

PALACE TOURS

Danube Delights I: Vienna to Bucharest, 10 Nights

10 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Sail from Vienna to Romania on a luxury Danube River Cruise featuring Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Belgrade, Novi Sad, and the breathtaking Iron Gates Gorge.

The main attraction of this 11-day cruise is the unique beauty of the scenery along the Danube. The journey begins in the imperial city of Vienna and continues to one of the oldest cities in Europe, Belgrade, located on the border between the ancient empires of the East and West. Following the river to Romania, the ship will pass through the impressive Iron Gates, a natural gorge that separates the Carpathian Mountains from the Balkan Mountains. The journey ends at Turnu Magurele, an ancient Byzantine fortress at the confluence of the Olt and Danube rivers.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

VIENNA

Board the ship from 4PM and settle into your cabin. Enjoy a welcome cocktail, followed by dinner on board. The ship remains overnight in Vienna, allowing you to begin your journey in Austria's elegant capital.

DAY 2

VIENNA

Enjoy a full day in Vienna with all meals included on board. After breakfast, join a panoramic city tour featuring some of Vienna's most iconic landmarks, including the State Opera House, City Hall, Parliament, the Burgtheater, and the magnificent Hofburg Imperial Palace. Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure before the ship departs for Bratislava around midnight. Overnight on board.





DAY 3

BRATISLAVA

Arrive in Bratislava early in the morning. A guided city tour introduces the highlights of Slovakia's charming capital, including St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, the Old Town Hall, the National Theatre, and Bratislava Castle. In the afternoon, the ship continues towards Budapest. Overnight on board.

DAY 4

BUDAPEST



Following lunch, arrive in Budapest, one of Europe's most beautiful capitals. Divided by the Danube into historic Buda and vibrant Pest, the city offers a fascinating blend of culture and architecture. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour including the Parliament Building, State Opera House, Heroes' Square, Central Market Hall, Chain Bridge, and Fisherman's Bastion. In the evening, admire Budapest illuminated at night during an overnight stay in port.



DAY 5

BUDAPEST

Spend another day discovering Budapest at your own pace. Explore the contrasting districts of Buda and Pest, each with its own distinctive character. Wander through medieval streets, admire Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture, and experience the rich cultural influences that have shaped the city over centuries. Overnight on board.

DAY 6

MOHÁCS



Arrive in the historic town of Mohács after breakfast. Known for its role in European history and its famous Busójárás carnival, Mohács offers a glimpse into Hungary's past. Enjoy free time to explore independently or join an optional excursion to Pécs, a UNESCO World Heritage city renowned for its Roman and early Christian heritage (advance reservation required). Passport control will take place at the Serbian border. Overnight on board.



DAY 7

VUKOVAR

Arrive in Vukovar in the morning. Severely affected during the Croatian War of Independence, the city is home to several notable landmarks, including the Eltz Manor, Franciscan Monastery, St. James Church, and the birthplace of Nobel Prize winner Lavoslav Ružicka. Explore independently or join an optional guided walking tour.In the afternoon, continue to Novi Sad, often referred to as the “Athens of Serbia.” Stroll through Liberty Square, admire the Town Hall and the Neo-Gothic Catholic Cathedral, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the pedestrian-friendly city centre. Optional guided tours are available. Overnight on board.

DAY 8

BELGRADE

Arrive in Belgrade, one of Europe’s oldest cities and the vibrant capital of Serbia. A guided city tour showcases key landmarks such as Kalemegdan Fortress, the Temple of Saint Sava, the National Assembly, St. Mark’s Church, and other historic sites. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring the lively Skadarlija district or relaxing on Ada Ciganlija, Belgrade’s popular river island. Overnight on board.





DAY 9

IRON GATES

Today is dedicated to one of the highlights of the voyage: the spectacular Iron Gates Gorge. This dramatic stretch of the Danube forms a natural border between Serbia and Romania and is considered one of Europe’s most impressive river canyons. Along the way, admire landmarks such as Golubac Fortress, Trajan’s Bridge, the Tabula Traiana, and the monumental rock carving of King Decebalus. Overnight on board.

DAY 10

VIDIN



Arrive in Vidin, a charming Bulgarian riverside town best known for the remarkably preserved Baba Vida Fortress, the only fully intact medieval fortress in Bulgaria. Enjoy free time exploring the town or join an optional guided excursion to the fortress (advance reservation required). In the evening, celebrate the journey with the Captain's Farewell Dinner. Overnight on board.



DAY 11

TURNU MAGURELE

After breakfast, disembark in Turnu Magurele. An optional transfer to Bucharest Airport is available. End of services.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Aug 31, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$4,904**	**$3,269**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$5,684**	**$3,789**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$7,348**	**$4,199**
Sep 20, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$4,904**	**$3,269**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$5,684**	**$3,789**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$7,348**	**$4,199**

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

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COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

What route does Danube Delights I take from Vienna to Bucharest?

