



DANUBE RIVER CRUISE GUIDE

LOWER AUSTRIA





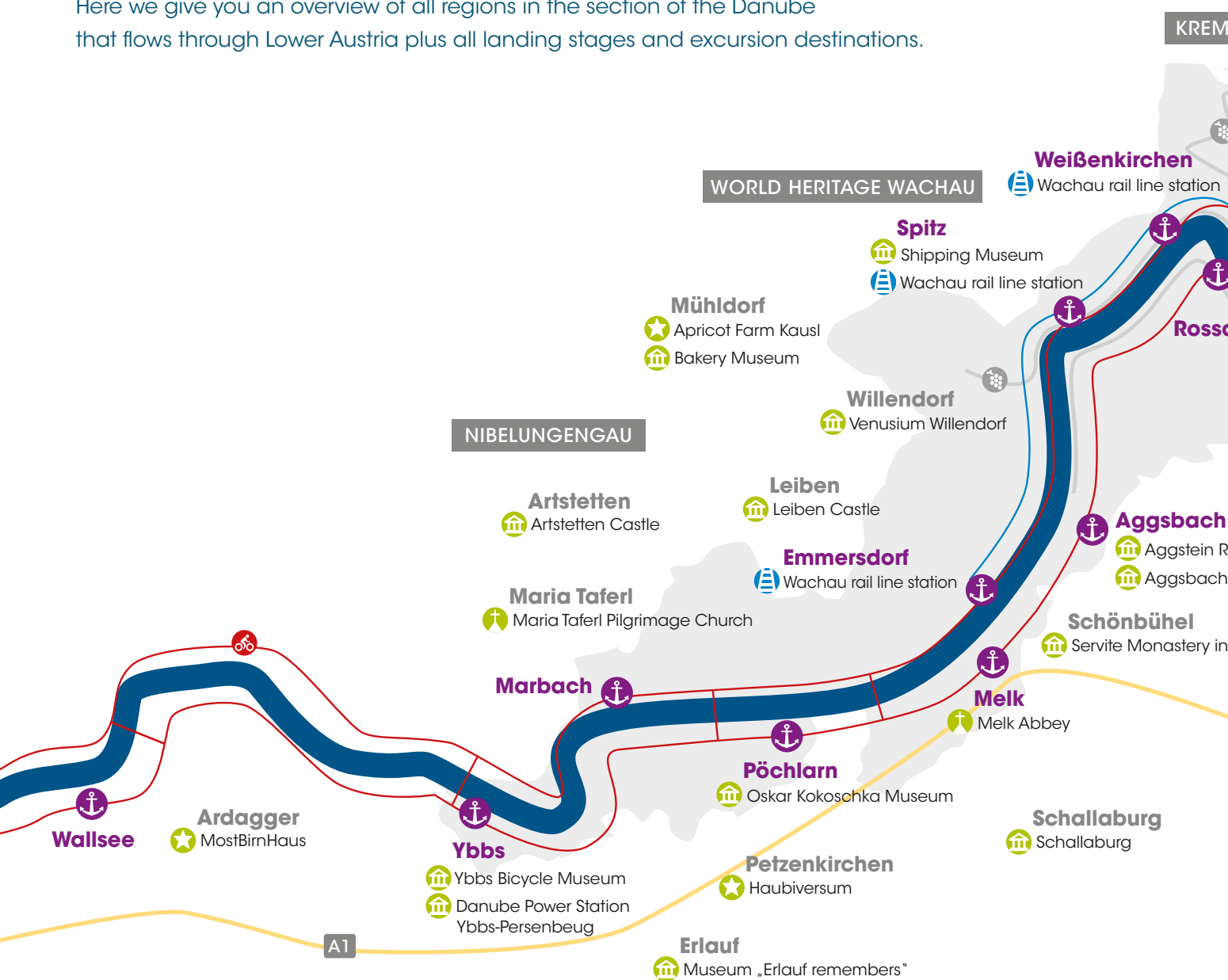
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THE LOWER AUSTRIAN DANUBE REGIONS

Here we give you an overview of all regions in the section of the Danube that flows through Lower Austria plus all landing stages and excursion destinations.



Wallsee

Danube Ship Station No. 2:

Wallsee-Sindelburg is situated at the south bank of river danube within beautiful scenery.

www.wallsee.at

Ybbs

Danube Ship Station No. 4:

This Danube town has a wonderfully restored historical center.

www.ybbs.gv.at

Marbach

Danube Ship Station No. 5:

Flair from steep cliffs and nearby Steinbachklamm, a wild and romantic gorge.

www.marbach-donau.at

Pöchlarn

Danube Ship Station No. 6:

This, the birthplace of Oskar Kokoschka, is extolled in the Lay of the Nibelung.

www.poechlarn.at

Melk

Danube Ship Station No. 7 -11, No. 35:

Magnificent Melk Abbey towers over this town that is the gateway to the Wachau.

