

Eastern Europe Explorer

VIENNA TO BUCHAREST, 15 DAYS

Eastern Europe Explorer River Cruise Package Includes:

- 12-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the stunning *River Countess*, the luxurious *River Duchess*, or the lovely *River Princess*
- 2 nights at the deluxe Radisson Blu Bucharest (or similar) with breakfast
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas during your cruise
- 9 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Use of bicycles during your cruise
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "What are the Balkans?"
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **6,475** per person,
From **6,475** cruise only



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Trace the millennia-old timeline along the Danube to the Black Sea

Cruise through seven countries—Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania—and visit five capitals, seeing sights that you won't forget, immersing yourself in new cultures, meeting new friends, and discovering the surprising flavors of colorful folklore, musical traditions, and culinary delights.

This cruise showcases recent historic and political changes in Central and Eastern Europe. Vibrant capitals like Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest, Belgrade, and Bratislava show the cultural diversity of their proud citizens. History, nature, and hospitable people are all awaiting your discovery on this all-encompassing Eastern Europe cruise.

Celtic fortifications, Medieval towns, Turkish baths, 19th-century Neoclassical architecture, Roman ruins, and modern resorts make this one of the most extraordinary, eye-opening voyages in the world. Not to mention the natural beauty of pastoral landscapes, the Danube's famed Iron Gates, Bulgaria's Black Sea shores, and quaint Medieval towns. All of this and more awaits on your exploration of Eastern Europe.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Those who wish to witness the dramatic changes in Eastern European

countries. Nature lovers inspired by dramatic scenery, and fans of architecture and archeology will delight in the spectacular structures and ancient ruins.



Vienna to Bucharest

Day	Port
Days 1–2	Vienna (embark)
Day 3	Bratislava
Day 4	Budapest
Day 5	Budapest, cruising the Danube
Day 6	Vukovar (Osijek)
Day 7	Belgrade
Day 8	Kostolac (Viminacium)
Day 9	Cruising the scenic Iron Gates, Vidin
Day 10	Vidin (Belgradchik)
Day 11	Rouse
Day 12	Rouse (Varna and a Black Sea cruise)
Day 13	Giurgiu (disembark), transfer to Bucharest
Day 14	Bucharest
Day 15	Bucharest, transfer to the airport

Bucharest to Vienna

Day	Port
Days 1–2	Bucharest
Day 3	Bucharest, transfer to Giurgiu (embark)
Day 4	Rouse (Varna and a Black Sea cruise)
Day 5	Rouse
Day 6	Vidin (Belgradchik)
Day 7	Cruising the scenic Iron Gates, Kostolac
Day 8	Kostolac (Viminacium), Belgrade
Day 9	Belgrade
Day 10	Vukovar (Osijek)
Day 11	Cruising the Danube, Budapest
Day 12	Budapest
Day 13	Bratislava
Day 14	Vienna
Day 15	Vienna (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:

April 6, 9, May 15, 28, 31, July 2, 22, August 19, September 29, October 6

Departure Dates:

April 16, 19, May 25, June 7, 10, July 12, August 1, 29, October 9, 16

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Day 1: Vienna

Arrive at Vienna International Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Vienna

Featured Excursion: Vienna city tour

Capture Vienna's imperial history during a tour that takes you along the stately Ringstrasse. Stroll through the Hofburg grounds to St. Stephen's Cathedral, and visit the Austrian National Library. (BB, L, D)

Note: On Mondays, the Mozart House will be visited instead of the library.

Day 3: Bratislava

Featured Excursion: Bratislava walking tour

Admire Bratislava's eclectic architecture of Gothic, Baroque, and Art Deco styles on your walking tour. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 4: Budapest

Featured Excursion: Budapest city tour

Your panoramic tour of Budapest gives you a sweeping view of all its famous sights. (BB, L, D)

Day 5: Budapest, cruising the Danube

Enjoy the morning at leisure in Budapest before cruising the Danube. (BB, L, D)

Day 6: Vukovar (Osijek)

Featured Excursions: Tour of Osijek, home-hosted lunch, and school visit

Tour Osijek and experience Croatian life while meeting students during a school visit and enjoying a home-hosted lunch. (BB, L, D)

Note: School visit not available during school holidays.

