Luxury Balkans River Cruise

CROATIA ● SLOVAKIA ● SERBIA ● AUSTRIA

The Offer

Sail down the Danube River from Vienna to Bucharest in this exciting 13-day European river cruise package, visiting seven countries: Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Croatia.

Start your experience in Austria, with a city walking tour of Vienna, visiting the impressive buildings along the Ringstrasse, Saint Stephen Cathedral and the famous Vienna Opera.

The Amadeus Nova will be your home away from home for eight nights, ready to carry up to 158 guests. Around each corner, discover elegant spaces to roam, multiple dining venues, a heated swimming pool and unparalleled views from every suite. Plus, choose from three different packages with fantastic shore excursions and cultural experiences available at most destinations (details at checkout and Important Info).

Continue your voyage to Slovakia's quaint town of Bratislava, where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and Saint Martin's Cathedral. Reach Hungary, with stops in picturesque Esztergom and striking Budapest. Stop in Croatia's Vukovar before reaching Serbia and its capital, Belgrade. After further sightseeing down the Serbian side of the Danube, witness the fortress of Golubac with its magnificent views, and in Donji Milanovac seat on the sun deck and relax as you cruise through one of the most impressive gorges in Europe, with stunning views of the Carpathian and Balkan mountains.

Discover the untamed beauty of the Danube Delta in Romania, and disembark in quaint Festeti, also known as 'Little Paris'. Travel to capital Bucharest for a city tour and time at leisure before your flight home.

This 13-day package includes return international full-service flights, an 8-night 5-star Amadeus river cruise, all gourmet meals onboard, 2 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation on tour and much more.

Want more? Choose from three fantastic land activity packages, upgrade your cabin, or extend your itinerary with Arrive Early & Stay Behind options.

The Map

LAND
FLIGHTS
CRUISE
ITINERARY 1
Vienna
Bratislava
SLOVAKIA
Esztergom
AUSTRIA
Budapest
HUNGARY
CROATIA
Vukovar
Belgrade
Golubac
SERBIA
Donji Milanovac
Bucharest
ROMANIA
BULGARIA
Fetesti
Harsova
(Delta Danube)
Giurgiu
Rousse
Svishtov

The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Vienna, Austria
Today, depart for Vienna, Austria.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Vienna!
Welcome to the beautiful city of Vienna. Upon arrival, be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel. The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Arcotel Kaiserwasser or similar, Vienna
Meals included: None

Day 3 Vienna Walking City Tour - Board 8-night Luxury Amadeus River Cruise
Embark at 16:00

This morning, enjoy a guided walking city tour in the 'Imperial City' of Vienna.

There is much to see in this vibrant capital city: its imperial palaces, the impressive buildings along the Ringstrasse, Saint Stephen Cathedral and the famous Vienna Opera among many others. In the afternoon, be transferred to the Danube port of Vienna for your cruise embarkation at 16:00 on the brand new 5-star Amadeus Nova ship. The friendly crew of the Amadeus will be awaiting your arrival. Soon after, the Cruise Director will invite you for a welcome cocktail followed by a specially-prepared welcome dinner. The cruise will stay docked in Vienna for the night.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 4 Vienna, Austria - Bratislava, Slovakia
Vienna: Depart 02:00 - Bratislava: 07:00 to 23:00

The ship will depart Vienna at 02:00 and spend the night cruising for an early arrival into the Slovakian capital of Bratislava before breakfast. It's a romantic city, with its impressive Gothic and Baroque buildings. Enjoy time at leisure to experience the city, which is dominated by the imposing Bratislava Castle high above the streets below. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion - City Tour of Bratislava (not included). Stroll to the historic city centre, where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St Martin's Cathedral.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 5 Esztergom, Hungary - Budapest
Esztergom: 07:00 to 08:30 - Budapest: 12:00 to 21:00

After breakfast, you might like to join an optional guided tour to Esztergom and Szentendre – two towns which, though vastly different, are equally fascinating.

In the former Hungarian capital of Esztergom, you follow the footsteps of Hungarian kings and clerics, while the artists' town of Szentendre is unique due to the many museums and contemporary galleries housed there. Passengers who choose to remain on board will, in the meantime, continue to Budapest, where those who opted for the tour will rejoin the ship for lunch. In order to enjoy the magnificence of the Hungarian capital, you might like to go on a city sightseeing tour during the afternoon (not included).

