Cruise Details

Name:	Gems of Southeast Europe (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAAA260525AJJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaBella
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	25 May 26
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	01 Jun 26
Arrives At:	Giurgiu
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest, Hungary. Arrive in Budapest and board the ship, docked on the Danube in the heart of the city. (Meals: D)

Arrives On: 25 May 26

Day 2: Mohács (Hungary)

Mohács. Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Mohács and continue to historic Pécs. Venture underground to its fourth-century necropolis, a World Heritage site, and admire the exquisite interior of St. Peter’s Basilica. Visit a porcelain factory in the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter, then stroll to the mosque on the main square. Alternatively, head to the 2,000-year-old Szekszárd wine region to sample its renowned reds or explore Mohács on a guided bike tour. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 26 May 26

Day 3: Vukovar (Croatia)

Vukovar or Osijek, Croatia. Arrive in Croatia and visit Vukovar on a city tour or a bike ride, discovering its baroque center that still bears scars from the war for independence in the 1990s. Cap off your tour with a private concert performed by local musicians at the Eltz Manor House. Alternatively explore Tvrda Fortress and the ethnographic museum in nearby Osijek. This afternoon, taste Croatian wines at Vukovar's Old Cellars, or delve into the region's human history at the Vucedol Museum. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 27 May 26

Day 4: Belgrade (Serbia)

Belgrade, Serbia. Immerse yourself in vibrant Belgrade during a visit to the Nikola Tesla Museum, Kalemegdan Fortress, and the sparkling Church of Saint Sava. Alternatively, go for a bike ride or hike to the fortress. Tour the National Museum of Serbia and enjoy a tasting of traditional plum brandy, or slivovitz, and local appetizers. Or journey to Novi Sad for a walking tour of its picturesque Old Town. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 28 May 26

Day 5: Iron Gates (Romania)

Iron Gates. Follow the Danube as it winds into the mountains, forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania. Stop to visit Serbia's Golubac Fortress, and sail through magnificent gorges known as the Iron Gates. Keep an eye out for the face of King Decebalus, carved into the mountains on the Romanian side. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 29 May 26

Day 6: Vidin (Bulgaria)

Vidin, Bulgaria. In Vidin, a town with Celtic roots, explore the medieval Baba Vida Fortress on a guided tour or go for a bike ride to the castle. Alternatively, visit a local home for lesson in making traditional Bulgarian yogurt and a popular pastry called banitsa. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 30 May 26

Day 7: Ruse (Bulgaria)

Veliko Tarnovo or Rousse/Bucharest, Romania. Discover Bulgaria's ancient capital, Veliko Tarnovo, and enjoy a Bulgarian wine tasting. Or explore the architecture of Rousse before visiting the Rousse Art Gallery and the rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo, 14th-century churches carved into the cliffs and adorned with colorful frescoes. Alternatively, journey through the Romanian countryside to the capital of Bucharest for a tour of the elegant historic center. (Meals: B,L,D)

Arrives On: 31 May 26

Day 8: Giurgiu (Romania)

Giurgiu, Romania. Disembark in Giurgiu and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (Meals: B)

Arrives On: 01 Jun 26

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