /  
10 NIGHTS  
16 Dec

FESTIVE AUSTRIA WITH CHRISTMAS IN  
GERMANY  
VIENNA TO PASSAU - 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS  
20 Dec

DANUBE AULD LANG SYNE: NEW YEAR'S  
EVE IN BRATISLAVA  
PASSAU TO VIENNA - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS  
26 Dec

DAZZLING DANUBE CELEBRATION WITH  
WACHAU VALLEY  
VIENNA TO VIENNA - 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS  
20 Dec



WACHAU VALLEY

# A DASH OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA TO BUDAPEST

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST AT NIGHT

This short but mighty journey introduces you to some of the Danube's most memorable riverbank destinations. First, waltz your way through Vienna's grandness as you embark your ship. This renowned City of Music is where some of the greatest minds and most impressive talents called home over the centuries – names like Strauss, Mozart, Freud, Klimt, Marie Antoinette, and others. From here, cruise southeast for a stop in Esztergom, Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages. How about heading up Castle Hill to admire the treasures at the country's largest church – or maybe hiking or biking as you see the sights? Finally, raise a glass of Tokaji aszú (Hungarian wine) in Budapest to toast the tenacious capital's incredible beauty and many highlights on both sides of the Danube.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 3 – Budapest
Day 2 – Esztergom	Day 4 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**

27 Apr, 8 May, 22 May, 15 Jun, 25 Jun,  
6 Jul, 16 Jul, 31 Jul, 10 Aug, 3 Sep,  
14 Sep, 24 Sep, 5 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungarian capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. An exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodle walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament



VIEW OF THE DANUBE FROM ESZTERGOM BASILICA

Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, how about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace? Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our magical RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Wenckheim Palace.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



ST. STEPHEN'S MONUMENT AND THE FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

# AUSTRIA'S DANUBE TREASURES WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY

Got a few days? Let us show you the world – or at least a spectacular part of it! Austria has a reputation for its beauty and culture ... and with good reason. On this 4-day sojourn, you'll cruise along the magnificent Danube, visiting some of the country's most celebrated places. Begin in Vienna, the much-adored City of Music that historical figures like Strauss, Mozart, Freud, Klimt, Marie Antoinette, and others once called home. Then, cruise through the spectacular scenery of the Wachau Valley to see its castles, terraced vineyards, and orchards – and maybe to even sample some of Europe's most delectable wines and apricot products! In Melk, explore the library of ancient manuscripts in the 11th-century Benedictine abbey, then visit 14th-century Grein and tiny Dürnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192 as he returned home from the Crusades. Back in Vienna, spend a memorable final night – the perfect way to conclude your adventure!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna      Day 4 – Vienna  
 Day 2 – Melk/Grein  
 Day 3 – Dürnstein/  
 Vienna

**DATES IN 2025**  
 22 Jun, 13 Jul, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare 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 Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious *Riverside Mozart* and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for an enriching *Highlights of Vienna* tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna.

## DAY 2 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! A *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* selection of excursions offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 3 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers this morning will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein, where an expert guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here.



JOHANN STRAUSS MONUMENT, VIENNA

*RIVERSIDE CHOICE* options include a brisk hike up to the town's clifftop castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley; a visit to an Austrian vinotheque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a guided visit along the celebrated Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible *RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE* experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the *Riverside Mozart* and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



BENEDICTINE ABBEY, MELK

# DAZZLING DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY

The sights and flavors of the darling Danube are yours during this memorable 4-day river journey. Embark in Vienna, Austria's stately capital that is simply packed with grand palaces, world-class museums, and inviting coffee houses. Then, cruise in ultimate luxury into the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Admire the pretty riverbanks lined with impressive castles, and terraced vineyards and orchards! Exciting port stops include quaint Dürnstein and its fabled past with King Richard the Lionheart; Melk, home to the impressive, ochre-colored abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts, gorgeous spiral staircase, and terrace overlooking the river; and Passau, one of Germany's busiest manufacturing centers of bladed weapons during the Renaissance!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 3 – Schlägen Loop/Passau
Day 2 – Dürnstein/Wachau Valley/Melk	Day 4 – Passau

**DATES IN 2025**  
15 May, 8 Jun, 27 Aug, 22 Oct



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. In Melk, one of Europe's grandest Baroque abbeys has stood over the Danube for a thousand years. Follow in the footsteps of its Benedictine monks, arriving at last at the abbey church for a heavenly organ concert that seemingly commands both time and space.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna.

## DAY 2 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein early and hear about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the third Crusades. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can hike up to the town's castle ruin for panoramic views over the Wachau Valley; visit an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and to learn the secrets behind the Wachau's popular wines; or bike along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship for a gourmet lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the Wachau Valley. Be sure to keep your camera ready, because each bend of the river seemingly reveals another medieval castle or gorgeous terraced vineyard. This afternoon is in Melk, where the Benedictine abbey is one of the largest and most exquisite Baroque structures in the world. During your tour, see the imperial staircase, marble hall,

and library of ancient manuscripts, and enjoy an awe-inspiring **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** musical performance on the abbey's famous organ. Another option is a visit to Artstetten Castle to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop – absolutely stunning. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

## DAY 4 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the Munich airport, train station, or central hotel.



SCHLÖGEN LOOP

# DANUBE LEGENDS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA

Three regal Habsburg capitals in five days make this the ideal Danube River getaway. As you navigate the historical sights and rich cultures of Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria, you'll come face to face with Budapest's monumental Hungarian Parliament Building lining the banks of the Danube, Heroes' Square, and the photogenic Castle District; Bratislava's whimsy, amazing pedestrian Old Town, and imposing hilltop castle; and Vienna's regal bearing and Baroque splendor. An additional stop in 2,000-year-old Tulln, an exciting assortment of RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities in each port, and the excellent wines and breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley round out this cruise in an unforgettable way.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 3 – Bratislava	

**DATES IN 2025**

23 Apr, 30 Apr, 11 May, 4 Jun, 28 Jun, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 3 Aug, 13 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 17 Sep, 27 Sep, 8 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to check out Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town 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, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



MORNING FOG IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

# HUNGARY'S DANUBE IN FOCUS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

This exciting luxury cruise devotes five amazing days to Hungary in the heart of the Danube Basin. Begin and end in breathtaking Budapest, whose majesty spills out onto both banks of the river. Explore its impressive waterside Parliament, Heroes' Square, Fisherman's Bastion, Castle District, and more as you learn what life was like here under Communism – and about the unbreakable spirit of the people. There's just so much to see and do! Cruise on to Komárom for a visit of its 10th-century abbey; ancient Esztergom, the country's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries; and the chance to explore Visegrád with its castles and royal palace. Finally, the highlight of the cruise is a showstopping twilight arrival back in Budapest – unforgettable!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 4 – Budapest
Day 2 – Komárom	Day 5 – Budapest
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Budapest	

**DATES IN 2025**

19 Jul



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As your ship departs Budapest, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape embracing both sides of the Danube. From atop the Vista Deck, pass by world-famous landmarks, illuminated by shimmering lights, and toast the city's beauty and spirit with a glass of champagne.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you get settled in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Meet your crew and fellow guests during your first onboard dinner – plus, head up to the Vista Deck for a little **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** magic. Admire the city's nighttime beauty as you sip champagne and your ship moves slowly out of Budapest.

## DAY 2 – KOMÁROM

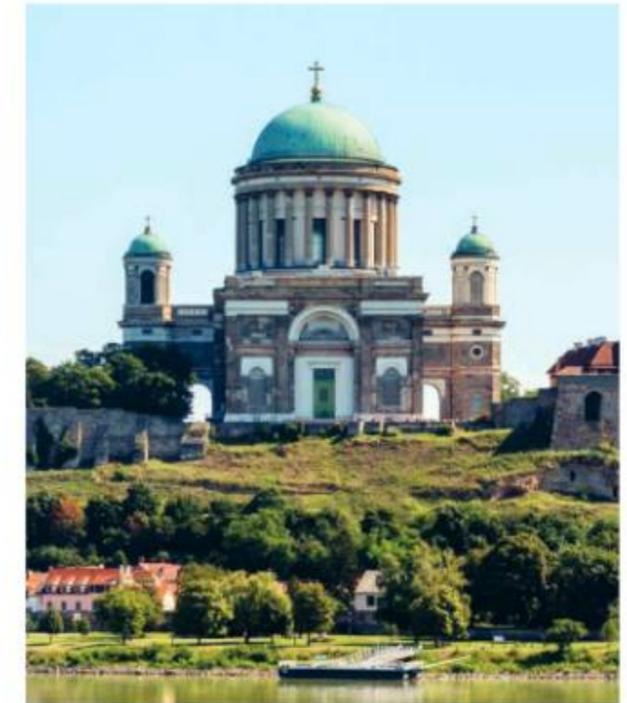
Early arrival today in Komárom, a city divided and reunited throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Even today, its southern part belongs to Hungary and its northern part to Slovakia. Highlights include a picturesque Old Town with a decidedly Eastern European ambiance, an imposing 14-wing, 640-room fortress that played an important role in the Hungarian Revolution, and archaeological findings exhibited in the Brigeto Visitor Center. An enriching outing is available to the 10th-century Pannonhalma Archabbey, one of the country's oldest historical monuments and the second-largest territorial abbey in the world. Led by an expert guide, explore the 360,000-volume library and lavender oil distillery; gaze down on the lavender fields from the treetop walk; and learn about the abbey's wine-making tradition, which started with its founding but ended under Communism. In 2000, the abbey repurchased the vineyards that were confiscated by the Communists and wine production was resumed.

## DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / BUDAPEST

Awaken this morning in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th to the mid-13th centuries. Exciting **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** options are a visit to



EUROPE PLACE, KOMÁROM



ESZTERGOM BASILICA

Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its castle. Tonight, night owls will get a special treat as your ship makes its grand re-entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. A **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** selection of excursions offers sightseeing by comfortable coach, an inside tour of the Parliament Building, or an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available: Gödöllő Castle, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture; the vast Dohány Street Synagogue with its Jewish museum; or Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river.

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# PEARLS OF THE DANUBE & WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN

If you only have a little time to spare, then Carpe Diem – seize the day (or, in this case, seize the five days of this memorable Danube River jaunt). Spend time in some of Europe's most striking cities, towns, and villages, including Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers come together; Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake (which is, incidentally, still made today); charming Grein; and lovely Dürnstein with its looming cliff-top castle ruin and striking blue and white abbey. You'll also cruise through the incredible Wachau Valley, a splendid UNESCO World Heritage Site overflowing with riverbank castles, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards. Your adventure concludes in Vienna, the celebrated City of Music, where opulent palaces and grandiose architecture lining almost every street positively invite you to waltz!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Passau	Day 4 – Vienna
Day 2 – Linz	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	

**DATES IN 2025**  
18 May, 11 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship departs this afternoon and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where owners could lock their reserved seats to prevent others from sitting there! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing al fresco barbecue lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, evening arrival in Dürnstein with its fascinating lore tied to King Richard the



ČESKÝ KRUMLOV



DANUBE TOWER, VIENNA

Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Hear the story as you join a local expert for a walk and tasting of the Wachau's famous wines.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. This morning's RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace; or a fun guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower. Alternatively, you could head out on your own to spend time in a world-class museum, atmospheric Viennese coffee house, or the acclaimed Spanish Riding School, training center of the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# VIENNA WALTZ WITH SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



LINZ, CAPITAL OF UPPER AUSTRIA

Experience the gems of the Austrian Danube on this special 5-day discovery cruise. Begin and end in Vienna, a city renowned for its lavish Baroque architecture, world-class museums, and rich coffee house culture. Then, continue to a wonderful lineup of ports, including Grein, where you'll be fascinated by the curiosities in Austria's oldest theater, and Linz, the birthplace of the Linzer Torte, the world's first cake. In Melk, explore a splendid 11th-century abbey that houses an extensive collection of ancient manuscripts, along with endless views over the river. You'll also enjoy Dürnstein, known for its striking blue and white tower and legendary ties to King Richard the Lionheart. As you pass through the picturesque Wachau Valley, you'll discover a wonderland of apricot orchards, vineyards, and regal riverbank castles – like a vision from a postcard!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Melk/Wachau Valley/Dürnstein
Day 2 – Grein	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 3 – Linz	

**DATES IN 2025**  
4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights' battle to whisk you back in time.



GARDEN PAVILION AT MELK ABBEY

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's exciting capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where oddities include a curtained-off toilet near the seats so patrons wouldn't miss any of the plot! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour; hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle; or see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at Artstetten Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

## DAY 3 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley; visit gorgeous Salzburg, of "Sound of Music" fame; or travel into the Czech Republic to experience the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 4 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube. Or, for an active option, you can cycle from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, your knowledgeable guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment. A hike up to the town's castle ruin provides amazing views, or join us at an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



VINEYARDS OF THE WACHAU VALLEY

# DARLINGS OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA TO BUDAPEST WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



MELK AT SUNRISE

This remarkable week-long adventure features Vienna and Budapest, two of the most celebrated darlings of the Danube! Vienna puts its best foot forward with a grand welcome to the much-adored City of Music. Then, you're off and cruising in pampered luxury, passing through the world-famous Wachau Valley to see its castles, terraced vineyards, and orchards – you won't want to miss sampling some of Europe's most delectable wines and apricot treats! In Melk, explore the library of ancient manuscripts in the 11th-century Benedictine abbey, and visit tiny (but impressive) Dürnstein, where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192 as he returned home from the Crusades. Return to Vienna for more time in the exquisite capital before crossing into Hungary. As your ship glides into Budapest, raise a glass of Tokaji aszú (Hungarian wine) and toast the city's legendary beauty and many highlights on both sides of the Danube.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Vienna
Day 2 – Melk/Grein	Day 5 – Esztergom
Day 3 – Dürnstein/ Vienna	Day 6 – Budapest
	Day 7 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**

22 Jun, 13 Jul, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare 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 Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious *Riverside Mozart* and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for an enriching *Highlights of Vienna* tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna.

## DAY 2 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! A *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* selection of excursions offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 3 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers this morning will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein, where an expert guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* options include a brisk hike up to the town's cliff-top castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley; a visit to an Austrian vinothèque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a guided visit along the celebrat-



STATE OPERA, VIENNA

ed Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible *RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE* experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

A full day devoted to Vienna! A *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* of excursions offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, and other exciting possibilities. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums, soak up the atmosphere in an authentic Viennese coffee house, or join a day trip to nearby Bratislava, capital of Slovakia!

## DAY 5 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungarian capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* excursions include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with *RIVERSIDE CHOICE*, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you could visit the Royal Palace of Gödöllő, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture; Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our wonderful *UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE* concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the *Riverside Mozart* and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE KALEIDOSCOPE FROM BUDAPEST TO THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



DEVIN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

Discover the Danube's quaint villages and bustling capitals on this exquisite cruise, beginning and ending in Budapest, Queen of the Danube. Come face to face with the Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes' Square, and the Castle District with romantic Fishermen's Bastion before heading to nearby Bratislava, the surprisingly whimsical capital of Slovakia. In Vienna, marvel at the monumental architecture and unforgettable coffee house culture as you follow in the footsteps of Mozart, Strauss, and the powerful Habsburg rulers. Experience more of Hungary in ancient Esztergom, as well as Austria's Tulln in the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 8 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**

23 Apr



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to explore Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With your selection of excursions, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devin Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town 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, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital and City of Music, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, and other exciting possibilities. Alternatively, take advantage of the time to do some shopping or for a firsthand experience in an authentic Viennese coffee house!

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available as well as a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Your ship remains in port tonight for a wonderful RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH VIENNA & BRATISLAVA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN

Formed by the Danube eons ago, Austria's stunning Wachau Valley Cultural Landscape is one of the country's most popular destinations. Its allure? Beguiling castles, ornate monasteries, tantalizing orchard fruits, world-class wines, and irresistible villages around every bend. This week-long luxury cruise gives the Wachau the time and attention it deserves, stopping at the 2,000-year-old Roman settlement of Tulln; the Benedictine monastery at Melk; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; and Dürnstein with its famous blue and white tower, clifftop castle, and secret-recipe rye bread that you just might get to sample at the local wine bars! You'll also explore Vienna, heart of the Habsburg Empire and where Mozart, Strauss, Freud, Klimt, Marie Antoinette, and others once roamed; and Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, whose pedestrian-only Old Town will whisk you back in time!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 6 – Melk/Grein
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Dürnstein/ Vienna
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 8 – Vienna



## DATES IN 2025

9 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Sep, 8 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

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## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

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## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

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## DAY 6 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Then, arrive at the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers will appreciate the Wachau Valley's tranquil setting. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein with its ties to England's King Richard the Lionheart. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a hike up to the town's clifftop castle ruin; a visit to an Austrian vinotheque for a tasting of Wachau wines; and a guided visit along the Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into Belvedere Palace for a private musical performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's *The Kiss*.

## DAY 8 – VIENNA

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# HEART OF THE DANUBE & THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

The echoes of empires are calling on this immersive river cruise from Budapest to Passau. Stop in powerful cities and quaint villages alike, discovering the cultural and historical marks left behind in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany. Highlights include the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building, Bratislava's formidable hilltop castle, Vienna's fascinating Ringstrasse lined with palatial architecture, the impressive riverside Benedictine Abbey of Melk, and the timeless charms of Dürnstein. Mother Nature has a few brag-worthy masterpieces to see as well, including the terraced vineyards and apricot orchards of the scenic Wachau Valley, and the Danube's dramatic Schlögen Loop, a horseshoe-shaped river bend crafted by time itself.

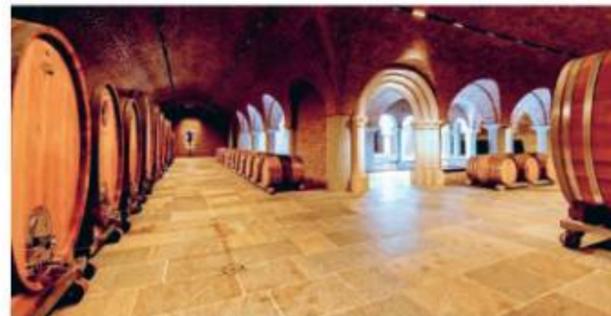
## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Dürnstein/ Wachau Valley/Melk
Day 2 – Budapest	
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Schlögen Loop/ Passau
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 8 – Passau



## DATES IN 2025

11 May, 4 Jun, 23 Aug, 18 Oct



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

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## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to Budapest! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, peek inside the vast Parliament complex; see the highlights by comfortable coach; or do your sightseeing from the seat of a bike. After-lunch options include visits to Gödöllő Castle, Dohány Synagogue, or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion for excellent views over the city and river. Later, head up to the ship's Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly out of Budapest.

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castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

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## DAY 6 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein early and learn about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the Crusades. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hike up to the town's castle ruin for great panoramic views; visit a vinothèque for a tasting of Wachau Valley wines; or get active with a bike ride along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship for a gourmet lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the inspiring Wachau Valley. The afternoon is in Melk, whose Benedictine abbey is one of the world's most exquisite Baroque structures. See the imperial staircase, marble hall, and library before a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert on the abbey's famous organ. Another option is a visit to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today.

## DAY 7 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlögen Loop. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

## DAY 8 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the Munich airport, train station, or central hotel.

# SERENADE OF THE DANUBE FROM PASSAU TO BUDAPEST

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY NEAR DÜRNSTEIN

Not all weeks are created equal, but this is one you'll be talking about for years to come! Your 8-day voyage begins in Passau, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers converge. Then, on to Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; and lovely Dürnstein, which remains forever connected to England's King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Spend two unforgettable days in Vienna, where the opulent palaces and Baroque architecture simply invite you to waltz! Afterward, discover the spirit of Hungary, with port stops in Esztergom, one of the country's oldest towns, and, of course, Budapest, the exquisite capital spanning both banks of the Danube.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Linz	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 8 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**

18 May, 11 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

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## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship departs this afternoon and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where oddities include a curtained-off toilet near the seats so patrons wouldn't miss the plot! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing alfresco lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, evening arrival in Dürnstein with its fascinating lore tied to King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Hear the story as you join a local expert for a walk and tasting of the Wachau's famous wines.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. This morning's RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace; or a fun guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower. Alternatively, you can head out on your own to spend time in a world-class museum,

atmospheric Viennese coffee house, or the acclaimed Spanish Riding School, training center of the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

What will you do with your second day in the City of Music? You can take advantage of another great RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a day trip to nearby Bratislava, wonderful capital of Slovakia, or maybe head out to do some souvenir shopping!

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, Hungary's Versailles" and one of the largest Baroque castles in the world. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our magical UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# HUNGARY'S DANUBE IN FOCUS PLUS BRATISLAVA & VIENNA

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA

This exciting luxury cruise devotes six days to Hungary in the heart of the Danube Basin, with additional time in Bratislava, Slovakia, and Vienna, Austria's Baroque gem! Begin in Budapest, whose majesty spills out onto both banks of the river. With three full days in the Hungarian capital, you'll have plenty of time to explore and learn about the unbreakable spirit of the people. In Komárom (a new stop in the Riverside portfolio), visit its 10th-century abbey, and in Esztergom, explore Hungary's capital during the Middle Ages. Then, on to Bratislava with its cliff-top castle and Old Town dotted with Napoleon's wall-lodged cannonballs. Finally, enter Austria to visit 2,000-year-old Tulln and to see Vienna's palatial architecture and world-class museums.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 2 – Komárom	Day 7 – Bratislava
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Budapest	Day 8 – Tulln/Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 5 – Budapest	



## DATES IN 2025

19 Jul



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

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## DAY 2 – KOMÁROM

Early arrival today in Komárom, a city divided and reunited throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Even today, its southern part belongs to Hungary and its northern part to Slovakia. Highlights include a picturesque Old Town with a decidedly Eastern European ambiance, an imposing 14-wing, 640-room fortress that played an important role in the Hungarian Revolution, and archaeological findings exhibited in the Brigeto Visitor Center. An enriching outing is available to the 10th-century Pannonhalma Archabbey, one of the country's oldest historical monuments and the second-largest territorial abbey in the world. Led by an expert guide, explore the 360,000-volume library and lavender oil distillery; gaze down on the lavender fields from the treetop walk; and learn about the abbey's wine-making tradition, which started with its founding but ended under Communism. In 2000, the abbey repurchased the vineyards that were confiscated by the Communists and wine production was resumed.

## DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / BUDAPEST

Awaken this morning in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th to the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options are a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its castle. Tonight, night owls will get a special treat as your ship makes its grand re-entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

## DAYS 4 & 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, the wonders of Budapest are yours to discover. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers sightseeing by comfortable coach, an inside tour of the Parliament Building, or an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available: Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or Fishermen's

Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river.

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

A final day in Budapest means another opportunity to discover just what makes this stunning capital special. Take advantage of RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities – or explore the city on your own! Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE magic. You'll feel like you've stepped onto a postcard as your ship moves slowly out of Budapest while you sip champagne!