This 10-night cruise sails downstream from Vienna to Turnu Magurele, the Danube port for Bucharest. It calls at Bratislava, Budapest, Mohacs, Vukovar, Novi Sad and Belgrade, cruises the Iron Gates gorge and stops at Vidin in Bulgaria before finishing in Romania.

Which ship sails Danube Delights I?

The cruise operates aboard the MS Fidelio. All staterooms have a private bathroom, individually controlled air-conditioning and river views, with categories differing by deck and by window or balcony type.

Does Danube Delights I include time in Vienna?

Yes. You board in Vienna from 4 PM on Day 1 and the ship stays overnight. Day 2 is a full day in Vienna with a panoramic city tour past the State Opera House, City Hall, Parliament, the Burgtheater and the Hofburg Imperial Palace, before sailing around midnight.

What cabin categories are available on Danube Delights I?

There are three categories on the MS Fidelio:

- Category C - Lower Deck, fixed window (lead fare)
- Category B - Middle Deck, panorama window
- Category A - Upper Deck, French balcony

Categories B and A carry a per-person supplement over the Category C fare.

How much does Danube Delights I cost?

Fares are in US dollars per person sharing a cabin, led by the Category C Lower Deck fare. The exact fare for each departure is shown in the departure list on this page, so you can compare dates and cabin categories before booking.

What is included in the Danube Delights I fare?

Your fare includes the cabin, full-board dining with breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout, a welcome cocktail and captain's events, guided shore excursions as per the itinerary, an English-speaking cruise manager, onboard entertainment, port charges, and Wi-Fi where available.

What costs are not included in Danube Delights I?

International flights, travel insurance, gratuities, drinks not listed, personal expenses and optional excursions are not included. Port and tourist taxes of US$120 per person and a fuel surcharge of US$90 per person are added to the cruise fare.

What will I see in Bratislava on Danube Delights I?

> The ship arrives in Bratislava early on Day 3. A guided city tour covers St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, the Old Town Hall, the National Theatre and Bratislava Castle, and in the afternoon the ship continues towards Budapest.

What does the Budapest visit include?

> The ship reaches Budapest after lunch on Day 4. A guided sightseeing tour takes in the Parliament Building, the State Opera House, Heroes' Square, Central Market Hall, the Chain Bridge and Fisherman's Bastion, in a city divided by the Danube into Buda and Pest.

What is the Iron Gates section of the cruise?

> The Iron Gates Gorge is one of the Danube's most dramatic stretches, forming the border between Serbia and Romania. Sights along the way include Golubac Fortress, the remains of Trajan's Bridge, the Tabula Traiana and the huge rock carving of King Decebalus.

Which countries does Danube Delights I pass through?

> The cruise visits seven countries: Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. It covers the Upper, Middle and Lower Danube in one voyage, finishing near Bucharest.

Is there a single supplement on Danube Delights I?

> Yes. Single occupancy is priced at a 50% supplement on the per-person rate for Categories C and B, and a 75% supplement for Category A. Solo cabins are limited, so it is best to ask early for your preferred date.

What deposit is needed and when is the final payment due?

> A 25% deposit secures your cabin on Danube Delights I. The balance is due 65 days before departure, and bookings made within 65 days of sailing are paid in full when booked.

Is there child pricing on Danube Delights I?

> Yes, children sharing with adults are priced in two bands by age at departure: from 0 up to 5 years, and from 5 up to 12 years. A travel specialist will confirm the child fare and cabin arrangement for your date.

When are the Danube Delights I departures?

> Departures on sale run from 11 May 2027 to 20 September 2027, spanning late spring, summer and early autumn. All available dates are listed on this page with their current fares.

How do I get to the ship in Vienna and home from Bucharest?

> International flights and individual transfers are not included, so most guests fly into Vienna and out of Bucharest, the capital served by the port of Turnu Magurele. Our travel specialists can help you plan arrival and departure arrangements.

How is Danube Delights I different from Danube Delights II?

> Both are 10-night cruises on the MS Fidelio with the same ports of call. Danube Delights I sails downstream from Vienna to Bucharest, while Danube Delights II runs the reverse route, so you can pick the direction that best fits your flights.

Are the shore excursions guided and in English?

> Yes. Guided shore excursions as per the itinerary are included, and an English-speaking cruise manager accompanies the cruise. Optional excursions, such as a guided visit to the Baba Vida fortress in Vidin, can be added at extra cost.

Is Danube Delights I a good choice for a first river cruise?

> It suits first-time river cruisers well: you unpack once, meals and guided excursions are included, and the itinerary links great capitals such as Vienna, Budapest and Belgrade with the scenery of the Iron Gates, all with an English-speaking cruise manager on hand.

How do I ask a question or book Danube Delights I: Vienna to Bucharest?

> The departure list on this page is bookable directly. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply.

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