



Vienna to Bucharest | 15 Days

Day 1: Vienna  



Arrive at Vienna International Airport where you will be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Vienna    

Featured Excursions: Choice of Vienna city tour and National Library visit OR exclusive “Vienna, City of Arts” tour. Capture Vienna’s imperial history during a tour that takes you along the stately Ringstrasse. Stroll through the Hofburg grounds to St. Stephen’s Cathedral, and visit the beautiful Austrian National Library. Or opt to explore “Vienna, City of Arts” on an exclusive art historian-guided tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, one of the world’s finest temples to art. (BB, L, D) Note: On Mondays, substitute Mozarthaus for the National Library and Liechtenstein Palais for the Museum of Fine Arts.

Day 3: Bratislava 



Featured Excursion: Bratislava city tour: Admire Bratislava’s eclectic collection of Gothic, Baroque, and Art Deco architecture on your tour through Old Town that will take you from Medieval Michael’s Gate to Rococo Mirbach Palace and countless other highlights. (BB, L, Captain’s Welcome Gala)

Day 4: Budapest  

Featured Excursion: Choice of Budapest city tour OR Budapest walking discovery with Parliament visit. Savor the beauty of Buda and Pest on opposite sides of the Danube with a panoramic coach tour that shows all the key highlights of this gorgeous city. Or join a walking tour discovering the Hungarian Parliament building and Market Hall, and then visit Váci Utca, the main shopping street. (BB, L, D) Note: Parliament may be closed for official business without prior notice. Market Hall is closed on Sundays.

Day 5: Budapest, cruising the Danube River



Enjoy the morning at leisure in beautiful Budapest before cruising the lovely Danube. (BB, L, D)

Day 6: Vukovar (Osijek)  

Featured Excursions: Tour of Osijek, home-hosted lunch, and school visit. Tour Osijek and experience Croatian life while meeting students during a school visit, and then enjoy a home-hosted lunch with a Croatian family. (BB, L, D) Note: School visit not available during school holidays.

Day 7: Belgrade 


Featured Excursion: Belgrade city tour. Enjoy a panoramic drive through Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe. You’ll see Kalemegdan Fortress, St. Sava Cathedral, and then you’ll visit Tito’s Memorial, exploring the contrast of old and new that makes up this capital city. (BB, L, D)

Day 8: Kostolac (Viminacium)  

Featured Excursion: Exclusive visit to Viminacium archeological site. Resident archeologists bring the historic grandeur of the excavations at Viminacium alive on an exclusive visit. The former Roman city boasted villas, thermal baths, a mausoleum, and even an amphitheater. (BB, L, D)

Day 9: Donji Milanovac, cruising the Iron Gates

Enjoy a morning stroll around Donji Milanovac, an authentic Serbian village. Then relax onboard as you cruise the spectacular Iron Gates, an 80-mile sequence of gorges cut through the Carpathian Mountains by the mighty Danube. This is one of the most dramatic natural displays of beauty in Europe. (BB, L, D)

Day 10: Vidin (Belogradchik) 

Featured Excursions: Baba Vida Fortress and Belogradchik rock formations. Vidin is rich in both geologic and cultural history. Join in a children's dance group's performance of a folkloric dance in traditional dress. Later, visit the legendary Medieval Baba Vida Fortress and Belogradchik, one of the natural wonders of Bulgaria. (BB, L, D)

Day 11: Rouse (Varna or Rusensky countryside)  

Featured Excursion: Choice of full-day excursion to Varna OR half-day Ivanovo and Basarbovo monasteries and Rusensky Lom Nature Park. Visit Varna's Archeological Museum, home to the oldest gold treasure in the world, and savor hearty Bulgarian cuisine. Or take in the regions's unique countryside on a half-day tour including the rock-hewn cave churches of Ivanovo and Basarbovo, and Rusensky Lom Nature Park. (BB, L, D)

Day 12: Rouse 

Enjoy leisure time exploring Rouse, Bulgaria's fourth-largest city. Walk along the lively pedestrian zone, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 13: Giurgiu (disembark), transfer to Bucharest    

Featured Excursions: Bucharest city tour and choice of People's Palace visit OR Village Museum. After disembarking the ship, enjoy a city tour of Bucharest before visiting the People's Palace, one of the largest buildings in the world. Or stroll through the open-air Village Museum, a collection of 50 buildings that represent Romania's traditional rural architecture—the embodiment of the small-is-beautiful ethos. (BB, L)

Day 14: Bucharest

Enjoy a full day at leisure exploring the city called the "Paris of the East." (BB)

Day 15: Depart Bucharest 

Transfer to the Bucharest Otopeni Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in Istanbul. (CB/BB)

Eastern Europe Explorer River Cruise/Tour Package Includes:

- 12-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the newly remodeled, striking *River Countess*
- 2 nights in Bucharest at the deluxe Radisson Blu Bucharest* (or similar) with breakfast
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners
- Captain's Welcome Gala and Farewell Dinners
- Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner onboard; replenished bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar
- 13 excursions, including 4 "Choice Is Yours" options, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions during your cruise
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks throughout your cruise
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature Lecture: "Musical Magic along the Danube: The Great Composers"
- Exclusive [Go Active Program](#)
- All transfers on arrival and departure days