## DAY 7 – BRATISLAVA

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## DAY 8 – TULLN / VIENNA

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## DAY 9 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE MEDLEY: VIENNA, BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & THE WACHAU

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA, CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA

Celebrate the wonders of the Danube during this week-long, three-country cruise! First is the Baroque wonderland of Vienna, Austria's City of Music. Then, head southeast to Esztergom, Hungary's capital until the 13th century, where you might take a jaunt up Castle Hill to admire the treasures at the country's largest church – or maybe hike or bike as you see the sights. Then, raise a glass and toast the dazzling beauty of Budapest. Its artistic bridges give you many opportunities to criss-cross the river for encounters with its colossal Parliament building, Heroes' Square, and the glamorous Castle District. Next up: Bratislava's fun personality and lovely pedestrian Old Town; the charms of Tulln; and the world-class wines and breathtaking scenery of the enchanting Wachau Valley.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 6 – Bratislava
Day 2 – Esztergom	Day 7 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 3 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	
Day 5 – Budapest	

**DATES IN 2025**

27 Apr, 8 May, 25 Jun, 6 Jul, 31 Jul, 10 Aug, 3 Sep, 14 Sep, 24 Sep, 5 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

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## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a peaceful morning up on the Vista Deck, you'll be impressed as your ship makes a slow and regal entrance into Budapest. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can ride in a comfortable coach to see the best of the city; visit the vast Hungarian Parliament Building lining the river; or embark on a Jewish heritage discovery at Dohány Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe. Your ship remains in port tonight, so check out Budapest nightlife – or join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at beautiful Wenckheim Palace.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Another full day lets you soak in everything that makes Budapest so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, one of the largest Baroque castles in the world?

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river, or a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

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## DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

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## DAY 8 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



PARLIAMENT BUILDING, BUDAPEST

# VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY CASTLE

From Austria to Hungary, there's so much to see and experience along the remarkable Danube! Step aboard your luxury cruise ship in Vienna, one of the river's four inviting capitals. Then, cruise into the lovely Wachau Valley, a wonderland of apricot orchards, vineyards, castles, and charming ports, including Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; Melk with its 11th-century Benedictine abbey; charming Dürnstein – forever tied to its imprisonment of King Richard the Lionheart; and more. Then, pass into Hungary and visit Esztergom, where priceless treasures await at the country's largest church on Castle Hill – or you might enjoy hiking or biking to see the sights. Finally, raise a glass of Tokaji aszú (Hungarian wine) and toast the beauty of Budapest as you enter the capital in style, surrounded by icons on both banks of the Danube.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Vienna
Day 2 – Grein	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 3 – Linz	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Melk/Wachau Valley / Dürnstein	Day 8 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**

4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights' battle to whisk you back in time.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's exciting capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. 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 selection of excursions, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

## DAY 3 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear the city's history and visit the Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas; visit gorgeous "Sound of Music" Salzburg; or travel into the Czech Republic to the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 4 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle; or for an active option, you can cycle from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you

through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, your knowledgeable guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment. A hike up to the town's castle ruin provides amazing views, or join us at an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna gives you the chance to really explore this exquisite Danube gem. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, take a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, visit Schönbrunn Palace, or maybe join a day trip to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or join the locals at an authentic Viennese coffee house.

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. RIVERSIDE CHOICE includes a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our remarkable UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE RIVER DANCE: VIENNA & THE WACHAU

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



DANUBE AT SUNSET

Austria's relationship with the Danube is special – and the focus of this exceptional week-long cruise. Begin and end in Vienna with its ostentatious palaces, world-class museums, historical buildings lining the Ringstrasse, and rich coffee house culture that is often imitated but never duplicated. Other unforgettable ports include Dürnstein with its legendary ties to England's King Richard the Lionheart; Melk, home to the impressive, ochre-colored abbey with its library of ancient manuscripts and gorgeous spiral staircase; Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; and Passau, the bustling City of Three Rivers. The Schlägen Loop and UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley are the icing on the cake with incredible scenery, riverbank castles, terraced orchards and vineyards, and more!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Passau
Day 2 – Dürnstein/ Wachau Valley/Melk	Day 5 – Linz
Day 3 – Schlägen Loop/ Passau	Day 6 – Grein/ Dürnstein
	Day 7 – Vienna
	Day 8 – Vienna

**DATES IN 2025**  
15 May, 8 Jun, 27 Aug, 22 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare 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 luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna.

## DAY 2 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

The quaint village of Dürnstein is on the agenda early! Hear why England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned here – and how his faithful minstrel helped get him free. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, hike up to the town's castle ruin for panoramic views; visit a vinothèque for a tasting of Wachau Valley wines; or bike along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship for a gourmet lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the Wachau Valley. Then, arrive later in Melk for a tour of its world-famous Baroque abbey, followed by a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert on the abbey's famous organ. Another option: visit Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today.

## DAY 3 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop – absolutely stunning. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

## DAY 4 – PASSAU

A wonderful day in Passau, with plenty to see and do. RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a leisurely stroll through Old Town Passau with a short organ performance at splendid St. Stephan's Cathedral; a Taste of Bavaria tour to sample the local specialties; or a guided tour to try some of Bavaria's tastiest beers!

## DAY 5 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a

well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 6 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

An up-and-at-'em morning awaits in the quaint village of Grein. This is home to Austria's oldest theater, where reserved seats came with an actual lock and key! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing al fresco lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, return to Dürnstein for more time to explore this popular Wachau Valley village.

## DAY 7 – VIENNA

This morning returns you to Vienna for an entire day of possibilities! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace; or a fun guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower. Alternatively, you can head out on your own to spend time in a world-class museum, atmospheric Viennese coffee house, or the acclaimed Spanish Riding School, training center of the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 8 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# CALL OF THE DANUBE: BUDAPEST TO VIENNA & THE WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



DÜRNSTEIN

When the Danube is calling, this luxury cruise answers with the important sights and rich cultures of Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria. Beginning in Budapest, experience the highlights and maybe try a hearty bowl of Hungarian gulyáshús (goulash) and glass of Tokaji aszú (wine). You'll also be captivated by the big personality of Bratislava – and the even bigger Baroque architecture of Vienna! Stops in smaller towns are equally fascinating as your ship moves in parallel to part of the scenic Route of Emperors and Kings. Entering the famous Wachau Valley, marvel at the 20-mile stretch of hillside castles, terraced vineyards and orchards, and some of the world's most popular wines! See Austria's oldest theater in Grein; Linz, a European Capital of Culture; Melk's stunning 11th-century abbey; and more!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Grein
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 7 – Linz
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 8 – Melk / Dürnstein
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 5 – Vienna	

**DATES IN 2025**  
30 Apr, 28 Jun, 23 Jul, 6 Sep, 27 Sep



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights' battle to whisk you back in time.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, impressive capital of Hungary! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Today, the spotlight is fully on Budapest! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, see the highlights by comfortable coach; tour the vast Parliament Building; or do your sightseeing from the seat of a bike. After lunch, Gödöllő Castle, Dohány Synagogue (Europe's largest synagogue), and the stunning Castle District are good options. Then, back on the ship later, admire epic views of Budapest from the Vista Deck as your ship makes its stately departure.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

This morning is ideal for sleeping in, a relaxed breakfast, or even a spa treatment. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, an introduction and tasting of Slovakia's wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home?

## DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Settled in pre-Roman times, Tulln's history is marked by Turkish invasions, floods, and the Thirty Years War. Don't miss the Old Town fountain commemorating Attila the Hun's proposal to Kriemhild (which legend says took place in Tulln). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, embark on a fun bike tour through the countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit 12th-century Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour and wine tasting. A UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting is also available at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, cruise into a world of castles and terraced vineyards in the awe-inspiring Wachau Valley.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital where the Habsburgs ruled and Baroque reigned. RIVERSIDE CHOICE helps you make the most of your time in the City of Music. How about a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; a visit to lavish Schönbrunn Palace;

or time on your own at one of the world-famous museums?

## DAY 6 – GREIN

An easy start to the day is followed by after-lunch arrival in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where even town prisoners could watch the performances from their jail cell! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, get active and commune with nature during a bike ride or hike up to Greinburg Castle. Or, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle that includes a VIP tour of its rooms filled with precious furnishings, refreshments, and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

## DAY 7 – LINZ

There's so much to see in Linz – and you have a whole day to do it! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a guided walk through the Old Town and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill; visit "Sound of Music" Salzburg; or travel into the Czech Republic to the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 8 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

Today's stop in Melk will leave you with indelible memories. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey; the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at Artstetten Castle; or a bike tour from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, the fascinating tale unfolds about why England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned here – and how his faithful minstrel was instrumental in his release! A hike up to the castle ruin provides amazing views, or visit an Austrian vinotheque for a tasting of Wachau Valley wines.

## DAY 9 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# WACHAU VALLEY IN DEPTH WITH DANUBE CAPITALS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



DEVIN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

Good things come in threes! On this fantastic cruise, spend time in three of the Danube's riverside capitals: breathtaking Budapest; City-of-Music Vienna; and Bratislava, an unexpected gem that will capture your heart. Also bask in the wonders of the Wachau Valley for three days. Formed by the Danube eons ago, the Wachau deserves more than a fleeting glance. Where else can you find terraced vineyards and apricot orchards, august castles and monasteries, and inviting villages around every bend of the river? Visit the 2,000-year-old Roman settlement of Tulln; Melk Abbey; quaint Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater; Dürnstein with its distinctive blue and white tower and heavenly secret-recipe rye bread; Hungary's Esztergom; and more!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 - Budapest	Day 7 - Dürnstein/ Vienna
Day 2 - Budapest	Day 8 - Vienna
Day 3 - Bratislava	Day 9 - Esztergom
Day 4 - Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 10 - Budapest
Day 5 - Vienna	Day 11 - Budapest
Day 6 - Melk/Grein	



## DATES IN 2025

9 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Sep, 8 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences - like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 1 - BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in - or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to check out Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 - BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, an important example of Hungarian palace architecture; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 3 - BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning - perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the



ROYAL PALACE OF GÖDÖLLŐ

Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 4 - TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town 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, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of



DEVIN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

#### DAY 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital and City of Music, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, and other exciting possibilities.

#### DAY 6 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

#### DAY 7 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers this morning will appreciate the



SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA

breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein, where an expert guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a brisk hike up to the town's cliff-top castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley; a visit to an Austrian vinothèque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a guided visit along the celebrated Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

#### DAY 8 – VIENNA

Enjoy one more day to waltz your way around the City of Music. Take advantage of our RIVERSIDE CHOICE offerings, or you can head out on your own to spend time in one of the world-class museums; explore some of history's most impressive palaces; or just relax and mingle with the locals at an atmospheric Viennese coffee house.

#### DAY 9 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

#### DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! Take advantage of the day with another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion or you can head out to explore independently!

#### DAY 11 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



VINEYARD NEAR VIENNA

# DARLINGS OF THE DANUBE: VIENNA, BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



VISEGRÁD, HUNGARY

From the Ringstrasse of Vienna and Castle District of Budapest to the playful personality of Bratislava, this wonderful 11-day cruise introduces you to some of the Danube's most darling destinations! Your journey begins and ends in Vienna, the beloved City of Music. Then, grab your camera as you cruise past the castles, vineyards, and orchards of the Wachau Valley. Stop at Melk Abbey to see its vast collection of ancient manuscripts, and visit charming Dürnstein, where you might enjoy a hike up to its formidable cliff-top castle ruin. Return to Vienna for another chance to see the sights before a memorable arrival into Budapest, followed by the wall-lodged cannonballs and peeping-Tom sewer sculptures of Bratislava. Additional visits to inviting villages in Austria and Hungary complete your experience!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Melk/Grein	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 3 – Dürnstein/ Vienna	Day 9 – Bratislava
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 10 – Tulln/ Wachau Valley
Day 5 – Esztergom	Day 11 – Vienna
Day 6 – Budapest	



## DATES IN 2025

22 Jun, 7 Aug, 21 Sep, 12 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.



ARTSTETTEN CASTLE, NEAR MELK

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for an enriching Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner as your ship departs Vienna.

## DAY 2 – MELK / GREIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

## DAY 3 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers this morning will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein, where an expert guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a brisk hike up to the town's cliff-top castle ruin for great views over the Wachau Valley; a visit to an Austrian vinothèque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a guided visit along the celebrated Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery

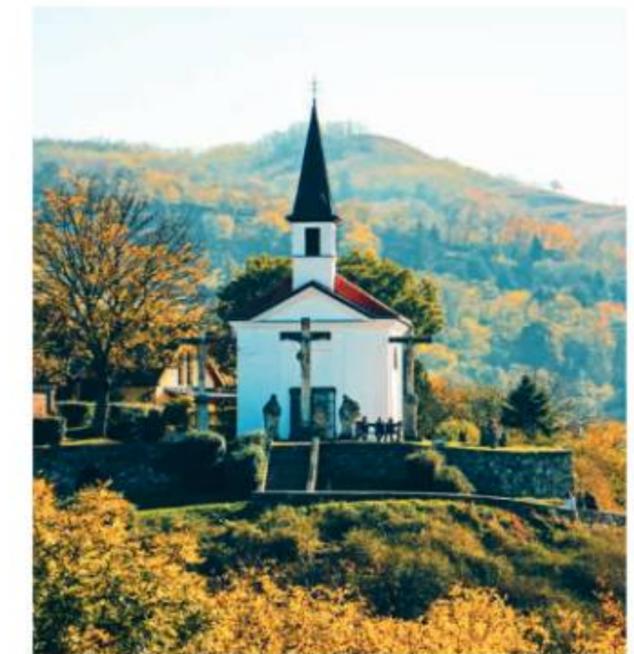
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## DAY 4 – VIENNA

A full day devoted to Vienna! A RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, and other exciting possibilities. You could also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums, soak up the atmosphere in an authentic Viennese coffee house, or join a day trip to nearby Bratislava, Slovakia's exciting capital!

## DAY 5 – ESZTERGOM

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CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ESZTERGOM



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST



WACHAU VALLEY

#### DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

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#### DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Another full day lets you soak in everything that makes Budapest so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle for an encounter with Hungary's impressive palace architecture?

#### DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river, or a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

#### DAY 9 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scen-

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#### DAY 11 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# CALL OF THE DANUBE: BUDAPEST LOOP WITH SCENIC WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

Castles, churches, culture, and cuisine – this cruise along the Danube has it all! From sleepy villages to dynamic capitals, and from Nature's majestic Wachau Valley to manmade marvels like Melk Abbey, the best of Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria are at the ready. Embark in Budapest, whose seemingly endless Parliament building adorns the riverbank. Save time for Heroes' Square, the Castle District, and maybe even a bowl of authentic Hungarian goulash! Also encounter Esztergom; nearby Bratislava; and Austria's ornate City of Music, Vienna, as well as ancient Tulln; tiny Grein; Linz, a European Capital of Culture; and enchanting Dürnstein with its clifftop castle ruin. A final highlight is the showstopping entrance back into Budapest – magical!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 8 – Melk/Wachau Valley/Dürnstein
Day 2 – Budapest	
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 4 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	Day 10 – Esztergom
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Budapest
Day 6 – Grein	Day 12 – Budapest
Day 7 – Linz	



## DATES IN 2025

28 Jun, 23 Jul, 6 Sep, 27 Sep



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.



INSIDE THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING, BUDAPEST

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to explore Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", the much-adored Queen of Hungary; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship cruises slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

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Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 4 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

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## DAY 5 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital and City of Music, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can take a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; visit the Habsburgs' Schönbrunn Palace; and take in other exciting possibilities. Alternatively, maybe head out on your own for some shopping or time at one of the world-famous museums!

## DAY 6 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home



STEPHANSPLATZ, VIENNA

to Austria's oldest theater, where a curtained-off toilet among the seats kept patrons from missing the plot! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

#### DAY 7 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley; visit gorgeous Salzburg, of "Sound of Music" fame; or travel into the Czech Republic to experience the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

#### DAY 8 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

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OLD MARKET SQUARE, LINZ

still reside today at the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle; or for an active option, you can cycle from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, your knowledgeable guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment. A hike up to the town's castle ruin provides amazing views, or join us at an Austrian vinothèque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

#### DAY 9 – VIENNA

A second day in Vienna presents so many possibilities! You can join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, or head out on your own to explore the palaces, museums, and coffee houses independently!

#### DAY 10 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungarian capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike tour through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

#### DAY 11 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! Take advantage of the day with another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion or you can head out to explore independently! Tonight, don't miss our magical RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at Wenckheim Palace.

#### DAY 12 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



DÜRNSTEIN CASTLE RUIN

# THREE-CAPITAL DANUBE OVERTURE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY

Great music moves effortlessly from one element to another – and that’s exactly what this fantastic 12-day cruise does. One moment you’re exploring the architecture, museums, and culture of world-class cities like Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest; the next you’re investigating the history behind a magnificent palace, iconic abbey, or cobblestoned village dating back to medieval times. Along the way, hear the fascinating legends tied to colorful characters from the history books; sample wines in the very places they’re cultivated; and indulge in foods prepared in traditional ways with unexpected local flavors. Then, as a grand finale, enjoy an unforgettable passage through one of Europe’s most postcard-perfect regions – Austria’s renowned Wachau Valley with its terraced vineyards and regal riverbank castles.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 2 – Esztergom	Day 9 – Grein
Day 3 – Budapest	Day 10 – Linz
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 11 – Melk/ Dürnstein
Day 5 – Budapest	Day 12 – Vienna
Day 6 – Bratislava	
Day 7 – Tulln/Wachau Valley	



## DATES IN 2025

27 Apr, 25 Jun, 3 Sep, 24 Sep



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights’ battle to whisk you back in time.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

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mental Hungarian Parliament Building, or to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage at Dohány Synagogue. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Another full day lets you soak in everything that makes Budapest so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", the much-adored Queen of Hungary?

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river, or a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

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MAIN SQUARE, OLD TOWN BRATISLAVA



KARLSKIRCHE, VIENNA

#### DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town 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, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

#### DAY 8 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna gives you the chance to really explore this exquisite Danube gem. The RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu features a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace, or a day trip back to splendid Bratislava. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or soak up the atmosphere in an authentic Viennese coffee house.

#### DAY 9 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater with more than a few oddities! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

#### DAY 10 – LINZ

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MOZART'S BIRTHPLACE, SALZBURG

RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley; visit gorgeous Salzburg, of "Sound of Music" fame; or travel into the Czech Republic to experience the medieval, walled village of Český Krumlov. Ship cruises overnight.

#### DAY 11 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today at the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle; or for an active option, you can cycle from Melk to the ship's next stop in Dürnstein. Otherwise, allow the ship to transport you through the stunning scenery of the Wachau Valley, arriving in Dürnstein after lunch. Here, your knowledgeable guide will regale you with tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment. A hike up to the town's castle ruin provides amazing views, or join us at an Austrian vinotheque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct.

#### DAY 12 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# ESSENCE OF HUNGARY & AUSTRIA WITH BUDAPEST FOCUS

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



VIENNA SKYLINE

Sweeping boulevards lined with Baroque, Neoclassical, and Art Nouveau architecture. Mouth-watering cuisine. Monumental attractions like Parliament, the Castle District, and Fishermen's Bastion. Budapest has so much to offer, and this luxury cruise gives you just what you need to discover its charms: time! You'll also visit Esztergom, Hungary's former capital during the Middle Ages. Then, a jaunt into Slovakia introduces Bratislava's allure before entering Austria, one of the Danube's crowning glories. Stops include Vienna, one-time center of the Habsburg Empire; Melk's Benedictine abbey; Dürnstein, where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned on his way home from the Crusades; and more. Finally, breathtaking scenery filled with castles and terraced vineyards is on full display during a memorable passage through the Wachau Valley.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 - Vienna	Day 7 - Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 2 - Esztergom	Day 8 - Vienna
Day 3 - Budapest	Day 9 - Melk/Grein
Day 4 - Budapest	Day 10 - Dürnstein/Vienna
Day 5 - Budapest	Day 11 - Vienna
Day 6 - Bratislava	



## DATES IN 2025

6 Jul, 31 Jul, 14 Sep, 5 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences - like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" - then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in - or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning - perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. An exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest - like something out of a movie! RIVERSIDE CHOICE affords you the chance to see the highlights by comfortable coach; to visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage at Dohány



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

Synagogue. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife - or join our unforgettable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Another full day in Budapest lets you soak in everything that makes the city so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, "Hungary's Versailles" and one of the largest Baroque castles in the world.

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make some memories. Additional RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences are available to fairly-



ESZTERGOM



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

tale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river, or a trip out into the countryside for a tasting of the local Hungarian wines. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

#### DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

The morning is free to do as much (or as little) as you like. Take extra time at breakfast or get in a workout at the onboard fitness center. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devin Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

#### DAY 7 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in 2,000-year-old 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 here). Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, bike through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit the 12th-century Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its collection of castles, vineyards, and apricot orchards.

#### DAY 8 – VIENNA

A return to Vienna gives you the chance to really explore this exquisite Danube gem. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, and more. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or soak up the atmosphere in an authentic Viennese coffee house!