www.stadt-melk.at

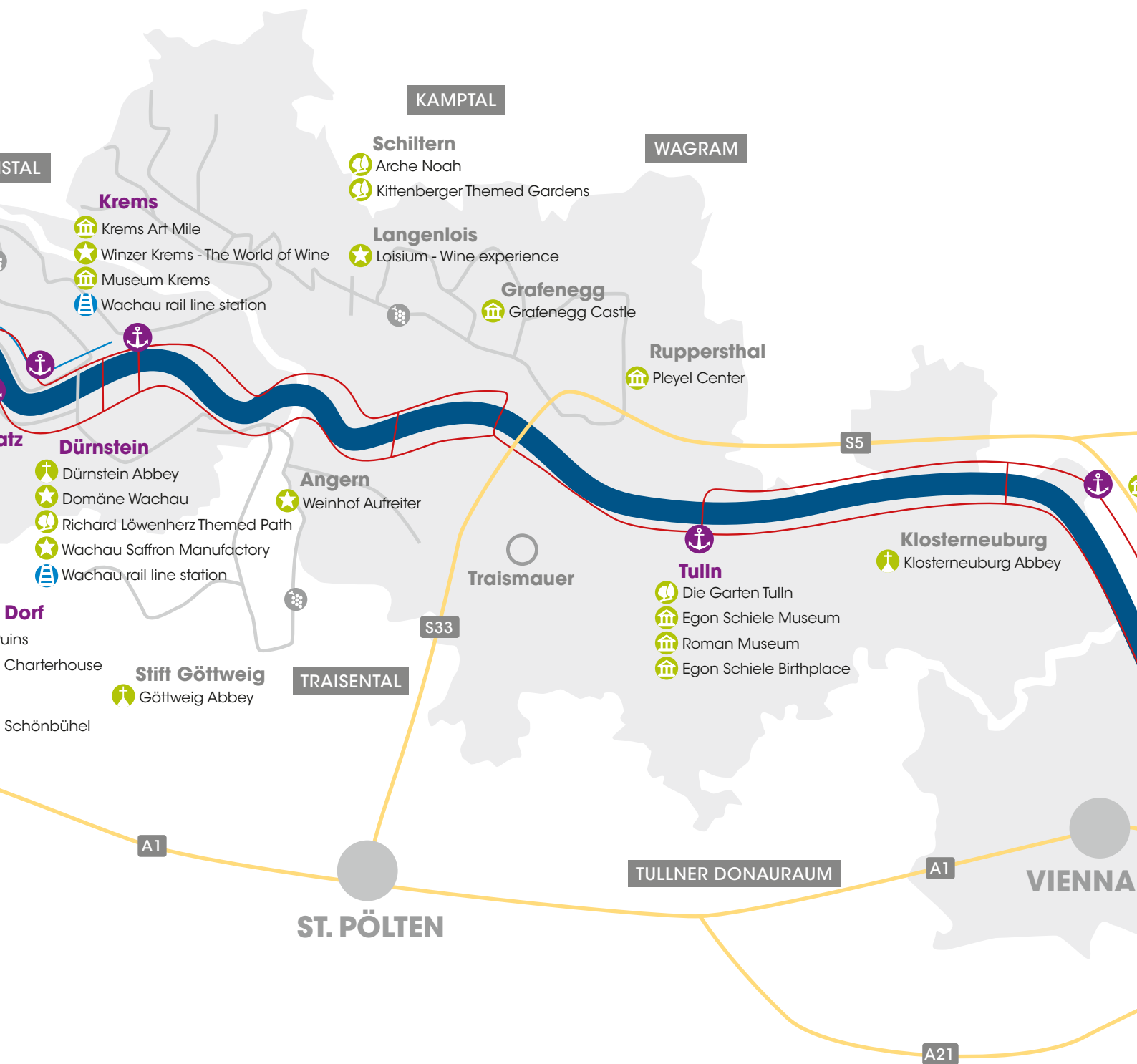
Emmersdorf

Danube Ship Station No. 12:

Emmersdorf is directly across from Melk and on the Wachaubahn train line.

www.emmersdorf.at





Schönbühel-Aggsbach

Danube Ship Station No. 13:
Scenic setting on the edge of Dunkelsteinerwald on the right bank of the Danube.
www.schoenbuehel.at

Spitz

Danube Ship Station No. 15, 16:
Vineyards and Thousand Barrel Mountain dominate this lovely town.
www.spitz-wachau.at

Weissenkirchen

Danube Ship Station No. 17, 18:
Scenic wine town with copious vineyards and St. Michael fortified church.
www.weissenkirchen-wachau.at

Rossatz

Danube Ship Station No. 19:
This municipality grows more apricots than any other in Austria.
www.rossatz-arnsdorf.at

Dürnstein

Danube Ship Station No. 21, 22:
The striking blue-and-white bell tower of Dürnstein is the landmark of the town.
www.duernstein.at

Krems

Danube Ship Station No. 23-25 and 33:
The university town has a lively cultural scene and narrow medieval streets.
www.krems.info

