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### *Danube Cruise to the Black Sea*

Rising from the Black Forest of south-western Germany, it flows for some 2,850 km to its delta on the Black Sea, and passing through 10 interesting countries on the way  
An exciting and diverse experience not to be missed by any traveller!

**9 Night cruise from Giurgui to Vienna** *Window cabins on lower deck* **\$1770<sub>pp</sub>**

**11 Night cruise from Passau to Giurgui** *Window cabins on lower deck* **\$2190<sub>pp</sub>**

### *Join an optional... Romania & Transylvania*

**An excellent 8 day small group tour (min 4 pers)... either pre or post cruise, from \$1740<sub>pp</sub>**

Explore this fascinating and undiscovered country of magnificent buildings, beautiful landscapes, iconic landmarks, unique culture and well-preserved history.  
Plus Transylvania known for its vampiric legends!



## Danube to the Black Sea

The Danube River is more than just a water passage. Aside from its splendour and beauty, it has served the surrounding towns and cities for many centuries and is still considered one of the most important rivers of Europe.

Rising from the Black Forest mountains of western Germany, it flows for some 2,850 km to its mouth on the Black Sea. It also passes through 10 countries on the way... Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine.

This vast river span offers guests an array of diverse landscapes, cultures and culinary delights to uncover and has also been the inspiration for countless artists, writers and composers. With its magnificent winding gorges, idyllic vineyards and traditional towns.

Experience the unique mix of culture, history and nature of the Lower Danube and sail through one of the most mythical places of Europe and the Iron Gates.



### 9 Night Cruise itinerary

**FROM GIURGUI TO VIENNA START 27 JULY – 5 AUGUST**  
**FROM VIENNA TO GIURGUI START 26 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER**

#### DAY 1 GIURGUI

Start the cruise and included transfer from Bucharest.

#### DAY 2 CERNAVODA / THE BLACK SEA

Our included full-day coach excursion takes you to Constanta, the main port of Romania, which was founded in 7 BC by the Grecian empire. Nowadays with 560,000 inhabitants, it is the second largest port on the Black Sea, after Istanbul. Enjoy a city tour before visiting Mamaia, the most famous seaside resort of Romania. Here we stop for lunch and have a chance to take a dip in the Black Sea.

#### DAY 3 GIURGUI / BUCHAREST

Today we offer a choice between sailing, or an optional excursion to visit the Romanian capital of Bucharest, where you can admire many landmarks including the Parliament Palace, which is the second largest building in the world after the US Pentagon; and the beautiful Romanian Atheneum. The ship will continue sailing and pick up guests again in the city of Turnu Magaurele before cruising back toward the Iron Gate Gorge.

#### DAY 4 RUSE

In the mid-morning we arrive into Ruse, from where you can join our optional excursion to discover the rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo and other city highlights. Located in the north-eastern part of Bulgaria, Ruse is best known for its 19th and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture and is often called the Little Vienna.

#### DAY 5 BELGRADE

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise as we head to Belgrade, which lies on the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. The afternoon allows for plenty of time to explore the Serbian capital. You can begin the afternoon by joining our optional city tour, which will uncover the local highlights, including the Belgrade Fortress and St Sava Church, which is the biggest Eastern Orthodox Church in the world.

#### DAY 6 MOHACS

We berth just across the Hungarian border in Mohács with some free time to explore the area. In the afternoon you can join our optional excursion to Pécs one of the most beautiful cities of Hungary, and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### DAY 7 BUDAPEST

In the morning, take part in a 3 hour city tour in the magnificent city of Budapest. Learn about the city's history and how it is divided into two parts by the Danube River – one side called “Buda” and the one side known as “Pest”.

#### DAY 8 BRATISLAVA

Bratislava is one of the youngest Capital Cities with 450.000 inhabitants and a rich history that dates back to the Celts and Roman settlements. Enjoy a relaxing city walk through Slovakia's largest city where you will find landmarks such as: St Martin's church, which is the former coronation church of the Hungarians; the former University of Bratislava and numerous palaces dating back to the 18th century.

#### DAY 9 VIENNA

Enjoy a day experiencing the delights of Vienna – grand palaces, magnificent squares and historical monuments are just some of the features of this beautiful city. You can join our optional city tour, which takes you on a journey through time to see the famous Hofburg, the former winter residence of the Habsburgs; the city Parliament; the Town Hall and the Burg Theatre.

#### DAY 10 VIENNA

This is end of cruise and transfer to Bucharest.

#### 9 NIGHT CRUISE (TWIN SHARE PRICES)

	Window Lower deck	Window Middle deck	French balcony Upper deck
Vienna-Giurgui	\$1,790	\$1,990	\$2,290
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# Danube to the Black Sea

## 11 Night Cruise itinerary

**FROM PASSAU TO GIURGUI START 16 – 27 JULY**  
**FROM GIURGUI TO PASSAU START 4 – 19 SEPTEMBER**

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Today we embark in Passau, where the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers meet. You can relax on board as we sail towards Vienna, cruising through the beautiful Wachau Valley.

