



RIVER CRUISE

VOYAGE THROUGH THE BALKANS WITH PRAGUE

2026

EUVCPB18



18 days / 17 nights River Cruise



Prague 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.



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DAY 1

Arrive Prague

Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Director during a welcome reception.



Stay: Three Nights, Almanac X Prague

DAY 2

Prague

The capital of the Czech Republic captivates you with its millennia-long history. Begin your guided discovery at Prague Castle, where you'll pause to take in views of the city. Take a leisurely stroll over Charles Bridge on the way to the Old Town Square, where you'll see the city's famous Astronomical Clock. As one of Prague's most beloved landmarks, the medieval clock is more than 600 years old. Tonight, a welcome dinner awaits.

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 3

Prague

Today is set aside for your special experience. Enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or further explore.

Signature Experience – Chateau Jemništ °

Descendants of the Czech Republic's oldest aristocratic family welcome you to their 18th-century baroque home, Chateau Jemniště. Explore the estate and savour a special lunch, then watch on in awe as birds of prey fly free during an incredible falconry display.

Signature Experience:

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 4

Prague, /Velké Bílovice, Budapest, Embark Ship /

Travel to Velké Bílovice, the largest winemaking town in the Czech Republic known for its viticulture. Glimpse the town's many hectares of vineyards as you stop for a light lunch in a traditional restaurant. Travel onwards to the capital of Hungary, Budapest, where you'll board your new-generation river ship. This evening, join your fellow guests for a welcome reception.



Stay: 14 nights, APT Ostara

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner • Lunch

DAY 5

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:

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 6

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 7

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 8

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.

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DAY 9

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.

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DAY 10

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 11

Giurgiu, Bucharest

With an entire day in Bucharest, take in the wide tree-lined boulevards and Belle Epoque buildings, then walk through the Old Town to the Royal Court, Stavropoleos Church and the Lipscani district. After lunch, choose your activity.

Freedom of Choice – Palace of the Parliament

The Palace of the Parliament is the seat of the Parliament of Romania, and is the second largest administrative building in the world. Enjoy a tour through this grand monument.

Freedom of Choice – Village Museum

Embark on a visit to the Village Museum, an insightful open-air historic museum located in Herăstrău Park, which showcases traditional Romanian village life.

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DAY 12

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 13

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 14

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 15

Novi Sad

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

Freedom of Choice

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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.

Freedom of Choice

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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.

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DAY 16

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.

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DAY 17

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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DAY 18

Disembark Ship, Depart Budapest

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

Daily: • Breakfast
