Cruise Details

Name:	Jewels of Europe & Lower Danube Discovery
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Operator:	Scenic River Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
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Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	26 Oct 27
Arrives At:	Bucharest
Cruise Nights:	29
Total Vacation Days:	30

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Fly from the UK for the start of your cruise.Your journey begins in the picturesque city of Amsterdam. A labyrinth of narrow laneways and canals lined with beautifully preserved 17th century buildings and charming cafés, the city is a delight to wander.

Board your ultra-luxury 5-star Scenic Space-Ship this afternoon, meet your fellow guests and raise a glass to the start of a fascinating journey ahead of you at this evening’s welcome reception.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 27

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Spend this morning exploring Amsterdam. The Netherlands’ capital is a treasure trove of architectural beauty, galleries filled with masterpieces, 16th century canals, narrow cobbled laneways, and streets busy with cyclists. Often referred to as the ‘Venice of the North’, much of the

World Heritage-listed canal system exists today as it did hundreds of years ago, lined with well-preserved houses and intersected by charming bridges. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more of the city on one of these excursions:

Canal cruise: Amsterdam has more than 100 kilometres of canals. See some of the most stunning sights of the city on a one hour cruise along these historic waterways. Admire Golden Age mansions, grand warehouses and narrow bridges.

Walking tour of Amsterdam: Explore Amsterdam on foot, discovering the maze of canals and bridges in the city centre. Your guide will be covering history, modern lifestyle and Dutch culture. You also get to taste herring, a local delicacy not to be missed.

Dutch countryside e-bike tour: Amsterdam is known as the 'Bicycle Capital of the World'. Take a small ferry to the outskirts of town for a biking tour. Your local guide will be at hand to offer information about everyday life of the Dutch people, many of whom you will see getting around on two wheels.

Excursion to Schermerhorn & Alkmaar: Leave Amsterdam to visit the village of Schermerhorn, home to a number of authentic 16th century windmills. Then travel to the charming town of Alkmaar, known for its historic buildings and picturesque canals on this experience only available with Scenic.

Arrives On: 28 Sep 27

Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Arrive in the 2000 year old city of Cologne early this afternoon. Cologne suffered extensive damage during World War II but was painstakingly restored over the following decades. Set out on a walking tour of the Old Town, admiring its historic buildings, beautiful squares and the World Heritage-listed Cologne Cathedral. Then enjoy some free time to explore the city on your own. Scenic Enrich
La Redoute Recital Hall: An exclusive experience awaits you this evening. Travel to Bonn by coach and the magnificent La Redoute recital hall, built in 1792 by the last Elector of Cologne, previous guests include Princess Diana and Queen Elisabeth II of England. Sit down to a lavish dinner accompanied by classical music. Your Scenic Space-Ship will meet you in Bonn later that evening.

Arrives On: 29 Sep 27

Day 3: Bonn (Germany)

Arrives On: 29 Sep 27

Day 4: Port information not found

Relax on board this morning as you cruise through the picturesque Rhine Gorge, where the landscapes could have been pulled from the pages of a fairytale. This 65 kilometre stretch of the river is dotted with some 40 hilltop castles and fortresses that span a period of 1,000 years. Look out for the Lorelei statue, dedicated to the tragic legend of a beautiful maiden whose voice

enraptured sailors as she avenged the sweetheart's betrayal.

This afternoon, disembark in Rüdesheim, a picturesque town surrounded by steep vineyards that have been cultivating wine for more than two millennia. The charming town centre is filled with half-timbered houses lining cobbled streets, quaint shops selling trinkets, as well as a smattering of wine taverns and open-air beer gardens. Scenic Freechoice:
Make your selection from this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice tours:

Siegfried’s Musikkabinett Museum: A local guide will introduce you to the weird and wonderful mechanical musical instruments. Then explore on your own or take the cable car up to the Niederwald Monument.

Hike & cable car: Join a local guide for a hike through the rolling vineyards of Rüdesheim and enjoy spectacular views of the countryside and Rhine River below. Start with a cable car up to the Niederwald Monument before returning to town on foot.