Krems

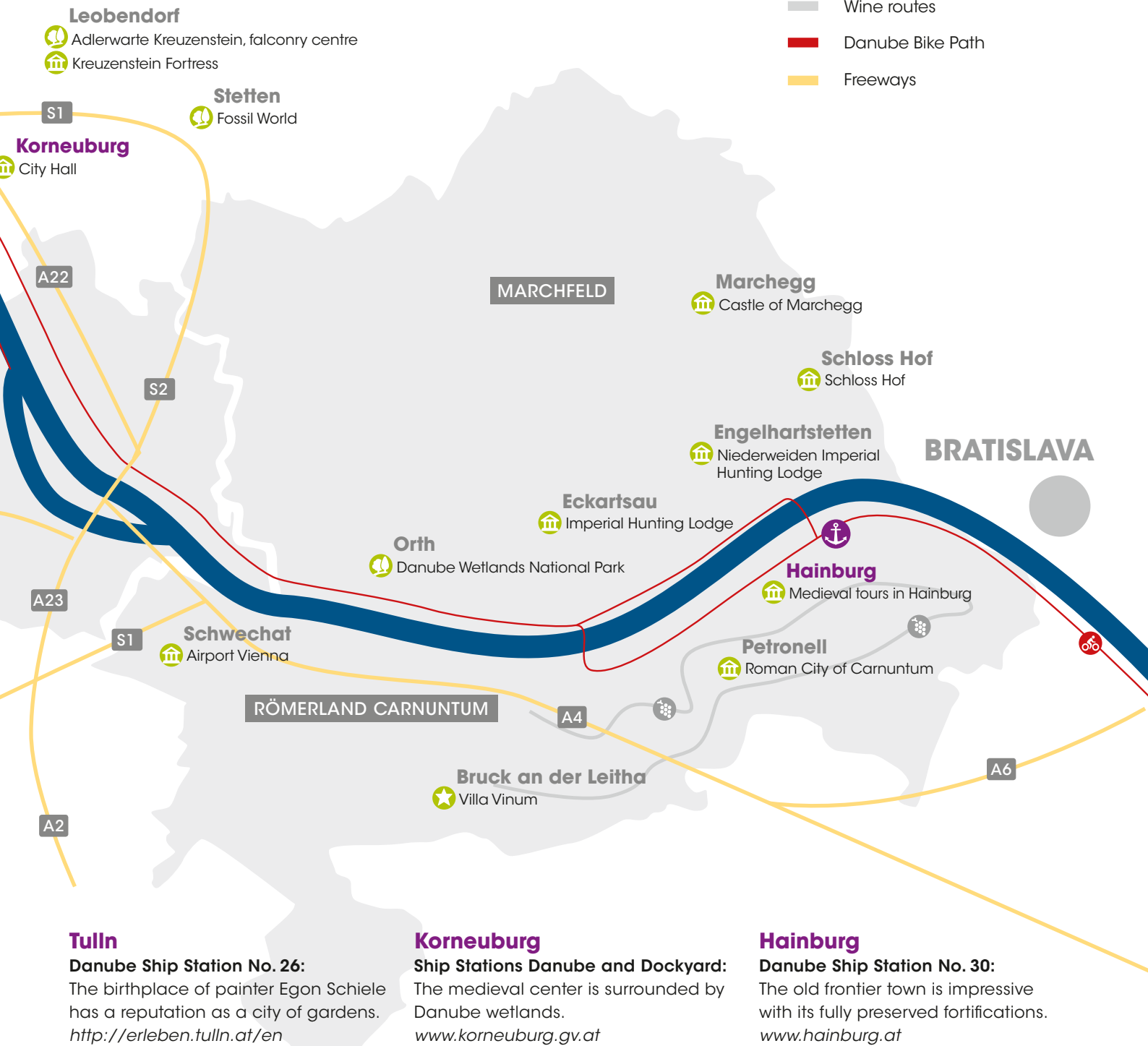
Tulln

Wien

41 km

40 km

-  Landing stage
-  Luscious experience
-  Museums and castles
-  Monasteries and churches
-  Nature and gardens
-  Wine routes
-  Wachau rail line station
-  Wachau rail line
-  Wine routes
-  Danube Bike Path
-  Freeways



Hainburg

Bratislava

50 km

16 km

THE DANUBE REGION IN LOWER AUSTRIA



Dürnstein © Gregor Semrad

DISCOVERING UNIQUE PLACES IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY

The Danube winds its way through Lower Austria like a blue ribbon 260 km long. This section is perhaps the most charming of any along the entire river, featuring magnificent architecture, picturesque towns and villages on the banks, and top wine culture. In December 2000, the Wachau was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list as the only region along the Danube and at the end of 2008 it was dubbed "Best Historic Destination in the World" by National Geographic Traveler Magazine. www.donau.com

Wines of international caliber

The subregions along the Danube in Lower Austria have one thing in common: superb wine culture. Six of the eight Lower Austrian wine regions containing some of the most famous single vineyards in Austria are along the Danube: Wachau, Krems Valley, Kamp Valley, Traisen Valley, Wagram and Carnuntum. Wines flourish here thanks to the diverse soils and the ideal climate that combines moist Atlantic influences with dry Pannonian ones. Wachau Rieslings are famous the world over, for example, and 'Grüner Veltliner' is the most typical grape variety in the region. www.donau.com/weinstrassen

Wine tasting

Visitors should definitely sample the excellent wines in the Danube region of Lower Austria just the way the locals do: in the down-to-earth atmosphere of a heuriger wine tavern. At 'Heurige', wine makers serve their own wines and tasty traditional delicacies. Many private wine makers also welcome groups to come for wine tasting events. For full immersion in Wachau viticulture, for instance, the unique wine experience at 'Winzer Krems' is highly recommended or a cellar tour at 'Domäne Wachau'.

We organize wine experiences tailored to your groups and hook you up with the right wine maker.

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As experts on travel in the Danube region of Lower Austria, we are happy to apply our knowledge of the region to arranging your group experiences.

Your guidelines through the region!

Our goal with this cabin-ship travel manual is to present all information and tips for group stays compactly, so you can see it at a glance. This promotional material is geared to the needs of cruise ship providers and opens up to you the full diversity of group experiences in our region. If you are looking for further custom packages, we are happy to provide personal assistance to you as well.

Book with us!

Donau Niederösterreich Tourismus GmbH is an expert in group tours in the Danube region of Lower Austria. We compose group experiences tailored to your individual requests from our head office in the heart of the Wachau. Besides drawing on a large pool of regional experiences, we are also glad to bring our creativity and regional expertise to bear to enable your group guests to have a perfect holiday experience. We offer customized packages for every customer segment!

We make it all possible!

Our Group Tours Department is highly professional. We have countless partners throughout the regional tourism industry, whom we know personally. You may be looking for the right Austria guide for a special tour, the appropriate wine maker for a wine tasting session or a regional producer. Or perhaps you need ideas for a special experience in our region. On request, we energetically assist you with drawing up an itinerary! We are your central, competent contact when it comes to group tours along the Danube in Lower Austria. Please feel free to contact us!

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Heuriger Wine tavern © Andreas Hofer

THE DANUBE AS THE YEAR UNFOLDS A REGION CELEBRATES ITS FESTIVALS AND ITS TRADITIONS

April/May: Wine spring

This celebration of wine and springtime in the Danube wine region is the best opportunity each year to sample wines directly at the wineries that produce them. Tips: '3-Valley Weinfrühling', 'Tour de Vin' of traditional Austrian wineries, the 'Wachau Weinfrühling' or the 'Loess Frühling'.

June: Garden Festival in Tulln

Tulln is a town of gardens and also Egon Schiele's birthplace. In June the focus is very much on gardens. The public is invited to visit private gardens on tours and the entire town is decked out with flowers.

