Cruise Details

Name:	Portraits of Eastern Europe
Reference:	UNIWORLD57351
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Marlene
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	13 Aug 27
Departs From:	Bucharest
Arrives On:	31 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Prague
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Bucharest (Romania)

Arrive at Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the hotel.

Arrives On: 13 Aug 27

Day 2: Bucharest (Romania)

Get to know the bustling heart of Romania's capital city with a full day to explore Bucharest on your own.

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

Day 3: Bucharest (Romania)

Bucharest is a fascinating combination of Communist grandiosity, elegant French-influenced 19th-century buildings and surprising survivors dating from the 1500s. Today in Bucharest you'll enjoy a panoramic city tour and a visit to People's Palace. Later, you'll travel via motorcoach to Giurgiu, where your ship awaits.

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 4: Ruse (Bulgaria)

Bulgaria's foremost Danube port, Ruse is sometimes called "Little Vienna" for its elegant 19th-century mansions and public buildings.

Arrives On: 16 Aug 27

Day 5: Vidin (Bulgaria)

Vidin is a port town on the Danube that once played an important role in medieval Bulgarian politics, as the great fortress Baba Vida attests. It's your base for an unusual excursion today—a visit to the fascinating Belogradchik rock formations. Or you can indulge in a tasting at a local winery.

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

Day 6: Iron Gates (Romania)

Today's main attraction will be the spectacular scenery along the Danube, as you cruise a stretch of gorges known as the Iron Gates. Later, head ashore to explore a Paleolithic site and an extraordinarily well-preserved medieval fortress. All along the way, history lines the banks of the river. Keep an eye out for Trajan's Plaque, which the ancient Romans erected to commemorate the road they anchored in the steep cliffs above the water, and Golubac Castle, built in the 14th century and attacked successively by the Serbs, Magyars, and Turks.

Arrives On: 18 Aug 27

Day 7: Belgrade (Serbia)

Belgrade, the modern-day capital of Serbia, is one of Europe's oldest cities, dating back some 7,000 years. Signs of its tumultuous history are visible everywhere, juxtaposed with the city's vibrant modern-day present.

Arrives On: 19 Aug 27

Day 8: Vukovar (Croatia)

Welcome to Croatia! This ancient country, which has made a remarkable recovery from a brutal civil war, is noted for its beautiful countryside and thriving folk traditions, as well as simple,

delicious local rustic food.

Arrives On: 20 Aug 27

Day 9: Budapest (Hungary)

Located on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest each have their own distinctive character and allure. Explore this dynamic and multifaceted city with your choice of excursions—you can see it from a local's perspective on our walking tour, or cover more ground with a panoramic tour. Vibrant Budapest, Hungary's capital, offers an enchanting combination of East and West.

Arrives On: 21 Aug 27

Day 10: Budapest (Hungary)

Other passengers are heading home today, but you are only halfway through your marvelous holiday. Enjoy a day of leisure exploring beautiful and historic Budapest.

Arrives On: 22 Aug 27

Day 11: Budapest (Hungary)

Located on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest each has a distinctive character and allure all its own. Explore this dynamic and multi-faceted city with a panoramic tour, or choose our Jewish Heritage excursion offering you a detailed introduction to Jewish Budapest.

Arrives On: 23 Aug 27

Day 12: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Once hidden from the world behind the "Iron Curtain," Slovakia retains an air of mystery and intrigue, and its small capital city has an unexpectedly colorful history. The heart and soul of Slovakia, Bratislava is full of surprises. The city straddles the mighty Danube and has played a leading role in the politics and culture of the region for many centuries.

Arrives On: 24 Aug 27

Day 13: Vienna (Austria)

The grand dame of the Danube, Vienna was the heart of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and remains, to this day, the political and cultural center of Austria. Klimt painted here; Beethoven and Mozart composed here; Freud developed his theories here. It's a treasure trove of splendid architecture, astonishing art collections and inviting cafés—and today it is yours to explore.

Arrives On: 25 Aug 27

Day 14: Melk (Austria)

A designated World Heritage Site for its beauty and history, the Wachau retains its authentic cultural landscape while still being a popular destination for travelers. The towns and villages are small here but bursting with charm. The jewel in the crown: Melk and its cheery yellow abbey, a Baroque masterpiece that stands proudly atop a hill overlooking the river.

Arrives On: 26 Aug 27

Day 15: Engelhartszell an der Donau (Austria)

Your ship cruises through a scenic highlight of the Danube early this morning, the Schlögener Schlinge—a hairpin loop in the Danube that was once very hazardous for ships and is now a lovely, serene stretch of water—and leaves Austria behind today. Your first German port of call is Passau, where three rivers meet—the Inn, the Ilz and the Danube—and three nations almost meet: Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic, making for a fascinating cultural mosaic.

Arrives On: 27 Aug 27

Day 16: Regensburg (Germany)

Bavaria's first capital, Regensburg, owes its impressive historical lineage and rich architectural heritage to 600 years as a Free Imperial City, a fact recognized by UNESCO in 2006. Today, you'll discover how the beautifully preserved medieval city coexists with a vibrant modern urban center.

Arrives On: 28 Aug 27

Day 17: Regensburg (Germany)

Disembark the ship early and set your sights on the "city of a hundred spires" as you transfer to Prague via motorcoach.

Arrives On: 29 Aug 27

Day 18: Prague (Czech Republic)

A magnet for generations of artists, writers, scientists and composers, Prague is famous for its dynamic energy and elegant ambiance (and the beers here are pretty amazing too). A thousand years of architecture, from ornate Gothic to fanciful postmodern, has been beautifully preserved here.

Arrives On: 30 Aug 27

Day 19: Prague (Czech Republic)

You’ve experienced the best of the Danube River and Prague, sampling myriad culinary delights and exploring fascinating stops along the way. Now your journey comes to a close. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Prague Václav Havel Airport for your flight home. Your Uniworld adventure may be over, but we know you’ll enjoy the memories you’ve made for years to come.

Arrives On: 31 Aug 27

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