Arrives On: 30 Sep 27

Day 4: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Arrives On: 30 Sep 27

Day 5: Miltenberg (Germany)

Relax on board this morning as you cruise towards Miltenberg. You may like to book a massage in the spa (additional cost) or relax in the exclusive Salt Therapy Lounge, which has natural anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties.

This afternoon, dock in Miltenberg. Located on the banks of the Main River, this historic town is one of the best preserved in Germany, home to hundreds of pastel-coloured half-timbered houses and one of the country’s oldest inns, Zum Riesen. Today is all about connecting with culture and meeting the locals, an experience that is unique to Scenic guests. Scenic Freechoice:
This afternoon, choose from the following Scenic Freechoice tours that will immerse you in local life:

Wertheim tour and winery: Start your excursion in Miltenberg, a historic town filled with half-timbered houses for an orientation tour and some free time. Then travel to the nearby town of Wertheim to visit a local winery to meet the winemaker and learn about the production process.

Gamburg Castle tour: Visit the town of Gamburg for a guided tour of Gamburg Castle. Here you will also meet the Baron and Baroness for a private reception and learn about their modern aristocratic life over a glass of sparkling wine.

Miltenberg hike: Be immersed in the elegant Franconian landscape on a guided hike through the hills and forests encircling Miltenberg. Led by an expert local guide, this active walk reveals panoramic views of the Main River, ancient vineyard terraces, and timeless villages. Along the way, discover the region’s quiet charm and hear stories of its medieval past.

Tastes & treasures of Miltenberg: Step into the local life of Miltenberg as you seek out the town’s finest local producers, from artisanal butchers and bakers to independently run Schnapps producers, offering an authentic taste of Franconian craftsmanship. Cobblestone lanes and half-timbered houses set the scene for

a delicious journey of discovery.

Schnapps tasting: After an orientation tour and free time in Miltenberg, visit a local schnapps distillery to understand how this flavoured liqueur is produced. Enjoy a tasting of the multiple flavours before transferring to the town of Wertheim where you will meet your ship.

Arrives On: 01 Oct 27

Day 5: Wertheim (Germany)

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Day 6: Würzburg (Germany)

With its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture, you'll be captivated by the glamorous port of Würzburg. This city straddles the Main River in the heart of Franconian wine country. Surrounded by undulating vineyards, Würzburg is home to a World Heritage-listed palace, a dominating hilltop fortress, the 15th century Old Main Bridge, and three universities, including Bavaria's oldest. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more of the region on one of this morning's excursions:

Walking tour and Würzburg Residence: Visit the Baroque Würzburg Residence, a palace surrounded by manicured gardens, for a guided tour to see its many valuable paintings, tapestries and period furniture. Then take a short stroll into the city for some free time.

Romantic Road to Rothenburg: From Würzburg, drive by coach to Rothenburg along the famed Romantic Road, an important trading route during the Middle Ages. Take a guided tour of the well-preserved medieval old town and enjoy some free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, sit back with a drink on the Sun Deck or in the privacy of your suite as you enjoy the scenery while cruising towards to city of Bamberg.

Arrives On: 02 Oct 27

Day 7: Bamberg (Germany)

Dock in picturesque Bamberg after lunch. You could spend this morning relaxing in your spacious suite or enjoying the vistas of the Main River from the Sun Deck.

Built on seven hills, this World Heritage-listed town has surprises at every turn. Intersected by rivers and canals, Bamberg's Old Town is resplendent with cobblestoned streets and well preserved medieval buildings. Admire the charming Town Hall which occupies an island on its own, a Gothic and Romanesque-style cathedral, and the Old and New Residences – comprising an episcopal palace, a pretty 'Little Venice' and a 12th century castle that teeters on the highest of the seven hills. Scenic Freechoice:
Stay in Bamberg or choose to explore further afield:

Guided tour of Bamberg Old Town: Bamberg is known for its charming World Heritage-listed Old Town, one of Europe's largest intact old town centres. Learn

about its fascinating history as you wander through stunning medieval and Baroque buildings on a guided city tour.

Excursion to Coburg: Journey via coach to Coburg, which was the seat of Queen Victoria’s husband Prince Albert and has close ties to the British royal family. Visit the impressive castle, which looks over the city, and is considered one of the largest and best-preserved forts in Germany. Its museum houses a large collection of carriages, weapons, armoury and paintings by renowned artists.

Arrives On: 03 Oct 27

Day 8: Nuremberg (Germany)

Arrive in Nuremberg, Bavaria’s second largest city, where the Old Town is protected by an ancient city wall. The city is dominated by one of the most significant imperial forts of the Holy Roman Empire, the 12th century Imperial Castle, which was the preferred residence of German kings.

Behind its charming façade, Nuremberg also has a turbulent history. During WWII, the city was favoured by the Nazis for party rallies and many of the anti-Jewish laws began here. By 1945, the city was reduced to rubble, including large sections of the Imperial Castle and Old Town. After the war, Nazi leaders were tried here for their war crimes. Scenic Freechoice:
Make your choice from today’s Scenic Freechoice experiences:

Guided tour of Nuremberg Old Town: Drive into Nuremberg’s city centre, passing by the ancient city walls, then join your local guide for a walking tour of the Old Town to see the Imperial Castle, St. Egidien’s Church and the market square.

World War II tour: Your local guide will highlight the main events that occurred in Nuremberg during the Nazi regime. Learn about this dark time in Germany's history and visit some of the most important sites.

Nuremberg's Castle and City Walls: The historic city of Nuremberg is yours to explore during this active walking tour. Follow the cobblestone streets surrounding the Imperial Castle and admire the impressive city walls that remain since medieval times.

Arrives On: 04 Oct 27

Day 9: Regensburg (Germany)

You will arrive in Regensburg today. Boasting a staggering 2,000-year history, Regensburg has one of Germany’s best preserved medieval town centres, with more than 900 of its Romanesque and Gothic buildings listed as World Heritage sites. Within its narrow laneways, the city lays claim to having the highest concentration of bars in the country. Scenic Freechoice:
Today, Regensburg offers a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities to choose from:

Walking tour of Regensburg: On the confluence of three rivers in Bavaria, Regensburg is known as the best-preserved medieval city in Germany. Guests will join a walking tour with a local guide to see the old stone bridge, the Church of St James, and the Porta Praetoria.

Weltenburg Abbey: Take a ferry through the Danube Gorge to Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria, founded

by monks in approximately 600AD. Explore the Abbey and Cloister Church, then sample the award-winning beer produced on site since 1050.

Thurn und Taxis active walking tour: Join an active walking tour from the ship to Thurn und Taxis Castle, for a guided tour followed by free time. Thurn und Taxis is a German noble family who can trace their history back to the 12th century.

Cycle to Walhalla Memorial: Cycle through the wonderful scenery of the Danube Valley along the river and through the countryside, to Walhalla Memorial. Commissioned by King Ludwig I of Bavaria, Walhalla Memorial honours notable Germans from past centuries.

Arrives On: 05 Oct 27

Day 10: Passau (Germany)

Arrive in Passau early this morning. Set at the meeting point of three rivers and close to the border with Austria, it was an important trading point for centuries. It was also a significant town in the Holy Roman Empire, and the charming Old Town was mostly built by powerful prince-bishops in an Italianate style. Scenic Freechoice:
Take your pick from the following Scenic Freechoice excursions.

Full day excursion to Salzburg: Cross the border into Salzburg, Austria, a storybook city surrounded by alpine peaks and best known as the home of Mozart and The Sound of Music. On a guided tour, learn about its art and music scene, visit Mozart’s birthplace, and see the vast Hohensalzburg Fortress. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and some free time.

Full day excursion to Ceský Krumlov: Journey to the World Heritag-listed Czech town of Ceský Krumlov brimming with charm. Explore with your local guide, admire the well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

Highlights of Passau: Join your local guide on a walking tour, admiring the brightly coloured buildings that line the waterways. Visit St Stephens Cathedral, originally built in the year 450 but destroyed by fire in 1662 and rebuilt in the Baroque style.

Arrives On: 06 Oct 27

Day 11: Dürnstein (Austria)

Spend this morning in Dürnstein, a small and picturesque town in Austria’s picturesque Wachau Valley. Enjoy some free time to explore this World Heritage-listed town, perched on the edge of the Danube River and surrounded by ancient, terraced vineyards. Scenic Freechoice:
Today offers a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from:

Göttweig Abbey: Founded in the sixth century, the abbey burned down during the 18th century and rebuilt to be one of the most magnificent in the Wachau Valley. Your local guide will show you its magnificent frescoes as well as the staircase, the largest Baroque staircase in Austria.

Wachau Valley wine tasting: The Wachau Valley is one of the prominent regions for wine growing in Austria. Today you'll visit a local winemaker and learn about the age-old traditions of winemaking while sampling the delicious

wines produced on site.

UNESCO Wachau Valley e-bike experience: Join your guide on a bicycle tour along the Danube to the quaint village of Krems. Pass by charming villages and vineyard landscapes. You will have time to stop along the way to enjoy the breathtaking views of the Danube.

Arrives On: 07 Oct 27

Day 11: Krems (Austria)

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Day 12: Vienna (Austria)

Welcome to Vienna, the capital of Austria and a centre of art, music and culture. The city fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, and oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces, a vibrant coffee-house scene, and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

Join your local guide and take a coach ride from the ship to Vienna’s city centre, where you will embark on a walking tour to see highlights such as the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral and Belvedere Palace. The ship will be docked overnight, so this afternoon you are free to wander around the city or relax on board your Scenic Space-Ship. Scenic Enrich
Classical concert at Palais Liechtenstein: Breathe in the opulence and luxury of Palais Liechtenstein this evening as you relish an exclusive private classical concert. Enjoy a glass of fine Austrian Sekt and listen to the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart performed by a renowned orchestra. Accompanied by ballet dancers and vocalists, and surrounded by world-famous art, this will be a concert that you’ll remember for a lifetime.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 27

Day 13: Vienna (Austria)

Wake this morning with Vienna on your doorstep. A city full of grandeur, Austria’s imperial capital is famous for having the world’s most beautiful boulevard, The Ringstrasse, and for the legacy of the Habsburg monarchy. Slow down and spend a full day exploring Vienna or venture further afield. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from today’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Cycle to Danube Island: Explore a different side of Vienna on a guided e-bike tour to Danube Island, a recreational playground where locals come for bathing, boating, cycling and relaxing on its beaches and open spaces.

Excursion to Bratislava: Travel to Slovakia’s capital, Bratislava, since its’ independence in 1993. This modern multicultural metropolis has an intriguing history. The glorious Old Town and well-preserved hilltop castle contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture. Your local guide will show you Bratislava Castle, the Hlavné Námestie, the main square and the Old Town Hall.

Klosterneuburg

Abbey guided tour and wine tasting: Visit Austria’s oldest wine estate, Klosterneuburg Abbey, which has been producing wine for 900 years. Explore the serene halls and magnificent Imperial Apartments, before a guided tasting inside the historic winery.

Arrives On: 09 Oct 27

Day 14: Budapest (Hungary)

This morning you will arrive in Budapest, the capital of Hungary and one of Europe’s most diverse and vibrant cities. Divided by the Danube, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other, this city became united in 1873 when a newly built bridge connected the two. It’s an architectural treasure trove comprising styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau and everything in between. It is also well known for its hot springs and thermal baths and has a vibrant nightlife scene. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from a range of Scenic Freechoice activities on offer this morning:

Budapest in depth: Explore this magical city by coach. Starting in Buda, see the Várkert Bazár before crossing the Margaret Bridge to the Pest side to see Széchenyi Square and Elizabeth Square. End your tour with a mesmerising piano recital at the Institute for the Blind.

Budapest’s past and present: This walking and coach tour will give insight on Budapest’s communist past and life today as part of the European Union, including the 1956 Hungarian revolution and the significant Jewish events that have shaped modern culture.

Hospital in the Rock: Go underground to explore the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock, set underneath the city's Castle District. The complex was built as a secret hospital during WWII and was later converted to a nuclear bunker.

Guided hike of Buda: Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike through the Buda district of the city. On your walk, see Várkert Bazár and beautifully landscaped gardens, all while enjoying great views over the Danube River and the city architecture.

Hungarian culinary market tour: This foodie tour in Budapest promises an unforgettable journey through the city’s culinary delights. Visit the bustling Grand Central Market and other locations for tasting the local delicacies, and hear fascinating stories about the city’s traditions. This afternoon is at leisure. Your ship will remain docked in Budapest overnight, so you may like to head out and discover some of the city’s famed nightlife.

Arrives On: 10 Oct 27

Day 15: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest is often considered to be the most beautiful city in Europe and you have a full day at leisure to see why.

Arrives On: 11 Oct 27

Day 16: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Slovakia’s capital, Bratislava is a modern multicultural metropolis with an intriguing history. Its Old Town is glorious with medieval and Gothic architecture, and the well-preserved hilltop castle, which dates back to the ninth century, still dominates the town. These charming historic sites contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture, which is stands as evidence of the turbulent Communist period before its independence in 1993. Scenic Freechoice:
Spend the afternoon discovering the city, with one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Communist tour of Bratislava: Journey behind the Iron Curtain and learn about Bratislava during the communist regime. Your local guide will share how this controversial regime impacted directly on the daily lives of Slovaks and shaped Bratislava’s complex identity.

Walking tour of Bratislava: Join a knowledgeable local guide to see the highlights of the city, including the Hlavné Námestie (main square) and the Old Town Hall while learning about the history of the city.

Coffee and cake with a Slovakian family: On this authentic and immersive experience, you’ll visit a local family home to gain an insight about the everyday lives of Slovaks, while enjoying delicious coffee and cake.
Your ship will remain docked in Bratislava overnight, so you can experience more of the fascinating city.

Arrives On: 12 Oct 27

Day 17: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Enjoy a relaxing day on board your Scenic Space-Ship as you cruise through Slovakia and back into Hungary. Request a coffee from your butler and enjoy it in the comfort of your Scenic Sun Lounge, as the beautiful Danube scenery rolls by. Work out in the gym, book in for a massageˆ or be soothed by the healing properties of the Salt Therapy Lounge.This evening, you will arrive in Budapest. Scenic Enrich
Classical Music Concert at Gödöllõ Royal Palace: Tonight, step back into Hungary’s imperial past as you attend an exclusive classical concert inside Gödöllõ Royal Palace, one of the favourite residences of Queen Elisabeth of Hungary. The world’s second largest Baroque palace, it dates back to the 18th century. ^Massage services are an additional cost.

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Day 17: Budapest (Hungary)

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Day 18: Budapest (Hungary)

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Guided hike of Buda: Slip into your walking shoes for a beautiful hike through the Buda district of the city. On your walk, see Várkert Bazár and beautifully landscaped gardens, all while enjoying great views over the Danube River and the city architecture.

Budapest's past and present: This walking and coach tour will give insight on Budapest's communist past and life today as part of the European Union, including the 1956 Hungarian revolution and the significant Jewish events that have shaped modern culture.

Beethoven's favourite getaway: Travel to Brunszvik Castle, a favourite retreat of the famed composer, to admire its Neo Gothic architecture and the grand gardens. Learn about Beethoven's life in the dedicated Memorial Museum.

Etyek region wineries and vineyards: The Etyek wine region, often called the 'vineyard of Budapest', is renowned for its crisp, aromatic white wines and sparkling wines. Learn about its winemaking tradition and taste local vintages.

Jewish Heritage Tour: During this tour you will learn about the significant Jewish events from history that have shaped the culture of today. You will also visit the fascinating Jewish Museum and impressive Synagogue.
This afternoon is free for you to relax and enjoy, with the Scenic Space-Ship staying in Budapest until late. Feel free to explore the city and take in its historic beauty at your own pace.

Arrives On: 14 Oct 27

Day 19: Ordas (Hungary)

You will arrive in Hungary's Great Plain region this morning. Known for its rich history, this region is renowned for producing some of the world's most intricate and beautiful folk art, particularly its detailed embroidery. Today, the region has retained much of its rural charm. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more about local culture on one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Hungarian Traditions: Teeming with culture and traditions, this region is renowned for its traditional handicrafts such as needlework and embroidery. Learn about the origins of these beautiful designs as well as other crafts.

Hungarian Horse Show: Travel to Kalocsa, located on the Great Hungarian Plain, with an agricultural history dating back more than 2,000 years. Watch a traditional horse show, meet the horsemen who will demonstrate impressive equestrian skills and enjoy a tasting of local delicacies. This afternoon your Scenic Space-Ship will cruise to Mohács, arriving later tonight.

Arrives On: 15 Oct 27

Day 19: Mohács (Hungary)

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Day 20: Mohács (Hungary)

Nestled in a gentle bend along the Danube, this small Hungarian town was the site of the 16th century Battle of Mohács, which led to the destruction of the Hungarian monarchy and the rise of Ottoman and Habsburg ruler. From here, you will explore the surrounding regions. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Guided tour of Pécs: First settled by the Romans and later the Turks, and located close by the Croatian border, Pécs is a melange of cultures. On a guided tour, you can see its Roman ruins, Turkish baths, Baroque buildings, and decorative arts and crafts, like porcelain.

Villány wine stories: Visit a charming town in the Villány wine region, known for its exceptional red wines, particularly bold, full-bodied varieties. See its rows of historic wine cellars, sample local wines and visit an old mill.

Mohács traditions and flavours: Experience the rich traditions and multicultural heritage, where Hungarians, Croats and Serbs live in unity. Explore the Busóudvar Museum to learn about the World Heritage-listed Busójárás festival, visit important historic sites, and taste halászlé, a traditional fish stew made with fresh Danube River fish and world-famous Hungarian paprika.
Spend the afternoon on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship as you cruise towards the Croatian border, perhaps relaxing with a regional wine or beer in the Panorama Lounge & Bar.

Arrives On: 16 Oct 27

Day 20: Osijek (Croatia)

Arrives On: 16 Oct 27

Day 21: Vukovar (Croatia)

Wake this morning in the Croatian town of Vukovar, a poignant city with a turbulent history. Over the past 500 years it has been part of the Ottoman, Habsburg and Austro-Hungarian empires, and in the 1990s was the epicentre of the Croatian War of Independence. Many of the grand Baroque buildings remain standing but bear the scars of the war. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Walking tour of Osijek: Travel by coach to the charming city of Osijek for a walking tour. Explore the well-preserved Baroque Old Town and fortress, soaking in the area's historic elegance.

Baranja wine region: The fertile soil of the Baranja region is famous for its exceptional white wines. You will tour family-owned wineries to savour locally produced wine in rustic cellars or outdoor terraces with sweeping views of the vines.

Vukovar chronicles: A river town’s tale of resilience: Discover the ‘Hero Town’ of Vukovar, famed for its courageous defence during the Croatian War of Independence in the early 1990s. Though heavily damaged by war, the city has been rebuilding, and its spirit of resilience and stories of bravery remain central to the city’s character, with museums and monuments preserving

its legacy of sacrifice and hope.
After your touring this morning, you will visit the home of a local Croatian family for lunch. Immerse yourself in this cultural and culinary experience as you enjoy an authentic meal prepared with fresh vegetables from the host’s garden. North-eastern Croatia is the ‘breadbasket’ of the country, so it is only natural that the villagers take great pride in their gardens. You’ll be treated to a feast for both the palate and the eyes.

This afternoon will be spent on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship as you cruise towards Serbia.

Arrives On: 17 Oct 27

Day 22: Novi Sad (Serbia)

Novi Sad is the second largest city in Serbia, a lively place of music, art and liberal freedoms. It’s an ethnically diverse city, has a thriving contemporary art scene with several large-scale public murals and hosts vibrant festivals, all while nurturing its rich 500-year history. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Guided tour of Novi Sad: Join your local guide as you discover all that makes this city a true highlight of this region, from the 18th-century Petrovaradin Fortress, to charming Dunavska Street, lined with colourful buildings and a popular place for walking, gathering and dining.

Hike to Petrovaradin Fortress: A symbol of the city, the fortress is often referred to as 'Gibraltar on the Danube'. Learn about its powerful history, dating back to the Middle Ages, as you hike to and be rewarded with magnificent views over the Danube River and city below.

Vojvodina farmhouse flavours: Experience a unique cooking demonstration at a traditional farmstead (locally called Salaš), where you'll discover the secrets of authentic regional cuisine. Savour the true taste of Vojvodina's rich culinary heritage in a warm and welcoming atmosphere as you enjoy freshly brewed coffee and homemade buns.

Fruška Gora National Park: Explore Serbia’s oldest national park, where the landscape is blanketed with oak and beech wood forests, more than 60 family vineyards, and 16 monasteries. Visit the oldest monastery, dating to the 16th century, and stop by a winery for a tasting.
Your Scenic Space-Ship will remain in Novi Sad until late tonight, so you can go on shore and soak up the atmosphere of the city after dark.

Arrives On: 18 Oct 27

Day 23: Belgrade (Serbia)

The capital of Serbia, Belgrade is known as the ‘Door to Central Europe’ and lies at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. This eclectic city is steeped in history, with Neolithic ruins found nearby, a fortress built by the Romans, Brutalist buildings that sit beside Art Nouveau architecture, and a bohemian vibe. One of the oldest capitals in Europe, Belgrade has been rebuilt almost 40 times. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Guided city tour: By coach

and foot, you'll tour the major sites of the city with a local guide. See the cobbled streets of the Bohemian Quarter and Kalemegdan Fortress, which has been the site of more than 100 battles and offers panoramic views of the rivers below. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore on your own.

Panoramic city tour including Tito's Memorial: Join a local guide to tour the city's highlights, including the Ottoman Old Town, Kalemegdan Fortress and Republic Square, followed by some free time. You will also visit the memorial dedicated to Tito, the former ruler of Yugoslavia.

Cycling tour along the Danube: Trace the banks of the Danube on two wheels, admiring the beautiful scenery and learning about the fascinating history of Belgrade from your local guide.

Central Belgrade stroll with coffee and cake: Discover Central Belgrade on a leisurely stroll from the historic Kalemegdan Fortress down Knez Mihailova Street, Belgrade's bustling pedestrian boulevard. Pause to enjoy a cup of expertly brewed coffee paired with a tasting of signature cake from one of the city's beloved bakeries. This tour perfectly blends cultural exploration with sweet indulgence, offering a true taste of Belgrade's vibrant heart and flavours. Scenic Enrich
Choir Performance in St. Sava: Visit St. Sava, the largest orthodox temple in the Balkans. Have a chance to explore the frescos-lined walls of the cathedrals crypt where the church choir will perform some of the most beautiful hymns just for you. Due to the acoustics in the crypt, this incredible performance is a once of a lifetime opportunity.

Arrives On: 19 Oct 27

Day 24: Golubac (Serbia)

This morning you will be docked in the charming town of Golubac, which is home to one of Europe's best preserved medieval fortresses. It was strategically built at the section of the Danube River that narrows to form the Iron Gates gorge. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Golubac Fortress: Take a guided tour of the 14th-century fortress, built on a steep embankment of the Danube in the Djerdap National Park. It has nine towers connected by ramparts and has been an imposing figure above the river for centuries.

Lepenski Vir archaeological site: One of the most significant archaeological sites in the region, Lepenski Vir was first inhabited some 12,000 years ago. Tour the excavation site of 136 building ruins, a central square, fireplaces and stone idols. Learn how it was discovered and gain a fascinating insight into Europe's early stone age.

Hike through Djerdap National Park: Join a local park ranger and local guide and hike through the Djerdap National Park. Enjoy spectacular sights along the way such as Golubac Fortress and incredible views over the Danube River.
After your Scenic Freechoice excursion, the ship will be waiting for you downriver at the town of Donji Milanovac. This afternoon, you will cruise through the spectacular scenery of the Iron Gates. This stretch of the Danube is the natural border between Serbia and Romania and features four narrow gorges, soaring cliffs and the might rock carving of Decebalus, the former Romanian king.

Arrives On: 20 Oct 27

Day 24: Donji Milanovac (Serbia)

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Day 25: Vidin (Bulgaria)

You will arrive early in Vidin, Bulgaria, this morning. This historic town has a well-preserved medieval fortress and sits between the borders of Bulgaria and Romania. The region boasts a fertile landscape where wine has been grown for almost a century. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Hiking to Belogradchik castle ruins: Take an active hiking tour to the Belogradchik Fortress. Admire the unique rock formations and the ruins of the ancient stronghold constructed when the region was part of the Roman Empire.

