



Experience Eastern Europe

26 May to 17 June 2018

Cruise the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest
and tour Croatia, Montenegro & Slovenia



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Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest, Hungary

23 Day Experience Eastern Europe

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I am sure that many of our guests will agree with me when I say that river cruising from Amsterdam to Budapest is a lifetime travel favourite! Well now I invite you to complete the journey. Please join me as we continue down the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest!

Evergreen's award-winning deluxe "Star Ships" have been chosen to take us there. Enjoy the on board pool that transforms into a cinema, elegant restaurant, casual outdoor dining – all the facilities we have come to expect in modern comfort. Ashore all the must see inclusions are covered creating the perfect way to explore the interesting cities and cultures beyond.



Marce McClelland
Tour Manager

Once land based, our comprehensive tour will again ensure that we see many highlights in Croatia, Montenegro & Slovenia.

With two night stays and many relaxing day time activities such as island cruises, scenic drives and afternoons at leisure; I am sure that you will enjoy. This region is enjoying huge tourist popularity at this time.

We expect great interest in this unique tour from past River Cruisers and those curious to explore new countries. I encourage you to book immediately to avoid disappointment.

Saturday, 26 May
Boarding Emerald Star Ship
Overnight Budapest (D)

We will be met and transferred from the airport to our Emerald Waterways luxury river cruise ship. This evening join fellow travellers for a welcome dinner and drinks.

Sunday, 27 May **Kalocsa**
(B, L, D)

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



Decebal's head carved in rock, Iron Gates Natural Park, Romania



Farm and enjoy a performance showcasing the exceptional riding skills of Magyar horseman. Tonight the Captain will be delighted to host a gala dinner.

Monday, 28 May **Osijek** (B, L, D)

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. In Osijek we will tour the Fortress and enjoy 'home hosted lunches' with Croatian families. Back on board, share stories about your experience 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.

Tuesday, 29 May **Belgrade** (B, L, D)

Serbia's vibrant capital awaits today. Our city tour will include a visit to Tito's Memorial, the impressive Fortress Kalemegdan and St Sava Church which



Budapest, Hungary

is the world's largest orthodox cathedral. We have also included a tour to the National Opera Theatre, the pride and joy of Belgrade and Serbia. There will be an opportunity for active tour members to go biking today and tonight we will all experience a Serbian Folklore Show.

Wednesday, 30 May **Kostolac** (B, L, D)

Today we will embark on an incredible journey to the first and biggest architectural archaeological excavation in Eastern Europe, the Viminacium Archaeological Excavation Site and Museum. This site was one of the most important Roman cities and military camps in the period from 1st to 4th centuries. Its exceptional strategic importance was reflected both in the defence of the northern border of the Roman Empire and in turn of communications and commercial transactions. Back on board, enjoy a Cooking Class demonstration.

Thursday, 31 May **Vidin** (B, L, D)

This morning, relax on board as we sail through the narrow gorge between the European Alps and Carpathian Mountains known as the Iron Gates. The narrow and once dangerous passage boasts spectacular scenery forming the border between Romania and Serbia. Arrive in Vidin, the most eastern town in Bulgaria.

Friday, 1 June **Rousse - Veliko Tarnovo & Arbanasi** (B, L, D)

Today we cruise on 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 valley and lined with traditional houses. The town is known for its 17th and 18th century churches and many examples of Bulgarian National Revival architecture. A Choir Concert will be a memorable experience. Sadly tonight it's already time for our farewell reception and dinner, hosted by the Captain.

Saturday, 2 June **Giurgiu - Bucharest** (B, D)

After we disembark our Emerald Waterways Cruise, we will journey by road to Romania's capital, Bucharest. Our city tour will include the enormous Palace of the Parliament; Europe's largest building constructed by former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. As we enjoy a guided drive through the city's wide avenues you will note a distinctly French feel; in fact the city is often referred to as the Paris of the East. Later in the day we will check in to our Bucharest hotel where we will stay for two nights.

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Complimentary BONUS night in Bucharest



Bucharest, Romania



Sunday, 3 June **Bucharest at leisure** **(B)**

A day at leisure to explore Bucharest where they are rehabilitating its crumbling facades, learning democracy and teaching its citizens how to smile - all are processes that make the city fascinating to visit! Already, a great range of restaurants and coffee shops offer an inventive range of food and some fine Romanian wines. There are museums to visit, parks and gardens to walk in and best of all, everything is very affordable!

Monday, 4 June **Bucharest – Dubrovnik** **(B)**

This morning we will transfer to the airport for our flight (flights purchased separately) to Croatia. On arrival in Dubrovnik we will transfer to our hotel prior to enjoying a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik. The Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace will all be viewed before we continue on to see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Tuesday, 5 June Excursion to Korčula **(B)**

We will travel via Ston, where we will taste the local oysters before driving the Pelješac Peninsula. Since it is famous for wine we will stop at a local winery to taste their most famous vintages.