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### DAY 6 VUKOVAR / NOVI SAD

Visit the town of Vukovar rebuilt after recent devastations. Then to Novi Sad is the second largest city in Serbia after Belgrade. Upon arrival into Novi Sad, you have the opportunity to join an optional guided city tour, for which the most recognized landmark is the Petrovaradin Fortress as it dominates the city from the banks of the Danube.

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### DAY 8 IRON GATES

Today we spend the day cruising along a stunning scenic passage, which creates the border between Romania and Bulgaria. Notably Europe's largest river gorge, you will meander through the Carpathian



Mountains towards, what is commonly referred to as, "The Iron Gates". This section of the passage also forms part of the boundary between Serbia and Romania and includes two large locks. It's a fantastic day to spend relaxing on the sun deck.

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Passau-Giurgui	\$2,190	\$2,490	\$2,790
Giurgui-Vienna	\$2,190	\$2,490	\$2,790

## 8-Day Romania & Transylvania Discovery Tour



Peles Castle

Join a small private group tour of Romania, and explore this undiscovered country of magnificent buildings, beautiful landscapes, iconic landmarks and culture. Get a comprehensive insight of well-preserved history, and Transylvania known for its vampiric legends.

### YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE MANY HIGHLIGHTS...

**PALACE OF THE PARLIAMENT** The massive Parliament in Bucharest is big enough to be among the few man-made things to be spotted from space. Its 1,100 rooms are distributed over 12 floors as well as eight underground levels, the last one being a nuclear bunker. Noted as the largest parliament building in the world.

**CLUJ-NAPOCA** Cluj-Napoca is located in Transylvania and is the second-largest city in Romania is also home to the country's largest student population, and it is the unofficial capital of Transylvania's historical region.

**PIATRA CRAIULUI MOUNTAINS** The Carpathian Mountains feature craggy tops, narrow valleys, marvellous forests, and peculiar caves. Also popular for trekking and has the 70 hectare Liberty Bear Sanctuary forest created at the end of the '90s.

**THE SPHINX AND BABEL** Located in the Bucegi Mountains, the Sphinx and Babele are two natural rock formations, created by wind and rain. Located at an altitude of more than 2,000 meters The Sphinx has similarities to the Great Sphinx of Giza, and Babele resembles an 'old woman'. Both can be reached by cable car.

**PAINTED MONASTERIES** Located in the northeast area of Romania, Bucovina's painted monasteries are truly one-of-a-kind. The monasteries were painted in colourful frescoes in the 15th and 16th centuries. The scenes feature masterpieces of saints, prophets, Jesus, angels, demons, heaven, hell, and more. The churches are now listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

**SIGHISOARA** Located in Mures County in the historic area of Transylvania, Sighisoara is a well-preserved medieval walled town. The UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded in the 12th century is filled with narrow cobbled streets, colourful houses, and soaring towers. The most prominent of which is the 64-metre-high Clock Tower. The city is also known as the birthplace of Vlad III the Impaler.

**PELES CASTLE** This Neo-Renaissance architecture is one of the top attractions in the country. Decorated with ornate stonework, sculpted wood and stained-glass windows, with magnificent panoramic views. King Carol I constructed this castle at the end of the 19th century and now it serves as a museum, showing off a collection of artwork, armour and weaponry.

**BRAN CASTLE** The elegant Bran Castle located in Transylvania, dates back to 1377 and is one of Romania's top destinations. This is the medieval hilltop castle known as Dracula's castle and is open as a museum showing art and furniture collected by Queen Marie.

### 9 NIGHT GIURGUI TO VIENNA (AND REVERSE) OPTIONAL TOURS

**Pre-purchase package \$690pp or purchase as you wish onboard**

**Vienna:** Vienna City tour & Schönbrunn Palace tour

**Budapest:** Budapest City tour & Puszta "horse ranch" tour

**Slovakia:** Bratislava City tour

**Mohacs:** City tour Pecs

**Cernavoda:** Excursion to Black Sea

**Ruse:** City tour



### 11 NIGHT PASSAU TO GIURGUI (AND REVERSE) OPTIONAL TOURS

**Pre-purchase package \$660pp or purchase as you wish onboard**

**Vienna:** City tour **Bratislava:** City tour

**Novi Sad:** City tour **Mohacs:** City tour Pecs

**Giurgiu:** Day excursion to Bucharest

**Belgrade:** City tour

**Cernavoda:** Excursion to Black Sea

**Kalocsa:** Puszta "horse ranch" tour

**Ruse:** City tour **Bucharest:** City tour

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