

9 Day

THE DANUBE FROM ROMANIA TO BUDAPEST(WOB)





Embark your river cruise along the beautiful Danube River to Budapest in Oltenita, Romania. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Bulgaria's ancient capital of Veliko Tarnovo, and visit the Ethnographical Museum and Church of the Nativity in Arbanassi. Take pictures of Belogradchik's eclectic group of rock formations and the spectacular views as you cruise through the Iron Gates Gorge. Visit Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, and one of the oldest cities in Europe. Continue up the Danube and take an excursion to the ancient city of Pécs, Hungary. These and countless other memorable moments await you on this fascinating Danube River cruise through Eastern Europe.

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COUNTRIES

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Romania

Bulgaria

Serbia

Croatia

Hungary

DAY-BY-DAY

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OLTENITA, ROMANIA (EMBARKATION)

Your Balkan Adventure Begins

Flights into Bucharest must arrive by 2 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Explore your Avalon Suite Ship® this evening and enjoy a dinner onboard.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROUSSE



Dinner

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ROUSSE, BULGARIA. VELIKO TÂRNOVO & ARBANASSI EXCURSION

Fortresses and Fountains in “Little Vienna”



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join a bike tour in Rousse with your Avalon Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Bulgaria’s largest inland port and visit its impressive Holy Trinity Church. Later, enjoy a short scenic drive to explore the rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo, a UNESCO World Heritage. OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full-day Guided Tour to the former Bulgarian capital of Veliko Târnovo—with its ancient stone houses clinging to the cliffs above the Yantra River. Discover one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria (circa 4300 BC), as well as Bulgarian Revival architecture in the 15th-century town of Arbanassi.

Sail to Svistov or join your ship there if you opted for the full-day tour.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIDIN

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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VIDIN

Rocks, Ruins, and Balkan Beauty

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Wander and discover this town, join your Adventure Host for a bike ride, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of Belogradchik. See the remarkable rock formations on the slopes of the Balkan Mountains, sculpted by 200 million years of nature's elements. Then, visit the mighty Baba Vida Fortress in nearby Vidin.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board with a Bulgarian folklore show.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DONJI MILANOVAC

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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IRON GATES GORGE-GOLUBAČ, SERBIA. EXCURSION TO LEPENSKI VIR

Ancient Artifacts and the Iron Gates

Before lunch on board, you'll sail through the spectacular and narrow Iron Gates Gorge—forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to Lepenski Vir—an important Mesolithic archaeological site chronicling prehistoric cultures, settlements, and art. Marvel at the ancient discoveries and artifacts, as well as the unique views the site affords of the Danube Gorge. Continue to the Fortress of Golubač, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in Europe.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BELGRADE

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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BELGRADE

Fortresses and Folklore

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover Belgrade's central walkway with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Belgrade—where the Danube and Sava Rivers converge—and see the city's many fascinating sights, including Saint Sava, one of the world's largest Orthodox churches.

You may choose to join an Optional Guided Biking tour or spend free time in Belgrade exploring Knez Mihailova Street—Belgrade's central pedestrian thoroughfare with many lively cafés, shops, and cultural spots.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Attend an onboard Lecture to learn about the rich history, destinations, and culture of the Balkan states.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO NOVI SAD



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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NOVI SAD

A Capital of Culture



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of Novi Sad, the second largest town in Serbia. Admire its Austro-Hungarian old town, with its baroque buildings, and ancient fortifications.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a walking tour in Novi Sad along the narrow streets that climb slowly to the top of the hill above the city to Petrovaradin Fortress, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Experience the sweet life in Serbia with a visit and tasting at the Museum of Beekeeping and Živanović Wine Cellar in Sremski Karlovci.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ILOK



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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ILOK, CROATIA - VUKOVAR, CROATIA

Croatian Heritage and Hilltop Vintages



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a walking tour of Ilok with a wine tasting in a local cellar with stories of Croatian tradition.

Enjoy a short sailing to Vukovar during lunchtime

VUKOVAR, CROATIA

The Heroic Town on the Danube



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a walking tour of Vukovar, the city the largest river port in Croatia.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MOHÁCS



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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MOHÁCS, HUNGARY. EXCURSION TO PÉCS

Underground Tombs and Heavenly Music



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a morning Guided Sightseeing Tour of Mohács—the quiet Danube harbor town with its historical memorial parks, statues, and distinctive churches. Tour the remarkable medieval St. Nicholas Watermill—one of only a few remaining watermills performing stone-ground grain processing, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour to nearby Pécs to see its 4th-century Christian underground tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with fascinating murals. You'll also enjoy an organ concert on your tour.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BUDAPEST



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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BUDAPEST (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Budapest airport before 8 am.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