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In the evening, you will enjoy an atmospheric cruise through Budapest, also known as the "Paris of the East", which is festively lit up at night, revealing Budapest's most beautiful side. A folklore show on board will complete the experience.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 6 Vukovar, Croatia
Arrive 12:30 - Depart 22:00

Your cruise ship reaches the eastern Croatian town of Vukovar after lunch. You can take an optional city sightseeing tour, followed by a breathtaking optional excursion to the Kopacki Rit Nature Park. This 23-hectare nature reserve, situated at the confluence of the Drava and Danube Rivers, is home to a diverse bird population and provides a protected environment for many species of plants and animals. Explore this wetland by boat and enjoy the unspoilt beauty of nature before returning to your Amadeus ship for dinner. The ship departs for Belgrade during the night.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Belgrade, Serbia - Cruising the Danube River
Arrive 08:00 - Depart 23:59

This morning arrive in Belgrade. Known as the 'White City', Belgrade is one of the most historically-rich cities in Serbia, and sits at the juncture of the Danube and Sava Rivers. Highlights of the city include the Parliament, Terazije Square, the Palace of Princess Ljubica and Saint Sava Temple - the largest Orthodox Church in Serbia. The city has a vibrant pedestrian area with plenty of shops and markets to browse. To sample the local cuisine, head to Skadarska Street (Skadarlija), a popular dining precinct where the spirit of Old Belgrade is alive and well. Explore the city at leisure, or take the opportunity to join the optional shore excursion - Morning city tour of Belgrade (not included). Tonight, continue cruising along the Danube.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Golubac, Serbia - Donji Milanovac, Serbia
Golubac: 07:00 to 10:00 - Donji Milanovac: 13:00 to 14:30

The fortress of Golubac, with its magnificent views, has an equally magnificent past, filled with the spirits and sounds of successful battles to defend the fortress. You might like to take a leap back to the Stone Age on the alternative excursion to the architectural site of Lepenski Vir with its exciting excavations and exhibits.

For an active adventure, you can opt to join a hike through the magnificent Djerdap National Park to its famous Kovilovo viewpoint. Rejoin the ship in Donji Milanovac and spend the afternoon on board for a truly impressive natural spectacle. Take a seat on the sun deck and relax as you cruise through one of the most impressive gorges in Europe, which also marks the border between Serbia and Romania.

The Itinerary

In one section, the river narrows to a scant 200 meters wide and 80 meters deep. The majestic views of the Carpathian and Balkan mountains paint a memorable scene.

As you cruise, look for the small monastery church of Mraconia and the enormous 40-meter rock sculpture of the Dacian King Decebalus near Dubova.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Svishtov, Bulgaria - Rousse, Romania - Giurgiu, Romania

Svishtov: 13:00 to 14:00 - Rousse: 18:00 to 20:00 - Giurgiu: 20:30 to 22:00

Admire the changing scenery as the ship makes its way around river bends and through the Iron Gates – a picturesque passage named for the two hydroelectric dams that control the water flow. Watch from the deck as the vessel passes through the narrow gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains which forms a natural border between Serbia and Romania. Keep an eye out for the many caves and rock sculptures hidden among the steep hills overlooking the Danube.

Spend the morning cruising the Danube River through the Bulgarian countryside, gazing out upon delightful homes and colourful villages from the comfort of the ship's deck.

Those who wish, can take part in an on-land optional excursion to Veliko Tarnovo (not included). The tour will begin from Svishtov, and includes an exciting morning filled with culture and history, as well as lunch in a local Bulgarian restaurant.

The ship will continue to Rousse, where those who opted for the optional tour will meet back up with the cruise.

After lunch, the journey continues downriver. In the evening you can enjoy a festive Gala Dinner with your captain and an evening program which will be a great way to end the day.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Danube Delta - Harsova, Romania

Arrive 09:00 - Depart 23:00

The natural beauty of the Danube Delta is on full display today. Open your eyes, you're in paradise!

From Hârşova, discover the breathtakingly beautiful Danube Delta, one of the largest wetland biotopes in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a rich variety of flora and fauna. The bus takes you from Hârşova to Tulcea, to your excursion boats, for a delta safari and a voyage of discovery through the beautiful nature reserve (optional excursion, not included).

In the evening, a folklore program awaits you on board.

Overnight: Amadeus River Cruises – 'Amadeus Nova' ship
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Fetesti, Romania - Bucharest Walking City Tour

Arrive 09:00

During breakfast, reach the Romanian town of Fetesti, where you leave your floating hotel.

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After disembarking, you will be transferred to Bucharest, and check in at a centrally-located 4-star hotel.

Thereafter, you can take part in a guided sightseeing tour through this vibrant city, which has a population of approximately two million and a unique charm thanks to its eclectic mix of buildings from different eras. Enjoy a guided panoramic bus tour of the capital, which has often been referred to as 'Little Paris'. See its main attractions, including The Parliament, Arcul de Triumf (identical to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris), Lipscani (a neighbourhood that will remind you of Paris), and more.

The remainder of the day is free to spend at leisure.

Overnight: Novotel City Centre Bucharest or similar, Bucharest
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Bucharest, Romania - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today you will be transferred to Bucharest Airport for your return flight home to Australia (or New Zealand).

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 13 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later due to flight scheduling.

Meals included: None

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Croatia
- Visit Bucharest, Vienna, Belgrade, Budapest, Bratislava and more
- Enjoy a guided tour of the imperial city of Vienna
- Admire impressive architecture along the Ringstraße in Vienna
- Witness the impressive Bratislava Castle
- See Vukovar, the gateway to the natural world
- Explore Budapest and enjoy a night cruise along the Danube
- Discover Belgrade, 'The White City' in Serbia
- Admire the magnificent fortress of Golubac in Serbia
- Cruise through one of the most impressive gorges at the border between Serbia and Romania
- Explore the gorgeous Bulgarian town of Svishtov
- Dock in the historical Romanian town of Giurgiu
- Sail through Harsova, one of the three main channels that make up the Danube Delta
- Witness the wildlife of the UNESCO listed Danube-Black Sea Canal
- Admire the beauty of the incredible Danube Delta
- Discover Romania's capital city, Bucharest, on a guided city tour

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply. (Excludes Trip Only option)

CRUISE

- 8-night 5-star luxury river cruise from Vienna to Bucharest
- Sail aboard the brand new 5-star Amadeus Nova ship
- Stay in an elegant, outside-view cabin
- Enjoy special onboard entertainment including lectures, cooking demos and a music program
- Free-flowing soft drinks, beer and wine with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Enjoy a cocktail reception, welcome dinner and Captain's gala dinner
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- 24-hour complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water onboard
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Onboard fitness centre open 24 hours a day
- Staff gratuities

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- 25 meals, including all gourmet meals onboard

Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- English-speaking Tour Leader
- English-speaking guides
- Airline and port taxes and surcharges
- Cruise staff gratuities included
- All local taxes, city taxes, parking and checkpoint fees

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

- All airport transfers. (Excludes Trip Only option)
- All port transfers

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent** ; TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique** ; our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package** ; our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on the 28th August 2027.
Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 30 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

13-Day Itinerary 1

- Haydn Deck Cabin: $990 (Sold Out)
- Premium Haydn Deck Cabin: $1,150
- Strauss Deck Cabin: $2,300
- Premium Strauss Deck Cabin: $3,900

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane or Adelaide: $100 per person
Auckland: $600 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used
- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne or Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 28 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final

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details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qatar Airways: $300 per person
- Emirates: $300 per person

Please note:

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Vienna, Germany (Itinerary 1 Only) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Bucharest, Romania - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

+ 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.
High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
- 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

Stopover Packages

* Doha, Qatar
* Dubai, U.A.E

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Doha Grand Prix: 25 November - 1 December 2027
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 21 - 26 October 2027
Christmas and New Years Eve - 20 December 2027 - 03 January 2028

Please note: the exact dates for 2027 are yet to be confirmed.

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be

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indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.
Trip Only Option
If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Cruise

Amadeus Nova:

Introducing Amadeus Nova - our vessel that joined us in spring 2024, and is a home away from home for up to 158 guests. Impeccably designed down to the last detail, this vessel introduced the latest green technologies, reflecting our commitment to respect the nature of the remarkable destinations we visit.
The technology you don't see—hybrid engines, solar panels, and cutting-edge energy conservation—is as important as what you do see. Around each corner, discover elegant spaces to roam, multiple dining venues, a heated swimming pool, and unparalleled views from every suite. Our signature palette of warm colours complements the sleek modern design that brings the natural world right to your doorstep. Step into the future as you glide past the captivating landscapes along the Rhine and Danube rivers.

Onboard currency

: Euro

Cabins/Staterooms:

Haydn Deck (C-4 - Front Position)

(Sold Out)
Panoramic windows (cannot be opened), (16 m² / 172 sq.ft.), Spacious bathroom, wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.

Premium Haydn Deck (C-1 - Middle Position)

Panoramic windows (cannot be opened), (16 m² / 172 sq.ft.), Spacious bathroom, wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.

Strauss Deck (B-4 - Front Position)

Drop-down panoramic window (can be opened) (17.5 m²). Discover the perfect balance of luxury and tranquility in your personal retreat. These staterooms feature the Amadeus Signature Bed (available as a double or twin), a drop-down panoramic window for uninterrupted river views, a spacious bathroom with a walk-in shower and premium Rituals® bathing products, walk-in wardrobe, flat-screen TV, individual climate control, well-stocked minibar, in-room safe, bathrobe and slippers, hair dryer, and direct dial telephone — ensuring a comfortable and refined travel experience.

Premium Strauss Deck (B-1 - Middle Position)

Drop-down panoramic window (can be opened) (17.5 m²). Spacious bathroom, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.
All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Vienna, Austria: Wien type Arcotel Kaiserwasser
- Bucharest, Romania: Novotel City Centre

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

5-Star Cruise (Self-Rated)

Amadeus Cruises: 'Amadeus Nova' Ship.

Accommodation Location

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

Extra Nights

Important Information

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Package A | $870 per person
- Bratislava: Beauty on the Danube Tour
- Budapest: Castle Hill & Historic Wonders Tour
- Vukovar: Tour including Osijek and Kopacki Rit
- Belgrade:Serbia's vibrant capital tour
- Golubac: Visit to the fortress Golubac
- Svistov: Veliko Tarnovo tour
- Harsova: Danube Delta Discovery: Full-Day Safari with lunch

Package B | $1,050 per person
All of Package A, plus the following (except the following Harsova Danube Delta Discovery):
- Esztergom: Visegrad Castle & Szentendre
- Belgrade: Bohemian artists quarter Skadarlija & Serbian folklore
- Harsova: Constanta & Murfatlar: A Black Sea Journey with Wine Tasting

Package C | $1,350 per person
Package A & B (except for Golubac Fortress, Harsova Constanta & Murfatlar & Wine Tasting)
plus the following:
- Bratislava: Amadeus Taste: Between Vines & History in Raca Wine Region
- Belgrade: Amadeus Taste: Rakija - Spirits & Stories
- Golubac: Lepenski Vir archaeological site

Package S: $1,100 per person
All of Package C, plus the following (except for Belgrade Amadeus Taste at Rakija, Golubac Lepenski Archaeological site & Svishtov Veliko Tarnovo Tour)
- Golubac: Amadeus Active: Djerdap National Park
- Svishtov: Amadeus Active: Hike in Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Cruise your way and choose from a carefully curated selection of immersive and inspiring excursions and adventures! Select one of our packages offered.
Package A: See the top sights along your route: Classic city tours and guided walks, complemented by carefully selected visits.
Package B: See the main highlights, with additional handpicked excursions to cultural and scenic spots, offering an even more varied travel experience.
Package C: Experience nearly all shore excursions, with selected alternative excursions from Package C. Perfect for those who don't want to miss the highlights and want to discover what each destination has to offer.
Active S: Designed for those who want to explore destinations actively: immersive discovery tours on foot or by bike, offering exciting perspectives and a close connection to landscapes culture, and cities.

Please note:
- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*
- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Please note: A daily City Tourist Tax (or a Docking Tax for cruise visitors) is charged in some European destinations. They are paid directly to the hotel or cruise company, and cannot be prepaid. Further details will be included in your travel.

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is between €5-€7 per person per day. This covers the guide/ leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Important Information

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. You are welcome to tip onboard for exceptional service, however this is not expected. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Eastern Europe

The average high in Eastern Europe and the Balkans during September is 20°C, cooling to 16°C at night.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Important Information

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.
Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

A tourist visa for Europe is not required for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport.

EU Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.com.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.