



CroisiEurope

From the Blue Danube to the Black Seam

Ms L'Europe

13 Nights

23 May 2016 & 19 August 2016



Summary

Europe. The word conjures visions of fine cuisine, gorgeous landscapes, quaint villages, exotic cities, and treasures of art and architecture. River cruising in Europe is an experience like no other: elegant, intimate, and unforgettable. Join CroisiEurope on one of our river cruises, and experience the sunlit vineyards and olive orchards of Italy, the glittering night-lit bridges of Paris, and the ancient castles and forts of Spain. Europe is waiting for you.

Overview

Country:	Austria – Slovakia – Hungary – Serbia – Bulgaria – Romania
Cities:	Linz - Melk - Vienna - Bratislava - Budapest - Bezdan - Novi Sad - Belgrade - Through The Iron Gates - Rousse - Giurgiu - Oltenita - Tulcea - Constanta
Duration:	14 Days, 13 Nights
Port of departure:	Linz
Starting Price:	€ 2199

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Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Linz		16:00
2	Melk – Vienna		
3	Vienna – Bratislava		
4	Budapest		
5	Budapest – Kalocsa – Mohacs – Bezdan		
6	Novi Sad		
7	Belgrad		
8	Belgrad – Bonji Milanovac		
9	Donji Milanova		
10	Ruse		
11	Ruse - Giurgiu - Oltenita		
12	Tulcea		
13	Tulcea	09:00	



Day 1: Linz

Meet the crew during a welcome cocktail reception
Dinner will then be served on board. The ship cruises on overnight to Melk

Day 2: Melk - Vienna

Join the excursion (optional) to the Benedictine abbey of Melk which is perched up high on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. It is the symbol of Austrian baroque at its finest. Return to the ship at the end of the morning and sail on to Vienna, arriving there late afternoon
Dinner on board and a free evening or the opportunity to enjoy a Viennese music concert

Day 3: Vienna - Bratislava

Take part in the guided visit (optional) to the palace of Schoenbrunn and Vienna with its magnificent park
It used to be the summer residence of the Emperor of Austria and his family. Lunch on board before sailing on at 1.00pm towards Bratislava. Arrival during the afternoon. Guided tour of the city (optional) dominated to the north by the slopes of the southern tip of the Little Carpathians and bathed by the Danube. The Slovakian capital enjoys a privileged position overlooking the Danube. Its charms come from its old town with its splendid baroque palaces, churches and pleasant squares. Return on board ship for dinner before sailing on to Budapest

Day 4: Budapest

The morning will be spent on a sightseeing tour (optional) of this fascinating city which is cut in two by the Danube. Buda on one bank with its rolling hills and valleys, and Pest, on the other, with its flatter landscape that offers a panoramic view over the banks of the Danube. Both have been awarded world heritage status by Unesco. Lunch on board and afternoon at leisure. Return to the ship for dinner then have a free evening or attend a traditional folk evening (optional) in Budapest



Day 5: Budapest - Kalocsa - Mohacs - Bezdan

Breakfast aboard, before arriving in Kalocsa, and departure for the optional tour of Pusztas (great Hungarian plain). You will enjoy an equestrian show. Return on board for lunch and continuation to Mohacs. Arrival around 5.00pm. Custom control, then on to Bezdan on the Serbian border, for a new custom control, then cruise on to Novi Sad. Dinner on board followed by an entertaining evening

Day 6: Novi Sad - Belgrade

Reach Novi Sad around 7.00am. Breakfast on board before enjoying a free morning, or, leave on the excursion (optional) to the city and catch a glimpse of Petrovaradin fortress. Novi Sad, set in the southern part of the Great Plain, in the region of Vojvodina, is the capital of the Vojvodina, formerly known as "the Athens of Serbia", due to its cultural splendour during the Turkish occupation. Return to the ship for lunch before sailing on to Belgrade. Afternoon spent cruising, before arriving in the Serbian capital in the evening. Dinner on board followed by an optional traditional evening in Belgrade.

Day 7: Belgrade - Donji Milanovac

Breakfast on board and morning spent on a guided tour (optional) of Belgrade. In Serbian language, Beograd means "white castle" or "white city". Belgrade lies at the confluence of the Save and the Danube, near the Morava corridor which links the lower regions of the Danube to the Aegean Sea. It combines a fortress perched on a promontory, a busy town and a port. Belgrade is an airy modern city of which the Terazije and Republic squares form the lively center. Do not miss the historic "Montmartre" quarter! Return on board late morning and enjoy lunch before spending the afternoon sailing on to reach Donji Milanovac around 9.00pm

Day 8: Donji Milanova

Early morning start and breakfast while cruising. The entire day will be spent sailing on the Danube before crossing the custom's post and into Bulgaria. On through the Iron gates, formed by the gorges on the Danube between the Little Carpathians and the Balkans, a truly amazing stretch of the river. The most striking section of the gorge was named "the boilers" by sailors owing to the fact the water of the Danube is so tightly squeezed between the steep walls of the mountains that it literally seems to bubble! A clearer landmark on the Serbian bank of the river is without doubt the "Tabula Traiana", a huge marble plaque which reminds all those who pass by of the Roman road that once linked Rome and the province of Dacia. Past this point, we are in the very heart of the "little boilers" as the passage narrows then suddenly opens out giving the impression of being in a mountain lake. This marks the point where the Mrcana flows into the Danube. An elegant viaduct spans the river mouth high above and if you look carefully, you will see the portrait of Decebal carved out of the rock. Lunch and dinner will be served on board and dinner will be followed by a gala evening