June through August: Festivals along cellar-lined roads

The Danube region of Lower Austria has many picturesque country roads lined with wine cellars. On certain dates, they serve as a wonderful backdrop for open-air wine festivals.

The end of June:

Solstice festivals in the Wachau + Nibelungengau

More than 20 towns in the Wachau-Nibelungengau-Krems Valley part of the Danube region stage solstice festivals at midsummer every year. Romantic torches light up the vineyards and impressive fireworks are set off. A beautiful way of experiencing this spectacle is from aboard a Danube ship. www.sonnenwende.at

July through September: Festival Summer

Along with its impressive historical and cultural legacy, the Danube region in Lower Austria has a lively contemporary culture scene. Summertime is culture time, with the world music festival 'Glatt & Verkehrt' and the 'Grafenegg Festival', a high-caliber, internationally known classical music festival. Other highlights are the theater festival 'Sommer-spiele Melk' or the 'Art Mile' in Krems, where interesting exhibitions are staged throughout the year.

July: Apricot festivals

In July the big event is the apricot harvest. In mid-July every year, visitors can look forward to light, fluffy apricot dumplings, fruity apricot punch and the finest in apricot brandies at the big apricot festivals in Krems and Spitz.

September and October: Wine autumn with harvest festivals

'Weinherbst' is the Lower Austrian celebration of wine and autumn. The season begins with the grape harvest and proceeds with a series of wine festivals and parades in the region.

November, December: Advent along the Danube

The Wachau is a UNESCO World Heritage landscape. Its splendid monasteries, churches and fortresses make a memorable backdrop for the many Advent events held at special locations throughout the area.

Event details and information:

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Ybbs, Nibelungengau © Klaus Engelmayer

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Ybbs Bicycle Museum

Here visitors can admire, touch and in some cases even try out wooden balance bicycles, massively built crank-and-pedal bicycles, spectacular high-wheel bicycles and elegant 'Waffenrad' bicycles from imperial times <http://www.ybbs.gv.at/ybbs-die-stadt/tourismuskultur/fahrrad-museum/>

Ybbs-Persenbeug Danube Power Station

Austria's oldest Danube power station went on line back in 1959. Here visitors can immerse themselves in the world of hydroelectric power generation. www.kraftwerksfuehrungen.at

Haubiversum

The doors to the bakery are wide open. On a peak behind the scenes, visitors experience the fascinating world of bread and the art of baking. www.haubis.com

Museum 'Erlauf remembers'

Erlauf is known as the 'Community of Peace' and just opened a museum called 'Erlauf remembers' in the old town hall. This exhibition presents the story of World War II and the end of the war. www.erlauferinnert.at

Maria Taferl Pilgrimage Church

Pilgrims flock to this pilgrimage site with its splendid panoramic view of the Danube to visit the Baroque basilica and the treasure chamber with its many votive offerings. www.basilika.at

Oskar Kokoschka Museum

The famous Austrian painter Oskar Kokoschka was born in Pöchlarn. His birthplace houses the Kokoschka Documentation Center and provides insights into this great Expressionist's life and work. www.oskarkokoschka.at

MostBirnHaus Ardagger

Mostbirnhaus means 'cider pear house' in English and has an engaging exhibition about the life of pears from blossom time to finished product. Award-winning pear ciders from the best cider producers in the Mostviertel (cider quarter) can be found here and the biggest choice of ciders in Austria. www.mostbirnhaus.at

DESCRIPTION:

Ybbs an der Donau stands out because of its unique location as the gateway between the Strudengau and the Nibelungengau. The historical center has undergone an exemplary renovation and is an inviting place to stroll and linger with its romantic courtyards, Powder Tower and burgher homes from the 15th and 16th c. www.ybbs.gv.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 4



Parking for 3 buses

DISTANCES:



Ybbs Bicycle Museum	App. 500 m	3 min.
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Ybbs-Persenbeug Danube Power Station	2 km	5 min.
Haubiversum	7,7 km	15 min.
Museum 'Erlauf remembers'	11 km	15 min.
Maria Taferl Pilgrimage Church	13.5 km	20 min.
Oskar Kokoschka Museum	15 km	20 min.
Mostbirnhaus Ardagger	28 km	30 min.



Maria Taferl Pilgrimage Church © Klaus Engelmayer



Marbach © Klaus Engelmayer

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Artstetten Castle

This castle was once home to Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the throne. His descendants continue to live here today. A highly personal exhibition on the archduke keeps his memory alive. www.schloss-artstetten.at

Leiben Castle

Known as the Castle of Europe, this structure houses a remarkable collection of historical and agricultural machinery and is a picturesque venue for special events. www.schloss-leiben.at



Ybbs-Persenbeug Danube Power Station

Austria's oldest Danube power station went on line back in 1959. Here visitors can immerse themselves in the world of hydroelectric power generation. www.power-station-tours.at


DESCRIPTION:

Steep cliffs and charming architecture give this town its special flair. There is an extraordinary hiking route between Marbach and Maria Taferl, from which the Steinbachklamm, a wild and romantic gorge, can be explored. www.marbach-donau.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:

	Ship Station No. 5
	Parking for 2 buses

DISTANCES:

	Maria Taferl Pilgrimage Church	4 km	6 min.
	Artstetten Castle	9 km	10 min.
	Leiben Castle	14 km	15 min.
	Ybbs-Persenbeug	9 km	11 min.
	Danube Power Station		



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Marbach © Klaus Engelmayer



Pöchlarn © Klaus Engelmayer

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DESCRIPTION:

Pöchlarn was an important setting in the Lay of the Nibelung, a fact commemorated by a Nibelung monument. The 'Oskar Kokoschka museum' is where the world-famous Austrian painter was born. Today it is a modern gallery and as the Oskar Kokoschka Documentation Center provides insights into the life and work of this great Expressionist. www.poechlarn.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 6



Parking for 2 buses

ENTFERNUNGEN:



Oskar Kokoschka Museum

App. 900 m

12 min.



