



MS RIVIERA RADIANCE · BUDAPEST TO THE BLACK SEA · DEPARTING 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

## An important update on your cruise, and where you will sail instead

Low water on the lower Danube means the ship cannot reach the Black Sea, so rather than cancel your holiday we have built a replacement cruise heading upstream, on the same ship and the same dates. Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia are not part of this sailing, and nor is the Black Sea. What it does give you is the finest stretch of the upper Danube: Vienna, the Wachau valley, Melk Abbey, Salzburg, Passau, Regensburg and Český Krumlov.

### THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

The lower Danube is too shallow at the moment for your ship to reach the Black Sea and return. Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team check the gauges and the weather daily, and judge what they mean for your ship rather than the river in general.

The upper Danube is holding its level far better, which is why we have built your fortnight around it.

### WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Salzburg is a full day in Mozart's city, beneath the hilltop fortress that looks down over its baroque squares. Český Krumlov sits over the border in Bohemia, wrapped in a bend of the river beneath its castle, and is among the loveliest small towns in central Europe. And the Wachau valley you sail twice, in both directions: terraced vineyards on either bank, Dürnstein under its blue tower, and the abbey at Melk on its bluff above the water. Passau, where the Danube, Inn and Ilz meet, and Regensburg's medieval old town round out a fortnight on the finest stretch of the river.

### YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

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| Day 1  | Arrive in Budapest for the first of two nights before you join the ship.      |
| Day 2  | Budapest: a guided tour of the city, then the afternoon at leisure.           |
| Day 3  | Travel by rail to Vienna and join your ship, with dinner on board.            |
| Day 4  | Vienna: a panoramic tour of the imperial city, then time of your own.         |
| Day 5  | Bratislava: a compact old town of pastel squares, with a longer option.       |
| Day 6  | Sail the vineyard terraces of the Wachau to Dürnstein, under its blue tower.  |
| Day 7  | Melk: the great baroque abbey on its bluff, and time to explore the town.     |
| Day 8  | A full day in Salzburg, Mozart's city beneath its hilltop fortress.           |
| Day 9  | Linz: a guided tour in the morning, then an afternoon on the river.           |
| Day 10 | Passau: the old town where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers meet.               |
| Day 11 | Regensburg: a medieval old town and its ancient stone bridge.                 |
| Day 12 | Český Krumlov for the day, beneath its castle, or Schloss Greinburg.          |
| Day 13 | Spitz, a Wachau wine village, then an afternoon sailing back to Vienna.       |
| Day 14 | Leave the ship in Vienna and travel by rail to Budapest for your final night. |
| Day 15 | Depart from Budapest, as booked.                                              |

*Your flights are unchanged, into and out of Budapest as booked. Your nights in Budapest are in a hotel or at the Gloria ship, and we will confirm which with you. Across the same fifteen days you have eleven nights on board.*

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

We would love you to travel with us, and if you do there is something on top of your holiday by way of a gesture. Either way, the choice is yours.

**Travel, and take a voucher.** A future travel voucher worth 75% of your cruise price.

**Travel, and take cash and a voucher.** A 15% cash refund now, plus a 30% voucher.

**Move to next year.** The same Black Sea cruise next year, like for like, at no extra cost.

**Or cancel.** We will refund everything you have paid.

## YOUR QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

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| <b>Will I miss out on food and drink when I am not on the ship?</b> | No. On days you are not on board we provide breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea, and dinner. With your evening meal we include two drinks per person – soft drink, wine or beer.                                                                |
| <b>How do we get between Budapest and the ship?</b>                 | By rail both ways: Budapest to Vienna on day three, and Vienna back to Budapest on day fourteen. Your luggage travels separately by coach to take the hassle out of it, and your Cruise Director and Cruise Host will be travelling with you. |

## YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Your Cruise Director and Cruise Host are with you throughout. Everything you booked on board is unchanged: exceptional dining, all inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences.

For the latest on river conditions and our 5-point promise:

**[rivieratravel.com/update](https://rivieratravel.com/update)**

*Any questions at all, please do call us.*