#### DAY 9 – MELK / GREIN

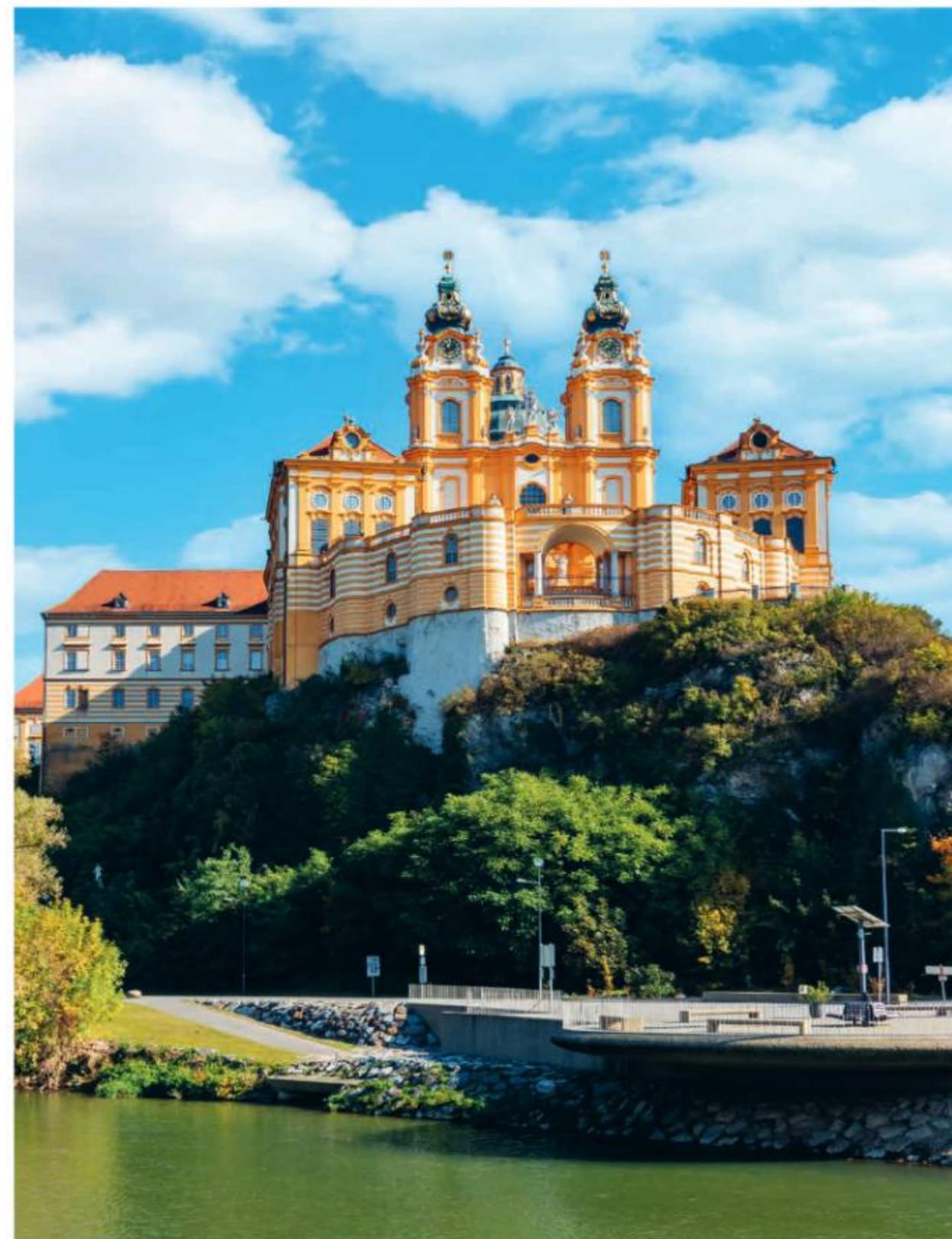
Today the fun begins in Melk! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the town's legendary Baroque abbey, home to an important collection of ancient manuscripts and enviable views over the Danube; a guided bike tour; or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a delicious barbecue lunch as you cruise on to your next port. Disembark in the quaint village of Grein for a guided walking tour that visits the oldest theater in Austria – complete with a "jail seat" where prisoners could watch the performances! Ship remains in port overnight.

#### DAY 10 – DÜRNSTEIN / VIENNA

Early risers will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as your ship makes its way to the next port. After breakfast, arrive in Dürnstein to learn the fascinating tales about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a brisk hike up to the clifftop castle ruin for great views; a visit to a vinothèque for a tasting of the Wachau's popular wines; and a tour along the celebrated Krems Art Mile for time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Rejoin your ship for lunch and scenic cruising back to Vienna. This evening is an incredible UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace for a private orchestral performance and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

#### DAY 11 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



MELK ABBEY

# VIENNA WALTZ TO BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA & THE WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY

Austria, Hungary, Slovakia – three bewitching Danube countries in one luxury cruise. Embark in Vienna, Austria's lavish capital and proof of the Habsburg Empire's passion for Baroque! From here, cruise to and through the always-popular Wachau Valley, 20 miles of riverside castles, orchards and vineyards, and some of Europe's tastiest wines and apricot products. Stop in Linz, birthplace of the world's first cake; at Melk's 11th-century Benedictine abbey; little Dürnstein – forever known for imprisoning King Richard the Lionheart; and more. Then, cross into Hungary for a dazzling arrival into Budapest, one of the world's most beautiful cities, followed by the whimsical Slovak capital of Bratislava. Active sightseeing opportunities and a selection of excursions through RIVERSIDE CHOICE make this a trip to remember!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 6 – Esztergom
Day 2 – Grein	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 3 – Linz	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 4 – Melk/Wachau Valley / Dürnstein	Day 9 – Budapest
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 10 – Bratislava
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 12 – Vienna



## DATES IN 2025

4 May, 2 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Sep, 1 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive visit to 12th-century Castle Clam, featuring a special courtyard welcome reception, guided tour, refreshments, and a dazzling knights' battle to whisk you back in time.



HORSE CARRIAGES AT THE RESIDENZPLATZ, SALZBURG

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

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## DAY 2 – GREIN

A leisurely start to your day can include steaming mugs of coffee or tea on the Vista Deck with plenty of outstanding scenery to capture your attention. After lunch, disembark in Grein, home to Austria's oldest theater, where reserved seats could be locked with a key! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can commune with nature during a pleasant bike tour or hike up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Alternatively, join a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience at stately Clam Castle with its distinctive multi-story round keep. "Often besieged but never conquered", the castle's preserved rooms include precious furnishings and decor, which you'll see for yourself during a guided tour. Your visit also features refreshments and an entertaining knights' battle – huzzah!

## DAY 3 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Or, burn some energy during a vigorous hike up Pöstlingberg Hill

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## DAY 4 – MELK / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / DÜRNSTEIN

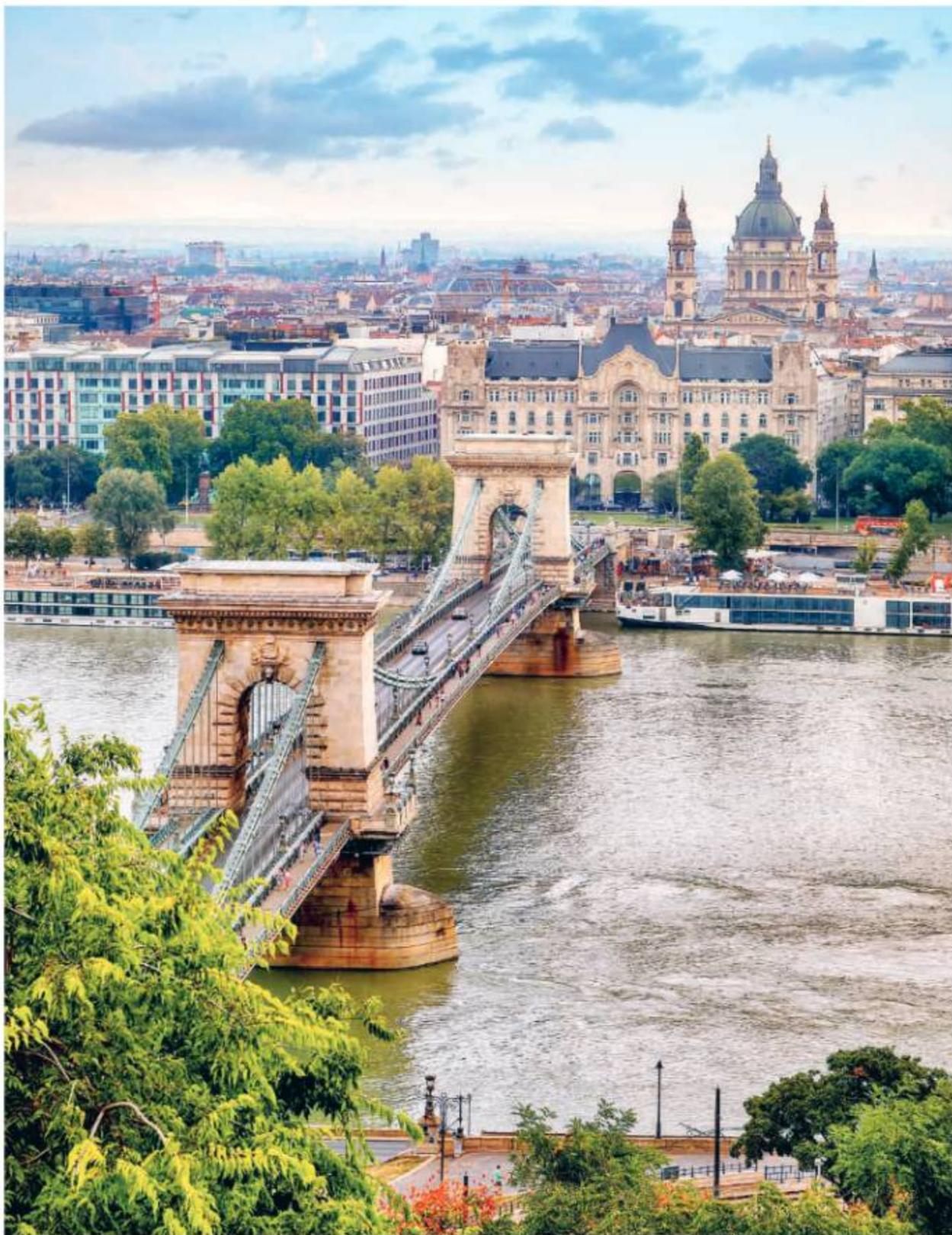
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STIFT DÜRNSTEIN AND CASTLE RUIN



SZÉCHENYI CHAIN BRIDGE CONNECTING BUDA AND PEST

brunn Palace, or maybe join a day trip to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. You can also head out on your own to spend time at one of the many world-class museums or join the locals at an authentic Viennese coffee house.

#### DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A free and easy morning on your ship as you cross the border into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungary's capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. RIVERSIDE CHOICE includes a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodle walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

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#### DAY 10 – BRATISLAVA

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ESZTERGOM BASILICA

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#### DAY 12 – VIENNA

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# DANUBE CAPITALS WITH WACHAU VALLEY & EASTER IN VIENNA

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



SCHLÖGEN LOOP

You'll feel beyond blessed during this exceptional luxury cruise that spends Holy Week on the Danube. Begin in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, where you'll have time to explore and maybe join the locals for Good Friday services if you like. From here, encounter nature at its best as you cruise through the dramatic Schlägen Loop and the castle- and vineyard-filled Wachau Valley! Stop in the quaint village of Grein, where Austria's oldest theater has plenty of fascinating stories, and Dürnstein with its distinctive blue and white tower and looming cliff-top castle ruin. Finally, visit three splendid Danube capitals in a row, with Easter Sunday in Vienna, Easter Monday in Bratislava, and two unforgettable days in Budapest, Hungary's irrepressible Queen of the Danube!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 4 – Vienna
Day 2 – Passau	Day 5 – Bratislava
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	Day 6 – Budapest
	Day 7 – Budapest



## DATES IN 2025

17 Apr



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to 2,500-year-old Passau, Germany's unique city where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you get settled in – or head out and explore independently if you like. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions at your first onboard dinner.

## DAY 2 – PASSAU / SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING

A wonderful Good Friday in Passau, with plenty to see and do. RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a leisurely stroll through Old Town Passau with a short organ performance at splendid St. Stephan's Cathedral; a Taste of Bavaria tour to sample the local specialties; or a guided tour to try some of Bavaria's tastiest beers! Then, Mother Nature takes center stage this afternoon as you cruise through the dramatic horse-shoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop. Head up to the Vista Deck to enjoy the views as the Danube doubles back to flow in the direction from where it just came – absolutely stunning.

## DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

Your day begins with an unforgettable stop in Grein, home to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle and Austria's oldest theatre – where even town prisoners could watch the show! You might enjoy a tour of the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today! Then, lunch is back on the ship as you cruise onward to a traveler favorite. Pretty Dürnstein is known for its medieval castle ruin looming over town and its fascinating lore about England's King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. A guided evening walk is available to show you the highlights and introduce you to some of the Wachau Valley's most delectable wine!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Happy Easter – and what an extraordinary place to spend it! Austria's Baroque capital is lovingly known as the City of Music, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. If you're interested, you can attend Easter Mass at a local cathedral. We also have a great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions, like a Panoramic Vienna city tour of the major highlights; visits to the Habsburg rulers' splendid summer residence, Schönbrunn Palace, or their imperial winter residence, Hofburg Palace with its imperial Treasury; or a fun bike

ride around Danube Island that includes an ascent up the soaring Danube Tower! Your ship remains in Vienna until late, so after dinner on board, nighttime Vienna is yours to explore!

## DAY 5 – BRATISLAVA

Early arrival in Bratislava, enchanting capital of Slovakia, where RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of sightseeing options! How about an Old Town walking tour, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a Jewish heritage tour? You can also get a peek at what everyday life is like here during a visit to a residential home to visit with the family; tour 16th-century Pálffy Castle with an included tasting of the delicious wine and beer crafted on the property; or simply wander around the pedestrian Old Town to shop or maybe try Slovakian beer at a local pub.

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Rise and shine! This is one morning you won't want to sleep in! Head up to the Vista Deck with a hot, fresh coffee or tea, as your ship makes its glorious entrance into Budapest. This is a city that embraces both banks of the Danube magnificently, and as the rising sun shimmers off the surrounding buildings and the river, you'll be positively captivated. RIVERSIDE CHOICE affords you the chance to see the highlights by comfortable coach, or you can join a Jewish history tour with a visit to Europe's largest synagogue. Check out the monumental Parliament building, fairytale Fishermen's Bastion, or take a bike ride to Margaret Island. After lunch, you can tour Gödöllő Castle, favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", beloved Queen of Hungary. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience, a magical concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# SOLSTICE IN THE WACHAU WITH DANUBE FIREWORKS ILLUMINATION

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



WACHAU VALLEY WITH FIREWORKS

Spend five incredible days cruising along the Danube during Summer Solstice – the “longest day” of the year! Begin in majestic Budapest, whose treasures spill out onto both banks of the river, and learn what life was like here under Communism and about the unbreakable spirit of the people. Next, stop in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia; pretty Dürnstein in Austria’s UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley; and Vienna, the Baroque-filled City of Music! A trip highlight is the Danube itself – illuminated beautifully by a musical fireworks spectacular to celebrate the solstice!

**ITINERARY**

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

**DATES IN 2025**

18 Jun



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside’s authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression – like Austria’s incredible Summer Solstice celebration. Atop the Vista Deck, enjoy refreshments, music, and from-the-river views of the floating river lights, traditional ship parade, illuminated vineyards, and fireworks on both sides of the Danube.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary’s gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Your ship remains in port overnight, so Budapest’s nightlife is yours!

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Budapest. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building; join an exhilarating bike tour; or learn about the city’s rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress Sisi, the much-adored Queen of Hungary, or maybe join a jaunt to neighboring Szentendre, a town known for its baroque architecture, colorful houses, and narrow, cobblestone streets. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Early arrival in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu



BRATISLAVA



INSIDE THE DOHÁNY STREET SYNAGOGUE

of options – how about an Old Town walking tour, time at the Danubiana Art Museum, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a fascinating Jewish heritage tour? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to shop or maybe try Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 4 – DÜRNSTEIN

After a morning of breakfast and scenic cruising through the splendid Wachau Valley, you’ll arrive in the lovely Austrian town of Dürnstein. Here, a wonderful set of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are on offer. You can stroll through town with an expert guide and hear the mesmerizing tale about King Richard the Lionheart’s imprisonment here; hike up to the town’s cliff-top castle ruin for amazing views; or join us at an Austrian vinothèque for wine tasting and the chance to learn about what makes Wachau wines distinct. Alternatively, a visit to nearby Krems is a possibility for a guided walk along the celebrated Krems Art Mile and time at the State Gallery of Lower Austria. Back on board your ship tonight is a Summer Solstice event you’ll never forget. Head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE event featuring refreshments, music, and unbeatable views of the annual ship parade, illuminated vineyards, floating river lights, and dazzling fireworks on both sides of the Danube!

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE CAPITALS WITH HUNGARY NATIONAL DAY FIREWORKS

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA

This week-long journey whisks you through three Danube capitals – one during a very special time of year! Begin in Vienna, Austria, where some of the world’s greatest minds and talents lived and worked over the centuries. Next is Slovakia’s enchanting Bratislava, where an impressive hilltop castle stands watch over the lovely pedestrian Old Town. Finally, enter Hungary in time for its national independence celebration. Between the hoisted flags, parades, religious and folk traditions, first bread from the new wheat, and fireworks galore, you’ll find yourself immersed in the fun and festivities. Ports include Esztergom, ancient Visegrád, Mohács with its colorful Busó culture, Kalocsa (Paprika Capital of the World), and an epic entrance into Budapest, where you can raise a glass of Tokaji aszú and toast the city’s beauty.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Budapest
Day 2 – Bratislava	Day 5 – Mohács
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 6 – Kalocsa
	Day 7 – Budapest

**DATES IN 2025**  
17 Aug



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences! Budapest’s nighttime beauty is further elevated during Hungary National Day. Join the celebration from atop the Vista Deck, with refreshments and unhindered views of the brilliant musical fireworks display illuminating the Danube.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria’s capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – BRATISLAVA

After breakfast, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia and where RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a full menu of excursion options. How about an Old Town walking tour, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, a Jewish heritage tour, or a visit to 16th-century Pálffy Castle for a tour and tasting of the delicious wine and beer crafted on the property? Or, you could head out on your own to shop or maybe try Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Today, enter Hungary, where the entire country is awash with National Day celebrations and activities! Up first: Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; or a guided bike tour through Hungary and Slovakia. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues to the Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, you’ll enjoy a wonderful afternoon introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, night owls will get a special treat as your ship makes a grand entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the Hungarian capital’s highlights by comfortable coach, visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen’s Bastion, or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress “Sisi”, the much-adored Queen of Hungary. Back on your ship tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE celebration of Hungary National Day, complete with refreshments and outstanding views of Budapest’s brilliant musical fireworks display over the river. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 5 – MOHÁCS

A wonderful morning to sleep in, enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and socialize on the Vista Deck as your ship cruises south. This afternoon, arrive in Mohács, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played significant roles. With so many great RIVERSIDE CHOICE options, you might have a difficult time deciding what to do! You could learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; immerse yourself in the beauty of Gemenc National Park on a canoe tour; or explore the historic city of Pécs in southern Hungary and visit the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory.

## DAY 6 – KALOCSA

Another morning of scenic cruising gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship’s amenities. Later, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary’s oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! An included guided excursion takes you to the 200-year-old Folk Art House. As you wander among the colorful rooms, see recreations of the homes where Serbian, Slovak, and Magyar peasants once lived, and meet skilled artisans who will teach you the fine art of painting everything from walls and furnishings to clothing in the traditional Hungarian way. Then, visit the Paprika House to learn about the history, traditions, and many cooking secrets for the rich and smoky “red gold”. Finally, visit the Archbishop’s Palace with its amazing library of 150,000 books and manuscripts, including the Vizsolyi Bible, the oldest surviving Hungarian Bible. After the tour, you’re free to see more of this captivating town on your own. Back on the ship for your final onboard dinner.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE NEW WINE CELEBRATION WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



VINEYARDS AT SUNSET

Three regal Habsburg capitals, the incomparable Wachau Valley, and a rollout of the harvest's new wines – it all equals one amazing Danube cruise! Spend a full week exploring, starting in Austria's capital, Vienna, the divine City of Music. Then, investigate the treasures of Melk's Benedictine abbey, and wander through Krems, where wine connoisseurs congregate each autumn. The terraced vineyards and apricot orchards of the glorious Wachau usher you on to the unexpected gem of Bratislava, Slovakia, and Hungary's Visegrád, Esztergom, and Budapest, one of the world's most elegant cities. But beyond sightseeing, you'll also help the locals celebrate the year's grape harvest during St. Martin's festivities, where the new wine is blessed and served for the very first time!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Visegrád/ Budapest
Day 2 – Melk/Krems	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Esztergom	

**DATES IN 2025**

5 Nov



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an onboard wine-paired dinner hosted by Riverside's Master Sommelier and an award-winning local winemaker. Learn about the region's tantalizing wines and how perfectly they pair with each course of your gourmet meal!

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's big, beautiful, Baroque capital city! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in. If you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour! Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

## DAY 2 – MELK / KREMS

Today the fun begins in Melk! A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a visit to the legendary Baroque abbey with its collection of ancient manuscripts; or a tour of the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. For lunch, dine up on your ship's Vista Deck as you cruise through the stunning Wachau Valley. Then, on to Krems for more RIVERSIDE CHOICE options: a guided tour of Stein with apricot schnapps tasting at the Bailoni distillery; a city highlights tour by bike; or a stroll along Krems' famous art mile with time at the award-winning State Gallery of Lower Austria. Tonight on your ship, a special treat awaits! Savor a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE gourmet wine-paired dinner conducted by your onboard Sommelier and Gerhard Kracher, whose family-run Kracher Winery has earned the coveted "Wine Maker of the Year" seven times! Hear about the Burgenland region's sweet wines, including the world-famous Trockenbeerenauslese, Beerenauslese, and ice wine; learn the secret behind the area's successful viticulture; and experience the fantastic end result, paired perfectly with each stage of your meal.

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Late-morning arrival in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, where wine has a 3,000-year tradition due to the fertile soil and sun-filled days. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of sightseeing options! How about an Old Town walking tour, time at the Danubiana Art Museum, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, a fascinating Jewish heritage tour, or a tasting of the country's best new wines? Alternatively, head out on your own to shop or maybe try Slovakian cuisine at a charming Old Town café!

## DAY 4 – ESZTERGOM

Enjoy a relaxed morning of breakfast and scenic cruising, with after-lunch arrival in Esztergom, capital of Hungary in the Middle Ages. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury; a guided bike tour through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun

foodie walk to sample the local favorites and specialties; a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its castle; or an enriching wine tour featuring Hungary's version of the harvest's new wines!

## DAY 5 – VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

Late-morning arrival in Visegrád, medieval gateway to the Danube. Here, you'll receive a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD as well as its captivating fortress. Alternatively, join an informative (and delicious) tasting of the area's new wines! Back on your ship this evening, join your Master Sommelier for a tasting and explanation about the region's St. Martin's Day new-wine traditions. Then, later, night owls will get a special treat as your ship makes a regal entrance into the twinkling cityscape of Budapest.

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the Queen of the Danube. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the highlights during a panoramic coach tour; visit the monumental Parliament Building; join an exhilarating bike tour; or learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, how about a visit to Gödöllo Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; or maybe a jaunt to neighboring Szentendre, a town known for its colorful, Baroque architecture and narrow, cobblestone streets?

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

# INTO THE LOWER DANUBE: BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE

BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

Dip your toe into a very different part of Europe as you cruise along the Lower Danube into the Balkan region. Begin in Budapest, whose regal Parliament Building, Castle District, Heroes' Square, and other highlights reveal the strength and spirit of the Hungarian people. On to Mohács, where decisive battles in 1526 and 1687 marked the beginning and end of the Ottoman Empire's control of Hungary – and whose colorful Busó culture captivates more than a few visitors! Also stop in Novi Sad, the second-largest city in Serbia, for time at an authentic ethno farm or a visit to the massive Petrovaradin Fortress. Finally, on to Belgrade, Serbia's capital and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe.

**ITINERARY**  
Day 1 – Budapest      Day 3 – Novi Sad  
Day 2 – Mohács      Day 4 – Belgrade



**DATES IN 2025**  
25 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As your ship departs Budapest, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape embracing both sides of the Danube. From atop the Vista Deck, pass by world-famous landmarks, illuminated by shimmering lights, and toast the city's beauty and spirit with a glass of champagne.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you get settled in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Also enjoy a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** twilight departure from Budapest on the Vista Deck, complete with twinkling lights, the city's stunning landmarks, and a glass of champagne to toast it all!

