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Riviera Radiance

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OVERVIEW: *Riviera Radiance* is the newest addition to the Riviera Travel fleet, with three sister ships due to join by 2028. It is the first ship to feature a split-level lounge and three restaurants on board, offering passengers more places to relax and dine at their leisure. *Radiance* started sailing in June 2025 and offers Danube itineraries, including a 15-day Budapest to the Black Sea River Cruise.

CABINS: *Radiance* is a 178-passenger river ship with 89 staterooms, of which 80% have French balconies. The decor is modern and elegant, with muted tones and sleek furnishings. The Grand Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck are the largest in the fleet at 32sq metres, with a full balcony. The next category is the 24sq-metre Superior Suite.

FOOD AND DRINK: There are three restaurants on board *Radiance*, with the main restaurant offering à la carte dining and a buffet for breakfast and lunch, and a locally inspired four-course menu with regional wines for dinner. Mosaic and Riverview Kitchen are the two smaller speciality restaurants, which are available at lunch and dinner and do not require a cover charge. Mosaic's menu is inspired by the rivers in Riviera Travel's programme, from the Douro to the Danube, while Riverview Kitchen has an outdoor seating area. The split-level Panorama Lounge and Bar is the standout venue on the ship, providing more space for passengers

to relax with a drink before or after dinner, with entertainment such as live music able to reach both decks. The bar at the front of the ship is encircled by a balcony giving options to sit outside, and floor-to-ceiling windows to take in the views.

FACILITIES: *Radiance* has a plunge pool, comfortable hammocks, loungers and shaded areas for relaxing on the sun deck. On the lower deck, guests will find the spa and gym with a dry sauna and steam room that can be booked ahead of time (free of charge). Other treatments such as massages and facials come at an additional cost. There are also a number of bikes available on board for passengers to use when exploring on shore.

USP: *Radiance* is an incredibly stylish ship that comes packed with more options for dining, drinking and entertainment than you would expect from a smaller river ship, making it a good option for ocean cruisers keen to give river a go.

BOOK IT: Riviera Travel offers a five-day Budapest, Bratislava & Vienna: A Danube Discovery River Cruise on *Radiance*, starting from £1,649 per person based on two sharing a Double Cabin, with flights from Bristol departing November 10. rivieratravel.co.uk

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