

1200 Miles on the Beautiful Blue Danube Shore Excursions Bucharest – Vienna 2020

We are pleased to present an exciting program of shore excursions that are available to customize your cruise experience.

These excursions can be booked in advance as a package at a discounted rate.

EXCURSION INFORMATION

Some excursions involve a fair amount of walking, sometimes over uneven surfaces. The following coding system has been used to assist you with this.

- Level 1: It is your choice whether you get off the bus during the excursion (to take pictures, for example). You will walk only short and even paths.
- Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walking tour. You may need to climb some stairs.
- Level 3: The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. You may need to climb several stairs.
- Level 4: Moderate walking tour. You may need to climb some stairs.
- Level 5: Considerable walk with longer distances. This may include uneven surfaces and some stairways

“DELTA SAFARI” BOAT EXCURSION

Your Delta Safari adventure starts at the end of the oldest and wildest arm of the Danube, in a small, picturesque fishermen’s village called Sfintu Gheorghe (Saint George). Situated in the largest compact area of reed beds on the planet, the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, the village has plenty of traditionally thatched cottages. Just in front of your Amadeus cruise ship you can board our small Delta Safari boats. Once you have put on your life jacket, you are ready for this unforgettable exploration of the Danube Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vital sanctuary for around 300 bird species. The route takes you from the end of the St. Georg arm by a side arm to the unique Sahalin lagoon. The rich supply of fish in the shallow brackish waters of the lagoon persuaded the largest pelican colony in the delta to nest here. Depending on the season, you can observe these fascinating birds feeding in their habitat together with cormorants and gulls. After an observation tour through the lagoon area, the boats start their way back through the narrow channels, the Ciotica channel, passes by one of the oldest fish processing centers in the Danube Delta and reaches the exit point of the trip. Visit the picturesque village of Sfintu Gheorghe (Saint George), which combines Romanian and Ukrainian traditions and cultures and creates a unique identity in the Danube Delta. Finally, your walking tour will lead you to a local fish restaurant,

where you will taste freshly prepared fish specialties and a glass of homemade plum schnapps.

Duration: approx. 4 hrs Walking grade: ●●

**Please note: This excursion is bookable onboard only.*

EXCURSION CONSTANTA AND BLACK SEA COAST

In the afternoon, step on the golden sandy beaches of the Black Sea for a guided tour of Constanta. This ancient metropolis by the sea, founded by Greek colonists under the name of Tomis during the 6th century BC, is considered Romania’s longest continually inhabited city, as well as its chief port. A walk into the historic part of the city features views over the Great Mosque, the Casino and the Genovese Lighthouse. A short visit to History and Archaeology museum will reveal the city’s 2.5 millennia history and detail its blend of cultures.

Duration: approx. 5 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

EXCURSION VELIKO TARNOVO WITH ARBANASSI INCL. LUNCH

This excursion heads towards Veliko Tarnovo in a comfortable coach. Picturesquely located on the steep banks of the river Yantra at the foot of the Balkan Mountains; the houses of this medieval town were built on narrow terraces along the steep, rocky slopes. Pass by the fortress Zarewez, where 22 tsars made history in the 2nd Bulgarian empire.

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There will be a photo stop, offering views of the fortress. You will also visit the 13th-century church St. Peter and Paul, which is one of the few medieval churches which had been kept intact and used for worship since the beginning of XIII century until the earthquake in 1913. At the end of the tour you will also have time to see local arts and crafts in a nearby shopping street.

Afterwards the excursion continues to the nearby small town Arbanassi with its unique houses that look like small fortresses. Arbanassi is famous for its painted churches and artist market. In between, you will have lunch at a typical Bulgarian restaurant where you will sample local food and wine.

Duration: approx. 6 hrs Walking grade: ●●

CITY TOUR OF BELGRADE

Belgrade, one of the oldest European cities and the capital of Serbia, lies at the junction of the Danube and the Sava. The city boasts a large number of monuments from different areas and different cultures. First, the tour takes you to the Kalemegdan fortress, where you'll have an impressive panoramic view over the Danube and the Sava Rivers.

Afterwards, you can see the National Museum, the parliament, the Terazije square and the palace of princess Ljubica. Another highlight is the St. Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox church in the world. After a refreshment break at the Hotel Majestic, our tour ends with a visit to the pedestrian zone where you will find many shops and art galleries.

Duration: approx. 3.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

EXCURSION TO THE PUSZTA (from/to Budapest)

After departing the harbor, we drive into the Hungarian Puszta or Great Hungarian Plain. View the passing scenery dotted with villages and farmland. As your guide discusses present day life in Hungary. Stop and see local handicrafts along with a demonstration of local dance. Visit the House of Paprika in the 'paprika capital of the world' and learn about this important Hungarian speciality. Continue your exploration of the Puszta with a visit to a traditional Hungarian ranch. Enjoy a glass of local wine while admiring the fantastic relationship between Hungarian 'Magyars' and their horses during a show of equestrian skills. At the end of the tour our coach will bring us back to the vessel.

Duration: approx. 4 hrs Walking grade: ●●

CITY TOUR OF BUDAPEST

Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and has managed to retain a charm of its own with the help of renovations in recent years. The Danube flows through the heart of the city, dividing it into two parts: Buda and Pest. The tour first takes you through Pest, past the Great Market Hall with its outstanding gourmet shops and stalls. You will see splendid Baroque buildings such as the Hungarian State Opera in Neo-Renaissance style and the incomparable parliament building, which was finished in 1904 and has been an emblem of the city ever since then.

There's an opportunity for a photo stop at the Heroes' Square, famous for its monuments to many Hungarian kings. Continue across one of the seven bridges into Buda and go up to Castle Hill, where you will visit St. Matthew's Church and the famous Fisherman's Bastion (provided that it is open to the public). Enjoy the unforgettable view over the city before returning to the vessel.

Duration: approx. 3.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

EXCURSION TO GÖDÖLLŐ CASTLE

The Royal Palace of Gödöllő, which is located close to Budapest, was built in the 18th century. The castle was once the favourite summer residence of Empress Elisabeth and Emperor Franz Josef of Austria. In 1867, this noble estate was the coronation gift of Hungary to the royal couple. Nestled in an enormous park, it is the largest and most attractive complex of Baroque buildings in Hungary. In recent years it has been lovingly refurbished and you can visit the splendid ballroom with its beautiful, marble stucco details, as well as the apartments of the royal couple.

Duration: approx. 3 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

CITY TOUR OF BRATISLAVA

Get to know the capital of the young Slovakian Republic. The gorgeous old town has maintained its Gothic-Baroque style. The tour passes St. Martin's Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace and continues up to the hill, where you will have a stunning, panoramic view of the city and surrounding areas. Afterwards, a guided walking tour leads you through the restored old town. From Michael's Gate you will take a leisurely stroll through the historic city center, where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings, as well as the Academia Istropolitana, the oldest university of the city,

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which dates back to the 15th century. In addition to numerous palaces, you will also see the main square with the old City Hall, the Opera House and Maximilian Fountain.

Duration: approx. 3 hrs *Walking grade: ●●*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 🕒 All excursions can be booked in advance
 - 👤 Minimum participation for excursion by bus: 20 people
 - 👤 Minimum participation for excursion on foot: 12 people
 - 🕒 The schedule of individual excursions can vary; this is partly due to the volume of traffic in the cities and the opening hours of facilities.
 - 👤 Please remember to wear sturdy shoes as well as comfortable, waterproof clothing when attending the excursions.
 - 🕒 When exploring on your own, please remember to return to the vessel in time for its departure. If you miss the departure, you have to get to the next port at your own expense. You will find the time for the latest return in the daily program.
 - 📄 Itineraries and prices are subject to alteration.
- * For organizational reasons, some excursions can only be booked onboard

Excursions and Excursion Packages prices per person in USD

| CRUISE BUCHAREST — DANUBEDELTA — VIENNA | UP | A | B | C |
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| City tour Bucharest including lunch | Included | | | |
| Danube Delta nature experience (only bookable on board) €76 | | | | |
| Excursion to Constanta and the Black Sea coast | \$57 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Excursion to Veliko Tarnovo with Arbanassi and lunch | \$92 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| City tour of Belgrade | \$38 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great Hungarian Puszta tour (from Mohács/to Kalocsa) | \$68 | | | ✓ |
| City tour of Budapest | \$37 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Excursion to the Royal Palace of Gödöllő | \$51 | | | ✓ |
| City tour of Bratislava | \$37 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Total for excursions if booked on board | | 169 | 261 | 380 |
| Save with our packages if booked in advance | | 154 | 232 | 339 |

UP = Unit price if booked on board.