## DAY 2 – MOHÁCS

Early morning arrival in Mohács, Hungary, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played significant roles. With a great **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** selection of excursions, you can learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; immerse yourself in the beauty of Gemenc National Park on a canoe tour; or explore the historic city of Pécs in southern Hungary and visit the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory. Dinner is back on board your ship. Ship cruises on to Serbia overnight.

## DAY 3 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. With **RIVERSIDE CHOICE**, select a guided walking tour and spe-



SKADARLIJA, BELGRADE

cial performance, a Serbian wine and honey experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!

## DAY 4 – BELGRADE

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



MONUMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF FASCISM, NOVI SAD

# SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE: SERBIA, ROMANIA & THE IRON GATES

BELGRADE TO BELGRADE – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



IRON GATES

This short but significant discovery cruise travels the Lower Danube's mesmerizing riverscape through Serbia. Enjoy a fascinating peek behind the former Iron Curtain as you're introduced to the Balkan republic – part of the former Yugoslavia. Embark your luxury ship in the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, the capital and one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Then, on to the pristine environs of Donji Milanovac in Serbia, and Turnu Severin in Romania, where remains of Trajan's Bridge stand as a testament to one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. Scenic cruising through the rugged Iron Gates reveals the steep, rock-faced gorges forming the border between Serbia and Romania. Return to Belgrade for the conclusion of your Lower Danube adventure!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 3 – Turnu Severin
Day 2 – Donji Milanovac / Iron Gates	Day 4 – Belgrade

**DATES IN 2025**

28 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression – like scenic cruising through the otherworldly Iron Gates gorges. As you pass through this amazing stretch of the Lower Danube, border between Serbia and Romania, savor an exquisite al fresco barbecue lunch and uninterrupted views from atop the Vista Deck.



BELGRADE'S VICTOR MONUMENT

## DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and get settled in, then you're free to head back into town for some independent exploring. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

A relaxed morning – ideal for breakfast, hot coffee or tea, and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, and the unique sculpture of a sitting mammoth, unofficial mascot of the town! Don't miss time along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés – a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties like grilled meats and homemade pastries. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** al fresco barbecue lunch during our passage through the incredible Iron Gates, the boundary between Serbia and Romania.

## DAY 3 – TURNU SEVERIN

Bună dimineața (good morning) – welcome to Romania! Turnu Severin dates back to around 105 AD as an ancient Roman fort that grew to

include temples, a theater, baths, a forum, port, and craftsmen guilds. The Bridge of Apollodorus (known as Trajan's Bridge today) was built over the Danube to allow Roman troops to cross the river, and was one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. The town's highlights include remains of the ancient bridge and other Roman ruins; Severin Medieval Fortress, built in 1230; the Neoclassical Water Castle, built in 1914; and the Iron Gates Museum. The area is also renowned for its quality white wines, so it might be worth your while to find a traditional pub or restaurant to relax and try a glass or two!

## DAY 4 – BELGRADE

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



TEODOR COSTESCU CULTURAL PALACE, TURNU SEVERIN

# LOWER DANUBE SAMPLER: SERBIA, CROATIA & HUNGARY

BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

Whether you're in the mood for a new travel experience or simply want a short and sweet escape, this introduction to the Balkans along the Lower Danube is just the ticket! Embark in Belgrade, Serbia's mesmerizing capital city, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. There, you'll have the chance to explore the "White Fortress" and learn about its turbulent past as part of the former Yugoslavia. In Vukovar, learn about the devastation that occurred during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s – and how a simple water tower became a symbol of the people's strength and spirit. Finally, enter Hungary, with stops in ancient Kalocsa, the "Paprika Capital of the World", and Budapest, whose breathtaking Parliament Building, Castle District, Heroes' Square, and other highlights will positively enchant you.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 4 – Budapest
Day 2 – Vukovar	Day 5 – Budapest
Day 3 – Kalocsa	

**DATES IN 2025**

31 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. Admire the extraordinary cityscape flanking the Danube during your ship's spectacular mid-day entrance into Budapest. From the Vista Deck, enjoy unhindered views of the capital's world-famous landmarks and a delicious al fresco barbecue lunch aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves gourmet fare on the top deck while cruising.

## DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and get settled in, then you're free to head back into town for some independent exploring. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and spunk of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the carefully restored town, followed by a piano concert at lavish, 18th-century Eitz Manor; spend time at the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site with wine tasting afterward; or explore Ilok, the easternmost city in Croatia, which has been known since Roman times for its wine culture.

## DAY 3 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship's amenities. Later, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! An included guided excursion takes you to the 200-year-old Folk Art House. As you wander among the colorful rooms, see recreations of the



GRAPES ON ILOK WINE ROAD

homes where Serbian, Slovak, and Magyar peasants once lived, and meet skilled artisans who will teach you the fine art of painting everything from walls and furnishings to clothing in the traditional Hungarian way. Then, visit the Paprika House to learn about the history, traditions, and many cooking secrets for the rich and smoky "red gold". Finally, visit the Archbishop's Palace with its amazing library of 150,000 books and manuscripts, including the Vizsolyi Bible, the oldest surviving Hungarian Bible. After the tour, you're free to see more of this captivating town on your own.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Following a relaxing morning of cruising, a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch awaits up on the Vista Deck as your ship makes a grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary's amazing capital spanning both banks of the Danube. Disembark and explore the city with RIVERSIDE CHOICE: see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or learn about Budapest's rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, you can join the visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", the much-adored Queen of Hungary; or maybe head out to explore independently. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to experience Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



KALOCSA'S BISHOP'S PALACE ON CATHEDRAL SQUARE

# LOWER DANUBE TRAVERSE: BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE

BUDAPEST TO BELGRADE – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



POBEDNIK MONUMENT, BELGRADE

If the road less traveled is calling, then this luxury cruise is for you! Begin in Budapest, whose regal Parliament, Castle District, Heroes' Square, and other highlights reveal the spirit of the Hungarian people. On to Mohács, where the colorful Busó culture will captivate you. Also stop in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, for a wine and honey experience, time at an authentic ethno farm, or a visit to colossal Petrovaradin Fortress. A real gem is scenic cruising through the rugged Iron Gates, the steep, rock-faced border between Serbia and Romania. Also explore the pristine environs of Donji Milanovac, and Turnu Severin, where remains of Trajan's Bridge can be spotted – the first bridge over the Lower Danube and one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. Disembark in Belgrade, vibrant capital of Serbia!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 5 – Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates
Day 2 – Mohács	Day 6 – Turnu Severin
Day 3 – Novi Sad	Day 7 – Belgrade
Day 4 – Belgrade	

**DATES IN 2025**  
25 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As your ship departs Budapest, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape embracing both sides of the Danube. From atop the Vista Deck, pass by world-famous landmarks, illuminated by shimmering lights, and toast the city's beauty and spirit with a glass of champagne.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

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## DAY 2 – MOHÁCS

Early morning arrival in Mohács, Hungary, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played significant roles. With a great **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** selection of excursions, learn about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; discover the beauty of Gemenc National Park on a canoe tour; or explore the historic city of Pécs and visit the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory. Dinner is on your ship, which cruises on to Serbia overnight.

## DAY 3 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. With **RIVERSIDE CHOICE**, select a guided walking tour and special performance, a Serbian wine and honey experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!

## DAY 4 – BELGRADE

Today is dedicated to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** offers a panoramic city tour and visit to Belgrade Fortress; a visit to the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito; a fun guided bike tour;



IRON GATES AT SUNSET

or a stroll through the Old Town to learn about local breakfast traditions. Later this afternoon, you can visit the intriguing Yugoslavia Museum or join an exhilarating hike up Mount Avala for fantastic panoramic views over Belgrade.

## DAY 5 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

A relaxed morning – ideal for breakfast, hot coffee or tea, and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, and the unique sculpture of a sitting mammoth, unofficial mascot of the town! Don't miss time along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés – a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties like grilled meats and homemade pastries. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** al fresco barbecue lunch during additional cruising through the incredible Iron Gates.

## DAY 6 – TURNU SEVERIN

Bună dimineața (good morning), welcome to Romania! Turnu Severin dates back to around 105 AD as an ancient Roman fort that grew to include temples, a theater, baths, a forum, port, and craftsmen guilds. The Bridge of Apollodorus (Trajan's Bridge) was built to allow Roman troops to cross the river, and was one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. The town's highlights include remains of the ancient bridge and other Roman ruins; Severin Medieval Fortress, built in 1230; the Neoclassical Water Castle, built in 1914; and the Iron Gates Museum. The area is also renowned for its white wines, so maybe find a traditional pub or restaurant and relax with a glass or two!

## DAY 7 – BELGRADE

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE: SERBIA TO HUNGARY WITH IRON GATES

BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



BELGRADE

Spend a splendid week cruising through Serbia, Romania, Croatia, and Hungary to see how these former Iron Curtain countries have flourished since the fall of Communism. Embark in bustling Belgrade, where you can learn about Serbia's culture and history as part of the former Yugoslavia. Cruise to pretty Donji Milanovac, known as the Serbian Hollywood, and then to Turnu Severin in Romania, where remains of Trajan's Bridge can be spotted – the first bridge over the Lower Danube and one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. A highlight passage takes you through the rugged Iron Gates gorge, the border between Serbia and Romania. Croatia is next with time in Vukovar to learn about the War of Independence in the 1990s. Finally, enter Hungary and visit Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World, followed by a grand arrival into stunning Budapest!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 4 – Belgrade
Day 2 – Donji Milanovac / Iron Gates	Day 5 – Vukovar
Day 3 – Turnu Severin	Day 6 – Kalocsa
	Day 7 – Budapest
	Day 8 – Budapest



## DATES IN 2025

28 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression – like scenic cruising through the otherworldly Iron Gates gorges. As you pass through this amazing stretch of the Lower Danube, border between Serbia and Romania, savor an exquisite al fresco barbecue lunch and uninterrupted views from atop the Vista Deck.

## DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and settle in, then you're free to head back into town for some independent exploring. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Begin your day with a relaxed breakfast as you cruise through incredible scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, and the unique sculpture of a sitting mammoth, unofficial mascot of the town! Check out the main street with its colorful shops and cafés – a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch as you cruise through the incredible Iron Gates.

## DAY 3 – TURNU SEVERIN

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## DAY 4 – BELGRADE

Return to Belgrade for the chance to take advantage of a wonderful menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions. How about a panoramic city tour and visit to Belgrade Fortress; a visit to the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito or time at the Yugoslavia Museum; or an active bike tour or hike up Mount Avala for fantastic panoramas over Belgrade?

## DAY 5 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and spunk of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided walk through the carefully restored town, followed by a piano concert at lavish, 18th-century Eitz Manor; spend time at the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site with wine tasting afterward; or explore Ilok, the easternmost city in Croatia, which has been known since Roman times for its wine culture.

## DAY 6 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship's amenities. Later, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! An included guided excursion takes you to the 200-year-old Folk Art House. As you wander among the colorful rooms, see recreations of the homes where Serbian, Slovak, and Magyar peasants once lived, and meet skilled artisans who will teach you the fine art of painting everything from walls and furnishings to clothing in the traditional Hungarian way. Then, visit the Paprika House to learn about the history, traditions, and many cooking secrets for the rich and smoky "red gold". Finally, visit the Archbishop's Palace with its amazing library of 150,000 books and manuscripts, including the Vizsolyi Bible, the oldest surviving Hungarian Bible. After the tour, you're free to see more of this captivating town on your own.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Following a relaxing morning of cruising, a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch awaits up on the Vista Deck as your ship makes a grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary's amazing capital spanning both banks of the Danube. Disembark and explore the city with RIVERSIDE CHOICE: see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or learn about Budapest's rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, you can join the visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress Sisi, the much-adored Queen of Hungary; or maybe head out to explore independently. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to experience Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# FOUR CAPITALS: LOWER DANUBE TO THE WACHAU VALLEY

BELGRADE TO VIENNA – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

The Danube passes through four capital cities – more than any other European river – and you'll visit them all on this luxury cruise. Embark in Belgrade for the chance to learn about the Serbian capital's turbulent past as part of the former Yugoslavia. In Vukovar, learn about the devastation from the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s – and how a simple water tower became a symbol of the people's strength. Next, enter Hungary, with stops in Kalocsa and Budapest, the breathtaking capital whose Parliament, Castle District, and other gems will mesmerize you. On to the Slovak capital of Bratislava, where a pedestrian Old Town comes complete with wall-lodged cannonballs, courtesy of Napoleon! Last (but far from least) are the excellent wines and breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley. Disembark in Vienna, Austria's capital and beloved City of Music!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 2 – Vukovar	Day 7 – Bratislava
Day 3 – Kalocsa	Day 8 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 5 – Budapest	



## DATES IN 2025

31 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

## DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and settle in. Then, you're free to head back into town for some independent exploring. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and spunk of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, stroll with a guide through the carefully restored town, followed by a piano concert at lavish, 18th-century Eltz Manor; spend time at the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site with wine tasting afterward; or explore Ilok, the easternmost city in Croatia, which has been known for its wine culture since Roman times.

## DAY 3 – KALOCSA

An easy morning offers plenty of time to enjoy your ship's amenities before visiting Kalocsa, the Paprika Capital of the World! An included guided excursion takes you to the 200-year-old Folk Art House. As you wander among the colorful rooms, see recreations of the homes where Serbian, Slovak, and Magyar peasants once lived, and meet skilled artisans who will teach you the fine art of painting everything from furnishings to clothing in the traditional Hungarian way. Then, visit the Paprika House to learn about the history, traditions, and cooking secrets for the rich and smoky "red gold". Finally, visit the Archbishop's Palace with its library of 150,000 books and manuscripts, including the Vizsolyi Bible, the oldest surviving Hungarian Bible.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A relaxing morning of scenic cruising is followed by a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch on the Vista Deck as your ship makes a grand entrance into Budapest. Disembark and explore the Hungarian capital with RIVERSIDE CHOICE: see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the massive Hungarian Parliament; or visit one of Europe's largest Jewish synagogues. After lunch, join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE activity or explore independently. Your ship remains in port tonight.

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Another full day to soak in everything that makes Budapest so special. How about a visit to Gödöllő

Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", the much-adored Queen of Hungary?

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a final day in Budapest to see the sights and make more memories. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers additional experiences, including a visit to fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and the fascinating Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for sheer magic as your ship moves slowly past the grand cityscape on the way out of Budapest.

## DAY 7 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast, plenty of refills on your coffee or tea, and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, the enchanting capital of Slovakia, for a full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options! How about time at the Danubiana Art Museum, the opportunity to try some of Slovakia's fascinating wines, an active bike ride to Devín Castle, or a visit to a traditional Slovak family home? Alternatively, you can head out on your own to do some shopping or enjoy a pint of Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 8 – TULLN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Arrive today in the 2,000-year-old Lower Austrian town 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, you can take a fun bike tour through the Austrian countryside; discover one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcases at Tulln Gardens; or visit Klosterneuburg Abbey for a tour of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery and wine tasting. We also have a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine tasting at Gobelsburg Castle, where wine production began in 1171! Later, rejoin your ship and cruise into the heart of the Wachau Valley to see its enchanting collection of castle ruins, terraced vineyards, and apricot orchards.

## DAY 9 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE EXTRAORDINAIRE: VIENNA TO BELGRADE

VIENNA TO BELGRADE – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

One-upmanship is the name of the game on this luxury cruise featuring the sublime – and the more sublime! Each impressive highlight is followed by another “Wow” – quite an accomplishment when you start off big in Vienna, Austria’s famed City of Music. Cruise next to Esztergom, Hungary’s capital until the 13th century. Explore Castle Hill (inhabited since the Ice Age) – or maybe do some hiking or biking as you see the sights. In Budapest, one of the world’s most stunning cities, raise a glass of Tokaji aszú to toast the capital’s nearly overwhelming ambiance as it spills regally onto both sides of the Danube. On to Mohács with its colorful Busó culture; Novi Sad for wine, honey, ethno farming, and Petrovaradin Fortress options; and Belgrade, one of Europe’s oldest continuously inhabited cities!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Mohács
Day 2 – Esztergom	Day 6 – Novi Sad
Day 3 – Budapest	Day 7 – Belgrade
Day 4 – Budapest	

**DATES IN 2025**

22 May



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest’s Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as “Spy” and “Red Sparrow” – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.



SECHENI SQUARE, PÉCS

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria’s capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungarian capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. An exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia; a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you’ll be impressed by your ship’s grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen’s Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, one of the world’s largest Baroque castles. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our magical RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A second day in Budapest means another opportunity to discover just what makes this stunning capital special. Take advantage of activities through RIVERSIDE CHOICE – or explore independently!

## DAY 5 – MOHÁCS

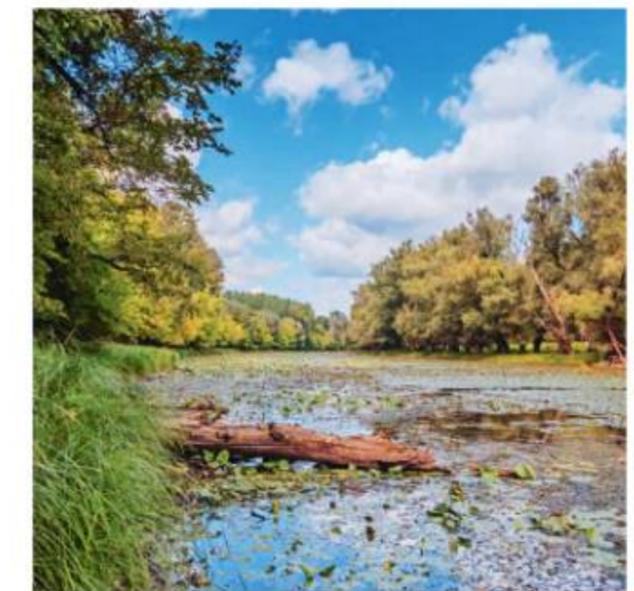
Early morning arrival in Mohács, Hungary, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played significant roles. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; immerse yourself in the beauty of Gemenc National Park on a canoe tour; or explore the historic city of Pécs in southern Hungary and visit the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory. Dinner is back on board your ship. Ship cruises on to Serbia overnight.

## DAY 6 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia’s second-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, select a guided walking tour and special performance, a Serbian wine and honey experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that’s protected as part of the area’s cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!

## DAY 7 – BELGRADE

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



GEMENC NATIONAL PARK, HUNGARY

# GLORIES OF THE LOWER DANUBE: HUNGARY, BALKANS & IRON GATES

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



SERBIA'S 14TH-CENTURY GOLUBAC FORTRESS

This unique Danube journey will forever change the way you think of Europe! Cruise through this lesser-traveled region and explore Hungary, the Balkans, and the Iron Gates. Begin on a high note in Hungary, where you'll fall in love with majestic Budapest; Mohács with its colorful Busó culture; and Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World! Next, glide into Serbia and visit Novi Sad, home to Petrovaradin Fortress; the lively capital, Belgrade; and the natural beauty of Donji Milanovac. In Romania's Turnu Severin, watch for Trajan's Bridge, one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements; then pause in Vukovar to learn about the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. A highlight passage through the rugged Iron Gates gorges will simply take your breath away.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Turnu Severin
Day 2 – Mohács	Day 7 – Belgrade
Day 3 – Novi Sad	Day 8 – Vukovar
Day 4 – Belgrade	Day 9 – Kalocsa
Day 5 – Donji Milanovac / Iron Gates	Day 10 – Budapest
	Day 11 – Budapest



## DATES IN 2025

25 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As your ship departs Budapest, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape embracing both sides of the Danube. From atop the Vista Deck, pass by world-famous landmarks, illuminated by shimmering lights, and toast the city's beauty and spirit with a glass of champagne.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Also enjoy a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** twilight departure from Budapest on the Vista Deck, complete with twinkling lights, the city's stunning landmarks, and a glass of champagne to toast it all!

## DAY 2 – MOHÁCS

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## DAY 3 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. With **RIVERSIDE CHOICE**, select a guided walking tour and special performance, a Serbian wine and honey



BUSÓ SCULPTURE, MOHÁCS

experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!

## DAY 4 – BELGRADE

Today is dedicated to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** offers a panoramic city tour and visit to Belgrade Fortress; a visit to the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito; a fun guided bike tour; or a stroll through the Old Town to learn about local breakfast traditions. Later this afternoon, you can visit the intriguing Yugoslavia Museum or join an exhilarating hike up Mount Avala for fantastic panoramic views over Belgrade.

## DAY 5 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

A relaxed morning – ideal for breakfast, hot coffee or tea, and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, and the unique sculpture of a sitting mammoth, unofficial mascot of the town! Don't miss time along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés – a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties like grilled meats and homemade pastries. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** al fresco barbecue lunch during additional cruising through the incredible Iron Gates.



SVETOZAR MILETIĆ SQUARE, NOVI SAD



CHURCH OF ST. SAVA, BELGRADE

#### DAY 6 – TURNU SEVERIN

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#### DAY 7 – BELGRADE

A return to Belgrade after lunch gives you another opportunity to see the sights in this fabulous capital city. Take advantage of activities through RIVERSIDE CHOICE – or explore the city independently!

#### DAY 8 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and spunk of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the carefully restored town, followed by a piano concert at lavish, 18th-century Eltz Manor; spend time at the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site with wine tasting afterward; or explore Ilok, the easternmost city in Croatia, which has been known since Roman times for its wine culture.

#### DAY 9 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship’s amenities. Later, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary’s oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! An included guided excursion takes you to the 200-year-old Folk Art House. As you wander among the colorful rooms, see recreations of the homes where Serbian, Slovak, and Magyar peasants once lived, and meet skilled artisans who will teach you the fine art of painting everything from walls and furnishings to clothing in the traditional Hungarian way. Then, visit the Paprika House to learn about the history, traditions, and many cooking secrets for the rich and smoky “red gold”. Finally, visit the Archbishop’s Palace with its amazing library of 150,000 books and manuscripts, including the Vizsolyi Bible, the oldest



HEROES’ SQUARE, BUDAPEST

surviving Hungarian Bible. After the tour, you’re free to see more of this captivating town on your own.

#### DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

Following a relaxing morning of cruising, a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch awaits up on the Vista Deck as your ship makes a grand arrival back in Budapest. Disembark and explore the city with RIVERSIDE CHOICE: see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament Building; or learn about Budapest’s rich Jewish heritage. After lunch, you can join the visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress “Sisi”, the much-adored Queen of Hungary; or maybe head out to explore independently. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to experience Budapest’s vibrant nightlife.

