

# CRUISE THE ENCHANTING DANUBE RIVER

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SS MARIA THERESA › 7 NIGHTS › PASSAU TO BUDAPEST › APRIL 23-30, 2023



## DAY 1 EMBARKATION – PASSAU

Arrive at Munich Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

## DAY 2 PASSAU

Passau is a crossroads in more ways than one, as three rivers meet here and three nations nearly do, making for a fascinating cultural mosaic. Get to know the town and its main claim to fame—Europe’s largest pipe organ—or “Let’s Go” with an invigorating riverside hike or bike ride. Choice of Passau walking tour with St. Stephan’s organ concert or “Let’s Go” bicycle ride along the Inn River or “Let’s Go” hike along the Ilz River. In the evening, a special Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

## DAY 3 LINZ (SALZBURG)

Mozart’s birthplace of Salzburg is nestled in a glorious alpine setting that sparkles like a winter wonderland. Linz may be best known for its famous Linzer torte, but it’s also a hotbed for the arts. See the sights with a local expert and visit a family at their farm in the countryside. Austria’s third-largest city, Linz boasts a long history of trading and textile manufacturing, but these days it is perhaps best known for its electronic arts and annual festival. Choice of Full-day in Salzburg or Linz town and country: Linzertorte and cider farm visit

## DAY 4 MELK - DÜRNSTEIN

This morning, visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey and its extraordinary baroque-style library. Later, you will head to Dürnstein, one of our favorite towns along the Danube, a lovely place to wander cobblestone lanes, browse quaint shops and maybe hike up to a ruined castle (with an intriguing tale all its own). You can also opt for a tasting or learn all about the world’s costliest spice from the Wachau Valley’s only saffron grower. You have two ports of call in the incredibly scenic valley, Dürnstein and Melk, and an assortment of delightful ways to explore this lovely region.

Featured Excursion: Melk Abbey with library visit. Choice of Dürnstein village and saffron workshop or Dürnstein wine estate visit with tasting.

## DAY 5 VIENNA

Vienna is a cultural treasure trove revered for its art and music (and sinfully rich pastries). Experience the “City of Waltzes” with your choice of tours, as well as an expertly led tour of an extraordinary collection of art at the renowned Vienna Art History Museum.

Featured Excursion: “Morning with the Masters” at the Vienna Art History Museum.

Choice of Vienna - Imperial City highlights or “Do as the Locals Do” Vienna walking tour.

You have leisure time after your tour to explore Vienna on your own. You might wish to visit the Albertina Museum, which houses one million old-master prints and an impressive collection of works by 19th- and 20th-century painters, ranging from Renoir to Rothko. If you’d like to get a little exercise and see a completely different side of Vienna, borrow a bike from the ship and explore Danube Island and Prater Park. (For a wonderful view of the region, ride the Ferris wheel in Prater Park.)

## DAY 6 VIENNA - BRATISLAVA

Your ship sets sail from Vienna and heads for Bratislava today. You may relax onboard all day, perhaps enjoying a drink on the Sun Deck and taking in the scenery as the ship wends its way along the Austrian Danube toward Bratislava. Although it’s not a large city, Bratislava has played a leading role in the politics and culture of the region for many centuries, and it is well worth a visit.

Featured Excursion: Bratislava - Small but precious walking tour.

## DAY 7 BUDAPEST

Budapest is an enchanting city that presents a vibrant mix of medieval and modern.

Choice of “Do as the Locals Do” Budapest walking tour or Budapest panoramic highlights with Parliament visit. In the evening, a special Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

## DAY 8 BUDAPEST (DISEMBARK)

Disembark the ship and transfer to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in Budapest.

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