

SECRETS OF THE LOWER DANUBE: SERBIA TO HUNGARY WITH IRON GATES

BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



IRON GATES

Spend a week cruising through Serbia, Croatia, and Hungary to see how these former Iron Curtain countries have flourished since the fall of Communism. Embark in bustling Belgrade to learn about Serbia's history as part of the former Yugoslavia. Also explore pretty Golubac near Đerdap National Park, where a formidable 10-tower fortress dates back to medieval times; and the pristine environs of Donji Milanovac. A highlight passage takes you through the rugged Iron Gates gorge, the border between Serbia and Romania. Croatia's Vukovar is next to learn about the War of Independence in the 1990s. Finally, enter Hungary and visit Kalocsa, Paprika Capital of the World, followed by a grand arrival into Budapest, a dazzling end to your trip!

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Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 4 – Belgrade
Day 2 – Golubac/ Donji Milanovac	Day 5 – Vukovar
Day 3 – Kladovo	Day 6 – Kalocsa
	Day 7 – Budapest



DATES IN 2027

5 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 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the White Fortress of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the Riverside Mozart and get settled into your luxurious Suite. Tonight, meet cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – GOLUBAC / DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Today is packed with incredible things to see and do, courtesy of our RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. 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. You'll learn about the highly developed culture that lived here, spanning the transition from hunter-gatherers to early European farmers. 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 3 – 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 4 – BELGRADE

Return to Belgrade to take advantage of some wonderful excursions! How about a city tour by coach that visits Belgrade Fortress and beautiful St. Sava, one of the world's largest Eastern Orthodox churches, or a visit to the tomb of former Yugoslav president Josip Tito.

DAY 5 – VUKOVAR

Today, discover the 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 beer discovery; or sample the local flavors during a visit to the Osijek Market.

DAY 6 – KALOCSA

After a delicious breakfast, disembark in Kalocsa, one of Hungary's oldest towns and the Paprika Capital of the World! Here, a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE excursion whisks you out onto the rugged Hungarian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food. 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 7 – BUDAPEST

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

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



RUGGED MOUNTAINS AT THE LOWER DANUBE