Visit to a local winery: Travel to Negovanovtsi village and Dos Alamos Winery for a tour and tasting. Established in 2013, this boutique vineyard grows Bulgarian Rubin grapes (used for high-quality reds) as well as Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

Ancestry of the Kitchen – Banitsa cooking demonstration: Recipes have long been passed down through generations and are often kept as a family secret. Meet with a local who will tell you about life in this region as well as divulge a family recipe of traditional banitsa, a delicious cheese-filled pie made with filo pastry.

Triangle of Tolerance walking tour: Join a walking tour of Vidin to learn its history and the legacy of tolerance among its residents. You will see the Metropolis Orthodox church of St. Nicholas, the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Dimitar, the Osman Mosque, and the Synagogue.

Arrives On: 21 Oct 27

Day 26: Ruse (Bulgaria)

This morning, dock in the town of Rousse, often described as ‘Little Vienna’. Join a local guide on a sightseeing tour of this opulent town this morning, resplendent in Belle Epoque architecture and leafy manicured squares. You will also learn about traditional Bulgarian handicrafts, sample some delicious local wine and delight in a short piano recital. Afterwards, you’ll enjoy some free time to wander, before returning to the ship.

Arrives On: 22 Oct 27

Day 27: Silistra (Bulgaria)

Wake in Silistra this morning. This Bulgarian town has changed hands many times over the centuries. It was a major Turkish fortress and trade centre in the 15th century, played a significant role in the Russo-Turkish wars of the 1870s, briefly became part of Romania after the

Second Balkan War, and finally reverted to Bulgaria in 1940. The town is dotted with historic sites stretching back to late Roman times. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice:

Active walk to Silistra Fort: Take a guided walking tour of the 19th century fort and learn about its history. It is the best preserved of the six points of the Turkish fortification system, which played an important role in the Russo-Turkish wars.

Visit Alfatar village: On this exclusive experience, travel to this small village outside of Silistra. Learn how its people have lived over the centuries and kept their traditions alive in the ethnographic museum and see the beautifully restored Holy Trinity temple, a treasured symbol of the Bulgarian Orthodox religion. You'll also visit the school to meet local children and hear about daily life for young Bulgarians.

Arrives On: 23 Oct 27

Day 27: Constanta (Romania)

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Day 28: Constanta (Romania)

Cruise towards Constanta, Romania, this morning. Sitting on the Black Sea coast, Constanta is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe, dating back to 600 BC. Join a guided tour to learn about this long and fascinating heritage. Visit Ovid Square, Orthodox Cathedral, the stunning promenade and Genovese Lighthouse. Enjoy some free time before you return to your Scenic Space-Ship.

Arrives On: 24 Oct 27

Day 29: Constanta (Romania)

Farewell your Scenic Space-Ship this morning and transfer to Bucharest, stopping for lunch on the way.

The capital of Romania was once called the Paris of the East, however WWII changed the face of the city with much of its Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture destroyed. Now a unique mix of Art Nouveau remnants and Brutalist-era architecture sits along wide, tree-lined boulevards and leafy squares, hidden street art and thriving nightlife. Admire the many splendid Orthodox churches and be awed by the gargantuan Palace of Parliament.

Upon arrival, all guests will take a guided tour of the city by coach, from the south of Bucharest to Primaverii Palace (home to the infamous Ceausescus), stopping to see its grandest squares, including Union Square, University Square, Roman Square, Victory Square and Charles de Gaulle Square.

This evening you will check into a hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Arrives On: 25 Oct 27

Day 29: Bucharest (Romania)

Arrives On: 25 Oct 27

Day 30: Bucharest (Romania)

Your journey comes to an end this morning. After a final breakfast in your hotel, check out and transfer to Bucharest Airport for your onward travels. Due to new restrictions on cruise ships at Amsterdam’s city docks, your cruise is now likely to embark and/or disembark at a port outside central Amsterdam. If your ship does not have a central Amsterdam docking, Scenic will provide a central Amsterdam meeting point and transfers to your ship as required. These changes are required by local authorities and are in line with our booking terms which allow changes to berthing or dock locations and ports where operationally necessary. You will be advised of the confirmed docking location prior to departure. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions.

Arrives On: 26 Oct 27

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