

# THE DANUBE FROM BLACK SEA TO BUDAPEST

## 11 Day River Cruise Bucharest to Budapest

### Cruising with Avalon Waterways

Begin your exciting vacation with one night in Bucharest, Romania, before embarking on your river cruise along the beautiful Danube River to Budapest, Hungary. Bucharest is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards and historical treasures. Here, you'll see the Arc de Triomphe—built in honor of WWI soldiers—and the historical Royal Palace Square. You'll take part on an exciting excursion to the serene Danube Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There's guided sightseeing in Constanta and Bulgaria's ancient capital of Veliko Tarnovo. Visit the Ethnographical Museum and Church of the Nativity in Arbanassi, and take pictures of Belogradchik's eclectic group of rock formations and the spectacular views of the Iron Gates. Visit Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, and one of the oldest cities in Europe. Continue your cultural journey on an excursion to Pécs, Hungary, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are countless memorable moments on this fascinating river cruise through Eastern Europe.



#### ITINERARY:-

##### Day 1 : Bucharest

Welcome to Bucharest—the “Paris of the East”

The day is yours to relax and enjoy Bucharest. Spend some free time exploring this fascinating city on your own to discover its trendy shops, cafés, museums, beautiful homes, and churches along Victory Avenue.

Stay 1 Night at Athenee Palace Hilton, Bucharest.

##### Day 2 : Bucharest—Fetesti (Embarkation):

Beautiful Boulevards and Bold History.

Take a Guided Tour of the Romanian capital city of Bucharest with its tree-lined boulevards and Arc de Triomphe—honoring WWI Romanian soldiers. See the Royal Palace Square—the scene of the city's 1989 riots to overthrow the communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Travel to Fetesti to board your Avalon Suite Ship® this afternoon.

##### FETESTI (EMBARKATION)

Your Balkan Adventure Begins

Explore your Avalon Suite Ship® this evening and enjoy a dinner on board.

After dinner, attend an onboard Lecture to learn about the Danube Delta.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ST. GHEORGHE.

**Day 3 : St. Gheorghe**

Excursion to Danube Delta. A Mighty River's Entrance into the Sea.

Join a small-boat Guided Tour of the best preserved of Europe's deltas-2,200 square miles of rivers, canals, marshes, tree-fringed lakes and reed islands.

OR

Enjoy a Special Celebration to mark Kilometer "0"—the end of the Danube River's 2,845 km journey—from the source in the Black Forest to its delta into the Black Sea.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CERNAVODĂ.

**Day 4 : Cernavodă**

Romanian Commerce and Cultural Legacies on the Black Sea.

**Excursion to Constanta:**

Join a Guided Tour to Constanta, the most important commercial center in Romania, situated on the Black Sea. Visit the Natural History and Archeological Museum to discover the history of early Romanian cultures.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROUSSE.

**Day 5 : Rouse**

Fortresses and Fountains in Bulgaria's "Little Vienna".

**Excursion to Veliko Târnovo & Arbanassi**

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Bulgaria's largest inland port and visit its impressive Holy Trinity Church

OR

Join a walk through the park with your Avalon Adventure Host.

**Sail to Svistov**

Join a full-day Guided Tour to the former Bulgarian capital of Veliko Târnovo—with its ancient stone houses clinging to the cliffs above the Yantra River. Discover one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria (circa 4300 BC), as well as the Bulgarian Revival architecture in the 15th-century town of Arbanassi. Later, join your ship in Svistov.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIDIN

**Day 6 : Vidin—Belogradchik**

Rocks and Ruins—Things of Beauty in Bulgaria

Join Guided Sightseeing in Vidin, followed by a Guided Tour of Belogradchik. Marvel at the remarkable rock formations on the western slopes of the Balkan Mountains, sculpted by 200 million years of natural elements.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board with a Bulgarian folklore show.

## EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DONJI MILANOVAC

### **Day 7 : Iron Gates—Donji Milanovac**

Scenic cruise through the Iron Gates gorge; visit Lepenski Vir archaeological site.

Ancient Art, Archaeological Artifacts, and Gauntlet of the Iron Gates.

Before lunch on board, you'll sail through the spectacular and narrow Iron Gates Gorge—forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania.

