



RIVER CRUISE

BALKAN GEMS WITH TRANSYLVANIA AND BUCHAREST

2026

EUGCBB12



12 days / 11 nights River Cruise



Budapest to Bucharest

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.



BUDAPEST TO BUCHAREST

12 days / 12 nights River Cruise

DAY 1

Arrive Budapest, Embark Ship

Welcome to Budapest. We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to the luxurious APT Ostara. Unpack, relax and get acquainted with your ship.



Stay: Seven Nights, APT Ostara

Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

Budapest

Decide how to explore Budapest with a choice of sightseeing activities.

Freedom of Choice – City Tour

Enjoy a morning city tour of Budapest, taking in historic monuments such as Heroes' Square and St. Stephen's Basilica.

Freedom of Choice – Culinary Tour

Eat your way through Budapest as you embark on a tour of the Great Market Hall. Wander through this large indoor market and discover a variety of sausages, meats, cheeses, fruits and vegetables.

Freedom of Choice – Funicular Ride

Board a funicular to Castle Hill for superb views, then walk to Fisherman's Bastion.

Gala Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a multi-course meal with an expertly crafted menu.

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 3

Mohács

Decide how to spend today with a range of sightseeing activities on offer.

Freedom of Choice – Pécs Sightseeing Tour

Embark on a guided walking discovery of this ancient city, which is renowned for its architectural wonders, including the Early Christian Mausoleum and



Szent István Square

Freedom of Choice – Villány Wine Tasting

Travel to Villány, a renowned Hungarian wine region known for its red and rose varieties. Here, you will pay a visit to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and tasting.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Bike Ride

Perhaps get active on a guided bike ride along the Danube to an ancient mill.

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DAY 4

Vukovar

Bearing battle scars from the Croatian War of Independence, Vukovar has risen strong and offers a rich history to discover.

On an enlightening city tour, hear about the city's wartime past and visit the Memorial Centre of Homeland War Vukovar.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 5

Belgrade

In Serbia's capital, choose your activity.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Exploration of Belgrade

Uncover the rich history of Belgrade on this guided discovery. You will see iconic wonders, including the Belgrade Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Temple of Saint Sava.

Freedom of Choice – Kayak Tour

Discover Belgrade from a different perspective on this sightseeing adventure. Begin at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers, where you will paddle to Great War Island and Lido Beach.



Freedom of Choice – Belgrade Culinary Tour

Visit a bustling food market, where you'll learn about the secrets of Serbian cuisine and be introduced to a range of local produce, meats and cheeses. Then, delight in a tasting of various types of Serbian brandy, known as rakija, complemented by traditional gingerbread biscuits, known as medenjaci.

Freedom of Choice:

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 6

Golubac, Iron Gates Cruising

This morning, your ship will dock at the Golubac Fortress, where you'll disembark for a Signature Experience. Later, cruise through the Iron Gates and experience one of the most awe-inspiring natural wonders you will encounter on your journey.

Signature Experience – Golubac Walking Tour

Set out on a fascinating walking tour of Golubac, a charming village in eastern Serbia. Explore the striking Golubac Fortress, which stands at the entrance to the Iron Gates of the Danube. Built in the 14th century, the fortress' strategic position made it an integral military border stronghold. Wander along the walls and towers of this remarkable fortification as you hear about its captivating history from your expert guide. From the fortress, take a scenic walk along the riverbanks of the Danube and soak up the breathtaking views. Then, visit a local riverside tavern, where you'll delight in a delicious Serbian meze tasting, featuring an array of small dishes such as cheeses, cured meats and other local specialties.

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

Scenic Cruising

Spend the day relaxing on board and enjoying the facilities of your luxurious ship. Perhaps indulge in a treatment at the onboard spa or sip a delicious cocktail on the Daystar Deck as you admire the serene landscapes unfolding before you.



Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

Giurgiu, Disembark Ship, Bra!-öv

Disembark your ship and travel to Salina Slănic Prahova, Europe's largest salt mine. Descend 208 metres underground to discover some of the 14 chambers, as well as the museum. The pure air inside the mine is known for its respiratory healing effects. Later, enjoy dinner before continuing to your hotel in Braşov.

Stay: Two Nights, Radisson Blu Aurum Hotel Brasov or similar

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 9

Bra!-öv, Bran

This morning will be spent exploring Bran Castle, also known as 'Dracula's Castle'. Perched atop a rocky hill overlooking the town of Bran, the castle's striking orange turrets tower above a thick forest of trees in Romania's Carpathian Mountains. Wander through its many rooms and admire the 19th-century antiques before returning back to Braşov for lunch. This afternoon, delve deeper into Braşov's history on a walking tour.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 10

Bra!-öv, Sinaia, Bucharest

Today, you'll visit picturesque Peleş Castle, nestled at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains in the town of Sinaia. This neo-Renaissance masterpiece was commissioned by Romania's first king, Carol I, and took 40 years to build. Enjoy free time for lunch in Sinaia, then travel to Bucharest.

Stay: Two Nights, Bucharest, Radisson Blu Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 11

Bucharest



Set out on a guided exploration of Bucharest's Old City this morning. The area has recently undergone a decade of refurbishments, transforming the city's historic core into a vibrant, walkable quarter. Delight in lunch at a local restaurant before a visit to the Palace of the Parliament. Started in 1984, and still unfinished, this enormous building was constructed under the command of former dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu and has over 3,000 rooms.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 12

Depart Bucharest

Your journey comes to an end today with a transfer to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast
