CRUISE OF 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS - REF. TRB_PP

Along the Danube, the Balkan peninsula and Budapest (port-to-port cruise)

ROMANIA - BULGARIA - CROISIERE - SERBIA - CROATIA - HUNGARY

From Romania to Hungary via Serbia, you'll be surprised and delighted by this cruise that will take you to the heart of Eastern Europe. You will discover cities with remarkable landscapes and elegant architecture such as Novi Sad, the capital of the province of Vojvodina regarded as the "Serbian Athens", whose cultural and artistic backgrounds will surprise you. Do not miss out on Ruse, one of the largest ports in Bulgaria and a true melting pot of Bulgarian and Romanian cultures.





HIGHLIGHTS

- A comprehensive cruise along the Danube, taking in its history, fascinating culture and sublime landscapes
- Discover(1):
- Bucharest, the surprising Romanian capital
- Authentic Bulgaria with Veliko Tarnovo and the charming town of Ruse

THE CROISIEUROPE 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

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Bucarest - Brasov (Romania)

You'll be greeted by an English-speaking guide at the airport before being transferred to Brasov, the highest city in Romania at 1,060 m (3,477 feet) and a prominent winter sports resort. You'll check into your 4-star hotel for dinner and the night.

DAY 2

Brasov - Sighisoara - Brasov

Full-day included excursion: Sighisoara. The colorful old town in Sighisoara contains a thousand years of history in its streets, along its ramparts, and at the hourly toll of the clock tower. The well-preserved medieval center has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll visit the house where Vlad the Impaler, the historical character who inspired Bram Stoker, was supposedly born. The ground floor hosts a restaurant, while a tiny weapon museum occupies the second floor. We'll enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing on to Brasov, founded by the Teutonic Knights in the 13th century. We'll visit the Black Church, the largest Gothic structure in Romania. Its 4,000-pipe organ dates back to 1839. The stained glass windows, 119 oriental rugs from between the 15th and 18th centuries, statues, and Italian Renaissance paintings are simply superb. We'll then head to the Old Town Hall Square, where colorfully painted Baroque buildings form an exceptional panorama. A Capitoline Wolf, one of the most recognizable icons of ancient mythology depicting the legend of the founding of Rome, stands in front of the City Hall. Our coach will then take you to the hotel for dinner and the night.

DAY 3

Brasov - Sibiu - Sibiel - Bran - Brasov

Included full-day excursion: Guided tour of Sibiu, the Brukenthal National Museum, and the Lutheran Cathedral of Saint Mary. We'll leave by coach for Sibiu. Located in the heart of Romania alongside the Cibin River, charming Sibiu entrances visitors all year round. Sibiu feels like a time capsule, with houses dating back to 1380 lining the narrow cobblestone streets, staircases leading to the lower town, the imposing Lutheran Cathedral whose construction spanned two centuries, and the "Large" and "Small" squares surrounded by traditional buildings. Brukenthal National Museum, once a palace, is worth a detour for its historical furniture and works of art. Admire the colorful friezes and 18th-century instruments under the chandelier in the Music Hall before strolling through the other rooms containing 17th-century portraits, satin-covered fainting couches, and old jewelry boxes—all in a sumptuously preserved environment. We'll continue on to the impressive and beautiful cathedral, a Lutheran church that follows the Augsburg Confession. We'll then head to Sibiel to visit the Museum of the Icons on Glass. The museum houses the largest exposition of icons on glass—art emerging from the Orthodox Christian Church tradition and the imagination of the Romanian peasant painters. The museum was named after Father Zosim Oance, a revered local priest who collected the vibrant icons. We'll enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before taking the road to Bran Castle. Tour of Bran Castle. Legendary and popular Bran Castle, commonly called Dracula's Castle, sits on a cliff between Transylvania and Wallachia. Built between 1377 and 1388, the castle is an important Romanian monument, whose illustration inspired Bram Stroker when describing Dracula's imaginary castle. We'll return to the hotel for dinner and the night.

