

LOWER DANUBE WANDERLUST WITH IRON GATES

BELGRADE TO BUCHAREST – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



IRON GATES

The Danube River is legendary, passing some of the world’s most famous cities and capitals. But beyond the fame and acclaim of the Upper Danube is a section of the river far fewer travelers have experienced. This 4-day luxury cruise is an introduction to the Lower Danube, broadening your horizons in unimaginable ways. Embark in Belgrade, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. Explore the “White Fortress” and learn about its turbulent past as part of the former Yugoslavia. Then, on to pretty Donji Milanovac. Enveloped by a lake, mountain, and national park, its setting is nothing short of stunning. But the scenery here is just the warm-up act for what’s next: a highlight passage through the rugged Iron Gates, a series of gorges forming the border between Serbia and Romania. Afterward, visit Vidin in one of the river’s southernmost sections. Without a doubt, a cruise with bragging rights!

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Day 1 – Belgrade	Day 3 – Iron Gates/ Vidin
Day 2 – Donji Milanovac/ Iron Gates	Day 4 – Giurgiu/ Bucharest

DATES IN 2026
23 May, 19 Sep



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. In Vidin, receive a warm welcome as you visit a family in their home – and participate in a hands-on baking activity, followed by the chance to taste Bulgarian baked goods and other local favorites.

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 ship-mates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – DONJI MILANOVAC / IRON GATES SCENIC CRUISING

A relaxed morning – ideal for breakfast and an abundance of beautiful scenery. By late morning, arrive in Donji Milanovac, a town built on the remains of an 8,000-year-old Mesolithic settlement. Known as the Serbian Hollywood for the many movies filmed here, highlights include the stately Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas. Join us for an exciting excursion to the Lepenski Vir archaeological site and open-air museum, or maybe stroll along the main street with its colorful shops and cafés. Reboard your ship and head to the Vista Deck later for a beautiful al fresco dinner as the ship passes through the stunning Iron Gates gorges, the boundary between Serbia and Romania.

DAY 3 – VIDIN

This morning you’ll find yourself in one of the Lower Danube’s southernmost sections. Step off the ship in the Bulgarian port city of Vidin, a fertile hinterland known for its wine production, which dates back to the time of the Thracians in 3500 BC. Learn about the many cultures that contributed to the creation of Vidin over the centuries, including the Romans, Serbians, Hungarians, Ottomans, and Austrians. Highlights here include two well-preserved medieval fortresses; Orthodox churches, a synagogue, and a mosque;



BELOGRADCHIK ROCKS, VIDIN

and a collection of Renaissance-era buildings. Don’t miss our excursion to the famous Belogradchik Rocks, or a **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** visit to a traditional Bulgarian home for a baking demonstration. Spend the late afternoon and evening back on the ship, where a pampering massage or a swim in the counter-current pool may be the perfect way to wrap up an exciting day.

DAY 4 – GIURGIU / BUCHAREST

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



SCENIC IRON GATES GORGE