

8 Day Danube FAM Itinerary

Day 1 Budapest

Guests part of the FAM will be transferred to the contemporary surrounds of an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where our friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome them.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Szentendre

Today guests will be visiting the unique and magical town called Szentendre. It is a premier destination of Hungary's countryside, the town of artists, painters, churches, art galleries, narrow streets, and alleys. Szentendre is known the Mediterranean pearl of the Danube, and the planned tour will focus on the arts and crafts offered in the area.

Included Excursion: Arts & Craft Tour of Szentendre

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3 Budapest

Explore Budapest's cobbled medieval quarter today, on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city centre. The tour will highlight several architectural wonders from across the ages, enabling guests to follow a journey from Budapest's Roman beginnings to the addition of ornate Romanesque and Baroque architecture in the centuries that followed.

For those wanting to be more active, they can choose to hike to Buda Hill instead. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored from the medieval paths and alleyways in the area around Buda Castle.

EmeraldACTIVE: A hike to Buda Hill

Included Excursion: A guided coach tour of Budapest

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4 Belgrade

The capital of Serbia is the main attraction today, as a city tour showcases the highlights of one of Europe's oldest cities, including Belgrade Fortress. The coach tour will take guests through the centre of the city, where remnants of a chaotic past look out of place among peaceful surrounds.

They will witness the symmetrical façade of the Church of Saint Sava, one of the world's largest church buildings, and stop for a tour of the Museum of Yugoslavia. They will also learn about the life of the leader of the Partisans, Josip Broz Tito, and the way that they became one of the most effective resistance movements in occupied Europe. Alternatively, guests can choose to experience the history of Belgrade during a guided bike tour of the city. This evening, there will be a traditional Serbian folklore show on board of the Star-Ship.

EmeraldPLUS: A Serbian folklore evening show

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided bike tour in Belgrade

Included Excursion: A guided tour of Belgrade

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 Novi Sad

Novi Sad located northeast of Serbia, is consider a hidden gem on the banks of the Danube River. Across the river is the old quarter, Stari Grad, site of the Gothic Revival Name of Mary Church and the neo-Renaissance City Hall. Guests will have an included city tour as well as the opportunity to enjoy a wine tasting in Sremski Karlovci.

Included Excursion: Guided tour of Novi Sad & Sremski Karlovci wine tasting

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided bike tour

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 Vukovar

Vukovar is an area that was heavily damaged during the Croatian War of Independence at the end of the communist era. Today, guests will have the opportunity to visit locals and exchange stories about the former conflicts and life in the Danube.

EmeraldPLUS: Home Hosted Lunch with a Croatian Family

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 7 Kalocsa

In the morning, we'll sail towards Kalocsa, best known for its vibrant paprika festivals. We will venture to the Puszta, or Great Hungarian Plain, for a traditional performance showcasing the exceptional equestrian skills of the Magyar cowboys. Guests will watch the spectacular horse parade and witness their exercise drills, most of which were readily practiced for wartime.

EmeraldPLUS: A Puszta horse show

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 8 Budapest

After breakfast, guests will disembark the Star-Ship for their transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast

Tour inclusions

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
Airport transfers to and from the ship
The services of an Emerald Cruises Cruise Director
Port taxes and charges
All tipping and gratuities

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

Arts & Craft Tour of Szentendre
Guided coach tour of Budapest
A guided tour of Belgrade
Guided tour of Novi Sad & Sremski Karlovci wine tasting

EmeraldPLUS

A Serbian folklore evening show
Home Hosted Lunch with a Croatian Family
A Puszta horse show

EmeraldACTIVE

Hike to Buda Hill
A guided bike tour in Belgrade
A guided bike tour in Novi Sad

DINING HIGHLIGHTS

20 superb meals including 7 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 7 Dinners (D)
Including a Welcome and Farewell Reception & Dinner
Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board