



## From the Blue Danube to the Black Sea (#17994)

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### Overview

Admire the majestic blue river, crossing 8 countries and stopping in 4 capitals. You will discover tremendous landscapes of striking beauty where nature is queen. From Belgrade to Vienna via Bratislava and Budapest, discover unique architecture, history and culture all along the beautiful Danube.

### Trip Highlights

Vienna - Bratislava - Budapest - Kalocsa - Novi Sad - Belgrad - The Iron Gates - Ruse - Tulcea - Fetesti Cernavoda - Oltenita

### Detailed Itinerary



**Day 01****Day 01: Arrive Vienna**

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. In this evening, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Viennese concert (subject to availability.)

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 02****Day 02: Vienna - Bratislava**

Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Guided visit of Schönbrunn Palace and with its magnificent park, the former summer residence of the Emperor of Austria and his family.

**DISCOVERY:** The high art of Viennese living: Music and Viennese cafes. We'll stroll through the city and visit back stage in the Konzerthaus concert hall(1). After our tour, enjoy a steaming cup of Vienna Coffee and a delicious pastry.

After our visits, we'll begin to cruise to Bratislava. Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Guided Tour of Bratislava and Tasting of Local Delights.

**DISCOVERY:** Hiking in Bratislava: The Little Carpathians. From Devin Castle, we'll take in the splendid view of Bratislava.

We'll return on board and cruise to Budapest.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03****Day 03: Budapest**

We'll arrive in Budapest. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Budapest, once two distinct cities that united only in 1873. Buda, on one bank with its rolling hills and valleys; and Pest, on the other, with its flatter landscape that offers a panoramic view over the banks of the Danube. Both are on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The afternoon is free to do as you please. Join us on an excursion : Discover Gellert baths and spa (not included in the packages) or Budapest Market Halls (2) (not included in the packages).

In the evening, join us on an excursion for both packages: evening of traditional entertainment in Budapest. Our ship will cruise through the night.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04****Day 04: Kalocsa - Novi Sad**

We'll arrive in Kalocsa. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit the Puszta, the Pannonian steppe grasslands. We'll enjoy a horse show. After we return on board, we continue towards Mohacs and Novi Sad. Our ship will cruise through the night.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 05: Novi Sad - Belgrad**

We'll arrive in Novi Sad. Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Guided visit of Novi Sad, the industrial and financial center of the Serbian economy and a major cultural center.

**DISCOVERY:** Novi Sad and a walk to the Petrovaradin fortress. We'll leave the ship for an energetic walk to the Petrovaradin Fortress. We'll stroll along the riverfront before climbing the 200 steps up to the fortress. The view from the fort is splendid, and we'll enjoy a snack during our hike.

Our ship will begin to cruise to Belgrade. The afternoon will be spent cruising, before arriving in the Serbian capital in the evening. In the evening, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Evening of traditional entertainment in Belgrade.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 06****Day 06: Belgrad**

Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Guided tour of Belgrade. Known for its high cultural influence during the Turkish occupation, the city charms us with its Eastern, Slavic and Austrian heritage. The lively Terazije Square is considered the heart of the city.

**DISCOVERY:** Biking in Belgrade. You'll cycle along the history-filled streets with your guide, who'll explain the city's recent past from World War II to current times.

The afternoon will be spent cruising to Donji Milanovac.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 07****Day 07: The Iron Gates**

The entire day will be spent cruising on the Danube. Our ship will pass through the Iron Gates, the gorge on the Danube that forms part of the boundary between Serbia and Romania. It was called "The Cauldrons" by ancient sailors, since the water, held tightly between two steep cliffs, seems to be boiling. On the Serbian bank of the river, we'll catch a glimpse of the Tabula Traiana - a marble plaque honoring the Roman Road that once linked Rome to the province of Dacia. Tonight is our gala evening and dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08****Day 08: Ruse**

We'll arrive in Ruse. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Tour of the canyon-shaped valley along the Rusenski Lom River, and the Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo, a group of monolithic churches, chapels and monasteries hewn out of solid rock. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Tour of Ruse. Enjoy dinner and an evening of traditional entertainment on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09****Day 09: Ruse - Tulcea**

Our ship will cruise to Giurgiu. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Bucharest. Bucharest offers a striking combination of architectural styles: Curtea Veche, the ruins of a 15th-century palace built during the rule of Vlad III Dracula, orthodox churches, Empire-style manor houses, Communist-inspired architecture, and the Parliament (outside only - entrance fees not included).

We'll return on board in Fetesti Cernavoda. Our ship will then depart for Tulcea. Enjoy an evening of dancing.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10****Day 10: Tulcea**

We'll arrive in Tulcea. Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** The Danube Delta. You'll tour the Danube Delta and enjoy the flora and fauna, see the multiple natural and artificial canals, and walk away with impressions that will last a lifetime.

**DISCOVERY:** Delta Danube on a speed boat. On board a 7-passenger speed boat, you'll tour the Danube Delta and enjoy the flora and fauna.

We'll return on board in Tulcea. Enjoy a traditional folklore evening. Our ship will sail through the night.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 11

### Day 11: Fetesti Cernavoda

We'll spend the morning cruising towards Fetesti Cernavoda.

In the afternoon, join us for the optional excursion proposed: Constanta and tasting\* of wine.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 12

### Day 12: Oltenita

We'll arrive early in the morning in Oltenita. Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - on board drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multilingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - onboard entertainment - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## Exclusions



Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - concert of Viennese music - personal expenses.

## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request).

Several ships available for this cruise are MS Vivaldi and MS L'Europe.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

No shore excursion on the non listed days. (Rates available on request).

**Valid national identity card or passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

This cruise can also be booked with return transfer to Strasbourg. (Rates available on request).

For other amazing cruise itineraries and destinations, please contact our Destination specialists.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover 6 countries and diverse cultures
- THE MUSTS(1):
  - The valley along the Rusenski Lom River and the fascinating rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo
  - Ruse, one of the largest Bulgarian ports—a perfect blend of Bulgarian, Romanian, and Austrian cultures
  - Constanta, a multicultural seaside city.

## THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included



## Fixed Departure

**10 Sep, 2024**

Cruise

AUD 5,687 P P twin share

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**21 Sep, 2024**

Cruise

AUD 5,687 P P twin share

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**02 Oct, 2024**

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