



## CroisiEurope

A Journey between Central Europe and the Balkans

MS Victor Hugo

10 Nights

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### 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:	Hungary – Serbia – Bosnia - Croatia
Cities:	Budapest - Mohács - Osijek - Vukovar - Novi Sad - Belgrade - Sremska Mitrovica - Brcko - Slavonski Brod - Jasenovac - Sisak - Zagreb - Lake Balaton - Budapest
Duration:	11 Days, 10 Nights
Port of departure:	Budapest
Starting Price:	€1624

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## Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Budapest		
2	Mohács – Osijek - Slavonia		
3	Osijek – Vukovar – Ilok – Novi Sad		
4	Belgrade – Sremska Mitrovica		
5	Sremska Mitrovica – Brčko		
6	Brčko – Slavonski Brod		
7	Slavonski Brod – Jasenovac		
8	Jasenovac – Sisak		
9	Sisak – Zagreb - Sisak		
10	Sisak – Zgorje – Lake Balaton		
11	Lake Balaton – Budapest		



### Day 1: Budapest

Enjoy a welcome cocktail and are introduced to the crew before dinner on board  
The boat sets sail in the early evening

### Day 2: Mohács – Osijek - Slavonia

We have breakfast as we cruise, crossing the border into Croatia at Mohács. The morning is spent cruising as we pass Batina and the nature park of Kopački Rit before arriving in Osijek around 1pm. After lunch on board, our optional excursion this afternoon is to the nature park of Kopački Rit and to Osijek. The nature park of Kopački Rit, located northwest of the confluence of the Drava and the Danube and close to the Serbian border, is one of the largest and most attractive preserved wetlands in Europe. Over its 23,000 hectares, there are 141 different species of birds. After a boat trip around the park we continue our excursion to Osijek, situated in the eastern historic Croatian region of Slavonia. We have a guided visit of the upper town, and learn a little about the Church of St Peter and St Paul, a neo-Gothic brick structure that is so large (90 metres high) and majestic that it is fondly known as a “cathedral”. We then continue to the old town (Tvrđja) where we begin our visit at the 18th century fortress (where there is a fabulous panoramic view over the river) and then head for the main square, where we pause to admire the monument to the Holy Trinity. We return on board for dinner and moor up for the night

### Day 3: Osijek – Vukovar – Ilok – Novi Sad

We set off on our cruise to Vukovar early this morning and have breakfast as we cruise. We arrive in Vukovar around 8am. This was once one of the prettiest towns in the Danube Valley, although today, sadly, it looks more like a city in ruins.

We set off for our optional excursion to the Djakovo Stud Farms and the mediaeval city of Ilok. We head off first of all by coach to Djakovo, where we will be able to admire the “white pearls of Djakovo” at the national Lipizzaner stud farm, one of the oldest of its kind in the world (dating from 1374) with a heritage few countries can boast of. At this time, the town was part of the Habsburg territory and here they reared the beautiful and noble Lipizzaner horses. We visit the stud farm and watch a horse dressage performance before heading off again to the small mediaeval city of Ilok. A noble Italian family, the Odiscalchi, took possession of this town in 1697, leaving behind a rich, historic heritage. We visit the historic centre, the Sanctuary – the church and convent of St John of Capistrano – and the Odiscalchi Castle. We rejoin the boat at Ilok in time for lunch on board. Our cruise continues to Novi Sad, where we arrive around 3pm. Next we have an optional visit of Novi Sad. Located in the southern part of the Great Plain in the Baga region, Novi Sad is the multiethnic capital of Vojvodina. From the Petrovaradin Fortress, the view over the Danube is quite unrestricted. The little lively and colourful historic centre of Novi Sad is absolutely charming. We return on board for dinner and continue our cruise to Belgrade, where we arrive around midnight



**Day 4: Belgrade – Sremska Mitrovica**

We have breakfast on board before our morning's guided visit of Belgrade. Situated at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers, the town has created its own cultural identity base on a mix of Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and Slavic cultures. From the Kalemegdan Fortress, the view over the river and its tributary is delightful. Belgrade is a well spaced out town with a modern feel where the Terazije and Republike squares form a lively centre. We return on board at the end of the morning for lunch and set sail to Sremska Mitrovica. We navigate the River Sava crossing the plain of Vojvodina, the true bread basket of Serbia and a mosaic of nationalities. We dine as we cruise and arrive during the night in Sremska Mitrovica, where we moor up.