We will cruise to Korčula Island by local ferry. Our first stop will be an olive oil factory where we will learn about the history of olive oil making and enjoy a tasting of these wonderful oils. Journeying on towards the town of Blato, a stop will be made to see an ethnic collection in the Barilo Ethno house. Our last stop on the Island will be the town of Korčula, reputedly the birthplace of Marco Polo. After a guided walking tour of the town we will return to Dubrovnik.

Wednesday, 6 June **Excursion to Montenegro** **(B)**

Today we travel to the Republic of Montenegro where we head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Enjoy a boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks, one of two small islands off the coast of Perast. The Roman

Catholic Church is the largest building on the island, with a museum attached to it. After returning to the coast, we will stop in Perast, a charming old coastal town. Visit the city of Kotor before returning to Dubrovnik. Your evening is free to enjoy on your own.

Thursday, 7 June **Dubrovnik – Split** **(B)**

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral.



Plitvice Lakes

Friday, 8 June
Excursion to Hvar Island
(B, L)

This morning we take the catamaran to Hvar Island. Upon arrival we will meet with the local guide and enjoy a walking tour of Hvar town. At the end of the tour we will climb to the fortress and take in the view of the bay and the Pakleni Islands.

We will continue towards Velo Grablje village and enjoy the lavender man's story before enjoying a barbecue lunch in an olive grove. After lunch we will return to Hvar town where we will spend the rest of the day until returning to Split by catamaran. The evening is free in Split. Enjoy this buzzing resort city on the Dalmatian Coast.

Saturday, 9 June **Split - Plitvice**
(B, D)

After breakfast we travel to Trogir a center of artistic activities in Croatia. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then, we turn inland and journey to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Upon arrival we will meet with the local guide and start with the tour of the park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Conclude the day with a nice dinner in a nearby local restaurant.

Sunday, 10 June **Plitvice**
(B)

Today we continue sightseeing in the National Park. After a guided tour there will plenty of free time to enjoy the beauty of this National Park on your own.

Monday, 11 June
Plitvice – Lipica – Postojna - Bled
(B)

Slovenia is our destination today. Soon after crossing the border between Croatia and Slovenia we arrive in Lipica, the home of the famous Lipizzaner horses.



Bohinj alpine lake

After the tour of the stud farm we will enjoy this world famous horse show. Then we continue to Postojna Cave, one of the largest caves in Europe. We will explore this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterwards, we continue to Bled, beautifully located at the foot of the Julian Alps.

Tuesday, 12 June **Bled & Bohinj**
(B,D)

We will spend the whole day in the Alpine world. First we take a pletna boat ride on Lake Bled to visit the gorgeous little chapel on Maria Island. At the neighbouring village of Bohinj, also famous for its beautiful alpine lake, time will be spent at the Shepherd museum followed by a tasting of the local cheeses.

After participating in a butter making workshop our Alpine experience will conclude by taking the cable car up to the Mt Vogel where we will revel in the magnificent views before returning back to the valley. Afternoon is at leisure until we depart for dinner at Bled Castle.

Wednesday, 13 June
Bled - Ljubljana
(B, D)

Morning at leisure prior to us departing the peace and tranquility and returning to hustle and bustle in Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana.

A walking sightseeing tour will give us

an opportunity to get to know this vibrant city. The sights of the old city centre, including the picturesque open-air Central Market, Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain will all delight. The tour will conclude on the top of Castle Hill with a nice dinner in a local restaurant.

Thursday, 14 June **Ljubljana**
(B)

Ljubljana will be viewed from another perspective this morning, whilst we cruise on the river with seven names. Ancient buildings such as Ljubljana Castle, some of the embassies and newly renewed river banks will delight. As we approach the old town we will have a magnificent view of the Cobblers' Bridge, one of many ancient bridges along the way. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the city as you wish.

Friday, 15 June **Ljubljana - Zagreb**
(B)

Today we leave Slovenia but before we do we will make a stop in Novo Mesto. This once royal town is famous for the exquisite Otočec Castle where we will stop for a visit and coffee before driving on to Zagreb. Upon arrival we will enjoy a sightseeing tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town or relax in a café. (B)

**Saturday, 16 June
(B, L, D)**

Zagreb

A final day for exploring so we are heading to the Croatian countryside. Our first stop will be the Trakošćan castle which rises above the land as if in a fairy tale. After touring the castle we proceed to Grešna Gorica where we enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Our final stop before returning to Zagreb will be in Krapina where we will visit the Neanderthal Museum. Tonight we transfer to a local restaurant for our farewell dinner.

