

Melk, Lower Austria, Austria

A Baroque masterpiece towering over the Danube, Melk's hilltop abbey rewards every river cruiser who steps ashore into one of Austria's most photogenic towns.

-  Docked (riverside pier)
-  Typical call: 4–6 hrs
-  Currency: Euro (€)
-  Language: German (English widely spoken)
-  Wachau apricot country

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct berth on the Donaulände (Danube embankment) — no tender

Walk to Abbey: 20–25 min on foot; shuttle often available

Best For: Baroque history, scenic Wachau cycling, Austrian food

Don't Miss: Melk Abbey Library and Marble Hall

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €4–€10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Melk Abbey Tour** — Explore the Benedictine monastery that has crowned this Danube cliff for over 900 years.
- **Wachau Valley Cycling** — The EuroVelo Danube Cycle Path runs straight through Melk.
- **Schallaburg Castle** — A 5 km drive from Melk, Schallaburg is a stunning Renaissance castle famous for its ornate terracotta courtyard and...
- **Wachau Wine & Apricot Tasting** — The Wachau Valley holds an EU-protected designation for its Grüner Veltliner and Riesling whites and the legendary...

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Abbey via Old Town** ~2 km round-trip | 45–60 min | Moderate — Walk the flat riverfront path from the pier to Hauptplatz, pause at the decorated 'Zur Alten Post' Baroque facade and the Baroque...
- **Abbey Park & Garden Pavilion** ~30 min | Easy (within Abbey grounds) — After touring the interior, stroll the Abbey's Baroque garden.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:09AM–7:49PM · Jun 4:57AM–9:00PM · Aug 5:53AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:36AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:09PM	
Apr	60°	42°	11d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	76°	59°	13d		
Aug	78°	61°	12d		
Sep	70°	54°	11d		
Oct	60°	46°	11d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Abbey tickets early. Timed entry sells out weeks in advance in summer. Buy online at stiftmelk.at before your cruise or join a ship excursion that includes admission.
- Wear sturdy shoes. The walk to the Abbey involves stairs and steep cobblestone paths. Skip the sandals.
- Carry some cash. Small bakeries, souvenir stalls, and the apricot market prefer euros in hand. The Abbey and restaurants take

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