

11 Day Itinerary Budapest > Bucharest - ITINERARY DETAILS - EMBB

1. Day 1 - Arrival Budapest

Budapest the capital of Hungary is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. You will be met at the airport and taken to your hotel. Included is a two-night stay in Budapest.

2. Day 2 - Budapest

Enjoy a guided tour of the city, passing by sights like the Hungarian Parliament Building, the Buda Castle and the Chain Bridge linking Buda and Pest.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

3. Day 3 - Budapest - Embarkation

Transfer by coach from your hotel to the Emerald Waterways star-ship. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner and drinks.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

4. Day 4 - Kalocsa

Early this morning we sail out of Budapest towards Kalocsa, one of the oldest towns in Hungary, famous for the production of paprika. This afternoon, visit a local Puszta Horse Farm and enjoy a performance showcasing the exceptional riding skills of Magyar horseman. Tonight, the Captain will be delighted to host a gala dinner.

You're Invited: Visit to Puszta Horse Farm

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

5. Day 5 - Osijek

Cruise into the border region of Croatia today, an area that was heavily damaged during the Croatian War of Independence at the end of the communist era. Compare stories back at the ship and enjoy an evening of sailing further down the Danube into Serbia, where remnants of former conflicts can be regularly seen along the river banks.

You're Invited: Home Hosted Lunch with a Croatian Family

You're Invited: Meet students from the local village

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

6. Day 6 - Belgrade

Serbia's vibrant capital awaits today, your city tour includes a visit to Tito's Memorial, the impressive Fortress Kalemegdan and St Sava Church which is the world's largest orthodox cathedral.

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Biking Tour

You're Invited: Serbian Folklore Evening Show

DiscoverMORE: National Opera Theatre Tour (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7. Day 7 - Golubac

Today you will embark on an incredible journey to the archaeological excavation site Lepinski Vir. Located on the right bank of the Danube in the Djerdap gorge (The Iron gates of the Danube) near the town of Donji Milanovac, Lepenski Vir was the centre of one of the most complex prehistoric cultures. Rich cultural layers reveal traces of a highly developed culture that had complex social relations and as such was the first discovered urban settlement in Europe. Return to the ship and sail towards the narrow gorge between the European Alps and Carpathian Mountains, known as the Iron Gates.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

8. Day 8 - Vidin

Arrive in Vidin, the most western town in Bulgaria. Your day will begin with an included tour visiting a local vineyard with wine tasting. Later, visit the medieval Baba Vida Fortress. Alternatively, embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike to Belogradchik rock fortress. Tonight, join your Captain for a farewell reception and dinner.

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Belogradchik

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

9. Day 9 - Rousse – Veliko Tarnovo & Arbanasi

Today your ship will cruise to Rousse and visit the impressive cliff top town of Veliko Tarnovo, the former capital of the Bulgarian empire known once as the 'city of the Tsars'. Visit the historic town of Arbanasi perched on a high plateau overlooking the Yantra River and lined with traditional houses. The town is known for its 17th and 18th century churches and many examples of Bulgarian National Revival architecture.

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Ivanovo Church

You're Invited: Choir Concert in Arbanasi

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

10. Day 10 - Giurgiu Disembarkation - Bucharest

This morning, disembark your Emerald Waterways luxury river cruise and journey by road to Romania's capital, Bucharest. The city's wide avenues have a distinctly French feel; in fact, the city is often referred to as the Paris of the East. Included is a one-night stay in Bucharest.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

11. Day 11 - Bucharest Farewell

Your tour concludes after breakfast when you are transferred to the airport for your onward or home bound flight.

Meals Included: Breakfast