



RIVER CRUISE

BALKAN JEWELS

2026

EUJC08



8 days / 7 nights River Cruise



Bucharest to Budapest

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



BUCHAREST TO BUDAPEST

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DAY 1

Arrive Bucharest, Giurgiu, Embark Ship

On arrival in Bucharest, you'll be met and transferred to your luxury river ship, which will be docked in Giurgiu. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome reception this evening.



Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

Ruse, Veliko Târnovo

Discover the wonders of Veliko Târnovo

with an expert local guide. Uncover this charming Bulgarian city's rich history as you wander through its cobbled lanes and fortified walls. Its centrepiece is the spectacular restored Tsarevets Fortress, a medieval citadel of the Second Bulgarian Empire. Savour a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 3

Vidin, Belogradchik

Explore Baba Vida Fortress in Vidin. Raised upon the remains of the ancient town of Bononia, the medieval castle dates back to the 10th century. Afterwards, venture to Belogradchik and visit its ancient fortress, perched on the northern slopes of the Balkan Mountains. You'll also see the town's unique rock formations.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 4

Scenic Cruising

The day is yours to relax on board, sleep in and take it easy, or awake early and take in stunning views from the Daystar Deck.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 5

Novi Sad

Choose how you'd like to spend the day in Novi Sad, Serbia's second largest city.

Freedom of Choice



Guided City Discovery

Enjoy a guided tour of Novi Sad, situated on the banks of the Danube River. Discover the city's iconic sights found along the main walkway of Zmaj Jovina.

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Local Farmstead

Visit a local farmstead for a real dose of Vojvodinian culture, featuring a traditional breakfast, music and freshly-made doughnuts.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 6

Kalocsa, Puszta

Enjoy a Signature Experience today.

Signature Experience – Folk Art House and Horse Show

Visit the Folk Art House, where local handicrafts are on show. Then, visit a producer of one of Hungary's spiciest exports, paprika. Afterwards, a farm in Puszta is the perfect setting for a stellar horse show and authentic Hungarian lunch.

Signature Experience:

These all-inclusive, once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 7

Budapest

Set out on your chosen sightseeing activity. This evening, enjoy a captain's farewell dinner.

Freedom of Choice – Hospital in the Rock



Embark on an insightful tour of the Hospital in the Rock, a museum dedicated to a former secret emergency hospital and nuclear bunker.

Freedom of Choice – Hike to Gellért Hill

Take a guided hike up Gellért Hill and admire the panoramic views over the Danube River. You'll also see the St Gellért Monument, honouring the Italian bishop and martyr who played a key role in spreading Christianity in Hungary in the 11th century.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

Disembark Ship, Depart Budapest

Say your farewells, disembark your ship and be transferred to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast
