Cruise Details

Name:	Cruise & Rail: Istanbul to Paris
Reference:	UNIWORLD61008CR
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Joie de Vivre
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	16 May 27
Departs From:	Istanbul
Arrives On:	30 May 27
Arrives At:	Paris
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Istanbul (Turkey)

Arrive at Istanbul Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the Four Seasons Sultanahmet for a one-night stay.

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 2: Istanbul (Turkey)

After breakfast in the hotel, you will be transferred to Istanbul Halkalı Station, where the indulgence begins with a champagne drinks reception before stepping aboard the stylish Golden Eagle Danube Express. Settle into life onboard your private train as we begin our extraordinary rail odyssey across the European continent.

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 3: Sofia (Bulgaria)

Sofia is one of the oldest cities in Europe, dating back around 7,000 years. You'll find some magnificent architecture throughout the city, with a mixture of Western and Central European influences. Our adventure begins amidst the captivating ruins of the Roman city of Serdica, where echoes of a bygone era whisper tales of glory and conquest. Wander through the enchanting City Garden, home to the prestigious National Theatre Ivan Vazov, and marvel at the opulent façade of the Presidential Palace and other iconic landmarks that adorn Sofia's skyline.But the excitement does not end there. Later, join an exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime experience as we descend into the hallowed Crypt of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Here, in this sacred space, we'll be mesmerized by the melodies of the "Cosmic Voices." Enchanting and evocative, this private performance by the renowned Vanya Moneva Choir stirred hearts at the opening of the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 4: Belgrade (Serbia)

Uncover the hidden treasures of Belgrade, beginning with an exclusive exploration of Tito's legendary blue train, a relic of Yugoslavia's storied past. Indulge your senses with a traditional Serbian feast at a local restaurant, where the flavors are as bold and diverse as the city itself.Next, prepare to savor the essence of Serbian hospitality as we delve into the world of Rakija, Serbia's beloved elixir. At the city's oldest brewery, we'll sample an array of Rakija varieties, all while regaling in captivating tales and anecdotes that breathe life into Belgrade's spirited history.Before we board the train, join us as we unravel the secrets of Belgrade's bustling streets, where every corner reveals a new facet of its vibrant culture.

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 5: Postojna (Slovenia)

This morning, we venture into the enchanting depths of Postojna Caves. Aboard an underground train, we delve into a subterranean world filled with intricate cave formations and inhabited by mysterious creatures. Immerse yourself in the atmospheric ambiance, heightened by the soulful notes of a saxophonist echoing through the cavernous spaces.Back onboard, indulge in an exquisite post-lunch affair as you step into a realm of culinary opulence with a confectionary masterclass, presented by our Catering Manager, Krisztian, and the Head Pastry Chef, Rebeka.We arrive in Vienna this evening. Indulge in a sumptuous dinner in town and experience the pinnacle of cultural delight with a private classical concert featuring the illustrious Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

Austria's stunning capital, steeped in a rich heritage, casts its enchanting spell on visitors. With its elaborate palaces, iconic coffee houses, and a cultural tapestry woven with classical music and

captivating opera, Vienna stands as a seductive metropolis that beckons to be explored.Traverse the majestic Alps as we weave our way through the breathtaking Austrian countryside. Whether you choose to unwind in the privacy of your cabin—where your dedicated cabin attendant is ready to cater to your every need—or opt for the sophisticated ambiance of the Bar Lounge Car, every moment promises spectacular views and refined relaxation.

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 7: Paris (France)

Renowned for producing the world’s finest sparkling wines, Champagne boasts manicured vineyards draped over rolling hills. On an exclusive guided tour of one such vineyard today, you’ll enjoy a tasting of this AOC-protected product.

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 8: Paris (France)

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the S.S. Joie de Vivre to begin your cruise on the Seine.

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 9: Vernon (France)

Today is a celebration of northern France’s natural beauty, with an excursion to a splendid château and gardens situated in an equally grand setting, plus a chance to immerse yourself in the very landscapes that inspired Impressionist master Claude Monet. In the morning, choose between a scenic hike or a visit to the hilltop Château de La Roche-Guyon, which is surrounded by beautiful gardens and offers sweeping views over the Seine. Later, explore the beautiful gardens of Monet. You'll have the opportunity to take in the French countryside on your way there with an invigorating bike ride, or opt to arrive by coach instead.

Arrives On: 24 May 27

Day 10: Rouen (France)

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy’s medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious. The roll call of famous people who lived or died in Rouen is long and varied—Richard the Lionheart, Joan of Arc, Gustave Flaubert, and Claude Monet are among them.

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 11: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

Caudebec-en-Caux, a lovely little town on the right bank of the Seine Estuary, is your base for one of two very different excursions. You could drive through the beautiful Calvados countryside to Honfleur, a delightful seaside harbor and city of painters, or head to the windy cliffs of Étretat for a game of golf.

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 12: Rouen (France)

There are moments when we travel that move us on an otherworldly level—experiences that stir a profound emotional connection. The Normandy beaches certainly have that effect. On your full-day outing, you'll visit Normandy's beaches, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a choice to venture to either the American, British and Commonwealth, or Canadian beaches. After, partake in a private memorial ceremony for a sentimental remembrance of Operation Overlord.

Arrives On: 27 May 27

Day 13: Mantes-la-Jolie (France)

How did France's rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out.

Arrives On: 28 May 27

Day 14: Paris (France)

Whether you're a first-time visitor to the "City of Light" or you've been here many times before, there's something for everyone today in Paris. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the city, or join a local expert for a walk through two much-loved neighborhoods.

Arrives On: 29 May 27

Day 15: Paris (France)

Disembark the ship. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 30 May 27

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