

ETERNAL DANUBE WITH SERBIA, CROATIA & IRON GATES

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS



BUDAPEST

As you travel from Austria and Serbia to Croatia and Hungary, this luxury-filled Danube cruise has it all: music and culture and castles and fortresses and art and history and so much more. Each bend of the river reveals the incredible, along with views that will take your breath away. Sample the foods and wines the regions were built on, and bask in wonders sculpted by Nature itself, like an unforgettable passage through the rugged Iron Gates gorges. Your adventure concludes in Budapest, one of the world's most beautiful cities and a true highlight of the cruise!

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Day 1 – Vienna	Day 8 – Golubac/ Donji Milanovac
Day 2 – Vienna	
Day 3 – Esztergom/ Visegrád/ Budapest	Day 9 – Kladovo
	Day 10 – Belgrade
Day 4 – Budapest	Day 11 – Vukovar
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Day 6 – Novi Sad	Day 13 – Budapest
Day 7 – Belgrade	



DATES IN 2027

30 Aug



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 – VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's enchanting capital and true Baroque showcase! Embark the Riverside Mozart and relax as your personal Butler helps you settle into your luxurious Suite. Tonight, meet cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

Your entire day is dedicated to the magic of Vienna. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions pairs city sightseeing with a unique multimedia Mozart experience, or you can get active during an e-bike ride through Prater Park, site of the 1873 World Fair. A full list of cruise excursions is available on our website.

DAY 3 – ESZTERGOM / VISEGRÁD / BUDAPEST

While you slept, your ship entered Hungary. Dock first in Esztergom, capital of Hungary from the 10th until the mid-13th century. Exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE activities include a visit to the Esztergom Basilica Library to learn about “lost recipes” from the Cardinal's table, or a fun visit to a local family farm. Back on board for lunch as your ship continues to Visegrád, medieval gate-

way to the Danube. Here, enjoy a wonderful introduction to the town that was first mentioned in 1009 AD, as well as to its captivating fortress. Tonight, head up to the Vista Deck for a fabulous champagne entrance into Budapest.

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

A fantastic day awaits and with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can see the highlights of Budapest by comfortable coach or e-bike; or visit the monumental Parliament Building or fairytale Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle District. After lunch, you might enjoy a tour of Gödöllő, Austrian Empress Sisi's favorite palace.

DAY 5 – MOHÁCS

Remain in Hungary, cruising farther south for a stop in Mohács, where the Roman and Ottoman Empires both played important roles. Learn all about the colorful Busójárás Carnival traditions at the Busó Udvar Museum; take an invigorating e-bike ride to 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! A delightful onboard dinner awaits this evening as your ship cruises on to Serbia.



FISHERMEN'S BASTION, BUDAPEST



ST. SAVA, BELGRADE

DAY 6 – 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, and get an introduction to Serbia's wine-growing heritage.

DAY 7 – BELGRADE

A great day to investigate 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 a stroll through a local market and Rakia distillery workshop.

DAY 8 – GOLUBAC / DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

Rise and shine for a day 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. You'll learn about the highly developed culture that lived here, spanning the transition from hunter-gatherers to early European farmers. Later, reboard 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 9 – 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 a delicious lunch and free time to enjoy the amenities.

DAY 10 – BELGRADE

A return to the White Fortress provides a great chance to explore on your own, do some souvenir shopping, or to join another enriching excursion. For example, you'll encounter some of the country's most incredible natural beauty during a visit to the Zasavica Nature Reserve, complete with a tasting of authentic Balkan donkey cheese!

DAY 11 – 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 12 – KALOCSA

After a delicious hot-or-not breakfast on board, 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 14 – BUDAPEST

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

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



IRON GATES