Day 7: Belgrade

Featured Excursion: Belgrade city tour

You'll be taken on a panoramic drive through Belgrade, which features the Belgrade Fortress in Kalemegdan Park, St. Sava Cathedral, and a visit to Tito's Memorial. (BB, L, D)

Day 8: Kostolac (Viminacium)

Featured Excursion: Viminacium archeological site

Resident archeologists bring the historic grandeur of the excavations at Viminacium alive. The former Roman city boasted villas, thermal baths, a mausoleum, and even an amphitheater. (BB, L, D)

Day 9: Cruising the scenic Iron Gates, Vidin

Relax onboard as you cruise the spectacular Iron Gates, an 80-mile sequence of gorges that the mighty Danube cut through the Carpathian Mountains and one of the most dramatic natural displays of beauty in Europe. (BB, L, D)


Day 10: Vidin (Belogradchik)


Featured Excursion: Baba Vida Fortress and Belogradchik rock formations


Visit the legendary Medieval Baba Vida Fortress and Belogradchik, a fairytale world of weathered red sandstone in fantastic formations and one of the natural wonders of Bulgaria. (BB, L, D)

Day 11: Rousse


Enjoy leisure time exploring Rousse, Bulgaria's fourth-largest city. Walk along the lively pedestrian zone, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Music Concert


 Dining Out

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

BB = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 12: Rousse (Varna and a Black Sea cruise)



Featured Excursions: Full-day Varna and a Black Sea cruise

Visit Varna's Archeological Museum, home to the oldest gold treasure in the world. Savor Bulgarian cuisine, and enjoy an exclusive cruise on the Black Sea. (BB, L, D)

Note: Black Sea cruise may not be possible in adverse weather conditions.

Day 13: Giurgiu, Bucharest



Featured Excursion: Bucharest city tour
After disembarking the ship, enjoy a Bucharest city tour. (BB, L)

Day 14: Bucharest

Enjoy a full day at leisure. (BB)

Day 15: Depart Bucharest



Transfer to the Bucharest Otopeni Airport, or extend your stay in Istanbul.

Extend your vacation with these exciting pre- or post-optional extensions



Prague – The “City of Spires” offers the most eclectic assortment of architecture in Europe, along with plenty of beauty and grace.

Included in your 4-day stay:

- 3 nights at the superior first class Hilton Old Town Hotel (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- Prague city tour
- Quietvox

Only NZ\$1,295 per person (single supplement NZ\$490)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Vienna.



Istanbul – Walk the streets where crusaders once marched, admire Islamic mosques, and hunt for bargains in the Grand Bazaar in this exotic, cosmopolitan city.

Included in your 4-day stay:

- Flight from Bucharest to Istanbul or vice versa
- 3 nights at the superior first class Crowne Plaza Istanbul Hotel (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- Full day Istanbul tour

Only NZ\$1,459 per person (single supplement NZ\$490)

Notes: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Bucharest.

Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$3,200 per couple** (NZ\$1,600 per person) off cruise rates on suites or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,600 per couple** (NZ\$800 per person) on category 3, 4, and 5 staterooms.

-OR-

Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **November 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$800 per couple** (NZ\$400 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Apr 6, 9	NZ\$6,475	<i>River Countess, Princess</i>
Apr 16*	NZ\$6,699	<i>River Countess</i>
Apr 19*	NZ\$6,799	<i>River Princess</i>
May 15	NZ\$7,275	<i>River Duchess</i>
May 25; 28, 31	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Duchess, Countess, Princess</i>
Jun 7; 10*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Countess, Princess</i>
Jul 2, 12*	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Duchess</i>
Jul 22	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Princess</i>
Aug 1; 19	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Princess, Duchess</i>
Aug 29*	NZ\$7,750	<i>River Duchess</i>
Sep 29	NZ\$8,250	<i>River Countess</i>
Oct 6	NZ\$8,250	<i>River Duchess</i>
Oct 9*	NZ\$7,925	<i>River Countess</i>
Oct 16*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Duchess</i>

* On these dates cruise operates from Bucharest to Vienna.

- Port Charges: NZ\$272 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck.

- A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.

- Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	NZ\$350	Category 1	NZ\$1,975
Category 3	NZ\$999	Suite	NZ\$3,275
Category 2	NZ\$1,499	See Deck Plans on pages 119, 120, 122	