**Sunday, 17 June
(B)**

Depart Zagreb

Sadly, our tour comes to an end today. A transfer will be provided to Zagreb airport for tour members to fly home or to connect to chosen destinations throughout Europe.

Package details

23 Days/22 nights

The services of Maree McClelland, Tour Manager throughout

INCLUSIONS

Whilst cruising:

- 7 night Danube River cruise on board a luxury Evergreen Starship
- Daily shore excursions, entertainment as detailed
- The services of an Evergreen Tours Cruise Director
- Gratuities, port taxes and charges included
- Transfers to and from ship
- 22 superb meals including 8 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 8 Dinners (D)
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board

Whilst on land:

- 2 nights Bucharest
- Guided Drive through Bucharest and visit to Parliament Palace
- 13 nights touring in Croatia & Slovenia
- Modern air-conditioned coach, headsets
- English speaking guide throughout
- Wings Away exclusive touring, entrance fees and guides as per the daily itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Porterage at hotels
- 15 Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunches (L) and 4 Dinners (D)

Package costs from *

Emerald Starship Cabin Category

Cost Per Person - TWIN SHARE*

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| RIVIERA DECK – window/natural light | |
| Stateroom Category E | \$9,995 |
| Stateroom Category D | \$10,185 |
| VISTA DECK – balcony suites | |
| Stateroom Category C | \$10,970 |
| Stateroom Category B | \$11,120 |
| HORIZON DECK – balcony suites | |
| Stateroom Category A | \$11,320 |
| Grand Balcony Suite S | \$11,695 |
| Owner's One Bedroom Suite SA | \$12,295 |

**Cost per person based on twin share. Sole use packages on application. Fares are subject to availability and currency fluctuation. Airfares not included. Past Evergreen passengers may be entitled to further reductions and credits upon presentation of Evergreen Explorers member number at time of booking. Packages Exclude: Air fares throughout, Gratuities for driver/guides whilst touring.*

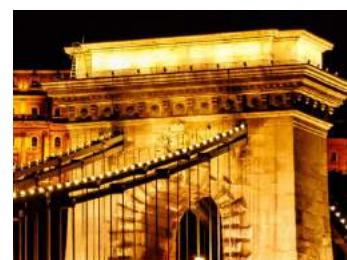
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BUDAPEST: pre tour stopover package

If you have not visited Budapest in the past, you must consider visiting pre tour!

Budapest is one of Eastern Europe's liveliest cities, spanning the banks of the Danube and where both the Buda and Pest sides are rich in history.

Explore the downtown area and grand boulevards on foot making stops at places such as the Great Market Hall and many museums or at a famous hot spring for a spa experience.



Booking Form - Experience Eastern Europe

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| PERSONAL DETAILS | FIRST PASSENGER | SECOND PASSENGER |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Title e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr. | | |
| Given names (as shown on passport) | | |
| Surname (as shown on passport) | | |
| Preferred name (for guest list) | | |
| Date of birth | | |

| ADDRESS | | |
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| Number & name of street | | |
| Suburb | | |
| State & postcode | | |
| Home telephone contact | | |
| Business telephone contact | | |
| Mobile contact | | |
| Email address | | |

| EMERGENCY CONTACT | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Name | | |
| Telephone contact | | |

| PASSPORT DETAILS | A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS BOOKING FORM. | |
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| Passport number | | |
| Country of issue | | |
| Expiry date | | |

| OTHER INFORMATION | | |
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| Medical requirements | | |
| Dietary requirements | | |
| Other special requirements | | |
| Evergreen Explorer Member? <i>Please provide member numbers</i> | | |

ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCE:

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| Riviera Deck category E or D | |
| Vista deck category C or B | |
| Horizon Deck category A, S, SA | |

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| Twin share | |
| Sole use | |

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| Double bed | |
| Twin bed | |

EXTEND YOUR TIME IN BUDAPEST? NO YES

Wings Away Travel will provide you with a travel insurance quote. Should you choose to organise your own travel insurance, please provide us with your policy number.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read, understood, initialled and returned the booking terms and conditions attached to this form.

Signed: _____ (on behalf of persons listed) Date: _____

Terms & Conditions

Deposit/Payment

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required within 5 days of booking, with final payment due no later than 15 FEBRUARY 2018. Copies of passports and a completed booking form are required at time of booking.

Confirmation of your booking

When we receive your booking form and deposit we will immediately dispatch confirmation of your place on the tour. From this time a firm contract exists between you and Wings Away Travel on the basis of our tour flyer and any amendments communicated to you. We reserve the right to refuse to accept a booking for any reason and we will provide you with the reason. In the instance of single travellers, we can endeavour to match you with another single traveller to form a twin share basis if you request us to do so (same sex only). We do not guarantee that this will be achieved and if it is not it will be necessary for you to pay the applicable single supplement surcharge.

