









# A journey between Central Europe and the Balkans

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**Visit:** BUDAPEST - MOHACS - OSIJEK - ILOK - NOVI SAD - BELGRADE - BRCKO - SLAVONSKI BROD - JASENOVAC - SISAK - Zagreb(1) - SISAK - Lake Balaton - Budapest

# **Detailed Itinerary**

# Day 01: DAY 1: BUDAPEST

Transfer by coach from the airport to the port in Budapest. Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner.



# Day 02: DAY 2: MOHÁCS - OSIJEK - Slavonia

We'll sail and cross the border into Croatia in Mohàcs, passing Batina and the nature park of Kopacki Rit before reaching Osijek. This afternoon, join us for an optional excursion to the Kopacki Rit Nature Park and to Osijek. The nature park, located close to the confluence of the Drava and the Danube, is one of the largest and most attractive preserved wetlands in Europe.

#### Day 03: DAY 3: OSIJEK - ILOK - NOVI SAD

We'll cruise towards Vukovar, one of the prettiest towns in the Danube Valley. Join us for an optional excursion to the medieval city of Ilok. We'll return on board and cruise to Novi Sad. Join us for an optional guided visit of Novi Sad: located in the Great Plain, the city is the multi-ethnic capital of Vojvodina. We'll return on board and cruise to Belgrade.

# Day 04: DAY 4: BELGRADE

Join us this morning for an optional guided tour of Belgrade. Located at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers, the town has created its own cultural identity based on a mix of Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and Slavic cultures. This afternoon, join us for an optional excursion across Vojvodina: Around the hamlet of Iriski Venac are more than 16 Orthodox monasteries, the chance to discover Serbian art - a mix of Byzantine style and Baroque architecture. We'll return on board and start sailing.

## Day 05: DAY 5: BRCKO

Today will be spent cruising towards Brcko. Our cruise will take us along the Sava River, crossing the plain of Vojvodina, a genuine bread basket of Serbia with a mosaic of cultures. Upon reaching Brcko, enjoy a traditional folklore evening on board.

## Day 06: DAY 6: BRCKO - SLAVONSKI BROD

We'll cruise towards Slavonski Brod. The Sava River marks the border between Bosnia and Croatia, and we'll pass through Slavonia, the fertile plain of Croatia, reaching Slavonski Brod in the afternoon. Enjoy time at leisure.

## Day 07: DAY 7: SLAVONSKI BROD - JASENOVAC

Join us for a walking tour through Slavonski Brod. You'll discover the town center and its main square, the Franciscan church and the Brod Citadel - an imposing construction in Vauban style, built to protect the Austro-Hungarian Empire from Turkish invasions. We'll return on board and cruise to Jasenovac, reaching it in the evening. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

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# Day 08: DAY 8: JASENOVAC - SISAK

Join us for an excursion to Lonjsko Polje Nature Park: A land much favored by migratory birds when the Lonja floods. We'll cruise towards Sisak, reaching it in the evening.

#### Day 09: DAY 9: SISAK - Zagreb - SISAK

Join us for an optional excursion to Zagreb. The harmonious combination of architecture and green space makes Zagreb a perfect model for a town. Even the cemetery, cultivated like an English landscaped garden, is a comforting place for a pleasant walk. Take a stroll along the steep streets of Gradec and Kaptol, the historic center of Zagreb. We'll return on board for our gala dinner and evening.

## Day 10: DAY 10: SISAK - Zagorje - Lake Balaton

We'll disembark and be transferred by coach to Varazdin, in the Zagorje province. Join us for a guided visit of the historic town of Varazdin, a real Baroque gem. Then we'll continue towards Lake Balaton, a favorite short break destination for Hungarians. We'll settle into our 3-star hotel LS for the night.

# Day 11: DAY 11: Lake Balaton - Budapest

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll set out for a guided tour of Tihany. This peninsula is truly captivating and you'll be charmed by its beautiful setting and its baroque Benedictine abbey. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to Budapest, stopping for lunch along the way (not included). End of our services.

#### Inclusion

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - on board drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - welcome cocktail - onboard entertainment - gala dinner - assistance from our onboard multilingual host/hostess - onboard folklore evening - transfer by coach from the airport to the port in Budapest on D1 - transfers by coach on D10 and D11 - services of a tour guide on D10 and D11 - guided tours of Varazdin and Tihany - lunch in Varazdin - accommodation at a 3-star hotel LS in or near Balatonfüred - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

#### **Exclusion**

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - lunch on D11 - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

#### Note

\*Price based on double occupancy

Ship available for this cruise are MS Victor Hugo.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

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For other amazing cruise itineraries and destinations, please contact our Destination specialists.

(Shore Excursions available on request) No shore excursion on the non listed days.

Child discount (2-9 years): - 20% (On request)

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### • 2-DAY/1-NIGHT EXTENSION INCLUDED

- o Lake Balaton and Varazdin
- o Including a visit to the Tihany Peninsula,
- One night's accommodation in a 3-star hotel in **Balatonfüred** & visit to **Varazdin**
- Discover(1):
  - The contrasting capitals of **Belgrade** and **Zagreb**
  - o Lonjsko Polje & Kopacki Rit Nature Parks
  - Osijek
  - The medieval city of **Ilok**
  - o Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci

#### THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- All meals included DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine Gala dinner and evening Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# **Tour Dates & Pricing**