Melk Abbey

12 km

14 min.

Museum 'Erlauf remembers'

6 km

7 min.



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Stift Melk © Niederösterreich-Werbung, Michael Liebert



Melk Abbey © www.extremfotos.com

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Schallaburg

Schallaburg is one of the most significant Renaissance castles north of the Alps. It presents exhibitions that change annually and that explore the exciting issues of our times with a finger on the pulse of society. www.schallaburg.at

Aggsbach Charterhouse

This charterhouse is a former monastery of the Carthusian Order. Visitors can tour the Carthusian museum and church. The hammer mill in Aggsbach Markt offers demonstrations on how the hammer mill works. <http://kartause-aggsbach.at>

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Aggstein Ruins

At this former fortress of robber knights, wooden walkways take visitors to stairs, courtyards and towers. Tours take visitors back in time to the knights' everyday routines and medieval life. www.ruineaggstein.at

Servite Monastery in Schönbühel

Perched on a cliff above the Danube, this former monastery offers lovely views of the river and interesting tours through a well-preserved monastic complex. www.kloster-schoenbuehel.at

City tours in Melk

"The Red Thread" circuit tour through lovely downtown Melk goes from the center of town to the old post office, the municipal fountain in the elegant residential area, and on to the ship master's house (Schiffmeisterhaus). Melk Abbey is within walking distance. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

This city is at the foot of the famous Benedictine monastery visible from miles around and has always been an important center of trade. 'The Red Thread' circuit trail is a vivid way to experience the history of the city of Melk and its historical sights. Highlights are Rathausplatz and the remainders of the city walls. www.stadt-melk.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 7 -11, No. 35



Parking for 8 buses

DISTANCES:



	Distance	Time
Melk Abbey	App. 1,5 km	5 min.
Melk Abbey	3 km	10 min.
Schallaburg	11 km	15 min.
Aggsbach Charterhouse	11 km	15 min.
Oskar Kokoschka Museum	12 km	15 min.
Aggstein Ruins	15 km	20 min.
Servite Monastery in Schönbühel	9 km	12 min.



Aggsbach Charterhouse © Lachlan Blair



Emmersdorf © Lachlan Blair

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Wachau rail line

This old rail line runs through the heart of the Wachau, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape. It is a special tourist attraction because as it travels along, passengers are treated to wonderful views of the terraced vineyards and of this landscape so shaped by the Danube. www.noevog.at

Leiben Castle

Known as the Castle of Europe, this structure houses a remarkable collection of historical and agricultural machinery and is a picturesque venue for special events. www.schloss-leiben.at

Venusium Willendorf

This museum is near the spot where the famous female figurine Venus of Willendorf was found and displays artifacts from the Paleolithic Age. A walk to the site of the find is well worthwhile. www.venusium.at

Melk Abbey

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DESCRIPTION:

Emmersdorf affords perhaps the most stunning view of Melk Abbey. The town also has an impressive historical center with Rothenhof Castle, vintner houses from the 16th c or the Romanesque-Gothic fortress chapel ruins in Gossam. www.emmersdorf.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 12



Parking for 4 buses

DISTANCES:



Wachau rail line	1,6 km	5 min.
Leiben Castle	6 km	10 min.
Venusium	12,6 km	15 min.
Melk Abbey	4 km	5 min.



City Hall Korneuburg (c) Stadtgemeinde Korneuburg

Korneuburg City Hall

A city tour through the medieval historical center passes by the neo-Gothic town hall built in 1895, the Pied Piper Fountain, and the Trinity Column. www.korneuburg.gv.at

VISIT KORNEUBURG

General Description

A worthwhile destination in the historical center The medieval heart of town is a perfect setting for enjoyable shopping as well as sightseeing. Not far from Korneuburg are the wild and romantic Danube wetlands, which are adjacent to the town. You can also visit the Fossil World in Stetten, Kreuzenstein Fortress, Adlerwarte Kreuzenstein or book an amazing city tour in Korneuburg including wine tasting.



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DESCRIPTION:

The community is known mostly for the imposing ruins of Aggstein Castle and the striking architectural ensemble of Schönbühel Castle perched on a rock right along the Danube. The Carthusians exerted an influence here, too. There is more information about that subject in the Carthusian Museum. www.schoenbuehel.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 13



Parking for 1-2 buses

DISTANCES:



Aggsbach Charterhouse	3 km	5 min.
Servite Monastery in Schönbühel	5 km	5 min.
Aggstein Ruins	7 km	10 min.
Melk Abbey	12 km	11 min.

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Legendary castle experience in the Wachau

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More information:
www.ruineaggstein.at



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Shipping Museum Spitz

At Erlaahof in Spitz, visitors can immerse themselves in a time prior to Danube steamboats, when horses pulled the ships back upstream. www.schiffahrtsmuseum-spitz.at

Venusium

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Mühldorf Bakery Museum

The old bakery contains all manner of historical gadgets and utensils that can be experienced on a tour or during a baking demonstration. There is also an historical toy shop that is open to the public. www.baeckereimuseum.at

Marillenhof Kausl, apricot farm

This apricot farmer produces liquid and solid products from Wachau apricots and even distills his own Wachau Whiskey. Visitors can taste and experience so much about the processing of Wachau apricots. www.marillenhof.at

City and vineyard tours in Spitz

This wine town in the Wachau is an ideal base for vineyard hikes to the Thousand Barrel Mountain with its many views or to the Red Gate. City tours that include church visits are also available. Wine tasting can be staged at a heuriger wine tavern, in a wine cellar or at Klosterhof. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

Spitz encircles the base of the Thousand Barrel Mountain vineyard like a precious collar. Marktstrasse winds its way up from the Danube past wineries and to the church, whose chancel is famously out of line with the nave. A side-trip to the former city gate (Red Gate) has its rewards: impressive views of Spitz. www.spitz-wachau.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 15, 16



Parking for 30 buses (distance app. 400 m)

DISTANCES:



Vineyard tours	500 m	8 min.
Wachau rail line	500 m	8 min.