Day 9: Ruse

Reach Ruse, one of the great Bulgarian ports, around 8.00am. The town is a perfect blend of Bulgarian and Romanian culture. With its wide avenues, large squares and majestic buildings which bear witness to the Bulgarian National Renaissance. Enjoy some free time or leave on a sightseeing tour (optional) of the Rousseau-Lom valley, near the village of Ivanovo, to admire the churches and monastery chapels which were all dug out of the rock by the first hermits to settle in the area in the 12th century. The wall paintings which date back to the 14th century bear witness to the exceptional artistic talent of the Tarnovo school of painting. The visit will go on with the mediaeval fortress of Tchernav, where you will enjoy a wonderful panoramic view. Return to the boat for lunch, and time at leisure, or optional tour of the city followed by a folk evening



Day 10: Ruse - Giurgiu - Oltenita

Early morning start and breakfast while cruising to reach Giurgiu, from where an excursion (optional) is organised to Bucharest. Enjoy a guided tour (optional) of the Romanian capital (lunch included). This cultural and economic hub of national importance was founded 500 years ago. In the 30's, Bucharest was named "Little Paris" due to its long boulevards lined with trees. There is even an 'Arc de Triomphe' on the stunning Kisseleff. Bucharest offers a striking combination of architectural styles, between Curtea Veche, the ruins of the 15th century palace built by Vlad, who founded the city, orthodox churches, Empire style manor houses, Stalin inspired architecture from the Communist period and the Parliament (outside only – entrance fees not included), a huge building with six thousand rooms. You will have the opportunity to visit an open air museum covering the architecture and arts from the various regions of Romania. Return to the ship around 5.00pm in Oltenita before sailing on. Dinner and evening with dance on board

Day 11: Tulcea

Tulcea lies at the entrance to the Danube delta, an important nature reserve which was awarded world biosphere status by Unesco. Lunch onboard and optional excursion on the Danube delta. Cruise along passing traditional

fisherman's cottages on the arteries of the delta, whose animal population and tropical vegetation is the most northerly of its kind in Europe. Return to the ship late afternoon in Tulcea. Dinner on board followed by a folk evening

Day 12: Tulcea

Breakfast on board before disembarking around 9.00am

Prices Include

4-night accommodation on full board basis
All activities and entertainment on board
port taxes
Complimentary Samsung Galaxy Tablet for guests' use

Prices Exclude

Round trip ticket (economy class)
Round trip transfers: airport – pier - airport
Travel insurance
Optional tours
All other expenses

Pricing per person in €Euro:

Departure

23 May 16

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From

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Booking terms & conditions

Regarding CroisiEurope – Croisimer Products:

Your registration will be taken into account as soon as you have paid the down payment amounting to 30 % of the price of the trip on registration.

The trip cannot be guaranteed unless full payment of the sum has been received within 30 days of the day of departure.

Non-payment of the balance within the given dates shall be considered as a breach and subject to an immediate contract cancellation clause.

As for registrations made within 30 days preceding departure, the total value must be paid at the time of registration.

Cancellation Charges:

In the event of cancellation by the customer, the refunding of sums already paid shall be made after deducting cancellation charges per person, as listed below, depending on the cancellation date in relation to the departure date, and non-refundable expenses such as insurance, booking and visa fees as well as any other cancellation charges required by the suppliers.

Cancellation charges for CroisiEurope river cruises:

- More than 60 days prior to departure: 50 Euros excl. of tax per person
- From 60 to 51 days: 40 % of the total value of the package
- From 50 to 30 days: 50 % of the total value of the package
- From 29 to 20 days: 60 % of the total value of the package
- From 19 to 3 days: 75 % of the total value of the package
- 48 h prior to departure: 100 % of the total value of the package

Cancelling CroisiEurope Cruises:

The Company reserves the right to cancel any cruises in a case of force majeure, adverse climatic or recurrent natural events (rise or fall in water level, cyclone...) or any event likely to result in certain services not being ensured for reasons related to the safety of passengers. Said cancellations can be decided at any time prior to departure with no obligation other than that of refunding sums received. In this case, customers cannot claim any additional damages. Whenever possible CroisiEurope will give passengers the possibility of choosing an alternative cruise of equivalent value and passenger will be entitled to choose between the alternative cruise or a refund, within the terms provided for in such conditions. Should the passenger choose the alternative cruise, he will not be entitled to a refund or compensation. CroisiEurope reserves the right to cancel any cruise up to 21 days prior to departure in the event of insufficient participants; in this case the customer will not be entitled to any form of compensation. The minimum number of participants is set at 80 people for CroisiEurope & CroisiMer cruises, and 130 people for Volga river cruises and 30 people for Dniepr river cruises. Concerning the other destinations in CroisiVoyages stays and tours, the minimum number of participants is indicated in each price table.

Modification in Cabin Categories or Numbers by the Ship-owner:

For technical or operational reasons, river boating companies or ship-owners can allocate a cabin other than the one appointed or chosen by the passenger at the time of booking. Whenever this occurs, the new cabin must at least belong to the same category. Said change cannot be seen as a valid reason for cancellation by the customer or as a significant modification in the contract and shall not therefore give rise to compensation.

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