

Uniworld

Budapest to Bucharest

June 29 – July 8, 2019



Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. If your cruise/tour 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.

DAY 2: Budapest, Cruising the Danube River

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 your choice of excursions—you can see it from a local’s perspective on our exclusive walking tour, cover more ground with a panoramic tour or “Go Active” with a guided bike ride. Vibrant Budapest, Hungary’s capital, offers an enchanting combination of East and West, old and new. Even its geography is made up of two parts—Buda (the hills) and Pest (the flatlands)—divided by the Danube. In the evening, a special Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

DAY 3: Cruising the Danube River, Vukovar (Osijek)

Welcome to Croatia! This ancient country has made a remarkable recovery from a brutal civil war, and its beautiful countryside, colorful folk traditions and delicious rustic cuisine make it a most rewarding place to visit. 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 delicious simple, local rustic food. You’ll dock in Vukovar, Croatia’s biggest port, at the confluence of the Danube and Vuka rivers. Choice of [Full-day tour of Vukovar with Vucedol Museum visit and lunch at Goldschmidt winery](#) or [Full-day tour of Osijek with exclusive home-hosted lunch](#)

DAY 4: Belgrade

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. See it all with a choice of excursions, either a city tour that visits the palace or a guided bike ride.

DAY 5: Golubac, Cruising the Iron Gates

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 extraordinary 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. The Turks won the castle in 1458, which helped to reinforce their control of the area until 1867, when they abandoned it.

DAY 6: Vidin, Cruising the Danube River

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 one of two unusual excursions today—visit to the fascinating Belogradchik rock formations or head to a riverside estate devoted to the arts. Choice of [Bulgarian red rock country](#) or [Romanian Cetate Cultural Port visit](#)

DAY 7: Rouse (Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi or Rouse and Ivanovo)

Bulgaria's foremost Danube port, Rouse is sometimes called "Little Vienna" for its elegant 19th-century mansions and public buildings. You may choose to see some of the town after venturing to a pair of historic monasteries or spend the day visiting two historic hill towns. Choice of [Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi with authentic Bulgarian lunch](#) or [Rouse walking discovery tour with Ivanovo and Basarbovo monasteries](#). In the evening, a special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

DAY 8: Giurgiu (Disembark), Transfer to Bucharest

Bucharest is a fascinating combination of Communist grandiosity, elegant French-influenced 19th-century buildings and surprising survivors dating from the 1500s. Perhaps nothing more perfectly encapsulates Romania's 20th-century experience than the mind-boggling People's Palace, which you can visit today. Another option is a walking tour that shows you this city from a local's perspective. This morning, you'll disembark the ship in Giurgiu and drive through the countryside to Bucharest, where you'll enjoy a traditional three-course Romanian lunch at a local restaurant and a panoramic city tour. 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.

DAY 9: Bucharest

Count Dracula might be a fictional character who makes the blood curdle on Halloween, but his historical namesake is not. Vlad III—known in his heyday as Dracula or "Vlad the Impaler"—was a medieval prince with a penchant for brutally punishing his enemies. Or was it all a smear campaign instigated by his enemies? Find out more today on a visit to his tomb. Also on the agenda—a guided tour of the infamous Ceausescu Mansion. **Featured Excursion:** [Romanian countryside tour with visits to Ceausescu Mansion and Vlad the Impaler's tomb](#)

DAY 10: Depart Bucharest

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.

Deluxe: \$4099

French Balcony: \$4699

Discount: 10% if paid in full before June 31, 2018

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