#### DAY 11 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE TO VIENNA WITH IRON GATES & WACHAU

BELGRADE TO VIENNA – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

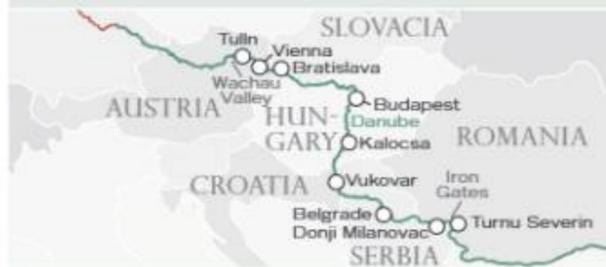


VISEGRAD AT SUNSET

The Danube flows through four capitals – and you'll see them all on this remarkable cruise. Embark in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, for the chance to learn about the republic – both today and as part of the former Yugoslavia. See pretty Donji Milanovac, known as the Serbian Hollywood, and Turnu Severin in Romania, where Trajan's Bridge remains as one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. Vukovar is next, a testament to the steely resolve of the Croatian people during the War of Independence in the 1990s. Then, visit Hungary's Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World, followed by a grand arrival into the gorgeous capital, Budapest. Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, may surprise you with its whimsical personality, while Austria's capital, Vienna, is opulence on the grandest scale. A scenic passage through the photo-worthy Iron Gates and Wachau Valley top off your experience!

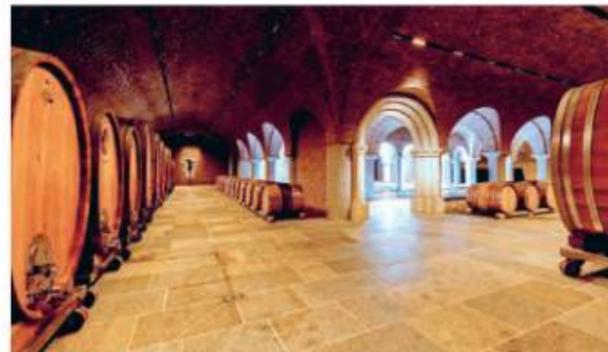
## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates	Day 8 – Budapest/ Day 9 – Budapest/ Day 10 – Bratislava
Day 3 – Turnu Severin	Day 11 – Tulln/Wachau Valley
Day 4 – Belgrade	Day 12 – Vienna
Day 5 – Vukovar	
Day 6 – Kalocsa	



## DATES IN 2025

28 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

## DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and settle in. Then, you're free to head back into town for some independent exploring. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

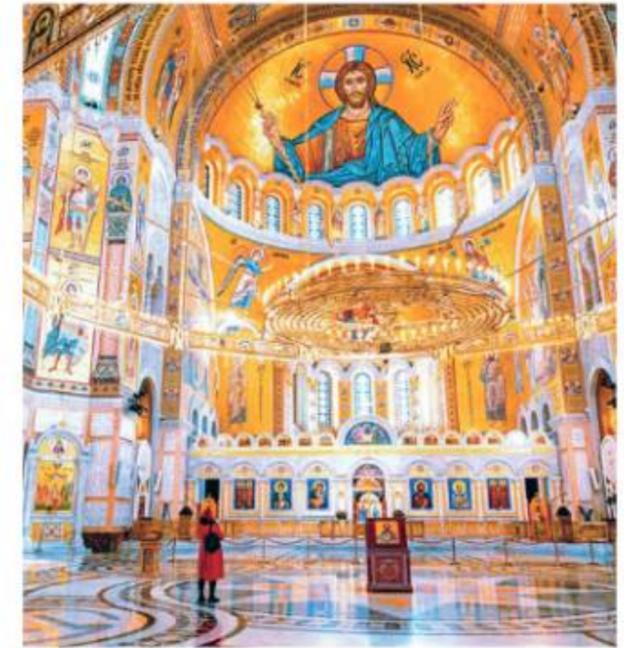
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## DAY 3 – TURNU SEVERIN

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PAPRIKA HOUSE, KALOCSA

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#### DAY 12 – VIENNA

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BRATISLAVA CASTLE

# SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE TO PASSAU WITH IRON GATES & WACHAU

BELGRADE TO PASSAU – 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



PARLIAMENT BUILDING, BUDAPEST

Visit seven countries in two weeks! Begin behind the former Iron Curtain in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, as well as pretty Donji Milanovac. In Turnu Severin, Romania, see one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. A scenic passage through the Iron Gates reveals the rock-faced gorges forming the border between Serbia and Romania. In Vukovar, learn about the strength of the Croatian people during the War of Independence. Then, enter Hungary with a grand arrival into Budapest. Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, may surprise you with its quirky nature, while Vienna is a showcase of all things Baroque. Austria's photo-worthy Wachau Valley includes stops at quaint towns and a tour of the majestic abbey at Melk. Germany's City of Three Rivers, Passau, marks the end of your journey!

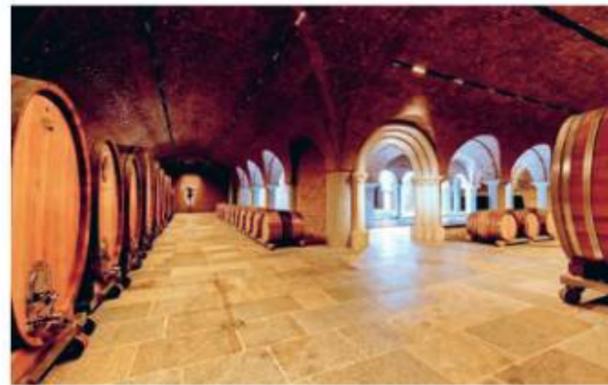
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DATES IN 2025

28 May



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Riverside's authentic destination experiences leave an unforgettable impression. In 2,000-year-old Tulln, visit Gobelsburg Castle, one of the world's great wine estates. Marvel at its ancient vaults and lush vineyards; hear about the monks whose viniculture tradition began here nearly a thousand years ago; and, of course, taste the exquisite wines.

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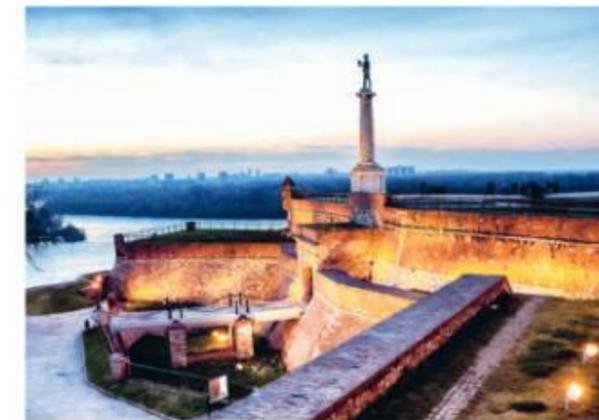
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#### DAY 13 – DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / MELK

Arrive in Dürnstein early and hear about King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment here on his way home from the third Crusades. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can hike up to the town's castle ruin for panoramic views over the Wachau Valley; visit an Austrian vinothèque for wine tasting and to learn the secrets behind the Wachau's popular wines; or bike along the river between Dürnstein and Melk. Reboard your ship



HOFBURG PALACE, VIENNA

for a gourmet barbecue lunch on the Vista Deck as you pass through the Wachau Valley. Be sure to keep your camera ready, because each bend of the river seemingly reveals another medieval castle or gorgeous terraced vineyard. This afternoon is in Melk, where the Benedictine abbey is one of the largest and most exquisite Baroque structures in the world. During your tour, see the imperial staircase, marble hall, and library of ancient manuscripts, and enjoy an awe-inspiring UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE musical performance on the abbey's famous organ. Another option is a visit to the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today. Ship cruises overnight.

#### DAY 14 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Today can be as busy or relaxed as you like! RIVERSIDE CHOICE outings are available this morning to "Sound of Music" Salzburg and to the medieval walled village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. If you'd rather relax on board, this is a great day to do just that as your ship passes through more photo-worthy landscapes. Head up to the Vista Deck to socialize and gaze at the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop – absolutely stunning. Arrive in Passau for a pre-dinner evening walk through Germany's City of Three Rivers. A final dinner on your ship celebrates your journey.

#### DAY 15 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the Munich airport, train station, or central hotel.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST

# DANUBE MYSTIQUE: VIENNA TO BELGRADE WITH IRON GATES

VIENNA TO BELGRADE – 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

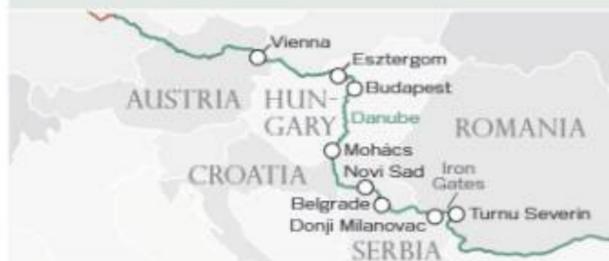


BELGRADE AT SUNSET

Vibrant cities and peaceful nature preserves, ancient inventions and futuristic innovations, medieval defense and Baroque extravagance – music and culture and castles and palaces and fortresses and towers. This Danube luxury cruise has it all. Travel from Austria to Serbia, with additional time to explore Hungary and Romania. Each twist and turn of the river reveals something fascinating – places inhabited since the Ice Age, views that will take your breath away, colorful cultural traditions, and more. You'll also have the chance to sample the foods and wines the regions were built on, and bask in wonders sculpted by Nature itself, including an unforgettable passage through the rugged Iron Gates.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 7 – Belgrade
Day 2 – Esztergom	Day 8 – Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates
Day 3 – Budapest	Day 9 – Turnu Severin
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 10 – Belgrade
Day 5 – Mohács	
Day 6 – Novi Sad	



## DATES IN 2025

22 May



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

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BUDA CASTLE AT NIGHT, BUDAPEST

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## DAY 6 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, select a guided walking tour and special performance, a Serbian wine and honey experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!



ESZTERGOM BASILICA



IRON GATES GORGES BETWEEN SERBIA AND ROMANIA

#### DAY 7 – BELGRADE

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KALEMEGDAN FORTRESS, BELGRADE

# SERENADE OF THE DANUBE FROM THE WACHAU TO THE BALKANS

PASSAU TO BELGRADE – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

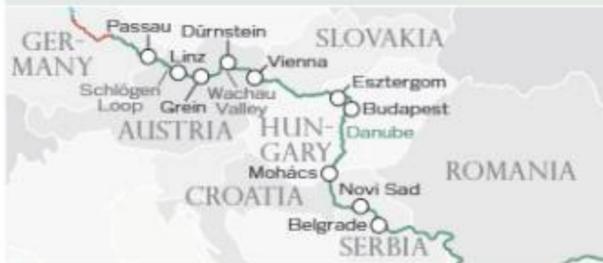


ESZTERGOM

Discover the Danube's many facets! From Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, cruise to Linz, a European Capital of Culture; Dürnstein with its eternal connections to Richard the Lionheart; and Vienna to explore the Baroque wonderland where the mighty Habsburg rulers once lived and played. Afterward, embrace the spirit of Hungary in ancient Esztergom; Budapest, the exquisite capital spanning both banks of the river; and Mohács with its colorful Busó culture. Arrive at last in exotic Serbia, where wine, honey, ethno farming, and Petrovaradin Fortress options await at Novi Sad. Finally, on to Belgrade, Serbia's capital and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 2 – Linz	Day 8 – Budapest
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	Day 9 – Mohács
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 10 – Novi Sad
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Belgrade
Day 6 – Esztergom	



## DATES IN 2025

18 May



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship departs this afternoon and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Learn why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

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! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or

a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing al fresco barbecue lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, evening arrival in Dürnstein with its fascinating lore tied to King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Hear the story as you join a local expert for a walk and tasting of the Wachau's famous wines.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

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SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA



CASTLE DISTRICT, BUDAPEST

#### DAY 5 – VIENNA

What will you do with your second day in the City of Music? You can take advantage of another great RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a day trip to nearby Bratislava, wonderful capital of Slovakia, or head out on your own to explore a world-class museum, ornate palace, or bustling Viennese coffee house!

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#### DAY 11 – BELGRADE

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# THE CONSUMMATE DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO THE BALKANS

PASSAU TO BELGRADE – 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

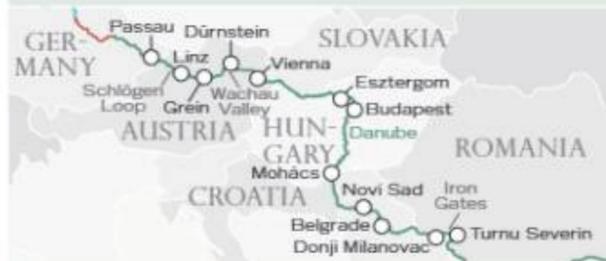


KING DECEBALUS ROCK SCULPTURE, IRON GATES

Accompany the Danube through five countries on this in-depth look at its eternal sway over this large swath of Europe. The Danube's gentle nature is apparent in its upper reaches, mingling with the Inn and Ilz Rivers at Passau, and ambling peacefully past the castles and vineyards of the world-famous Wachau. Flowing into City-of-Music Vienna, "gentle" becomes "genteel" – a quality immortalized by Strauss in his Blue Danube Waltz. Then, as it courses through Hungary, Serbia, and Romania, a spirit of strength and resolve emerges, mirroring the people and their histories. Time in breathtaking Budapest, Donji Milanovac, and the rugged Iron Gates gorges completes this memorable cruise.

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau	Day 9 – Mohács
Day 2 – Linz	Day 10 – Novi Sad
Day 3 – Grein/ Dürnstein	Day 11 – Belgrade
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 12 – Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 13 – Turnu Severin
Day 6 – Esztergom	Day 14 – Belgrade
Day 7 – Budapest	
Day 8 – Budapest	



## DATES IN 2025

18 May



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a VIP, after-hours entrance to enchanting Belvedere Palace. You'll feel like an aristocrat as you bask in the ornate Baroque ambiance; are treated to a private orchestral performance; and enjoy a rare opportunity for a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship departs this afternoon and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Early arrival gives you the whole day in Linz, a well-deserved European Capital of Culture. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town to hear about the city's rich history and visit the Neo-Gothic Mariendom with its impressive stained-glass windows and 20,000-person seating capacity. Hear why it was allowed to be the largest (but not the tallest) church in Austria when it was built! Alternatively, burn some energy with a challenging hike up Pöstlingberg Hill for amazing panoramas over the river valley, or join an exciting outing to "Sound of Music" Salzburg or the medieval, fairytale village of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – GREIN / DÜRNSTEIN

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! Meanwhile, with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, enjoy a brisk hike or bike ride, or a guided walk up to 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, or the chance to see where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside today during a tour of Artstetten Castle. Back on board in time for a relaxing al fresco barbecue lunch up on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley – be sure to bring your camera! Then, evening arrival in Dürnstein with its fascinating lore tied to King Richard the Lionheart and his faithful minstrel, Blondel. Hear the story as you join a local expert for a walk and tasting of the Wachau's famous wines.

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. This morning's RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace; or a fun guided bike ride around Danube Island with an ascent up the soaring Danube

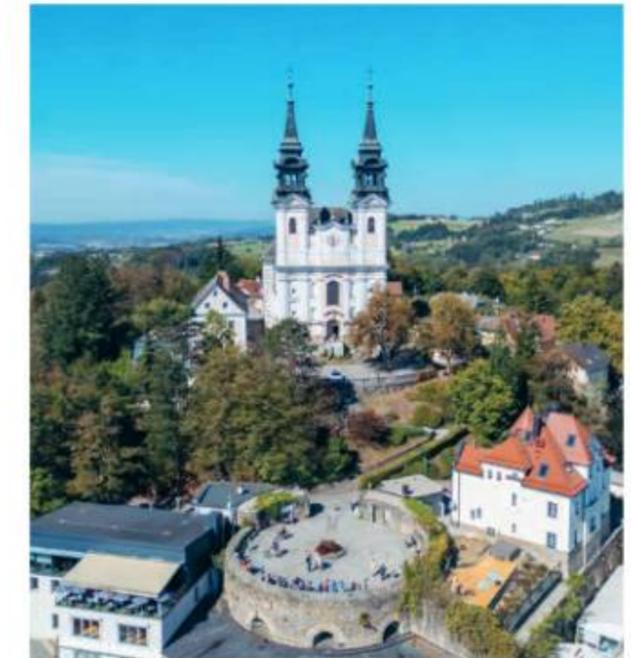
Tower. Alternatively, you can head out on your own to spend time in a world-class museum, atmospheric Viennese coffee house, or the acclaimed Spanish Riding School, training center of the world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This evening is an incredible RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE experience: VIP, after-hours entrance into stunning Belvedere Palace, a private orchestral performance, and a crowd-free viewing of Klimt's masterful *The Kiss*.

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

What will you do with your second day in the City of Music? You can take advantage of another great RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a day trip to nearby Bratislava, wonderful capital of Slovakia, or head out on your own to explore Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral, or the Naschmarkt, one of Austria's largest fresh food markets!

## DAY 6 – ESZTERGOM

A leisurely morning – perfect for a relaxed breakfast and the chance to appreciate the scenery as you cross into Hungary. After lunch, arrive in Esztergom, Hungarian capital from the 10th until the mid-13th centuries. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include a visit to Esztergom Basilica to see its opulent Treasury, including a 12-pound gold and gemstone-encrusted cross; a guided bike ride through Hungary and Slovakia;



PÖSTLINGBERG CHURCH, LINZ

a fun foodie walk to sample the local specialties; or a visit to nearby Visegrád to see its impressive fortress. Ship remains in port until late.

#### DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

As you enjoy a hot, fresh cup of coffee or tea up on the Vista Deck this morning, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest – like something out of a movie! A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion; or see the sights with the breeze in your hair during an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, you might enjoy a visit to Gödöllő Castle, the favorite palace of Austrian Empress "Sisi", the much-adored Queen of Hungary. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner to experience Budapest nightlife – or join our magical UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE concert at a beautiful local venue.

#### DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

A second day in Budapest means another opportunity to discover just what makes this stunning capital special. Take advantage of activities through RIVERSIDE CHOICE – or explore on your own!

#### DAY 9 – MOHÁCS

Early morning arrival in Mohács, Hungary, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played significant roles. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; immerse yourself in the beauty of Gemenc National Park on a canoe tour; or explore the historic city of Pécs in southern Hungary and visit the Zsolnay Porcelain Factory. Dinner is back on board your ship. Ship cruises on to Serbia overnight.

#### DAY 10 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. Select a guided walking tour and special performance, a Serbian wine and honey experience, a visit to a historical ethno farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage, an enjoyable bike tour, or a visit to Petrovaradin Fortress – the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube!

#### DAY 11 – BELGRADE

Today is dedicated to the "White Fortress" of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and visit to Belgrade Fortress; a visit to the tomb of former Yugo-

slav president Josip Tito; a fun guided bike tour; or a stroll through the Old Town to learn about local breakfast traditions. Later this afternoon, you can visit the intriguing Yugoslavia Museum or join an exhilarating hike up Mount Avala for fantastic panoramic views over Belgrade.

#### DAY 12 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

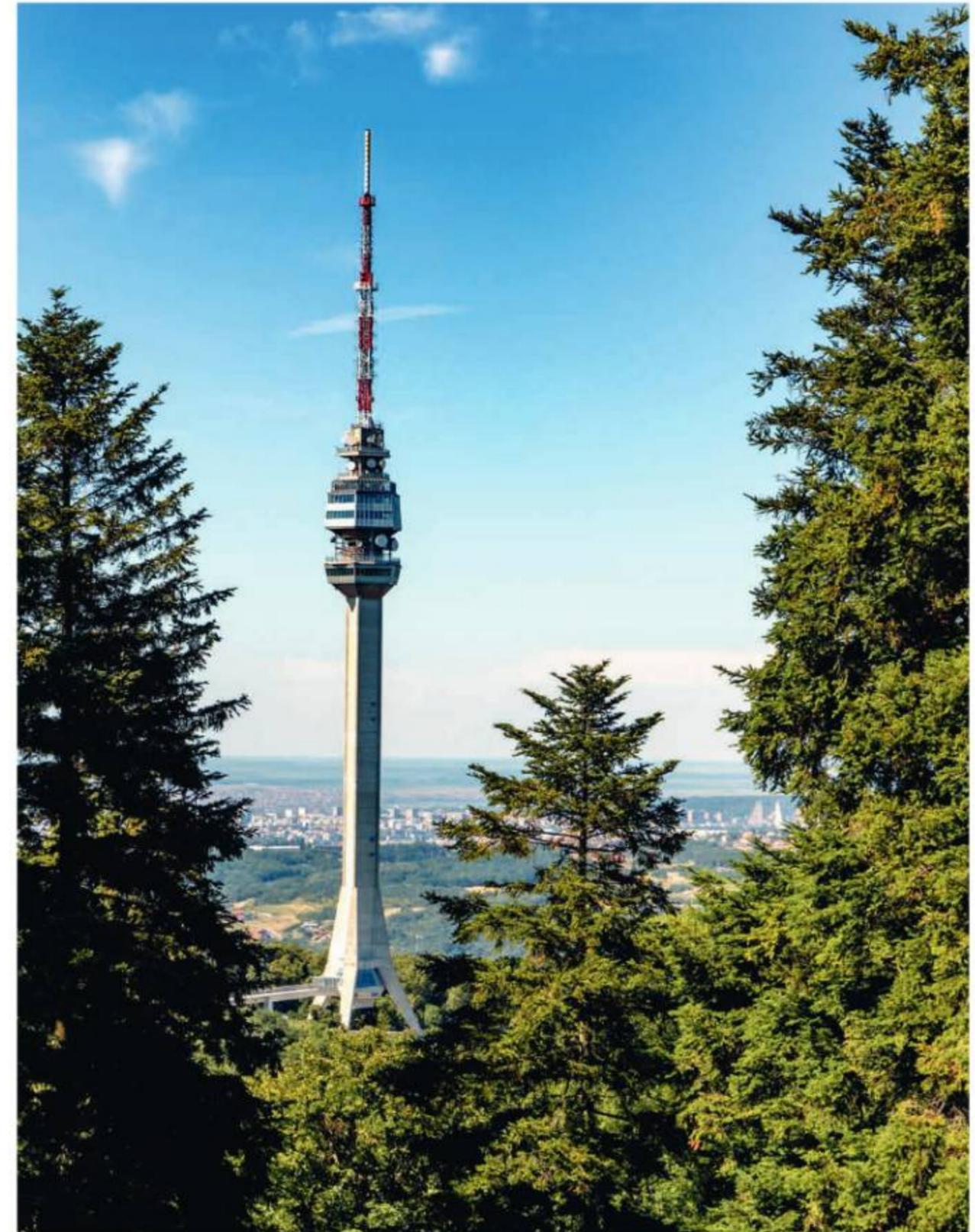
A relaxed morning – ideal for breakfast, hot coffee or tea, and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, and the unique sculpture of a sitting mammoth, unofficial mascot of the town! Don't miss time along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés – a great place for interacting with the locals and sampling delicious Serbian specialties like grilled meats and homemade pastries. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue lunch during a second pass through the Iron Gates.

#### DAY 13 – TURNU SEVERIN

Bună dimineața (good morning) – welcome to Romania! Turnu Severin dates back to around 105 AD as an ancient Roman fort that grew to include temples, a theater, baths, a forum, port, and craftsmen guilds. The Bridge of Apollodorus (known as Trajan's Bridge today) was built over the Danube to allow Roman troops to cross the river, and was one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. The town's highlights include remains of the ancient bridge and other Roman ruins; Severin Medieval Fortress, built in 1230; the Neoclassical Water Castle, built in 1914; and the Iron Gates Museum. The area is also renowned for its quality white wines, so it might be worth your while to find a traditional pub or restaurant to relax and try a glass or two!