DAY 4

Brasov - Sinaia - OLTENITA

Join us for an included excursion to Peles Castle and the Sinaia Monastery.(3) We will leave by coach for Sinaia to visit the superb 19th-century Peles Castle, the former summer residence of the Romanian royal family. King Carol I commissioned the construction of the palace after falling in love with the mountain scenery, and it is now the small city's major tourist attraction. The immense rooms within the castle are bursting with works of art and decoration, including giant Murano glass chandeliers, stained glass windows, teak woodwork, and all sorts of local touches. The monumental marble staircase leads up to the Hall of Honor, where the family received many royal guests. The next stop will be the Sinaia Monastery, home to a few dozen remaining monks. Notable sites at the monastery include the New Church built in 1846, with icons gifted by Czar Nicholas II of Russia in 1903, and the small history museum that holds several treasures, including the first translation of the Bible in Romanian from 1668. We'll enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, you'll take an approximate 3.5-hour trip to Oltenita. Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. Our ship will sail towards Cernavoda through the night.

DAY 5

CERNAVODA - Danube-Black Sea Canal - CONSTANTA (Romania)

We'll spend the morning cruising on the Danube-Black Sea Canal. The completion of the Danube-Black Sea Canal is a colossal work in the history of Communism in Romania and Eastern Europe. Arrival late in the morning in Constanta. Excursion for both packages: guided tour of Constanta and local wine tasting. Our ship will cruise through the night towards Cernavoda.

DAY 6

CERNAVODA - OLTENITA - Bucharest - RUSE (Bulgaria)

Morning sailing to Oltenita.In the afternoon, excursion for both packages: visit Bucharest, nicknamed "Little Paris" in the '30s. Welcoming and full of life, the Romanian capital leaves no one indifferent. Its monumental avenues are punctuated by beautiful gardens, parks and surprising alleyways. Communism may have changed the face of the city, as evidenced by the gigantic Palace of Parliament, but the "Little Paris of the Balkans" has retained the joie de vivre of a mixed-race city with a 19th-century feel. Return to Ruse.

DAY 7

RUSE (Bulgaria)

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Full-day excursion to Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi, including lunch at a restaurant. We'll return on board in Ruse. Enjoy dinner and an evening of traditional folk entertainment on board.

DAY 8

RUSE

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Tour of Ruse, a very attractive town thanks to the wide avenues, large squares and wonderful buildings which pay tribute to the national Renaissance architecture. The afternoon will be spent cruising.

DAY 9

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, seemed to be boiling.

DAY 10

BELGRADE - NOVI SAD (Serbia)

Join us for the optional excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade whose rich cultural heritage will surprise you. DISCOVERY: Discover Belgrade by bike. You'll cycle along the history-filled streets with your guide who will explain the city's recent past from World War II to current times. In the afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Discover the multi-ethnic city of Novi Sad, the industrial and financial center of the Serbian economy and a major cultural center, and the Krusedol Monastery. We'll return on board in Novi Sad and keep cruising towards Osijek.

DAY 11

OSIJEK (Croatia) - MOHACS (Hungaria)

Join us for the optional excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Guided tour of Osijek. DISCOVERY: Discover Osijek by bike. The old part of the town, Tvr?a, was built at the beginning of the 18th century and is a dream to cycle through. It is the best-preserved, largest ensemble of Baroque buildings in Croatia. We'll spend the afternoon cruising towards Mohacs and through customs before sailing on to Budapest. Tonight's our gala dinner and evening. Our ship will cruise through the night.

DAY 12

BUDAPEST

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Optional excursions (10)



GUIDED TOUR OF CONSTANTA

6h30 Classic PM



VISIT OF BUCHAREST - HALF DAY

5h15 Classic PM



TARNOVO - ARBANASSI

10h30 Classic JOURNEE



ROUSSE GUIDED TOUR

3h Classic MATIN



BELGRADE GUIDED TOUR

4h Classic MATIN



BELGRADE BY BIKE

1 day Discovery MATIN



NOVI SAD EXCURSION FROM BELGRADE

1 day Classic PM



OSIJEK BY BIKE

1 day Discovery MATIN



OSIJEK GUIDED TOUR

2h Classic MATIN



PACKAGE TOUR TBD

1 day Classic

Our price includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - the transfer airport/hotel - accommodation at a 4-star hotel in In Romania including dinners and breakfasts - excursions from Day 2 to Day 4 - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - onboard entertainment - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. (1) Optional excursions. (2) Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, replaced by the visit of the fortified church of Prejmer. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

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

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

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