



MS MOMENTS · THE BLUE DANUBE · DEPARTING 28 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

The trip departs on 28 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 by boarding the MS Moments for our usual Riviera welcome and onboard hospitality on an all-inclusive basis. We will then explore Bratislava before heading to Vienna to board our MS Geoffrey Chaucer.

The MS Geoffrey Chaucer is one of our classic five-star ships, comfortable and quietly elegant. The kind of ship our guests come back to.

From Vienna 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, returning by rail to Budapest for your final night.

The rail journey back to Budapest adds something a little different to the holiday, travelling through the Austrian countryside, crossing into Hungary and finally over the Danube as you arrive in Budapest.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

A dry summer has left the free flowing stretch below Vienna, which your ship needs to reach Budapest, around 60 centimeters 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.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

We have clearly added in the amount of coaching involved. The majority of the coaching below, transfers to and from airports and coaching required for our excursions, are included in our usual program outside of the low water challenges. The additional are transfers to train stations and the tour to Bratislava.

Day 1	Fly to Budapest and transfer to the MS Moments in Gonyu, on an all inclusive basis Coaching: 1hr 45 mins, from the airport to the Moments on the Danube in Gonyu
Day 2	Morning option 1: After breakfast, excursion to Bratislava for guided tour with €25pp for lunch in the city. Transfer after lunch to Vienna to check into the MS Geoffrey Chaucer on an all inclusive basis followed by free time if you wish to explore the city on your own Coaching: Gonyu to Bratislava 1hr 15min, Bratislava to Vienna 1hr 30min You will board our MS Geoffrey Chaucer ship. You will remain in the same cabin type and cabin number. MS Geoffrey Chaucer - Riviera Travel
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. Back on board for lunch 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 Melk. Coaching: 20 min shuttles to and from Vienna
Day 4	Morning: Guided tour of Melk Abbey back to ship for lunch Afternoon: Scenic sailing down the Wachau valley 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: Guided tour of Dürnstein Morning option 2: Guided hike to Dürnstein castle ruins Afternoon: Scenic sailing along the river Coaching: No Coaching
Day 7	Morning: Rail journey from Vienna to Budapest and onward to your hotel. Afternoon: Guided tour of Budapest, followed by free time. €25pp provided for lunch Coaching: 20 mins from ship to Vienna train station. 30mins from Budapest train station to hotel Train: 2hr 30min
Day 8	Breakfast in Budapest, then a transfer to the airport for your flight home. Coaching: 45mins - 1hr to the airport

Should water levels improve, we may be able to sail closer to Budapest and keep you onboard for the final evening. We will aim to confirm arrangements before your departure, but if not, your Cruise Director will keep you fully updated throughout your cruise.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

We would love you to travel with us, and if you do there is something extra by way of apology.

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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.

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

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Any questions at all, please do call us.