

Cruise Details

Name: Grand Highlights of the Danube

Reference: UNIWORLD58202

Operator: Uniworld

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: S.S. Marlene

Regions: Danube

Departs On: 01 Aug 27

Departs From: Passau

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

Arrives At: Bucharest

Cruise Nights: 16

Total Vacation Days: 17

Itinerary

Day 1: Passau (Germany)

Arrive at Munich Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Arrives On: 01 Aug 27

Day 2: Passau (Germany)

Passau is a crossroads in more ways than one, as three rivers meet here and three nations nearly do, making for a fascinating cultural mosaic. Get to know the town and its main claim to fame—Europe's largest pipe organ—or "Let's Go" with an invigorating riverside hike.

Arrives On: 02 Aug 27

Day 3: Linz (Austria)

Mozart's birthplace of Salzburg is nestled in a glorious alpine setting that sparkles like a winter wonderland. Linz may be best known for its famous Linzer torte, but it's also a hotbed for the arts. See the sights with a local expert and visit a family at their farm in the countryside. Austria's third-largest city, Linz boasts a long history of trading and textile manufacturing, but these days it is perhaps best known for its electronic arts and annual festival.

Arrives On: 03 Aug 27

Day 4: Dürnstein (Austria)

This morning, visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey and its extraordinary baroque-style library. Later, you will head to Dürnstein, one of our favorite towns along the Danube, a lovely place to wander cobblestone lanes, browse quaint shops, and maybe hike up to a ruined castle (with an intriguing tale all its own). You can also opt for a tasting or learn all about the world's costliest spice from the Wachau Valley's only saffron grower. You have two ports of call in the incredibly scenic valley, Dürnstein and Melk, and an assortment of delightful ways to explore this lovely region.

Arrives On: 04 Aug 27

Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

Vienna is a cultural treasure trove revered for its art and music (and sinfully rich pastries). Experience the "City of Waltzes" with a highlight tour of the city, as well as an expertly led tour of an extraordinary collection of art at the renowned Vienna Art History Museum.

Arrives On: 05 Aug 27

Day 6: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Your ship sets sail from Vienna and heads for Bratislava today. You may relax onboard all day, perhaps enjoying a drink on the Sun Deck and taking in the scenery as the ship wends its way along the Austrian Danube toward Bratislava. Although it's not a large city, Bratislava has played a leading role in the politics and culture of the region for many centuries, and it is well worth a visit. If you opt for the walking tour today, you may choose to leave the ship by bus in Vienna and start your excursion early. This would give you time for lunch on your own in town, as well as some additional free time to enjoy Bratislava after your tour ends.

Arrives On: 06 Aug 27

Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest is an enchanting city that presents a vibrant mix of medieval and modern.

Arrives On: 07 Aug 27

Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

Enjoy a full day in Budapest at your leisure, perhaps stopping by the famous thermal baths, grabbing a drink at a ruin bar, or visiting one of the city's many museums.

Arrives On: 08 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: 09 Aug 27

Day 10: 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: 10 Aug 27

Day 11: 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: 11 Aug 27

Day 12: Iron Gates (Romania)

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: 12 Aug 27

Day 13: 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: 13 Aug 27

Day 14: Ruse (Bulgaria)

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

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

Day 15: Bucharest (Romania)

This morning, you'll disembark the ship in Giurgiu and drive through the countryside to Bucharest, where you'll enjoy a panoramic city tour and a visit to People's Palace. Tonight, you'll relax in the comfort of a luxury hotel located in the heart of the city, Romania's capital and its cultural and economic center.

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 16: 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: 16 Aug 27

Day 17: Bucharest (Romania)

Check out of your hotel this morning. If your cruise/tour package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

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