Shipping Museum	2 km	4 min.
Venusium	6 km	8 min.
Mühldorf Bakery Museum	7 km	10 min.
Apricot Farm Kausl	8 km	15 min.



Spitz, Marillenhof Kausl © Steve Haider



Weissenkirchen © Steve Haider

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Dürnstein Abbey

The abbey is known for its famous blue church tower, which is visible from far and wide. The church can be visited on a guided tour; also together with an individual organ concert. www.stiftduernstein.at

Domäne Wachau

A special wine experience awaits visitors at Domäne Wachau in Dürnstein with tours of the 300-year-old wine cellar and wine tasting in the renovated Baroque Kellerschlössel. www.domaene-wachau.at

Wachau Saffron Manufactory

Ecologist Bernhard Kaar has revived the tradition of saffron cultivation near Dürnstein in the Wachau. At his manufactory, the saffron is dried and processed into various products. www.wachauer-safran.at

Vineyard tours and wine tasting

The wine town of Weissenkirchen offers a variety of possibilities for wine tasting. The numerous heuriger wine taverns or wine cellars at several private wine makers can be booked for wine tasting. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

An especially striking structure in this scenic town in the heart of the Wachau is the mighty church in the town center with its wood-covered stairway and the historical Renaissance complex Teisenhoferhof. The narrow lanes winding their way through town would rank high on any list of romantic places. www.weissenkirchen-wachau.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 17, 18



Parking for 2 buses

DISTANCES:



Vineyard tours	500 m	8 min.
Wachau rail line	500 m	8 min.



Shipping Museum	2 km	4 min.
Dürnstein Abbey	6 km	7 min.
Domäne Wachau	7 km	10 min.
Wachau Saffron Manufactory	7 km	10 min.



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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Göttweig Abbey

Founded in 1083, this abbey is perched on the Göttweig hilltop near Furth. The abbey church is impressive, as is the imperial staircase with its splendid frescoes by Paul Troger. www.stiftgoettweig.at

Aggstein Ruins

At this former fortress of robber knights, wooden walkways take visitors to stairs, courtyards and towers. Tours take visitors back in time to the knights' everyday routines and medieval life. www.ruineaggstein.at

Vineyard tours and wine tasting

Rossatz-Arnsdorf on the south bank of the Danube also offers an array of possibilities for wine tasting. Various local wine makers are happy to arrange wine tasting events featuring their own wines at their 'Heuriger' – wine taverns or wine cellars. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

Blossom time is special in this municipality, Austria's biggest producer of apricots. The landscape turns into a fragrant sea of pinkish white blossoms. The lovely towns with their apricot orchards and romantic lanes are also worth visiting during the apricot harvest in July, for shopping or for culinary delights featuring apricots. www.rossatz-arnsdorf.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 19



Parking for 1 buses (distance app. 400 m)

DISTANCES:



Vineyard tours

500 m

8 min.



Göttweig Abbey

15 km

15 min.

Aggstein Ruins

18 km

25 min.

High above the Wachau Valley

For more than 900 years monks live and pray on the Goettweig Mountain, high above the Wachau Valley in the heart of Lower Austria.

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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Dürnstein Abbey

The abbey is known for its famous blue church tower, which is visible from far and wide. The church can be visited on a guided tour; also together with an individual organ concert. www.stiftduernstein.at

Richard Löwenherz Themed Path

The English king Richard the Lionhearted is inextricably linked with the history of Dürnstein. He was held prisoner in Dürnstein Fortress until ransom was paid and he was released. This themed path tells this story. <http://themenweg.duernstein.at>

Wachau Saffron Manufactory

Ecologist Bernhard Kaar has revived the tradition of saffron cultivation near Dürnstein in the Wachau. At his manufactory, the saffron is dried and processed into various products. www.wachauer-safran.at

Wachau rail line

This old rail line runs through the heart of the Wachau, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape. It is a special tourist attraction because as it travels along, passengers are treated to wonderful views of the terraced vineyards and of this landscape so shaped by the Danube. www.noevog.at

Domäne Wachau

A special wine experience awaits visitors at Domäne Wachau in Dürnstein with tours of the 300-year-old wine cellar and wine tasting in the renovated Baroque Kellerschlössel. www.domaene-wachau.at

City tours in Dürnstein

The historical tours of Dürnstein always include the English king Richard the Lionhearted, who was held captive long ago in Dürnstein Fortress, now ruins. Along with the city, the tour can also take in the abbey and abbey church visible from miles around as well as the terrace, which affords wonderful views. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

The blue-and-white bell tower of the abbey of the Augustinian Canons in Dürnstein can be seen far and wide. The English king Richard the Lionhearted was once imprisoned in the fortress above the town, where only ruins stand today, and was not released until a ransom was paid. This story is inextricably linked with this romantic town. www.duernstein.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 20-22



Parking for 10 buses (chargeable)

DISTANCES:



Dürnstein Abbey	650 m	8 min.
Richard Löwenherz Themed Path	400 m	6 min.
Wachau Saffron Manufactory	450 m	6 min.
Wachau rail line	450 m	6 min.
Domäne Wachau	700 m	10 min.



Domäne Wachau	1 km	5 min.
Wachau Saffron Manufactory	1 km	5 min.
Wachau rail line	1 km	5 min.



