

# 9 Days Balkan Odyssey (woкy)

Bucharest to Zagreb





# **ALWAYS INCLUDED (COMPLIMENTARY)**

- Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- USB Ports in stateroom
- River view staterooms
- Premium L'Occitane bath products
- Bathrobes & slippers
- One shore excursion per day
- Bikes for use on shore
- Maps for hiking, biking & jogging routes
- Fitness and wellness activities
- Whirlpool on the Sky Deck
- 24-hour self-serve premium coffee, tea, snacks
- Fresh fruit daily

# Itinerary

# Day 1 BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Welcome to Bucharest—The "Paris of the East"

The day is yours to relax and enjoy Bucharest. Spend some free time exploring this fascinating city on your own to discover its trendy shops, cafés, museums, beautiful homes, and churches along Victory Avenue.

- Wine, beer & soft drinks with Lunch & Dinner
- Welcome & farewell cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés
- Flexible dining times
- Daily a la carte Breakfast & Lunch
- Daily four-course a la carte Dinner in the Panorama Dining Room
- Early and Late Riser breakfast options
- Alternative light Lunch on the Sky Deck (weather permitting)
- Alternative Dining with tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro
- Afternoon Tea with tea, coffee, sweet treats



# Day 2 BUCHAREST – OLTENITA (EMBARKATION)

Beautiful Boulevards and Bold History

CLASSIC Take a Guided Tour of the Romanian capital city of Bucharest with its tree-lined boulevards and Arc de Triomphe—honoring WWI Romanian soldiers. See the Royal Palace Square—the scene of the city's 1989 riots to overthrow the communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Travel to Oltenita to board your Avalon Suite Ship<sup>®</sup> this afternoon.

## **OLTENITA (EMBARKATION)**

Your Adventure Begins

Explore your Avalon Suite Ship<sup>®</sup> this evening and enjoy a dinner on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO NIKOPOL

🃖 Breakfast 🌥 Dinner

Day 3 NIKOPOL. VELIKO TÂRNOVO & ARBANASSI EXCURSION

**Cliff Houses and Revival Architecture** 

CLASSIC Join a full-day Guided Tour to the former Bulgarian capital of Veliko Târnovo—with its ancient stone houses clinging to the cliffs above the Yantra River, OR:

ACTIVE See Nikopol from atop, hike up to a viewpoint with your Adventure Host.

Discover one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria (circa 4300 BC), as well as the Bulgarian Revival architecture in the 15th-century town of Arbanassi.

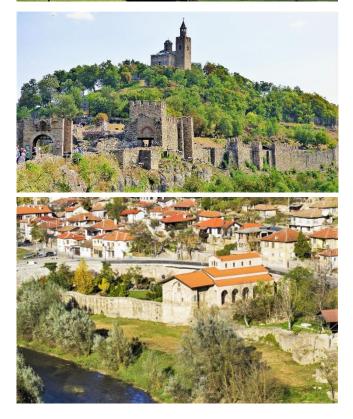
OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIDIN

🃖 Breakfast 🌥 Dinner









#### Day 4 VIDIN, BULGARIA

Rocks, Ruins and Beauty in Bulgaria

CLASSIC Join Guided Sightseeing in Vidin, followed by a Guided Tour of Belogradchik. Marvel at the remarkable rock formations on the western slopes of the Balkan Mountains, sculpted by 200 million years of natural elements, OR:

ACTIVE Enjoy an easy hiking experience in Vidin with your Adventure Host.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board with a Bulgarian folklore show.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DONJI MILANOVAC

#### Day 5 IRON GATES GORGE–DONJI MILANOVAC. EXCURSION TO LEPENSKI VIR – GOLUBAČ Ancient Artifacts and the Iron Gates

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

Sail through the spectacular and narrow Iron Gates Gorge—a natural border between Serbia and Romania.

CLASSIC Join a Guided Tour to Lepenski Vir—an important Mesolithic archaeological site chronicling prehistoric cultures, settlements, and art. Marvel at the ancient discoveries and artifacts, as well as the unique views the site affords of the Danube Gorge, OR:

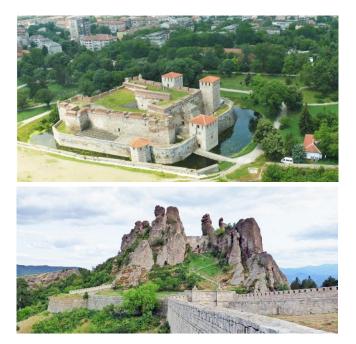
ACTIVE Explore Donji Milanovac by bike with your Adventure Host.

#### GOLUBAČ

Enjoy a brief sailing to Golubač.

CLASSIC Visit the Fortress of Golubač, one of the bestpreserved medieval fortresses in Europe. You'll hear about its tumultuous history as a border control defense in the Middle Ages, and a source of conflict between Serbia, the Habsburg Monarchy and the Ottoman Empire.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BELGRADE





#### Day 6 BELGRADE, SERBIA Fortresses and Folklore

CLASSIC Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Belgrade where the Danube and Sava Rivers converge—and see the city's many fascinating sights, including Saint Sava, one of the world's largest Orthodox churches, OR:

ACTIVE See Belgrade's central walkway with your Adventure Host.

Spend free time in Belgrade exploring Knez Mihailova Street—Belgrade's central pedestrian thoroughfare with many lively cafés, shops, and cultural spots.

DISCOVERY Before dinner, attend an onboard Lecture to learn about the rich history, destinations, and culture of the Balkan states.

This evening, you might like to join an Optional Excursion for an authentic Bohemian Dinner in the Quarter of Skadarlija.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO NOVI SAD

Day 7 NOVI SAD – ILOK, CROATIA A Capital of Culture

CLASSIC Join a Guided Tour of Novi Sad, the second largest town in Serbia. Admire its Austro-Hungarian old town, with its baroque buildings, and ancient fortifications, OR:

ACTIVE Enjoy a relaxing walk in Novi Sad with your Adventure Host.

Enjoy a brief cruise to llok while having lunch onboard.

## ILOK, CROATIA

Croatian Heritage and Hilltop Vintages

CLASSIC Join a Guided Tour of Ilok, with its 1,000-yearold winemaking tradition still thriving and its medieval fortress protected for its Croatian cultural heritage.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO OSIJEK











# Day 8 OSIJEK (DISEMBARKATION)-ZAGREB

#### A Night in Zagreb

Disembark your ship this morning and travel to Zagreb.

CLASSIC Take a Guided Tour of the Croatian capital city of Zagreb and discover its rich history dating from the Roman times to the present day.

Spend some free time exploring this fascinating city on your own to discover its Austro-Hungarian architecture.

Do not miss pedestrian-friendly Tkalčićeva Street, lined with outdoor cafes.

🃖 Breakfast

## Day 9 ZAGREB

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

🇯 Breakfast





#### Notes:

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

