

LOWER DANUBE SAMPLER: SERBIA, CROATIA & HUNGARY

BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

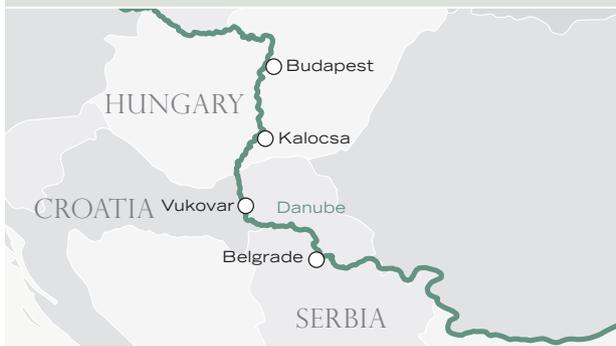


BUDAPEST

Whether you're in the mood for a new travel experience or simply want a short and sweet escape, this introduction to the Balkans along the Lower Danube is just the ticket! Embark in Belgrade, Serbia's mesmerizing capital city, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. There, you'll have the chance to explore the "White Fortress" and learn about its turbulent past as part of the former Yugoslavia. In Vukovar, learn about the devastation that occurred during the Croatian War of Independence in the 1990s – and how a simple water tower became a symbol of the people's strength and spirit. Finally, enter Hungary, with stops in ancient Kalocsa, the Paprika Capital of the World, and Budapest, whose breathtaking Parliament Building, Castle District, Heroes' Square, and other highlights will positively enchant you.

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Day 1 – Belgrade Day 4 – Budapest
Day 2 – Vukovar Day 5 – Budapest
Day 3 – Kalocsa



DATES IN 2026

30 May, 26 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.



KALEMEGDAN PARK & FORTRESS, BELGRADE

DAY 1 – BELGRADE

Welcome to the “White Fortress” of Belgrade, capital of Serbia! Embark the Riverside Debussy and settle into your luxurious Suite – with the help of your personal Butler. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – 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 murals during a refreshing e-bike tour; embark on a fun beer-brewing experience; or visit the 5,000-year-old Vučedol archaeological site, followed by a unique wine tasting that quickly reveals why this region has been known since Roman times for its wine culture. For a complete list of excursions available on your cruise, see our website.

DAY 3 – KALOCSA

A leisurely morning gives you plenty of time for breakfast and to enjoy your ship’s many amenities. Around mid-day, 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 Hun-

garian Puszta (Great Plain) for a remarkable display of expert horsemanship, lively folk dancing, and delicious local food.

DAY 4 – BUDAPEST

After breakfast, your ship makes its grand arrival into Budapest, Hungary’s amazing capital spanning both banks of the Danube. See the highlights by comfortable coach; visit the Hungarian Parliament Building, the country’s largest building; or visit Austrian Empress Sisi’s beloved Gödöllő Palace. Another option? Explore Szentendre, a historic town that was reduced to a single family and their service staff during the Ottomans’ rule of the 17th century. Today, its lovely cobblestone streets are lined with Baroque-style homes and a Mediterranean atmosphere.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

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