#### DAY 14 – BELGRADE

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



AVALA TOWER, BELGRADE

# CHRISTMAS DREAMS ON THE DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO VIENNA – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



UPPER BELVEDERE AT NIGHT, VIENNA

Expand your holly-jolly horizons on this fun, 4-day luxury Christmas cruise. Travel through Germany and Austria, stopping at delightful towns, aglow with twinkling lights, intriguing traditions, and tempting holiday flavors and aromas! Embark in Passau and enjoy the crew's Christmas spirit, pampering, and traditional holiday meals on board as you cruise along the legendary Danube to Linz, Melk, and Vienna, the very picture of a baroque-style Advent season. In each port, explore the enchanting Christmas Markets, where you can shop for hand-crafted gifts and savor delectable Christmas treats, including warm mulled wine, roasted nuts, sizzling grilled sausages, and more!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Passau	Day 3 – Melk
Day 2 – Linz	Day 4 – Vienna

**DATES IN 2025**

26 Nov, 10 Dec

**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private, after-hours visit of Linz's Lentos Museum of Modern Art on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Warhol, Chagall, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's famed City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, a guided walk is available to see the city's festively decorated historical sights. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Morning arrival in Linz, Austria's third-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a local expert for a guided sightseeing walk that includes the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz. Alternatively, take advantage of a day trip to Austria's picture-perfect Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming site for "The Sound of Music" movie, or to lovely lakeside St. Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, wonderful highlights and Christmas Markets in incredibly scenic settings await! Your ship remains in Linz overnight, so join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 3 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to relax and appreciate the gorgeous passing riverscapes. Arrive in Melk around mid-day for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE between a tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey and time at the town's charming Christmas Market, or an outing to the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



CHRISTMAS MARKET IN SALZBURG

# DANUBE GIFTS OF THE SEASON: VIENNA, BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

The Christmas spirit will linger well into the new year after you spend part of your holiday season in three Danube capitals! Embark your luxury Riverside ship in Vienna and immerse yourself in the dazzling nighttime celebration at one of the capital's many irresistible Christmas Markets. Nearby Bratislava is next, the wonderfully quirky capital of Slovakia. Be sure to watch for whimsical sculptures rising unexpectedly from the sewers as well as cannonballs lodged in the walls of the Old Town, courtesy of Napoleon's army! Finally, enter the beauty of Budapest, Hungary's Queen of the Danube spanning both banks of the river. The Castle District and stately Parliament are only the beginning of the must-see sights. Throughout your cruise, you'll also have plenty of time to immerse yourself in the local traditions, decadent foods, and magical atmosphere of the Christmas Markets – fantastic!

**ITINERARY**

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

**DATES IN 2025**

29 Nov, 13 Dec



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.



BELVEDERE CASTLE, VIENNA

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets at night!

## DAY 2 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a nice breakfast, coffee or tea (and refills!), and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. Around lunchtime, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia and a city that just may surprise you with its warmth and character. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can visit the Danubiana Art Museum, built to resemble a Roman gally in the shallow water of the river; join an expert guide to explore the engaging, pedestrian-only Old Town with its wonderful Christmas Market; or maybe try a tasty Slovakian beer at a local pub.

## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

This morning, your ship makes its grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital that is all dressed up with bows, boughs, and lights for the holidays. The entire day is devoted to the city's many wonders and RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a lot of excursions on offer! You can see the highlights by comfortable coach; get a peek

inside the monumental Parliament Building; or join an exhilarating bike tour. After lunch, additional experiences are available to Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's, favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river. Your ship remains in port tonight, so feel free to head back out after dinner for time at one of the city's fantastic Christmas Markets – or join our memorable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



DEVIN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

# CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE ALONG THE DANUBE WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

When twinkling lights decorate the cities and the aroma of gingerbread fills the air, there is simply no better place to be than the Christmas Markets of Austria and Germany. Spend 5 memorable days cruising the Danube River, with unforgettable visits to Vienna, Krems, Linz, and Passau. Visit traditional Christkindlmarkts (Christmas Markets), both big and small, where you can immerse yourself in the jolly atmosphere of charming towns and bustling cities. Raise a mug of Glühwein (warm mulled wine) with new friends; sample sizzling sausages – hot off the grill; and stroll among the inviting wooden stalls to maybe find a holiday gift or two for loved ones back home.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 4 – Schlägen Loop/ Passau
Day 2 – Krems	Day 5 – Passau
Day 3 – Linz	

**DATES IN 2025**  
22 Nov, 6 Dec



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz’s Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria’s capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, this evening, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling atmosphere of Vienna’s best Christmas Markets at night!

## DAY 2 – KREMS

A relaxing morning of breakfast and scenic cruising as your ship makes its way to the quaint city of Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a guided walk through neighboring Stein with a tasting at the Balloni apricot schnapps distillery or an educational Wachau Wine Experience with wine cellar tasting session, followed by a visit to the quaint Old Town Christmas Market. After lunch on board your ship, you have the chance to join a half-day excursion to Kittenberger Gardens – a winter wonderland bedazzled with thousands of holiday lights and festive decorations. Return to the ship for dinner while it cruises through the night.

## DAY 3 – LINZ

First things first as you start the day with breakfast. Then, arrive in Linz, Austria’s third-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a local expert for a guided sightseeing walk that includes the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz. Alternatively, take advantage of a day trip to Austria’s picture-perfect Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming site for “The Sound of Music” movie, or to lovely lakeside St. Wolfgang



CHRISTMAS MARKET, SALZBURG



CHRISTMAS MARKET NEAR CITY HALL, VIENNA

in the Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, wonderful highlights and Christmas Markets in incredibly scenic settings await! Your ship remains in Linz overnight, so join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 4 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

A leisurely start to the day includes times to admire the scenery of the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop. Stop in Passau after lunch and join a guided walk through the City of Three Rivers at its holiday best. Navigate the narrow cobblestone streets, see the Town Hall’s masterful façade and Baroque St. Stephen’s Cathedral, home to one of the largest organs in the world. Arrive at last at the Christmas Market, where cheery Christmas music and inviting aromas of traditional food and drink beckon. You’ll have plenty of time to check out the carved nativity scenes and soul-warming Glühwein (mulled wine).

## DAY 5 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# FESTIVE DANUBE CAPITALS & YULETIDE TRADITIONS

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

The Danube is home to some of Europe's most elegant capitals – and this grand holiday cruise features three of them! Wrap yourself in the merry sights, sounds, aromas, and flavors of Christmas as you cruise in luxury to Budapest, Hungary's exquisite "Queen of the Danube" with its picturesque Castle District, impressive Parliament, and more; whimsical Bratislava, Slovakia, where amusing sculptures rise unexpectedly from the sewers and cannonballs from one of Napoleon's visits remain lodged in the Old Town walls; and Vienna, the opulent city of monarchs and music. You'll also enjoy time at the traditional Christkindlmarkts (Christmas Markets), where you can sample the local Glühwein (mulled wine); savor sizzling sausages – hot off the grill; and stroll among the inviting wooden stalls to maybe find handcrafted gifts for loved ones back home.

**ITINERARY**

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

**DATES IN 2025**  
2 Dec, 16 Dec



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As your ship departs Budapest, marvel at the extraordinary cityscape embracing both sides of the Danube. From atop the Vista Deck, pass by world-famous landmarks, illuminated by shimmering lights, and toast the city's beauty and spirit with a glass of champagne.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to check out Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to the wonders of Hungary's remarkable capital. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, ride in a warm and comfortable coach to see the highlights; get a peek inside the monumental 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 the stalls' traditional Hungarian dishes, mulled wine, and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes). After lunch, additional excursions include Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage; or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for outstanding views over the city and river. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE magic. Bid Viszontlátásra (goodbye) to the Queen of the Danube as you sip champagne and your ship moves slowly out of Budapest!

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Enjoy a leisurely morning – perfect for a nice breakfast, coffee or tea (and refills!), and the chance to appreciate the passing scenery. After lunch, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia and



BRATISLAVA



KARLSKIRCHE, VIENNA

a city that just may surprise you with its warmth and character. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can visit the Danubiana Art Museum, built to resemble a Roman gally in the shallow water of the river; join an expert guide to explore the engaging Old Town with its wonderful Christmas Market; or maybe try Slovakian beer at a local pub. Your ship remains in port until late, so there's plenty of time to soak up Bratislava's Christmas spirit!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria's inimitable capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district with time at one of Vienna's famous Christmas Markets; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; or a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace. Alternatively, you can head out on your own to spend time in a cozy Viennese coffee house, or maybe do some shopping. This evening, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets at night!

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE CHRISTMAS TREAT WITH WACHAU VALLEY

PASSAU TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



PASSAU

It may not be gingerbread and sugarplums, but this week-long luxury cruise is a holiday treat all the same! Travel along the Danube through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, stopping at alluring cities and towns adorned with lights, garlands, and fascinating Advent traditions! Embark in Passau, Germany's City of Three Rivers, and bask in your crew's merry spirit and first-class pampering. Enter the lovely Wachau Valley and admire the riverside castles, terraced vineyards, and welcoming ports, including Linz and the renowned Benedictine abbey at Melk. On to Bratislava, quirky capital of Slovakia; opulent Vienna, made legendary by monarchs and musicians alike; and Budapest, Hungary's Queen of the Danube spanning both banks of the river. You'll also have time to partake in the decadent foods and warm atmosphere of the famous Christmas Markets!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Passau	Day 5 – Bratislava
Day 2 – Linz	Day 6 – Budapest
Day 3 – Melk	Day 7 – Budapest
Day 4 – Vienna	

**DATES IN 2025**  
26 Nov, 10 Dec

**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz's Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – PASSAU

Welcome to Passau, Germany's exciting City of Three Rivers. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, a guided walk is available to see the garland-draped and light-decorated Old Town. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – LINZ

Arrive this morning in Linz, capital of Upper Austria. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, join a local expert for a guided sight-seeing walk. See the Old Town Hall; Felchtinger House with its carillon, which changes tunes seasonally; the Holy Trinity column, built to commemorate victims of the plague; and more. Conclude at the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz, where you're free to shop, sample the local holiday treats, and join in the Advent fun. Day trips are also available to beautiful Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and film site for "The Sound of Music" movie, or to lakeside St. Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, you'll be rewarded with truly scenic settings! Tonight, you won't want to miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 3 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to marvel at the gorgeous passing riverscapes. Arrive in Melk around mid-day for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey and time at the town's charming Christmas Market, or an outing to the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's inimitable Baroque capital! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; time at the Museum of Fine Arts; or a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence and one of Europe's most beautiful Baroque complexes. If you prefer, you're free to do some shopping or duck into an inviting Viennese coffee house to discover the appeal. Later, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling evening atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets!



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

## DAY 5 – BRATISLAVA

A free and easy morning – perfect for a delicious breakfast and time to gaze at the passing scenery. Lunchtime arrival in Bratislava at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains. Capital of the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 18th centuries, today Bratislava is Slovakia's exciting capital and cultural center. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, visit the Danubiana Art Museum, built to resemble a Roman galley; join an expert guide to explore the pedestrian-only Old Town with its wonderful Christmas Market; or maybe try a tasty Slovakian beer at a local pub!

## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Üdvözljük Magyarországon – welcome to Hungary! Your ship's grand entrance into Budapest showcases the gorgeous Hungarian capital with all its holiday bows, boughs, and lights. The entire day is devoted to the city's many wonders and RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a lot on offer! See the highlights by warm and comfortable coach, or visit the massive Parliament building lining the riverbanks. After lunch, how about a tour of Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace? You can also learn about the city's rich Jewish heritage, or head up to the Castle District to see fairytale Fishermen's Bastion up close and marvel at the bird's-eye views of the river and city below. Tonight, join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert for a truly magical night in an unforgettable city.

## DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS ON THE DANUBE

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

No other time of year has as many exciting sights, sounds, aromas, flavors, and feelings as Advent – and this special Danube cruise through Austria and Germany is one you won't want to miss! Highlights include festive visits to Christkindlmarkts (Christmas Markets), both big and small, where you can immerse yourself in the jolly atmosphere of the hosting town. Ports include Krems, Linz, Passau, Melk, and Vienna, home to 17 official Christmas Markets all by itself! Raise a mug of Glühwein (mulled wine) with new friends, sample a sizzling sausage – hot off the grill, and stroll among the inviting wooden stalls to maybe find a hand-crafted gift or two for loved ones back home.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Passau
Day 2 – Krems	Day 6 – Linz
Day 3 – Linz	Day 7 – Melk
Day 4 – Schlägen Loop/ Passau	Day 8 – Vienna

**DATES IN 2025**  
22 Nov, 6 Dec



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz's Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburg, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, this evening, your ship offers a shuttle to experience the evening ambience of Vienna's best Christmas Markets!

## DAY 2 – KREMS

Ease into your day with breakfast and the beauty of the Danube riverscapes on the way to Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. The RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions offers an introduction to neighboring Stein, followed by a tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery; or an amazing Wachau Wine Experience with wine tasting! After lunch on board your ship, consider a half-day excursion to Kittenberger Gardens – a winter wonderland of holiday lights and colorful displays. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – LINZ

Your day is devoted to Linz, which was established as a Roman fort in the 1st century because of its strategic location at the bend of the Danube. Today, it is the bustling capital of Upper Austria! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a local expert for a guided walk and time at the jolly Christkindlmarkt in Old Town Linz, or experience Austria's picture-perfect Salzkammergut region during an outing to lakeside St. Wolfgang, which includes a stop at the stunningly scenic Christmas Market. After dinner on board the ship, join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the esteemed Lentos Museum of Modern Art!



CHRISTMAS MARKET, LINZ

## DAY 4 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP / PASSAU

A relaxed morning for admiring the dramatic bends and turns of the river's horseshoe-shaped Schlägen Loop from the Vista Deck. After lunch, stop in Passau for a guided walk through the City of Three Rivers at its holiday best. Navigate the narrow cobblestone streets, see the Town Hall's masterful façade and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to one of the world's largest organs. Then, head to the Christmas Market, where scene-setting carols and heavenly aromas beckon. Don't miss the intricately carved nativity scenes and soul-warming Glühwein!

## DAY 5 – PASSAU

A second day in Passau is ideal for shopping or an outing to Regensburg, one of Germany's most beautiful cities. Stroll through the magnificent Old Town, whose roots go back to the 9th century, and visit Thurn & Taxis Palace to immerse yourself in the Advent traditions at one of the country's most atmospheric Christkindlmarkts!

## DAY 6 – LINZ

A return to Linz this morning gives you more time to explore Austria's third-largest city. You'll have plenty of great options with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, or you can head out on your own to shop along Landstrasse, the country's busiest shopping street outside of Vienna. And don't forget, this is where the world's first cake was invented, so a slice of Linzer Torte in a cozy café might be a perfect afternoon treat!

## DAY 7 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning for breakfast and the chance to fully appreciate the gorgeous Danube scenery. Around mid-day, arrive in Melk for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE tour of the town's resplendent Benedictine abbey and time at the Christmas Market, or an outing to medieval Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today!

## DAY 8 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# THREE-CAPITAL CHRISTMAS CRUISE: VIENNA, BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



VIENNA

Some European cities simply command more time and during Advent, that's especially true of Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest! Discover how different these Danube capitals are as you experience their holiday traditions at the Christmas Markets. Begin in Vienna, former home of the mighty Habsburg rulers and some of the world's finest composers. Lavish palaces, engaging museums, upscale coffee houses...there's no shortage of things to do in the City of Music! Bratislava is next, the quirky capital of Slovakia, where sculptures peek up from the sewers, a hilltop castle beckons from above, and you can still spot Napoleon's cannonballs in the Old Town walls. The brilliance of Budapest is about what you can see – and feel. There are plenty of must-see sights, like the Castle District and Parliament...but you'll also sense the irrepresible spirit of the Hungarian people – a cruise you'll never forget!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Budapest
Day 2 – Bratislava	Day 6 – Bratislava
Day 3 – Budapest	Day 7 – Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna

**DATES IN 2025**

29 Nov, 13 Dec



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and exciting City of Music! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, experience the nighttime magic of Vienna's best Christmas Markets – it's easy, courtesy of your ship's convenient shuttle!

## DAY 2 – BRATISLAVA

Start the day with a hearty breakfast – cooked to order! We'll also keep the piping-hot coffee or tea flowing, so refill your cup, settle in, and relax. Around lunchtime, arrive in Bratislava, the warm and welcoming capital of Slovakia. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, visit the Danubiana Art Museum, built to resemble a Roman galley in the river; join an expert guide to explore the pedestrian-only Old Town, or maybe wander up to the hilltop castle for amazing views over the Danube.

## DAY 3 – BUDAPEST

A free and easy morning is followed by something special as your ship makes its grand entrance into Budapest, slowly passing by the city's icons lining both sides of the river. Enjoy a coach tour past the many highlights; or free time at one of the Christmas Markets to sample traditional Hungarian dishes, mulled wine, and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes). Your ship remains in port tonight, so be sure to join our unforgettable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE concert at a beautiful local venue.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A second day in Budapest lets you soak in everything that makes the city so special – and RIVERSIDE CHOICE will help you make the most of your time! How about a visit to Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace; time at Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's Jewish heritage; or an inside look at the impressive Parliament building?

## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

A final opportunity to immerse yourself in the wonders of Hungary's remarkable capital. Consider a jaunt up to the popular Castle District to see fairytale Fishermen's Bastion up close, along with some of the best panoramic views over the city and Danube. Back on the ship, head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE sendoff befitting royalty. Bid Viszontlátásra



CHRISTMAS MARKET, BRATISLAVA

(goodbye) and sip champagne as your ship moves slowly out of Budapest!

## DAY 6 – BRATISLAVA

This easygoing start to the day is perfect for an unhurried breakfast and maybe a little pampering with a luxurious massage or spa treatment. Then, prepare for an after-lunch arrival back in Bratislava. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE join an expert guide to explore the charming, pedestrian-only Old Town with its holly-jolly Vianočný Trh (Christmas Market); or maybe try a locally brewed lager or rich, dark Zlatý Bažant at a local pub. Your ship remains in port until late, so there's plenty of time to soak up Bratislava's Christmas spirit!

## DAY 7 – VIENNA

Morning arrival back in Vienna, whose reputation was built on the shoulders of monarchs and musicians alike. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; time at the Ringstrasse's palatial Museum of Fine Arts, one of the most important museums in the world; or a visit to the Habsburgs' summer residence, Schönbrunn Palace. Or, head out on your own to shop or enjoy a final mug of Glühwein at the Christmas Markets.

## DAY 8 – VIENNA

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE HOLIDAY DELIGHTS WITH WACHAU VALLEY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



BRATISLAVA CASTLE

Embark on a luxury cruise that will put the Ho-Ho-Ho into your holidays! The sounds, sights, and flavors of the season beckon, with time in Budapest with its picturesque Castle District, impressive Parliament, and more; whimsical Bratislava, where amusing sculptures rise unexpectedly from the sewers and cannonballs from one of Napoleon's visits remain lodged in the Old Town walls; and Vienna, the opulent domain of monarchs and music. Along the way, visit traditional Christmas Markets to sample Glühwein (warm mulled wine) and sizzling sausages – hot off the grill, and to shop for holiday gifts at the inviting wooden stalls. Even Mother Nature is in the gift-giving spirit as you pass through the stunning Wachau Valley with its riverbank castles and terraced vineyards. Disembark in Passau, Germany's lovely City of Three Rivers!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Krems
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 7 – Linz
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 8 – Passau
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 9 – Passau
Day 5 – Vienna	

**DATES IN 2025**

2 Dec

**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz's Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's capital and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to check out Budapest's vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Begin with a delicious breakfast, then your day is all about Budapest! With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, ride in a warm and comfortable coach to see the highlights; visit the massive Parliament building lining the Danube; or wrap yourself in holiday spirit at one of the many Christmas Markets. The Advent Feast at the Basilica was named Europe's best market in 2023, so join the happy crowd and sample the stalls' traditional Hungarian dishes, mulled wine, and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes). After lunch, additional excursions are available to Gödöllő Castle; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city's Jewish heritage; or the Castle District's fairytale Fishermen's Bastion. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE magic. Bid Viszontlátásra (goodbye) to the Queen of the Danube as you sip champagne and your ship moves slowly out of Budapest!

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

A leisurely morning is followed by an after-lunch arrival in Slovakia's dynamic capital, Bratislava. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, visit the Danubiana Art Museum; explore the lovely pedestrian-only Old Town with its wonderful Christmas Market; or stop by a cozy pub to try Slovakian beer! Your ship remains in port until late, so take your time soaking up Bratislava's holiday ambiance!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Arrive this morning in Austria's unrivaled capital, where anywhere you go, echoes remain of former monarchs and musicians. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; time at the fascinating Museum of Fine Arts; or a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence and one of Europe's most beautiful Baroque complexes. Tonight, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling evening atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets!

## DAY 5 – VIENNA

A second day in Vienna is the perfect chance to join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion and maybe enjoy some free time for shopping or independent activities!

## DAY 6 – KREMS

A relaxing morning of breakfast and scenic cruising as your ship heads to the quaint city of Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk in neighboring Stein with a tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery; or a Wachau Wine Experience with wine tasting and a visit to the bustling Old Town Christmas Market. After lunch on your ship, a half-day excursion is available to Kittenberger Gardens, a winter wonderland featuring thousands of holiday lights and festive decorations. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight cruising.

## DAY 7 – LINZ

Welcome to Linz, Austria's third-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a guided sight-seeing walk that ends at the Christmas Market in Old Town Linz. Other options? An outing to photogenic Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and film site for "The Sound of Music" movie, or to lakeside St. Wolfgang in the beautiful Salzkammergut region. Regardless of your choice, wonderful highlights and Christmas Markets in breathtaking settings await! Your ship remains in Linz overnight, so join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 8 – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

Grab your camera on the way to breakfast today, because the scenery is incredible. Travel through the dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop before a stop in Passau for a guided walk through the City of Three Rivers at its holiday best. Navigate the narrow cobblestone streets, see the Town Hall's masterful façade and Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to one of the largest organs in the world. Arrive at last at the Christmas Market, where cheery Christmas music and inviting aromas of traditional food and drink beckon.

## DAY 9 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE HOLIDAY DELIGHTS WITH CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

BUDAPEST TO PASSAU – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



PASSAU

This luxury cruise will put the Ho-Ho-Ho into your holidays! The sounds, sights, and flavors of the season beckon – in Budapest with its picturesque Castle District, impressive Parliament, and more; whimsical Bratislava, where amusing sculptures rise unexpectedly from the sewers and cannonballs from one of Napoleon’s visits remain lodged in the Old Town walls; and Vienna, the opulent domain of monarchs and musicians. In each port, visit traditional Christmas Markets to sample Glühwein (warm mulled wine) and sizzling sausages – hot off the grill, and to shop for holiday gifts at the inviting wooden stalls. Even Mother Nature is in the gift-giving spirit as you pass through the stunning Wachau Valley with its riverbank castles and terraced vineyards. Christmas Eve and Day are in Passau, Germany’s lovely City of Three Rivers, for a holiday to remember!