Wachauer Safran © Wachauer Safran/Bernhard Kaar



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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Krems Art Mile

Krems is a cultural hot spot in Austria. Its Art Mile includes the country's only caricature museum and Kunsthalle Krems as a venue for international exhibitions of art dating from 1945 to the present as well as the exhibition space in the Church of the Friars Minor and 'Forum Frohner'. The new art museum is opening in 2018. www.kunsthalle.at, www.forum-frohner.at, www.karikaturmuseum.at

City tours in Krems/Stein

The city of Krems/Stein can be explored on classic city tours as well as on a special culinary tour, where local products produced in the city can be sampled. Rounds with the Night Watchman provide an insight into the lives of people who inhabited the medieval city of Krems/Stein back then. One tour explores the life of the well-known local painter Kremser Schmidt in the 18th century up until his death. www.krems.info

Museum Krems

This museum offers insights into the wine production of the city of Krems and illuminates the history of "Kremser Senf", a popular local sweet mustard. Kremser Senf tasting events can also be booked. www.museumkrems.at

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Winzer Krems – The World of Wine

This tour through Winzer Krems starts in the vineyards and proceeds to the wine region and then to the wine treasures. An experience for all the senses at 8 stations with wine samples. www.sandgrube13.at

Göttweig Abbey

Founded in 1083, this abbey is perched on the Göttweig hilltop near Furth. The abbey church is impressive, as is the imperial staircase with its splendid frescoes by Paul Troger. www.stiftgoettweig.at

Weinhof Aufreiter, wine farm

Tasting sessions featuring delicious apricot products from the apricot farmer Harald Aufreiter at his farm in Krems/Angrern. A 4km hiking trail passes scenically through the apricot orchards and can also be explored on a guided hike. www.marillenweg.at, www.weinhof.at

Loisium – Wine experience

A unique wine experience in the aluminum cube built by star New York architect Steven Holl. LOISIUM in Langenlois can be explored and wines tasted on different themed tours. www.loisium.at

DESCRIPTION:

The dynamic cultural and university town of Krems-Stein was home to the famous medieval painter Kremser Schmidt. Cobbled medieval lanes snuggle into the slopes of the surrounding hills, offering visitors a picturesque sight. The city became prosperous as a trading center for salt and wine. www.krems.info

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 23-25 and 33



Parking for 6 buses (chargeable)

DISTANCES:



Krems Art Mile	500 m	10 min.
City tours in Krems/Stein	500 m	10 min.
Wachaubahn (railway station Stein)	1 km	15 min.



Museum Krems	2 km + 400 m walk	15 min.
Wachau rail line (railway station Krems)	3 km	5 min.
Winzer Krems – The World of Wine	4 km	10 min.
Göttweig Abbey	10 km	15 min.
Weinhof Aufreiter	10 km	10 min.
LOISIUM	14 km	16 min.
Kittenberger Themed Gardens	18,5 km	20 min.
Grafenegg Castle	14 km	16 min.
Arche Noah	20 km	25 min.

Kittenberger Themed Gardens

Garden designer Kittenberger created a true garden paradise in Schiltern. It is an inviting place to visit with guided walks to certain points of focus such as herbs and garden delights plus the on-site Restaurant Glas.Haus. www.kittenberger.at

Arche Noah

Arche Noah in Schiltern preserves and cultivates thousands of endangered types of vegetables, fruits and grains. Tours through the show garden provide an interesting insight into rare plants, vegetables and fruits. www.arche-noah.at

Grafenegg Castle

Grafenegg has gained an international reputation as a music hot spot with its topflight classical music festival. Visitors can view the Auditorium and the open-air stage known as the 'Wolkenturm' (tower of clouds). Other options are a tour of the castle or the old riding school or perhaps a stroll through the spacious park surrounding the castle. www.grafenegg.com



DIE GARTEN TULLN © Robert Herbst

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Egon Schiele Museum & Egon Schiele Birthplace

Authentic insights into the moving childhood of this extraordinary artist can be had at the Egon Schiele birthplace at the train station in Tulln. The museum has exhibits about various aspects of Schiele. www.egon-schiele.eu, www.schiele-geburtshaus.at

Roman Museum

Visitors can look forward to an exhibition about the former cavalry fort Comagenis – as Tulln was called under the Romans. The museum also covers life at other forts in the Tulln region and depicts military life. www.roermuseum-tulln.at

GARTEN TULLN

More than 60 show gardens were laid out in Europe's first & only ecological garden show. One highlight is a treetop trail with a 30m high lookout tower affording views of the river-side forests. Another is the restaurant next to a lovely pond. www.gartentulln.at

City tours in Tulln

On an Egon Schiele tour, participants can trace various aspects of the artist's childhood here. This can also be done taking the Tulli Express tourist train. The tourist train also follows the tour of Tulln as a city of gardens. It is conducted by the municipal gardener and provides a lot of information about Tulln's ecological efforts to care for its green space. Classic city tours are of course also available. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

Pleyel Center

Ignaz Joseph Pleyel was born in Ruppersthal and became famous in France as a composer and instrument maker. With the restoration of his birthplace and the recently opened concert hall in his hometown, a monument has now been put up for him. www.pleyel.at

Wine tasting in Wagram

Wagram is the wine region close to Tulln and offers many interesting possibilities for wine tasting at a host of superb wine makers. Heurige, several private wine makers or the regional vinotheque Weritas can be booked for wine tasting as well. *Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com*

DESCRIPTION:

The famous painter Egon Schiele spent his childhood in this city. Visitors can still find many traces of his life and times at his birthplace or on the Schiele Trail. Tulln has earned a special reputation as a city of gardens. The cityscape is enhanced with lovingly arranged flowers, and Europe's first & only ecological garden show can be viewed here too. <http://erleben.tulln.at/en>

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 26



Parking for 1 bus (1 bus parking space (only for passenger drop-offs/pick-ups, 10 bus parking spaces about 800 m away)

DISTANCES:



Egon Schiele Museum	500 m	5 min.
Roman Museum	800 m	10 min.
Egon Schiele Birthplace	2 km	25 min.
GARTEN TULLN	1 km	15 min.



