

INTO THE LOWER DANUBE: GLORIES OF HUNGARY & THE BALKANS

BUDAPEST TO BUDAPEST – 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

This unique Danube journey will forever change the way you think of Europe! You'll cruise right off the beaten path as you explore Hungary, the Balkans, and the Iron Gates. Begin on a high note in Hungary, where you'll fall in love with majestic Budapest; Mohács with its colorful Busó culture; and Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World! Next, glide into Serbia and visit Novi Sad, Belgrade, and Donji Milanovac. Be sure to watch for Trajan's Bridge, the first bridge over the Lower Danube and one of the Romans' greatest architectural achievements. Then, pause in Vukovar to learn about the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. Also pass through the rugged Iron Gates, the awe-inspiring border between Serbia and Romania.

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Day 1 – Budapest	Day 6 – Kladovo
Day 2 – Kalocsa/ Mohács	Day 7 – Belgrade
Day 3 – Novi Sad	Day 8 – Vukovar
Day 4 – Belgrade	Day 9 – Kalocsa
Day 5 – Golubac/ Donji Milanovac	Day 10 – Budapest



DATES IN 2027

2 Sep



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences. From Kalocsa, travel out onto the legendary Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for an entertaining presentation featuring expert horsemanship, traditional folk dancing, and a taste of authentic csikós (cowboy) cuisine.

DAY 1 – BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's gorgeous capital spanning both sides of the Danube. Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your luxurious Suite, then head up to the Vista Deck for a grand departure. As the ship moves slowly past the city's stunning landmarks, raise a glass of champagne to toast your exciting adventure!

DAY 2 – MOHÁCS

Remain in Hungary, cruising farther south for a stop in Mohács, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played important roles. With a great RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; take an invigorating spin on an e-bike to visit the St. Nicholas Watermill, one of the few remaining mills still using traditional stones; or treat your tastebuds during a wine tasting and gingerbread-decorating workshop! See our website for a complete list of the excursions available on your cruise.

DAY 3 – NOVI SAD

Get an early start this morning in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. How about touring Petrovaradin Fortress, the colossal Gibraltar of the Danube? Another option is our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE wine pairing in scenic Fruška Gora National Park. Surrounded by nature's beauty, you'll explore an ancient monastery, sample brandy made by the resident monks, get an introduction to Serbia's wine-growing heritage, and more!

DAY 4 – BELGRADE

A great day for exploring the Serbian capital! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a panoramic city tour and visits to St. Sava and Belgrade Fortress; time at the House of Flowers, the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito; or an e-bike tour through the city's charming squares, streets, and bridges.

DAY 5 – GOLUBAC / DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Today is packed with incredible things to see and do. Don't miss the outing to mighty Golubac Fortress, Gateway to the Iron Gates. Dating back to the 14th century, this expansive fort repelled more than 120 attacks with its three compounds, 10 towers, and two portcullises, and thick, thick walls. Another great possibility is a tour through the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement at the amazing Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum to learn about the

highly developed culture that lived here. Later, re-board your ship and head to the Vista Deck for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE al fresco barbecue during our passage through the Iron Gates, boundary between Serbia and Romania.

DAY 6 – KLADOVO

Dobro jutro (good morning)! Sitting on the right bank of the Danube, the site of Kladovo has been inhabited since the Early Bronze Age. This is where Roman Emperor Trajan built his legendary bridge across the Danube, and where the Romans also constructed Diana Fortress, part of a vast defensive system along the empire's border. See the highlights during a guided walk, then re-join your ship for lunch and the chance to take a dip in the counter-current pool.

DAY 7 – BELGRADE

A return to the White Fortress city provides a great chance to explore further on your own, do some souvenir shopping, or to join another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion.

DAY 8 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the tenacity and fortitude of Vukovar, which was almost completely destroyed during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can view the city's evocative (and sometimes provocative) building murals during an e-bike tour; embark on a fun Croatian beer discovery; or sample the local flavors during a visit to the Osijek Market.

DAY 9 – KALOCSA

After a delicious breakfast, disembark in Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World! Allow us to whisk you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE event. Watch an entertaining display of expert horsemanship and lively folk dancing as you savor hearty local food and wine. You'll even have a chance to interact with the animals, sample paprika products, and enjoy a ride in a traditional horse-drawn cart.

DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.

This cruise has extensions available, see our website for details.