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Budapest	Day 7 – Krems/Melk
Day 2 – Budapest	Day 8 – Linz
Day 3 – Bratislava	Day 9 – Passau
Day 4 – Vienna	Day 10 – Passau
Day 5 – Vienna	Day 11 – Passau
Day 6 – Vienna	

**DATES IN 2025**

16 Dec

**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz’s Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.



SHOES ON THE DANUBE BANK MEMORIAL, BUDAPEST

## DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, one of the world’s most beautiful cities! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Snapshot of Budapest tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port overnight, so you’re free to check out Budapest’s vibrant nightlife.

## DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your day is devoted to Hungary’s remarkable capital. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, ride in a comfortable coach to see the highlights; get a peek inside the impressive Parliament building along the banks of the Danube; 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 the stalls’ traditional Hungarian dishes, mulled wine, and mouthwatering Kürtőskalács (chimney cakes). After lunch, additional excursions visit Gödöllő Castle, Austrian Empress Sisi’s favorite palace; Dohány Synagogue to learn about the city’s Jewish history; or the Castle District’s photogenic Fishermen’s Bastion, where views over the city and river will take your breath away. Back on the ship later, head up to the Vista Deck for UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE magic. Bid Viszontlátásra (goodbye) and sip champagne as your ship moves slowly out of Budapest!

## DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

The morning is yours to do as you please – sleep in late; linger a little longer over breakfast; chat with fellow guests as you admire the passing scenery; or maybe indulge yourself with an onboard massage or spa treatment! After lunch,

arrive in Bratislava, historically known as Pressburg. The captivating Slovakian capital sits along the banks of the Danube, surrounded by vineyards and the Little Carpathian Mountains. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to the Danubiana Art Museum, built to resemble a Roman galley in the waters of the river; a guided walk through the pedestrian-only Old Town with its wonderful Christmas Market; or a stop at a local pub to learn about (and sample) delicious Slovakian beer! Your ship remains in port until late, so soak up Bratislava’s Advent spirit!

## DAY 4 – VIENNA

Morning arrival in Vienna, Austria’s capital and showcase of all things Baroque. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; time at the Museum of Fine Arts, one of the world’s most important museums; a visit to the Habsburgs’ former summer residence, Schönbrunn Palace; and other exciting possibilities. You can also head out to shop or relax at a genuine Viennese coffee house. Later, your ship offers a shuttle back into town so you can experience the night magic of Vienna’s best Christmas Markets!

## DAYS 5 & 6 – VIENNA

There’s so much to see and do in Vienna that a single day just isn’t enough! A full menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions is available, en-



SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA



WOLFGANG LAKE

abling you to experience different activities that spotlight Vienna's many treasures.

#### DAY 7 – KREMS / MELK

A relaxing morning of breakfast and scenic cruising as your ship makes its way to the quaint city of Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. RIVERSIDE CHOICE features a guided walk through neighboring Stein for a tasting of apricot liqueurs and brandies at the Balloni distillery; an educational Wachau Wine Experience with tasting; shopping and opportunities to try local holiday foods at the merry Christmas Market; or a half-day excursion to Kittenberger Gardens – a bedazzled winter wonderland of holiday lights and festive decorations. Later, cruise to Melk for a tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey and time at the traditional Christmas Market, or an outing to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today.

#### DAY 8 – LINZ

First things first as you start the day with a delicious breakfast en route to Linz, capital of Upper Austria! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the Old Town highlights during a guided walk that ends at the Christkindmarkt (Christmas Market). Or, experience Austria's picture-perfect Salzkammergut region during an outing to St. Wolfgang, tucked between the shores of Wolfgang Lake and Schafberg Mountain. Your ship remains in Linz overnight, so join our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

#### DAY 9 / CHRISTMAS EVE – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

A leisurely start to the day features the Schlögen Loop, a dramatic horseshoe-shaped bend of the river. A full-day excursion is available to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart, where a guided walk takes you through the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old-World metal guild symbols and ornate doorways. Then, enjoy free time at one of Europe's prettiest Christmas Markets, where roasted chestnuts, baked apples, twinkling lights, and ringing church bells create a special atmosphere. If a more leisurely day is to your liking, take advantage of your ship's amenities or sit up on the Vista Deck with a hot drink. Evening arrival in Passau, where you can attend Heiligabend (Christmas Eve) Mass at the 17th-century Italian Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ. Dinner on your ship tonight is a virtual banquet of flavorful, German-style Christmas dishes!



MELK ABBEY

#### DAY 10 / CHRISTMAS DAY – PASSAU

Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas)! Your time in the City of Three Rivers will be a Christmas Day you'll never forget. Begin with a guided walking tour through Passau's Old Town with food tastings. Then, this afternoon, stroll out of town to a German traditional country home, where a blazing bonfire awaits. Pull up a log and warm yourself, surrounded by the inviting sound and aroma of the crackling flames. There'll be plenty of mulled wine and local food to enjoy, tales about Germany's most famous and unusual holiday traditions, and a visit from a special VIP to wish you the merriest Christmas ever. Return to your ship in time for a delicious dinner of Anglo-Saxon Christmas dishes!

#### DAY 11 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# FESTIVE AUSTRIA WITH CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

VIENNA TO PASSAU – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



WINTER ALONG THE OLD DANUBE, VIENNA

There's still time to make this a Christmas to remember with a festive journey along the dazzling Danube! Embark in Vienna, the "City of Music," then cruise in pampered luxury to Krems for a special holiday visit to the Kittenberger Adventure Gardens. With each stop, experience the Advent specialties and jolly atmosphere of the Christmas Markets, both big and small. You won't want to miss a taste of the world-famous cake in Linz or time in the alpine jewel of Salzburg with its connections to Mozart, "The Sound of Music" movie, and some of Europe's most breathtakingly beautiful Christmas Markets. Christmas Eve and Day are in Germany, where three rivers converge in Passau.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 5 – Scenic Cruising/Passau
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 6 – Passau
Day 3 – Krems/Melk	Day 7 – Passau
Day 4 – Linz	

**DATES IN 2025**

20 Dec

**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – with a private, after-hours visit of Linz's Lentos Art Museum on the banks of the Danube, featuring a glass of champagne and time to admire works by Klimt, Schiele, Pechstein, and other art masters.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and wonderland of all things Habsburgs, music, and Baroque! Embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Highlights of Vienna tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, your ship remains in port overnight, so you can head back out to visit one of the city's lively Christmas Markets!

## DAY 2 – VIENNA

Get ready for plenty of excitement today in Vienna! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district to one of Vienna's famous Christmas Markets; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; the chance to view Klimt's "The Kiss" at Belvedere Palace; or a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace. Alternatively, you can head out on your own to spend time in a cozy Viennese coffee house, or maybe do some shopping. This evening, your ship offers a shuttle so you can experience the dazzling atmosphere of Vienna's best Christmas Markets at night!

## DAY 3 – KREMS / MELK

A relaxing morning of breakfast and scenic cruising as your ship makes its way to the quaint city of Krems at the eastern end of the legendary Wachau Valley. RIVERSIDE CHOICE features a guided walk through neighboring Stein and tasting at the Bailoni apricot schnapps distillery; an educational Wachau Wine Experience with wine cellar tasting session; the chance to browse the wooden stalls and sample the holiday foods at the charming local Christmas Market; or a half-day excursion to Kittenberger Gardens – a winter wonderland bedazzled with thousands of holiday lights and festive decorations. Later, cruise to Melk for a guided tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey and time at the traditional Christmas Market, or an outing to the unique, 7-towered Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside.

## DAY 4 – LINZ

Morning arrival in Linz provides an entire day in Austria's third-largest city. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a local expert for a guided walk and time at the festive Christkindlmarkt in Old Town Linz, or experience Austria's picture-perfect Salzkammergut region during an outing to lovely lakeside St. Wolfgang for sightseeing and a stop at the Christmas Market in its incredibly scenic

setting. Your ship remains in Linz overnight, so join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the renowned Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 5 / CHRISTMAS EVE – SCHLÖGEN LOOP SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

A leisurely start to the day includes times to admire the scenery of the dramatic horse-shoe-shaped bend of the river called the Schlägen Loop. You can enjoy a full-day excursion to magnificent Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and film site for "The Sound of Music" movie. Begin with a guided walk through the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old World wrought-iron guild symbols, bustling shops, charming cafés, and winding alleyways. Then, free time to explore further, grab a drink or bite to eat, or spend time at one of Europe's prettiest Christmas Markets! If a more leisurely day is to your liking, you can take advantage of your ship's amenities or sit up on the Vista Deck with a hot drink and admire the passing riverscapes. Evening arrival in Passau, where if you like you can attend Heiligabend (Christmas Eve) Mass at the 17th-century Italian Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ. Tonight's onboard dinner features delectable German-style Christmas dishes!

## DAY 6 / CHRISTMAS DAY – PASSAU

Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas)! Your time in the beautiful City of Three Rivers will be a Christmas Day you'll never forget. Begin with a leisurely guided walking tour through Passau's Old Town with food tastings. Then, this afternoon, stroll out of town to a German traditional country home, where a big, blazing bonfire awaits. Pull up a log and warm yourself, surrounded by the inviting sounds and aromas of the flames. There'll be plenty of mulled wine and local food to enjoy, tales about Germany's most famous and unusual holiday traditions, and a visit from a special VIP to wish you the merriest Christmas ever. Return to your ship in time for dinner, featuring a menu of delicious Anglo-Saxon Christmas recipes!

## DAY 7 – PASSAU

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Mozart and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

# DANUBE AULD LANG SYNE

## PASSAU TO VIENNA – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

Why wait? Reserve your space today to bid Adieu to the Old Year and embrace the New Year during this fantastic luxury cruise along the Danube. Embark in Passau, Germany's elegant City of Three Rivers, then cross into Austria for a stop in Linz, where the world's first cake was invented, as well as the incredible Benedictine abbey in Melk, and Vienna, the Habsburg Empire's lavish capital and Europe's beloved City of Music. Onward to Budapest, Hungary's unforgettable capital spanning both banks of the river. Then, scenic cruising and an intimate, Danube-style New Year's Eve in Tulln – complete with food, drinks, music, dancing, and fireworks – help usher in 2026 in an unforgettable way. Return to Vienna for New Year's Day and the conclusion of your adventure!

### ITINERARY

Day 1 – Passau/Linz	Day 6 – Scenic Cruising/Tulln
Day 2 – Melk	
Day 3 – Vienna	Day 7 – Vienna
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 8 – Vienna
Day 5 – Budapest	



**DATES IN 2025**  
26 Dec



### RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

### DAY 1 – PASSAU / LINZ

Welcome to Germany! Guests in Passau will embark the luxurious Riverside Mozart by 9:30 am and settle in as the ship departs for Linz. For flights arriving at Munich Airport before Noon, guests will enjoy a local lunch and transfer to Linz for embarkation. Guests arriving at Vienna Airport by 3 pm will enjoy a transfer to Linz to embark the ship. Tonight, celebrate the start of your cruise at your first gourmet dinner on board.

### DAY 2 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast, a steaming mug (or two!) of coffee or tea, and the chance to relax and appreciate the gorgeous passing riverscapes. Arrive in Melk around Noon, where a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions lets you opt for a guided tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey or an outing to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today.

### DAY 3 – VIENNA

Get ready for plenty of excitement today in Vienna, Austria's Baroque capital and City of Music. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the awe-inspiring historical district; time at the world-famous Museum of Fine Arts; the chance to view Klimt's "The Kiss" at Belvedere Palace; or a visit to the Habsburgs' mighty Schönbrunn Palace. Or, if you'd like to check off another country from your travel Bucket List, join us for an outing to another Danube capital: Bratislava, Slovakia. We'll get you there and back, introducing you to the city's many highlights in between.

### DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

Relax this morning as your ship crosses into Hungary. With your free time on board, you might enjoy swimming some laps in the counter-current pool. This afternoon, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE affords you the chance to see the highlights by comfortable coach, visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament, or to enjoy a memorable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE private concert at Wenckheim Palace.

### DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

More time in Budapest lets you soak in everything that makes the city so special. How about a visit to Gödöllo, Austrian Empress Sisi's most beloved palace, or Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river? Return to the ship in time for

lunch and head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE experience. Sip champagne and bid búcsú (farewell) to Budapest as your ship moves slowly through the center of the cityscape. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please.

### DAY 6 – SCENIC CRUISING / TULLN

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# DAZZLING DANUBE CELEBRATION WITH WACHAU VALLEY

VIENNA TO VIENNA – 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS



PASSAU

Spending the festive season in other countries is a great way to broaden your horizons and gain a richer understanding of the celebrations – and this 14-day cruise along the Danube delivers just that! Embark in Vienna, the City of Music, and cruise in pampered luxury, stopping at authentic Christmas Markets to sample mouthwatering Advent specialties and soak up the jolly atmosphere. Visit Krems, eastern gateway into the Wachau Valley; Linz, birthplace of the Linzer Torte; the magnificent Benedictine abbey of Melk; and Budapest, the extraordinary capital of Hungary. Best of all, spend Christmas in Germany and New Year's in Austria – a thrilling way to start 2026!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Vienna	Day 8 – Melk
Day 2 – Vienna	Day 9 – Vienna
Day 3 – Krems/Melk	Day 10 – Budapest
Day 4 – Linz	Day 11 – Budapest
Day 5 – Scenic Cruising / Passau	Day 12 – Scenic Cruising / Tulln
Day 6 – Passau	Day 13 – Vienna
Day 7 – Linz	Day 14 – Vienna



## DATES IN 2025

20 Dec



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a private concert at Budapest's Neo-Baroque Wenckheim Palace. Admire the ornate decor that has been captured in Hollywood movies such as "Spy" and "Red Sparrow" – then sip champagne as the heart and soul of the Danube is revealed through the music.

## DAY 1 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's exquisite capital on the eastern edge of the Vienna Woods – less than 40 miles (64 km) from Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. Docked on the beautiful blue Danube, the luxurious Riverside Mozart awaits your arrival, so embark and settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Your ship remains in port overnight, so you're free to head back out to soak up Vienna's dazzling holiday atmosphere!

## DAY 2 – VIENNA

Prepare for excitement today! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a panoramic city tour and walk through the festively decorated historical district; a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' lavish summer residence; and other great options. Tonight, your ship offers a shuttle back to the Christmas Markets so you can experience the colorful Advent lights!

## DAY 3 – KREMS / MELK

Rest and relax this morning as your ship cruises to Krems at the eastern edge of the legendary Wachau Valley. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, stroll through neighboring Stein and learn about one of the valley's special crops – apricots! Within the EU, the Wachau apricot is protected as its own brand. Visit the Bailoni distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous apricot liqueurs and brandies, or join a Wachau Wine Experience with tasting. Later, cruise to Melk to visit its impressive Benedictine abbey, followed by time at the town's festive Christmas Market.

## DAY 4 – LINZ

Arrive this afternoon in Linz, Austria's third-largest city. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers an exciting outing to Austria's picture-perfect Salzkammergut region. See the sights in lakeside St. Wolfgang, followed by time at the unbelievably scenic Christmas Market. Or, there's plenty to see in Linz itself! Join a local expert to see the Old and New Cathedrals, the house where Mozart composed his Linz Symphony and Linz Sonata in just 3 days, the Trinity Column commemorating those lost during the Plague, and more! Then, head to the Christkindlmarkt, where artisans sell their wares from wooden huts and aromas of grilled sausage, fresh gingerbread, and candied nuts waft through the air. Also remember that Linz was where the world's first cake was created, so a slice of Linzer Torte at a cozy café would be

the perfect late-afternoon treat! Tonight, join us for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE champagne reception and private viewing at the Lentos Museum of Modern Art!

## DAY 5 – SCENIC CRUISING / PASSAU

A tranquil day of scenic cruising on the way to Passau. A full-day excursion is available to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and film site for "The Sound of Music" movie. There, an expert guide introduces you to the history-steeped Getreidegasse with its Old World, wrought-iron guild symbols and winding alleyways. Then, there's free time at one of Europe's prettiest Christmas Markets, which dates back to the 15th century. If a more leisurely day is to your liking, indulge in your ship's many amenities, like the hot tub, sauna, or steam room. Evening arrival in Passau, where you can attend Heiligabend (Christmas Eve) Mass at the 17th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ. Tonight's onboard dinner features delectable German-style Christmas dishes!

## DAY 6 – PASSAU

Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas)! Your time in the beautiful City of Three Rivers will be a Christmas Day to remember. Begin with a leisurely guided foodie walk with tastings. Later, stroll out of town to a traditional German farm, where a blazing bonfire awaits. Pull up a log and warm yourself, surrounded by the inviting sound and aroma of the crackling flames. There'll be plenty of mulled wine and delicious food to enjoy, tales about Germany's most famous and unusual holiday traditions, and a visit from a special VIP to wish you the merriest Christmas ever. Return to your ship in time for a delicious dinner of Anglo-Saxon Christmas dishes!



SCHLÄGEN LOOP

#### DAY 7 – LINZ

A wonderful day for rest, relaxation, and reflecting on your perfect Christmas on the Danube. You can reward yourself with a massage or keep up with your exercise regimen in the onboard Fitness Center. Later, arrive back in Linz for a leisurely evening walk and a stop for a refreshing aperitif.

#### DAY 8 – MELK

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast and the chance to appreciate the gorgeous passing river-scapes. Arrive in Melk around Noon, where a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions lets you opt for a guided tour of its resplendent Benedictine abbey or an outing to Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand still reside today.

#### DAY 9 – VIENNA

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#### DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

Relax this morning as your ship crosses into Hungary. With your free time on board, you might enjoy swimming some laps in the counter-current pool. This afternoon, you'll be impressed by your ship's grand entrance into Budapest. RIVERSIDE CHOICE affords you the chance to see the highlights by comfortable coach, to visit the monumental Hungarian Parliament, or to enjoy a memorable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE private concert at Wenckheim Palace.

#### DAY 11 – BUDAPEST

More time in Budapest lets you soak in everything that makes the city so special. How about a visit to Gödöllo, Austrian Empress Sisi's most beloved palace, or Fishermen's Bastion in the Castle District for some of the best views over the city and river? Return to the ship in time for lunch and head up to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE experience. Sip champagne and bid búcsú (farewell) to Budapest as

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CHRISTMAS MARKET BY ST. STEPHEN'S BASILICA, BUDAPEST



DANUBE TOWER, VIENNA

## RIVERSIDE CHOICE EXCURSIONS

Our excursions are something special – an enriching collection of experiences that are both unexpected and unforgettable. Whether you're a subject matter expert or a casual enthusiast, Riverside Choice helps you create incredible memories about some of Europe's finest art, architecture, history, music, nature, food, and wine.

In the following pages you'll find a sample of our excursions by city, categorized by topic and degree of physical exertion or difficulty. However, we're continually expanding our offerings, so visit our website for all the latest information, general terms and conditions, prices, and additional details about Riverside Luxury Cruises.

### LOOK FOR INSPIRATION.

#### CATEGORIES

##### SEE

City sightseeing tours with professional guides, sometimes by coach. We organize some full-day excursions, and include visits to the important points of interest.

##### LEARN

Visits to attractions such as palaces, monuments, and abbeys of special cultural importance related to our destinations.

##### TASTE

These excursions dive into the destination's culinary specialties and traditions. We call on select producers, sometimes including tastings of wines, spirits, or other regional products.

##### ACTIVE

During these excursions, hiking, biking, or other exhilarating activities will challenge your body and make your spirit soar.

##### CULTURE

Look and marvel as you visit museums or exhibits featuring works by historic masters and contemporary artists alike.

##### MUSIC

Enjoy music in concert halls, opera houses, and theaters – as well as in unexpected places and unconventional venues!

##### SHOPPING

Let us take you to places with opportunities to purchase special items, big and small.

#### DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

##### easy

Appropriate for almost any guest, with short distances and no inclines or stairs.

##### moderate

Suitable for most guests, with moderate distances on mostly level terrains and only a few stairs.

##### vigorous

Perfect for guests seeking a more physically challenging experience that covers a longer distance on potentially uneven terrain and possible ascents/descents or stair-climbing.

Please note: A full listing of excursions will be confirmed and available for booking on our website 90 days prior to your cruise departure.

## PASSAU GERMANY

Passau is first of all a college town, and is therefore young and full of life. Moreover, there are three rivers, the Danube, the Inn, and the Ilz, which converge on the city and give it its special character. And what else? Of course, lots and lots of Baroque architecture, a beautiful quarter full of abbeys, and the Veste Oberhaus, a fortress that has towered over Passau since the Middle Ages.

### PASSAU WALKING TOUR

Immerse yourself in the splendors of Passau on this informative guided walk through the City of Three Rivers.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 1.5h Difficulty: easy

### TWO-COUNTRY SCENIC BIKE TOUR

Join fellow active guests on a fun and scenic guided bike ride in both Germany and Austria.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

### REGENSBURG DAY TRIP WITH THURN & TAXIS PALACE VISIT

Spend the day in one of Germany's most beautiful and historic cities, Regensburg, featuring a guided walk and inside visit to Thurn & Taxis Palace, Germany's largest privately inhabited palace.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 8h Difficulty: moderate



THURN & TAXIS PALACE

### A WALTZ THROUGH SALZBURG

Enjoy a full day in Salzburg, following in the footsteps of world-famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 9h Difficulty: moderate

### PASSAU AT CHRISTMASTIME

Experience the delightful City of Three Rivers at its holiday best during this guided exploration of Passau at Christmastime.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## LINZ AUSTRIA

Linz evokes thoughts of Linzer Torte or Mozart's Linz Symphony. The city has been underestimated, but it has a Baroque main square and a magnificent Old Town. Here you will also find the Thun Palace, where Mozart once stayed as a guest to present a new symphony to Count Thun-Hohenstein. It is rumored that, as he didn't have a symphony ready, he composed one on the spot here in Linz.

### LINZ CITY WALK WITH CATHEDRAL VISIT

Enjoy a guided walk in Austria's third-largest city, then visit Linz's massive Mariendom Cathedral and enjoy a taste of the famous Linzer Torte.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

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### FAIRYTALE ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

Travel into the Bohemian region of the Czech Republic for a memorable day trip to the medieval village of Český Krumlov.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 9h Difficulty: moderate



MIRABELL GARDENS, SALZBURG

### HIKE UP PÖSTLINGBERG HILL

Enjoy an afternoon hike up Pöstlingberg, a Linz landmark overlooking the Danube.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

### CHRISTMAS IN LINZ

Enjoy Advent the Austrian way on a festive guided walk featuring the Mariendom Cathedral and Linz Christmas Market.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

### CHRISTMAS IN MOZART'S SALZBURG

Discover Salzburg's festive holiday spirit on this full-day excursion. Enjoy a guided tour of the city and bustling Christmas Market.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 9h Difficulty: moderate

### ST. FLORIAN MONASTERY, BAROQUE JEWEL OF AUSTRIA

Visit the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery, the largest (and one of the prettiest) monasteries in Upper Austria.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

Learn about the horrors of WWII and the atrocities committed by the Nazis during this guided tour through the former Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: easy

### DANUBE DISCOVERY BY BIKE

Hop on a bicycle and pedal your way to Enns, Austria's oldest town and capital from the Roman times to the Middle Ages.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

### WOLFGANGSEE AT CHRISTMASTIME

Explore the picturesque Salzkammergut, visiting St. Wolfgang's enchanting Christmas Market nestled by the Wolfgangsee, boasting the stunning Pilgrimage Church and a historic Gothic altar from 1492.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 9h Difficulty: moderate

## GREIN AUSTRIA

Typically Austrian, the Rococo theater in Grein was built in 1793 merely to provide the guests passing through with some entertainment. To this day, it stands in the middle of the enchanting Old Town. Its wooden hall is the present-day city hall and is a must-see. In addition, Greinburg Castle and its shipping museum will give you a perfect historical overview of shipping on the Danube.