What is included in the tour price?

Your tour price includes all arrangements as outlined in the daily itinerary inclusive of accommodation, transportation, admission fees, hotel portage of one suitcase per person and services of a Wings Away Tour Manager throughout. Meals are included according to the legend as shown beside each day's activities; any additional meals are at your own expense and payable direct at that time.

What is not included in the tour price?

Air fares (only if indicated) passport and visa fees, excess baggage, insurances of all kinds, laundry, phone calls, additional accommodation made necessary by flight schedules, additional meals and beverages not already stated as included, optional excursions and sightseeing not included in the itinerary, and items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance is compulsory

Wings Away Travel requires that all guests are fully insured. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance before paying your deposit or shortly after. We will happily advise you in this regard and provide you with competitive quotations. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not waive any cancellation fees or deposits already paid in the event you need to cancel your trip for any reason.

Passports, Visas and Health

For all tours outside Australia, participants must hold a valid passport with a minimum validity of 6 months after the date of return. Those not holding Australian passports require an Australian Re-Entry Permit. Whilst we are delighted to offer passport advice, and whatever assistance

we can to ensure your documents are in order, the ultimate responsibility lies with you, and we cannot be held liable in the event you commence your journey with incorrect documentation. Wings Away Travel cannot advise you on health matters however we can direct you to an appropriate source for such information.

Fitness

Some tours may require a degree of fitness and stamina level. Wings Away reserves the right to request a certificate of fitness from a medical professional stating that you are able to partake in this tour. A form detailing fitness requirements for this tour will be provided to you.

Communication

If you are the 'main contact' for your travelling party, it is your responsibility to ensure that all members of the party are aware of these terms and conditions. In arranging your booking you must notify Wings Away Travel & Cruiseland of any health or mobility issues that you or your travelling party may have and/or may adversely affect the operation of the tour. (Refer Fitness above)

If you cancel or alter your booking

Our tour operator will levy a charge if you cancel once the confirmation has been issued, to offset costs incurred in preparation of the tour. Charges vary according to the period of notice given – (fees are per person)

Up to 91 days before departure – loss of deposit
Between 90 and 62 days before departure – 50% of tour cost

Less than 61 days before departure – 100% of total tour cost

We take the day of cancellation to be that on which we receive your written confirmation of cancellation. Insurance premiums are not refundable. **Your insurance policy may cover you for at least some of your losses due to cancellation.** Please refer to your insurance documents. If you are obliged to cancel you may, with reasonable notice, transfer your booking to a third party who satisfies all the conditions of a person taking that holiday, but you will be obliged to pay for any additional costs resulting from the transfer. It may not be possible to transfer airfares. If you wish to alter any of the reservations after we have issued confirmations, we will do all possible to assist with your requests but an administration fee may be applied in addition to any direct costs involved.

Host

Should your Wings Away Tour Manager/Host, due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, be unable to attend on your tour, then they will be replaced with another tour manager/host as chosen by Wings Away Travel. The tour will proceed and full cancellation fees will

apply, as set above, if you decide to cancel your booking.

If WE cancel or alter your booking

We do our utmost to provide arrangements as confirmed, but we reserve the right to modify or cancel any tour and any of its inclusions if unforeseen circumstances arise. We also reserve the right to cancel a tour on which there are insufficient bookings up to eight weeks before departure. If we cancel or significantly alter an important element of a tour, we will offer the choice of alternative tour arrangements. In cases of hostilities, political unrest or circumstances amounting to force majeure, our decision whether to proceed or not will be in accordance with advice issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The flight times, airlines and types of aircraft are subject to change. We reserve the right to cancel the participation on a tour of any client whose behaviour is in the opinion of a representative of the company causing excessive distress, damage or annoyance. Our assistance to that client will cease immediately and no compensation will be paid for any loss.

Our liabilities to you

We accept responsibility for ensuring that all parts of the tour are supplied as described and that all services reach a reasonable standard. However, we shall not be liable for the failure or improper performance is attributed to the fault of the client, or the unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of an unconnected third party or to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, including force majeure, and the consequence of which could not have been avoided however careful we or our suppliers might have been. Our obligations and responsibilities shall also be limited where international conventions in respect of air or sea carriers apply. We would, however, strive to give prompt assistance and to find appropriate solutions.

Complaints

Please try to deal with any problems which may occur, on the spot by immediately notifying our representative on the tour of any complaint. If the matter cannot be rectified at the time, please tell us about it as soon as possible after your return. As your satisfaction is our primary aim, we welcome all comments and take all complaints seriously.

Unused Services

No reduction/refund will be made for any unused services, either for individual passengers or the group as a whole.

I hereby understand and abide by these Terms & Conditions and confirm that I have advised all travelling parties accordingly.

Please initial your acknowledgement: _____