Join a Guided Tour to Lepenski Vir—an important Mesolithic archaeological site chronicling prehistoric cultures, settlements, and art. Marvel at the ancient discoveries and artifacts, as well as the unique views the site affords of the Danube Gorge.

## AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BELGRADE

### **Day 8 : Belgrade**

Fortresses and Folklore of Serbia Past and Present.

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Belgrade—where the Danube and Sava Rivers converge—and see the city's many fascinating sights, including Saint Sava, one of the world's largest Orthodox churches.

You may choose to join an Optional Guided Biking tour or spend free time in Belgrade exploring Knez Mihailova Street—Belgrade's central pedestrian thoroughfare with many lively cafés, shops, and cultural spots.

## EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO OSIJEK

### **Day 9 Osijek**

History and Culture of Croatia

Enjoy a leisurely sailing morning or join an Optional Excursion to the city of Vukovar, Croatia's undiscovered pearl.

Join a morning Guided Walking Tour of the Croatian city of Osijek, located at the confluence of the Danube and Drava Rivers. Visit Tvrđa, the most well preserved fortress of Croatia, home of many educational institutions.

OR

Attend a musical concert performed by the talented young artists of the music school of Osijek at Franjo Kuhac.

## EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MOHÁCS

### **Day 10 : Mohács.**

#### **Excursion to Pécs**

Underground Tombs and Soaring Music

Start the day with a Morning Stretch with your Avalon Adventure Host.

Take a Guided Tour to nearby Pécs to see its 4th-century Christian underground tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with fascinating murals. You'll also enjoy an organ concert on your tour.

## EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BUDAPEST

## Day 11 : Budapest (Disembarkation)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

## COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TRIP!

### **Dates:-**

**Avalon Passion** : 2020 – 18 May; 15 Jun; 13 Jul; 10 Aug; 5 Sep; 5 Oct

**Avalon Artistry II** : 2020 – 2 Jul; 22 Oct

Price per person			
Inside	Outside	Balcony	Suite
-	USD 3919	USD 5397	USD 6747

### **Price Includes:-**

1. 10 nights' accommodation on board Avalon Passion or Artistry II in Deluxe Stateroom (CAT D & E)
2. The Welcome and Farewell Dinners in Europe.
3. Choice of complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks will be included with dinner & lunch and sparkling wine with breakfast on Avalon Europe river cruises.
4. All rooms on the ships are air conditioned and heated. All ships have individual controls in the staterooms.
5. A professional, experienced, English-speaking Cruise Director accompanies every departure.
6. Shore Excursions as per programme.
7. Local English Speaking Guide
8. Entrance fees where applicable

### **Price Exclusions:-**

1. Air ticket and taxes
2. Visas
3. Trip Cancellation Policy ( optional but recommended)
4. Any expense of personal nature like laundry, portorage, telephone bills etc..
5. Meals not specified
6. Gratuities
7. Any sightseeing not included and given optional
8. GST 5%

## **Ship Details**

### **1. Avalon Passion**

Yet another beautiful Suite Ship graces the rivers of Europe in 2016. The Avalon Passion welcomes passengers to their home-away-from-home with two full decks of Panorama

Suites, featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform into a unique Open-Air Balcony. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than industry standard and ideal for stretching out and relaxing-or even throwing a private cocktail party for up to six adults in the spacious sitting area. On board, passengers enjoy free Wi-Fi access, complimentary computer use in public areas, a Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, an elevator, and an expansive Sky Deck with shade system, premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, deck games, and the delightful Sky Bistro for al fresco lunches of light grill fare.

## **2. *Avalon Artistry II***

Cruise on Europe's most loved rivers with views that become part of your suite. The Avalon Artistry II delivers an intimate setting, along with two full decks of suites featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air Balcony<sup>SM</sup>. Enjoy unmatched, seamless views of passing landscapes from your window-facing Comfort Collection bed for the ultimate in European river cruise views. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites<sup>SM</sup> are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, giving you the rare opportunity to wake each morning to the enchanting scenery and fresh breezes. Onboard amenities include complimentary computer use in public areas and Wi-Fi access, a Fitness Center, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, shade system, whirlpool, and the delightful Sky Bistro.