GARTEN TULLN	1 km	5 min.
Egon Schiele Birthplace	2 km	10 min.
Pleyel Center	27 km	30 min.



Tulln, Egon Schiele Museum © Steve Haider



Korneuburg City Hall © Stadtgemeinde Korneuburg

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Korneuburg City Hall

A city tour through the medieval historical center passes by the neo-Gothic town hall built in 1895, the Pied Piper Fountain, and the Trinity Column. www.korneuburg.gv.at

Fossil World in Stetten

The theme park features this unique natural monument but also has multiple stations that tell the story of how the tropical primordial sea and its inhabitants disappeared. The journey takes visitors to a fascinating chapter of the earth's history at the world's largest fossil oyster reef! www.fossilienwelt.at

Kreuzenstein Fortress

The well-preserved fortress is fully appointed with historical furnishings and well worth a visit. Highlights include the armory with one of the largest private collections of historical weapons in the land and the splendid chapel, a gem of sacred medieval craftsmanship. www.kreuzenstein.com

Adlerwarte Kreuzenstein, falconry centre

Falconry is one of the oldest forms of hunting in the world. A fascinating flight demonstration is presented at 'Adlerwarte Kreuzenstein'. During the performance, various birds of prey display their flying skills. www.adlerwarte-kreuzenstein.at

Klosterneuburg Abbey

This abbey founded by the Augustinian Canons is worth a visit not only because of its famous Verdun Altar but also as Austria's oldest vineyard estate. The monastic garden and the entire abbey can be explored on themed tours. www.stift-klosterneuburg.at

City tours in Korneuburg

The city can be explored on three themed tours. The starting point is the Pied Piper's Fountain or city hall (Rathaus). Two routes go through the historical center of the city with the neo-Gothic city hall as the high point. The third route goes down to the Danube for a visit to the former shipyards, where cruise liners were once built. www.korneuburg.gv.at

DESCRIPTION:

A worthwhile destination in the historical center is the neo-Gothic town hall, which also offers a wonderful backdrop for weddings. The medieval heart of town is a perfect setting for enjoyable shopping as well. Not far from Korneuburg are the wild and romantic Danube wetlands, which are adjacent to the town. www.korneuburg.gv.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Stations "Danube" and "Dockyard"



Parking for 5 bus

DISTANCES:



Korneuburg City Hall	1,5 km	20 min.
City tours in Korneuburg	1,5 km	20 min.



Korneuburg City Hall	1,5 km	5 min.
Fossil World in Stetten	5 km	10 min.
Kreuzenstein Fortress	7 km	13 min.
Adlerwarte Kreuzenstein	7 km	13 min.
Klosterneuburg Abbey	20 km	21 min.

Contact for booking ship stations „Danube“ and „Dockyard“

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Hainburg © Steve Haider

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

Medieval tours in Hainburg

On the medieval tours of the city, a guide masquerading as a mercenary foot soldier or a noblewoman leads the group through Hainburg. Along the well-preserved historical city walls with their many towers, there are typical medieval structures to see, such as a charnel house or a pillory. The tours immerse participants in the 750-year history of the city. Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com

Roman City of Carnuntum

The Romans left indelible marks here. The thermal baths and city villa have been authentically reconstructed in this open-air museum. While strolling through it, visitors learn a wealth of things about life among the Ancient Romans. Museum Carnuntinum has further archaeological items on display. www.carnuntum.at

Schloss Hof

This baroque castle was built by Prince Eugene of Savoy and later purchased by Austrian Empress Maria Theresa. Highlights include the imperial apartments, the festival hall, and the unique Baroque terraced garden. Culinary tours are also available. www.schlosshof.at

Niederweiden Imperial Hunting Lodge

This whimsical imperial hunting lodge is just a few minutes' drive from Schloss Hof and stages varying exhibitions. www.schlosshof.at

Eckartsau Imperial Hunting Lodge

There is a significant story attached to this former imperial hunting lodge: The last emperor of Austria, Charles I, went into exile from here. Visitors can take themed tours such as one on imperial hunting or sample the original gugelhupf from Emperor Charles's cook. www.schlosseckartsau.at

Villa Vinum

This special wine experience in 'Bruck an der Leitha' is a unique symbiosis of state-of-the-art wine cellars and modern wine production. The themed path takes visitors through the open-view operations and conveys knowledge about wine flavors and scents. www.villavinum.at

DESCRIPTION:

The old frontier city of Hainburg is fascinating with its fully preserved 13th c fortifications. Unforgettable time travel awaits visitors at the medieval festival or on tours guided by mercenary foot soldiers or noblewomen. www.hainburg.at

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ship Station No. 30



Parking for 1 bus
(only for passenger drop-offs/pick-ups)

DISTANCES:



Medieval tours in Hainburg	400 m	7 min.
Roman city of Carnuntum	8 km	13 min.
Niederweiden Imperial Hunting Lodge	10 km	12 min.
Schloss Hof	14 km	15 min.
Eckartsau Imperial Hunting Lodge	15 km	19 min.
Villa Vinum	21 km	23 min.
Castle of Marchegg	20 km	20 min.
Danube Wetlands National Park	23 km	25 min.

Castle of Marchegg

On a tour of this Palffy family castle, visitors can enjoy interesting exhibitions about the town. Directly behind the castle is Europe's largest treetop stork colony. Tours are available to the stork paradise. The castle is closed 2017, reopening in 2018. www.marchegg.at

Danube Wetlands National Park

The multimedia exhibition at the National Park Center in Orth Castle presents the history of the Danube wetlands and the national park in a vivid and exciting way. On the open-air grounds of the castle island, visitors can experience the animals inhabiting the wetlands. www.donauauen.at

Wine tasting in Carnuntum

Carnuntum is a wine region pampered by the Pannonian climate. Unlike all the other wine regions along the Danube today, it is best known for its characterful red wines. Some wine makers stage wine tasting events for groups. Information & reservations: Donau Incoming, incoming@donau.com

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