### GREIN'S NATURAL CHARMS BY BIKE

Whether you're looking for a challenge or a more leisurely ride, this scenic bike tour offers the chance to get out and explore the areas surrounding Grein.

**SEE LEARN ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

### GREINBURG CASTLE

This exciting guided tour visits spellbinding Greinburg Castle, which has been towering impressively over the Danube for more than 500 years.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate



INNER COURTYARD OF GREINBURG CASTLE

### GUIDED HIKE TO GOBELWARTE OBSERVATION TOWER

Grab your camera and hit the trail on this enjoyable guided hike up to the Gobelwarte observation tower on the outskirts of Grein.

**SEE LEARN ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

## MELK AUSTRIA

It's not just any monastery, it's THE monastery. Built in 1746 for the Benedictine order, it commands the area from atop a 200-foot-high (60 m) cliff. You certainly know the famous novel "The Name of the Rose." That story begins in the abbey in Melk and ends here as well, in the breathtaking library. A hundred-thousand volumes in 12 rooms.

### MAGNIFICENT MELK ABBEY, JEWEL OF THE WACHAU

No visit to the Wachau Valley is complete without a stop at Austria's prettiest abbey, and you'll discover all that makes Melk an absolute diamond during this exceptional guided tour.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: moderate

### MELK BY BIKE

Do a little stretching and then get ready to ride on this scenic guided bike tour through the lovely landscapes of Melk.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

### AUSTRIAN PASTRY WORKSHOP AND BEE FARM

Learn to prepare traditional Austrian cream rolls during this fun, do-it-yourself (and taste-it-yourself) baking class.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

### ARTSTETTEN CASTLE, A FAMILY AFFAIR

Visit enchanting Artstetten Castle, where descendants of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria still reside.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### AUSTRIAN FARM VISITS WITH TASTINGS

Learn about daily farm life during this interesting visit to two Austrian farms!

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## KREMS AUSTRIA

Krems was an important commercial center in antiquity and ranks among the prettiest towns in Austria today. Two of the special sights in Krems are the Körnermarkt and the tobacco factory, which produced 75,000 Virginia cigars in 1920. Today, parts of the factory are used as the university and a charming art gallery.

### KREMS ART MILE & STATE GALLERY VISIT

Dive into the Krems art scene during this guided visit to the Krems Art Mile and State Gallery of Lower Austria to admire works by important Lower Austrian artists.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

### KREMS ON TWO WHEELS

Hop on a bike and see the sights around Krems during this active guided sightseeing adventure.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

### STEIN WALKING TOUR & APRICOT SCHNAPPS TASTING

Get to know picturesque Stein an der Donau on this leisurely guided walking tour, followed by an apricot schnapps tasting.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: easy



ADVENT SEASON AT KITTENBERGER ADVENTURE GARDENS

### KITTENBERGER GARDEN MAGICAL ADVENT EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the magic of Advent as the Kittenberger Adventure Gardens celebrate the holidays with thousands of lights and festive decorations!

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 5h Difficulty: moderate

### SANDGRUBE 13 WACHAU WINE EXPERIENCE

Discover the wine-growing traditions of the Wachau Valley on this 8-station educational trail that ends with a cellar wine tasting!

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

## TULLN AUSTRIA

Tulln is a historic town located on the southern banks of the Danube River in Austria. It dates back to Roman times when it was an important military and economic center due to its strategic location. Today, Tulln has a small commercial and passenger port on the Danube River, connecting the town with other parts of Austria and Europe. The port has played a significant role in the town's development and continues to be an essential transportation hub. Despite being heavily damaged during WWII, Tulln has been rebuilt and restored, and its historic center attracts tourists who come to admire its beautiful architecture and rich cultural heritage.

## KLOSTERNEUBURG ABBEY WITH WINE TASTING

See one of Austria's most important religious and cultural centers during this unforgettable tour and wine tasting at the 12th-century Klosterneuburg Abbey, home to Austria's largest and oldest privately owned wine estate.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

## BIKING IN THE AUSTRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Experience the pristine Austrian countryside from the seat of a bike during this active guided ride in the area around Tulln.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: vigorous

## TULLN GARDENS: GARDENING THE NATURAL WAY

Spend time surrounded by beautiful flowers, plants, water features, and ponds at Lower Austria's impressive Tulln Gardens, one of Europe's most unique organic gardening showcase projects!

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy



KLOSTERNEUBURG ABBEY

## WINES OF GOBELSBURG CASTLE

One of the world's great wine estates awaits on this exciting excursion to Gobelsburg Castle in Lower Austria. Here, monks began crafting wine in the 12th century, a tradition you'll learn about during a tour and a tasting.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

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## VIENNA AUSTRIA

This is where the music is playing. Vienna is the city of the classics. Vienna is Mozart and Strauss, but also street art on the sandy beach and playing in the parks. It's bohemian and bourgeois and the finest Baroque. Don't forget to visit a palace or two or a Viennese café. So rich. So fascinating. What a city!

## BELVEDERE PALACE & GARDENS WITH KLIMT'S "THE KISS"

Opulence at its Viennese best awaits during this wonderful excursion to Belvedere Palace, featuring its splendid French gardens and a viewing of Klimt's masterful work, The Kiss.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## PANORAMIC VIENNA

Get to know Vienna, capital of Austria, on this panoramic city tour featuring the legendary Ringstrasse and a sightseeing walk with an expert guide.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

## PANORAMIC VIENNA & THE FINE ARTS MUSEUM

Get a proper introduction to the delightful City of Music during a panoramic coach tour featuring the historical sights along the Ringstrasse plus time at the world-famous Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Fine Arts).

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

## HIGHLIGHTS OF VIENNA

Get to know Vienna, Austria's grand capital city, during a stroll through the Hofburg gardens and the delightful city center.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## IMPERIAL SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

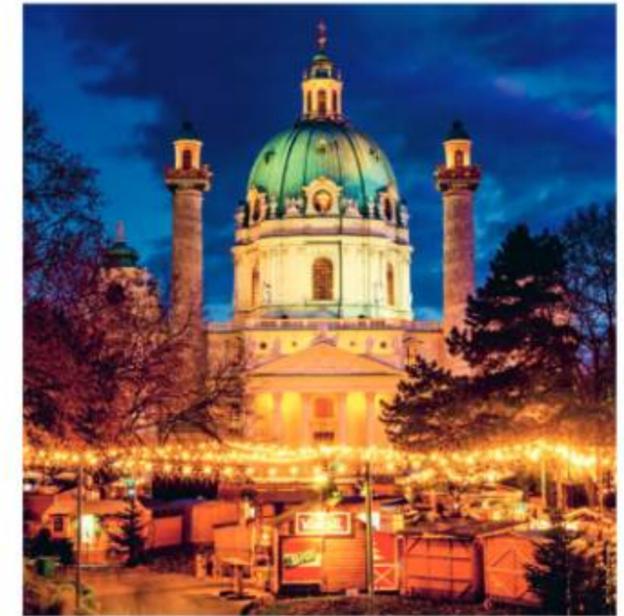
Explore the Baroque wonders of Schönbrunn Palace and its world-famous gardens.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

## DANUBE TOWER BIKE ADVENTURE

Follow a knowledgeable guide on an enjoyable bike ride around the Donauinsel (Danube Island), a narrow manmade island known as a recreational hot spot in central Vienna.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous



CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE KARLSKIRCHE, VIENNA

## CHRISTMASTIME HIGHLIGHTS OF VIENNA

Get to know Vienna, Austria's grand capital city, during a stroll through the Hofburg gardens and free time to explore the jolly Christmas Markets.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

## FESTIVE VIENNA WITH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Get to know the heart of Vienna during the Advent season on a panoramic tour featuring the Ringstrasse, city center, and the Christmas Market near the cathedral!

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

## SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Tour elegant Schönbrunn Palace and visit its very own Christmas Market!

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

## BRATISLAVA WALKING TOUR & SLOVAKIAN BEER TASTING FROM VIENNA

Travel from Vienna to Bratislava, where the wonders of this small Danube capital city will surprise and delight you.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 6h Difficulty: moderate

## BRATISLAVA SLOVAKIA

Once it was known as a gray mouse. Since then, it has become a Pearl of the Danube. Its splendor is evident both up at the castle and down in the Old Town. And what would Bratislava be without the subtle humor of its residents, who have dedicated a bronze statue to a sewer worker: he peeks mischievously out of his manhole cover at passersby.

### MAGICAL BRATISLAVA

The wonders of Bratislava will surprise and delight you on this guided walking tour of the beautiful Slovak capital.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: moderate

### DEVÍN CASTLE ON TWO WHEELS

Just outside Bratislava sits one of Slovakia's oldest castles – explore it by bike on this enjoyable guided bike tour.

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

### MODERN ART AT THE DANUBIANA MUSEUM

Visit the Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, Slovakia's very first private museum of modern art.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

### BRATISLAVA WALKING TOUR AND SLOVAKIAN BEER TASTING

See the highlights of Old Town Bratislava during a guided walking tour, then stop by a local brewery for beer tasting to decide for yourself whether Slovakian beer is as good as they say!

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE**  
Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: moderate

### JEWISH BRATISLAVA

Learn about the long history and fascinating traditions of Bratislava's Jewish community on this enriching guided excursion.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

### PÁLFFY CASTLE WITH WINE & BEER TASTINGS

Enjoy a guided introduction to Pálffy Castle, a beautifully restored 16th-century manor just outside Bratislava, during an unforgettable tour, followed by tastings of the delicious wine and beer crafted on the property.

**SEE** **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

### BRATISLAVA & THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Visit an authentic Slovak Christmas Market on this merry outing to Old Bratislava.

**SEE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## ESZTERGOM HUNGARY

The Esztergom Basilica is the largest church in the country and the seat of the Hungarian Catholic Church. Its treasury was opened in 1886 with the intention of preserving and displaying liturgical vessels and vestments, and now houses masterpieces of extraordinary artistic and historical value. One such item is a gold cross from France, weighing over 11 pounds (5 kg) and known as the King Matthias Calvary. The ruins of the Fortress of Visegrád and the excellent vineyards are also special places in the region worth seeing.

### ESZTERGOM BASILICA & TREASURY

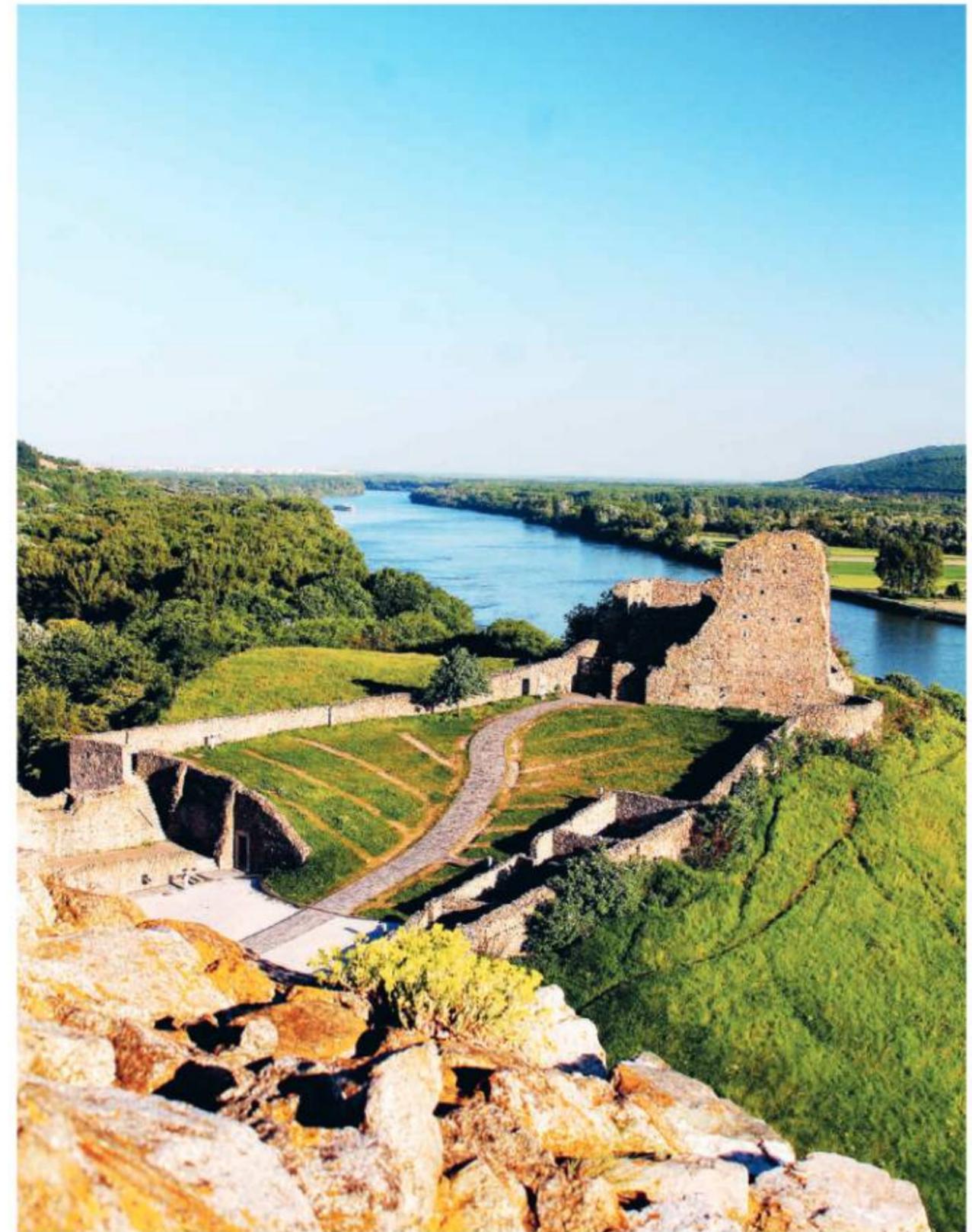
Visit the Primatial Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Adalbert – more simply known as Esztergom Basilica – and explore its treasures on this guided tour.

**SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: moderate

### BIKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DANUBE

Hop on a bike and pedal your way around Hungary and Slovakia on this 2-hour guided bike tour!

**SEE** **ACTIVE** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: vigorous



DEVIN CASTLE NEAR BRATISLAVA

### ESTERHÁZY DYNASTY TOUR

This immersive tour introduces you to the Esterházy, one of Hungary's most powerful noble families, during a visit to one of their castles.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 5h Difficulty: moderate

### VISEGRÁD FORTRESS, MEDIEVAL GATEWAY TO THE DANUBE

Admire two of the area's most amazing sights in a single outing: the incredible castle ruins of Visegrád and the world-famous Danube Bend.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: moderate

### VISEGRÁD CASTLE HIKE

Get back to nature on this amazing hike to discover the impressive Visegrád Castle ruins, the tiny town of Visegrád, and the surrounding hillside forest.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: vigorous

## BUDAPEST HUNGARY

No wonder many movie producers have chosen Budapest as a backdrop. *EVITA*, *INFERNO*, and *SPY* were all filmed in Budapest. The city is both a metropolis and a spa town in one. It's both the Castle District and the Chain Bridge. And wasn't Vlad Tepes once held captive in the castle labyrinth? Right! That's the man who became famous as Count Dracula. Oh, there's so much to see and experience!

### PANORAMIC BUDAPEST

Explore Budapest, the Queen of the Danube, by motorcoach and visit the city's landmark State Opera House.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### A VISIT TO THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Hop aboard a streetcar for an inside visit to Parliament, the city's most famous landmark.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: moderate



INSIDE THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING, BUDAPEST

### DOHÁNY SYNAGOGUE & THE SHOES ON THE DANUBE BANK

Learn about the Jewish side of Budapest during a visit to Europe's largest synagogue and a walk through the old Jewish quarter.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### GÖDÖLLŐ – SISI'S PALACE

This lovely half-day tour introduces you to Gödöllő Castle, Hungary's Versailles and beloved summer residence of Empress Sisi.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

### THE CAVES OF BUDAPEST

See the hidden world beneath Budapest on a visit to the Budapest Caves.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: vigorous

### A WALKING EXPLORATION OF THE BUDA SIDE AND CASTLE DISTRICT

Wander the romantic cobblestone streets of Budapest's historical Castle District on a walking tour that also includes fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### SNAPSHOT OF BUDAPEST

This panoramic drive is the ideal introduction to the most beloved landmarks of Budapest, the stunning Queen of the Danube.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

### EXPLORE SZENTENDE

Szentendre is a charming little hidden jewel, ready to welcome you and display a myriad of wonderful surprises.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

### LEARN HUNGARIAN ON THE GO – A WALKING TOUR

Learn some useful phrases in Hungarian on this short, guided walk through Pest.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### BUDAPEST CHRISTMAS MARKET

Discover Budapest at its holly-jolly best on this tour of a Hungarian Christmas Market.

**SEE** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: easy



BUDA CASTLE, BUDAPEST

## KALOCSA HUNGARY

Since it is one of Hungary's oldest cities, its approximately 17,000 inhabitants are proud of its history and traditions. For example, one popular point of interest is the 200-year-old House of Folk Art with its colorful floral wall paintings by local folk artists. These patterns can be found on dinner plates, furniture and other household items. Kalocsa is widely known for its paprika, seen everywhere here hung up to dry. Paprika is the iconic symbol of Hungary and the main industry of the Kalocsa region.

### KALOCSA DISCOVERY

Get to know Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World, on this exciting tour of one of Hungary's oldest towns.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

## MOHÁCS HUNGARY

Hungary's port of Mohács serves as a vital transportation hub connecting the region to other parts of Europe. This bustling port facilitates both commercial and leisure ships. The port holds historical significance tied to the Battle of Mohács, which led to this part of Hungary being under Ottoman control for many years. This port serves as a reminder of Hungary's complex and rich history.

### DAY TRIP TO PÉCS & ZSOLNAY PORCELAIN FACTORY

Explore the historic city of Pécs and visit the famous Zsolnay Porcelain Factory on this full-day tour to southern Hungary.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 6h Difficulty: easy

### GEMENC NATIONAL PARK BY CANOE & KALOCSA VISIT

Experience the scenic beauty of Gemenc National Park by canoe and then visit Kalocsa, one of the oldest towns in Hungary.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

## VUKOVAR CROATIA

Up until 1990, Vukovar was an elegant city, but it was destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. It is now the surrounding countryside and its numerous vineyards that make Vukovar special. Also remarkable are the archaeological excavations and the Vučedol cultural museum. The Vučedol culture goes back to 2200 BC. The excavations tell the story of the old settlement with two-room houses and storage cellars, as well as clay models of chairs and tables.

### VUKOVAR DISCOVERY AND PIANO CONCERT AT ELTZ MANOR

Discover the tenacity and spunk of Vukovar during this guided walking tour, then enjoy a concert in the beautifully restored Baroque Eltz Manor.

**SEE LEARN MUSIC** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### ILOK COUNTRYSIDE BY TRAIN WITH WINE TASTING

Spend half a day exploring Ilok, the easternmost city in Croatia, famous for its wine culture since Roman times!

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

### VUČEDOL CULTURE MUSEUM & WINE EXPERIENCE

Learn about the 5,000-year-old Vučedol culture at one of Europe's most important archaeological sites, then learn about the area's impressive wine tradition during a relaxing tasting.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

## NOVI SAD SERBIA

Lesser known but definitely worth seeing, Novi Sad was founded in the 17th century and soon became known for trade and manufacturing. Plus, the city developed into a center for Serbian culture, giving it the nickname Serbian Athens. Dunavska Street with its pretty two- and three-story houses is named for the Danube. Freedom Square with the City Hall and St. Mary's Church are also worth a visit.

### PETROVARADIN FORTRESS – GUARDIAN OF THE DANUBE

Take a morning stroll across the bridge and through the Old Town gates for an unforgettable guided encounter with monumental Petrovaradin Fortress.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

## NOVI SAD IMPRESSIONS

Discover the treasures of Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, on this fascinating guided walking tour.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: moderate

### BIKING IN NOVI SAD

Discover the cultural and historical center of Serbia on this enjoyable guided bike tour through Novi Sad.

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

### TRADITIONAL VOJVODINA SALAŠ FARMSTEAD

Visit Vojvodina for a tour of a historical farm that's protected as part of the area's cultural heritage.

**SEE LEARN TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

## BELGRADE SERBIA

Throughout the centuries, Serbia's present-day capital has been eagerly sought after due to its strategic location. Today, Belgrade is visited for the many things to see and do! Among its highlights are the monumental Kalemegdan Fortress towering above the Danube and Sava Rivers; Turkish baths dating back to the 19th century; and the city's mouthwatering cuisine! While entrees feature an intriguing blend of both Turkish and Hungarian influences, desserts incorporate Austrian and Bohemian flavors. The aromas alone will draw you like a magnet toward Knez-Mihailo Street with its many inviting cafés and restaurants.

### MORNING FOODIE WALK

Take an early morning stroll through the Old Town to get acquainted with Belgrade's local breakfast traditions.

**SEE LEARN TASTE**  
Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: moderate



SERBIA'S ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT SAVA, BELGRADE

### BELGRADE CITY TOUR

Discover the highlights of the "White Fortress" of Belgrade on this guided sightseeing tour of the Serbian capital.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

### YUGOSLAVIAN HERITAGE TOUR

Dive into Serbia's historical culture and heritage on a guided tour of the intriguing Yugoslavia Museum.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

### TITO – THE MAN AND HIS IMPACT ON SERBIA

Visit the "House of Flowers" tomb of Josip Broz Tito, president of the former communist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from 1953 until his death in 1980.

**SEE LEARN** Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

### A BIKING EXPLORATION OF BELGRADE

Enjoy a fun guided sightseeing tour of Belgrade – by bike!

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

### FOREST HIKE TO AVALA MOUNTAIN

Enjoy a guided hike up Mount Avala for incredible panoramic views of Belgrade

**SEE ACTIVE** Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: vigorous



BUDAPEST

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Enjoy a complimentary RIVERSIDE transfer to/from Vienna Airport or Vienna's main train stations.

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VIP Private transfers to/from the airport or train stations are included for our Owner's, Mozart and Penthouse suite guests, or available for purchase.

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VIP Private transfers to/from the airport or train stations are included for our Owner's, Mozart and Penthouse suite guests, or available for purchase.

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