



MS MOMENTS · BLUE DANUBE · DEPARTING 7 SEPTEMBER 2026

Your ship is sailing, with a new shape to your week

Thank you for your patience while we finalised arrangements. The trip departs on 7 September as booked, and you keep Vienna, Dürnstein, Melk and Salzburg or Linz, a guided day in Budapest, and gain a morning at Göttweig Abbey. This sailing will not reach Esztergom or Bratislava, you join and leave the ship in Vienna, and there are five nights on board rather than seven.

In addition, we have now included the train from Budapest to Vienna as a new highlight. The Railjet provides a comfortable and relaxed way to cross from Hungary into Austria. The journey begins in Budapest, where the train crosses the Danube by rail bridge, giving us a final view across the river as we leave the Hungarian capital behind. From there, we travel through the Hungarian countryside, passing the hills around Tatabánya and the historic city of Győr, before crossing into Austria and continuing through its open countryside towards Vienna.

WHY THE ROUTE HAS HAD TO CHANGE

A dry summer has left the Danube low along much of its length. The free flowing stretch below Vienna, which your ship needs to reach Budapest, is running around 60 centimetres under its long term low water mark.

Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team read the gauges and rainfall forecasts daily, judging what they mean for your ship rather than the Danube in general.

The Wachau above Vienna is holding more water, so rather than cancel we have rebuilt your week around that stretch. Levels can move either way, and we will tell you promptly if anything alters.

JOINING AND LEAVING YOUR SHIP

You board in Vienna on day two and leave the ship there on day seven, travelling between Budapest and Vienna by direct train, about two and a half hours each way with lunch provided. There is no long coach journey anywhere in this itinerary, and your nights in Budapest are in a hotel with dinner and breakfast, or on a ship.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Day 1	Fly to Budapest and stay the night, with dinner and breakfast included.
Day 2	Train to Vienna, 11:55 to 14:20, board your ship, and a classical concert aboard.
Day 3	Vienna: a panoramic tour and the old town on foot, then sail into the Wachau.
Day 4	Dürnstein's blue tower and vineyards, then the great abbey at Melk.
Day 5	Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace below its fortress, or a guided morning in Linz.
Day 6	Krems, and a morning at Göttweig Abbey high above the Danube valley.
Day 7	Leave your ship in Vienna, train to Budapest, and a guided tour of the city.
Day 8	Breakfast in Budapest, then a transfer to the airport for your flight home.

THE CHOICES OPEN TO YOU

Please let us know within 24 hours, as your trip departs on 7 September.

Travel, and take a voucher: worth 50% of your cruise price, for any Riviera river cruise in 2026 or 2027 (validity of 6 months)

Travel, take cash and a voucher: 10% refunded now, plus a voucher worth a further 20% (validity of 6 months)

Cancel: we will refund everything you have paid.

Move to next year: the same cruise in 2027, like for like, at no extra cost.

YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Nothing changes on board: the same ship, the same cabin and the same crew, with the dining, all inclusive drinks and local entertainment you booked. Your Cruise Director and Cruise Host will keep you informed throughout.

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Any questions at all, please do call us.