**Day 5: Sremska Mitrovica – Br?ko**

We have breakfast on board before our excursion "across the Vojvodina". Around the hamlet of Iriški Venac there are more than 16 Orthodox monasteries and we have the opportunity to absorb Serbian art – a mix of Byzantine style and Baroque architecture. We visit the Orthodox monastery at Krusedol. Founded in the 16th century, it is decorated with lavish paintings. We continue to Sremski Karlovci, a peaceful little town of some 9,000 inhabitants on the banks of the Danube. In the 17th century, once the Turkish threat had gone, the town became the cultural centre for the Serbs of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and seat of the Orthodox Patriarchate. The cultural awakening of the town continued with the creation of the first Serbian school in the 17th century and, in the 19th century, with the meetings of great Men of Letters and theologians. It is well worth walking in this romantic town, visiting the school or the Orthodox Cathedral of Saborna Crkva, built in the style of classicism with late Baroque elements. The interior is richly decorated with wonderful carvings and paintings, and there are many Serbian treasures inside, with the relics of several Serbian saints, rulers and former heads of the Church. We return on board for lunch and set sail again, arriving in Br?ko, in Bosnia, in the early evening. After dinner, we are treated to a Folklore Evening on board – a chance to appreciate the musical and folklore traditions of Bosnia

**Day 6: Briko – Slavonski Brod**

We have all meals on board today. Our morning begins with a walk in Briko. The pedestrian main street, lined with buildings in the traditional architectural style of Austro-Hungary and crossed with Ottoman influences, contrasts with the adjacent streets where the ruins of the recent conflicts live side by side with modern constructions. The boat sets sail towards Slavonski Brod. The River Sava marks the border between Bosnia and Croatia and we pass through Slavonia, the fertile plain of Croatia. We arrive in Slavonski Brod around midnight and moor for the night

**Day 7: Slavonski Brod – Jasenovac**

We have breakfast on board before our guided walking tour of Slavonski Brod. We discover the town centre and its main square, the Franciscan church and the Brod Citadel – an imposing construction in Vauban style, build in the 18th century to protect the Austro-Hungarian Empire from Turkish invasions. We return to the boat and begin our cruise mid-morning to Jasenovac, where we arrive around midnight. Dinner is taken as we cruise, followed by an evening of entertainment on board

**Day 8: Jasenovac – Sisak**

We have breakfast on board before setting off on our excursion to Lonske Polje Nature Park: Here we find a land much favoured by migratory birds during the Lonja floods and the villages with traditional wooden dwellings, where time seems to have stopped, are absolutely charming. In Krapje, we have a presentation of a short film which gives us a greater understanding of this particular region. In Cigoc, we are able to observe the storks which are the pride of the village. Each and every house in the village proudly hosts a nest, with a winged tenant in residence. Later we are also able to try regional produce in an authentic Slavonian farm, decorated according to local tradition. We return on board for lunch and set sail again. We dine as we cruise, arriving mid-evening in Sisak





**Day 9: Sisak – Zagreb - Sisak**

We have breakfast on board before we set off on our full day's optional excursion to Zagreb, with an included lunch of regional specialities. The harmonious combination of architecture and green space makes Zagreb a perfect model for a town. There are many art galleries and museums in Zagreb, housing many treasures, not only those relating to the city but from the world over. Try to visit the University Library (built in Secession style) or the cemetery, cultivated like an English landscaped garden and an oddly comforting place for a pleasant walk. Here in Zagreb, there is much that is reminiscent of Austria, particularly the coloured buildings and culinary specialities. Take a walk along the steep streets of Gradec and Kaptol, the historic centre of Zagreb. Tonight we have our Gala dinner on board

**Day 10: Sisak – Zagorje – Lake Balaton**

We have breakfast on board then disembark and transfer by coach to Varaždin, in the Zagorje province, north-west of Zagreb. We begin with a visit of the historic town of Varaždin, a real Baroque gem. Pleasant squares, pastel painted palaces and the graceful silhouette of the chateau form a harmonious and captivating whole, with all the characteristic charms typical of Central European cities. We have lunch then continue towards Lake Balaton which is a favourite short break destination for Hungarians. We travel along the lakeside to Balatonfüred, where we arrive late afternoon. This is one of the oldest health resorts on the Northern shores of the lake and is much appreciated for its aristocratic charm and its beautiful shady lakeside promenades lined with plane trees. We have dinner and spend the night in our hotel

**Day 11: Lake Balaton – Budapest**

We have breakfast at the hotel before we spend the morning on our guided visit of Tihany. This peninsula is truly captivating and we will surely be unable to resist the charms of its beautiful setting and baroque Benedictine abbey. We have time to explore independently before we leave Lake Balaton and head for Budapest. Here there is free time for lunch. (arrival around 2pm). End of our journey

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**Prices Exclude**

Round trip ticket (economy class)  
Round trip transfers: airport – pier - airport  
Travel insurance  
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### Regarding CroisiEurope – Croisimer Products:

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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
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### 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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