RIVIERA TRAVEL

MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER · THE BLUE DANUBE · DEPARTING 28 OCTOBER 2026

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

Your holiday departs on 28 October as booked, still runs for eight days, and your flights out to Budapest and home from Budapest are unchanged. You also keep the MS Geoffrey Chaucer for six of the seven nights. What has changed is the lower stretch of the river. The Danube between Budapest and Komárom is too low for her to sail, so she will meet you at Komárom.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

You'll fly to Budapest as booked, then transfer to Komárom, a historic fortress town on the Danube, where the MS Geoffrey Chaucer will be waiting to welcome you on board. On the morning of day two, you'll sail to Bratislava for a guided tour of its pastel-coloured Baroque old town, set beneath the city's castle. You'll have free time to explore the following morning before sailing towards Dürnstein later that day. On day four, you'll visit Dürnstein and Melk Abbey as originally planned. You'll also enjoy the choice of a full day in Salzburg or a morning exploring Baroque Linz. On day seven, you'll travel by train back to Budapest for your final night in a city hotel.

The Danube below Komárom has dropped too far this month for a ship of this size to work the stretch reliably, which is why your holiday now begins at Komárom. 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 river in general; levels can move either way, and we will tell you promptly if anything alters.

YOUR ACCOMODATION

You keep the MS Geoffrey Chaucer for six of your seven nights, with the final night being in a Budapest hotel. You board her at Komárom on your first night, in the cabin grade you booked. Your luggage is taken care of on your last day when you move between ship and hotel.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Coaching times are shown for every day. The day one transfer and day seven rail journey are the new ones; the rest is our usual excursion programme.

Day 1	Same arrival, different mooring, same ship. Fly to Budapest as booked, then transfer out to Komárom to board the MS Geoffrey Chaucer. *Coaching: approx. 1.5 hrs*
Day 2	**Morning:** scenic sailing to Bratislava. **Afternoon:** guided tour of Bratislava, with free time. *Coaching: None*
Day 3	**Morning:** Free time in Bratislava. **Afternoon:** Scenic cruising as we make our way up towards the Wachau and Dürnstein. *Coaching: None*
Day 4	**Morning option 1:** guided tour of Dürnstein. **Morning option 2:** guided hike to the Dürnstein castle ruins. **Afternoon:** guided tour of Melk Abbey, back to the ship for lunch. *Coaching: 10 min to Melk Abbey*
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 *Coaching: 2hr 30 each way with 30min comfort stop. This is our standard excursion and no change due to low water*
Day 6	**Morning option 1:** panoramic guided tour of Vienna by coach. **Morning option 2:** the panoramic tour followed by a walking tour of the old town. **Afternoon** free time, then the Chef's Dinner and a classical recital on board. *Coaching: 20 min shuttles to and from Vienna*

Day 7	**Morning:** After breakfast onboard, take the Railjet to Budapest, and check in to your hotel. **Afternoon:** Budapest guided panoramic coach tour and a guided walk of the castle district *Coaching: short journey to your hotel* *Train: Vienna to Budapest*
Day 8	Check out hotel and coach back to Budapest airport, flights as booked. *Coaching: 1hr*

Your flights are unchanged. You fly to Budapest on day one and home from Budapest on day eight, as booked.
Two things from the original itinerary are not part of this one: Esztergom and its basilica and the morning sailing along the Danube Bend. We would rather tell you now than let you find out on board.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

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YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Your Cruise Director, Cruise Host and crew will be with you throughout, just as planned, and everything you enjoy on board remains unchanged. Once onboard you'll experience exceptional dining, all inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences all continuing as part of your holiday. The itinerary may be slightly different, but the Riviera experience on board is very much the same.

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