



MS MOMENTS (previously MS William Wordsworth) · BLUE DANUBE · DEPARTING 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

The trip departs on 14 September as booked, with Vienna, Dürnstein, Melk and your choice of Salzburg or Linz all still part of the holiday, alongside guided visits to Budapest and Bratislava. The main change is that the ship will not sail to Esztergom, and you will join and leave your river cruise in Vienna rather than Budapest.

You will begin in the heart of Budapest before travelling comfortably by Railjet to Vienna, where imperial architecture, elegant boulevards and a live classical recital set the tone for the week. From there, the cruise takes you through the beautiful Wachau Valley, with Melk Abbey, Dürnstein and plenty of scenic sailing between vineyard covered hillsides and historic riverside towns. You can also choose a full day in Salzburg or spend time discovering Linz, before visiting Bratislava and returning by rail to Budapest for your final night.

The rail journey itself adds something different to the holiday, taking you across the Danube, through the Hungarian countryside past Győr and onwards into Austria.

WHY THE ROUTE HAS HAD TO CHANGE

A dry summer has left the free flowing stretch below Vienna, which your ship needs to reach Budapest, around 60 centimetres under its long term low water mark. The Wachau above Vienna is holding more water, so rather than cancel we have rebuilt your week around that stretch. Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team read the gauges daily, judging what they mean for your ship rather than the Danube in general; 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. Outbound is a direct train from Budapest, around two and a half hours, with lunch on board the Gloria before you set off. Coming back you visit Bratislava on the way, about an hour by coach from Vienna with €25 per person for lunch, then continue to Budapest by train. Your first night is aboard MS Gloria, a hotel ship moored in Budapest, and your last night is in a Budapest hotel with dinner and breakfast.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Day 1	Fly to Budapest and spend the night aboard MS Gloria, your hotel ship in the city on an all inclusive basis
Day 2	Morning option 1: Guided panoramic coach tour of Budapest Morning option 2: Active tour with a guided walk of the castle district Lunch onboard followed by a Rail journey to Vienna then enjoy a live classical recital on board Your suitcases will travel by coach, to avoid the hassle, plus you'll be fully escorted on the train
Day 3	Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Vienna on coach Morning option 2: Panoramic guided tour on coach followed by a walking tour of the old town Afternoon: is free for you to enjoy Vienna at your own pace. Perhaps visit one of the city's renowned cafés, browse elegant shops or simply soak up the atmosphere of this imperial city. After dinner back on board, we will start our cruise towards Dürnstein.
Day 4	Morning: Guided tour of Melk Abbey back to ship for lunch Afternoon: Scenic sailing down the Wachau valley
Day 5	Option 1: Full day excursion to Salzburg with guided tour, lunch at leisure and free time Option 2: Morning guided tour of Linz with the afternoon free to explore
Day 6	Morning option 1: Guided tour of Dürnstein Morning option 2: Guided hike to Dürnstein castle ruins Afternoon: Scenic sailing along the river
Day 7	Morning: Guided tour of Bratislava with £25 for lunch in the city Afternoon: Rail journey from Bratislava to Budapest and transfer to MS Gloria or hotel Your suitcases will travel by coach, to avoid the hassle, plus you'll be fully escorted on the train
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 48 hours, as your trip departs on 14 September.

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

Travel, take cash and a voucher: 10% refunded now, plus a voucher worth a further 20% (same terms as above)

Transfer to next year: the same cruise in 2027, for your 2026 price

Cancel: we will refund everything you have paid.

YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Once on board, it will feel reassuringly familiar: the same ship, the same cabin and the same crew will be waiting for you. You can settle in and enjoy the Riviera experience you booked, with excellent dining, all inclusive drinks, relaxed evenings and local entertainment along the way. Your Cruise Director and Cruise Host will be with you throughout, making sure you know what is happening and helping you get the most from every day.

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Any questions at all, please do call us.