Travel with Scott and Curtis

Eastern Europe to the Black Sea

October 18 - 31, 2027

🏰 From Castles to Cathedrals: The Soul of the Danube

Picture yourself gliding past medieval fortresses, sun-drenched vineyards, and tiny river towns where time slows and history lingers. The Danube carries more than water—it carries the stories of kings and empires, of revolutions and resilience, of people rebuilding and redefining their place in Europe.

You'll begin in **Bucharest**, Romania—an eclectic blend of Belle Époque boulevards and communist-era monuments—before embarking on an unforgettable voyage upriver. In **Bulgaria**, Orthodox monasteries nestle in green hills, and fortress towns whisper their legends. Serbia, Croatia, and Hungary invite you to stroll cobbled streets, sip local wines, and discover how Eastern Europe is both deeply traditional and vividly alive.

And it all happens aboard your intimate, comfortable river ship—where every stateroom has a window to the past, and every meal offers a taste of the future. This is not just a cruise. It's a curated journey across centuries and cultures along one of Europe's most captivating waterways.



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📌 Trip Overview

Dates: October 18-31, 2027

Route: Bucharest → Budapest (option to reverse)

Duration: 14 days, with 11-night river cruise

***Round-Trip Airfare from DTW**: $1,550 per person*

Trip Pricing (Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Cabin Category	*Price*
Serenade A	*$6,599*
Serenade B	*$6,399*
Sonata C	*$6,099*
Sonata D	*$5,949*
Cantata E	*$5,849*
Cantata F	*$5,749*
Prelude G	*$5,549*
Prelude H	*$5,199*
Single Supplement	*$1,199 (Added to Cabin Category)*

!!Please note: *Flight class (Coach, Premium, Business), seat preference (Aisle or Window), and any special requests* ***must be stated at the time of deposit.*** *Prices are subject to change.*

🗓️ Sample Itinerary (Day-by-Day)

Direction: Bucharest to Budapest *(Itinerary may operate in reverse)*

Day 1 (Sep 6): Depart the U.S.

- *Board your overnight international flight from Detroit (or selected gateway).*

Day 2: Arrive in Bucharest, Romania

- *Transfer to your hotel for a one-night stay.*
- *Evening welcome dinner and group introductions.*

Day 3: Explore Bucharest • Embark Ship

- *Tour Bucharest: Revolution Square, Palace of the Parliament, and historic Lipscani district.*
- *Transfer to Giurgiu to board your river cruise ship.*
- *Settle in and enjoy a welcome toast onboard.*

Day 4: Cruise the Danube → Ruse, Bulgaria

- *Cruise into Bulgaria.*
- *Dock in **Ruse**, known for its Austro-Hungarian architecture.*
- *Optional walking tour or free time in the town center.*

Day 5: Veliko Tarnovo & Arbanassi (Bulgaria)

- *Full-day excursion to **Veliko Tarnovo**, medieval capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire.*
- *Explore nearby **Arbanassi**, a hilltop village of stone houses and 17th-century churches.*

Day 6: Vidin & Baba Vida Fortress

- *Tour the preserved **Baba Vida Fortress** overlooking the Danube.*
- *Optional visit to Belogradchik rock formations or local winery.*

Day 7: Iron Gates Gorge & Serbia

- *Cruise through the **Iron Gates Gorge**, the most dramatic section of the lower Danube.*
- *Enter Serbia, arriving in **Donji Milanovac**.*

Day 8: Belgrade, Serbia

- *Guided tour of Serbia's capital, Belgrade: Kalemegdan Fortress, Republic Square, and Saint Sava Cathedral.*
- *Optional evening folk performance or dinner ashore.*

Day 9: Novi Sad & Vukovar

- *Visit **Novi Sad**, with its riverside promenade and Petrovaradin Fortress.*
- *Continue to **Vukovar**, Croatia—learn about its role in the 1990s conflict and ongoing revival.*

Day 10: Osijek, Croatia

- *Walking tour of **Osijek**—baroque Old Town, open-air markets, and peaceful promenades.*
- *Optional home-hosted lunch with local families.*

Day 11: Mohács & Pécs, Hungary

- *Dock in **Mohács**, gateway to the wine region of Pécs.*
- *Explore Roman ruins, a 4th-century Christian necropolis, and vibrant local markets.*

Day 12: Budapest, Hungary

- *Arrive in **Budapest** and enjoy a guided tour of Buda Castle, Matthias Church, and Heroes' Square.*
- *Optional nighttime illumination cruise.*

Day 13: Free Day in Budapest

- *Leisure time to visit the thermal baths, shop local markets, or join optional excursions.*
- *Farewell dinner and celebration onboard.*

Day 14 (Sep 19): Disembark & Return Home

- *Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the U.S.*
- *Arrive home same day with unforgettable memories of the Danube.*

✅ What's Included

- 11-night river cruise on a comfortable 4-deck ship
- 1 hotel night in Bucharest or Budapest (depending on direction)
- Daily guided cultural excursions
- All onboard meals with regional wines and beer
- Complimentary wireless headset on tours
- Flight assistance and transfers with Grand Circle Travel
- Luggage handling and gratuities for ship staff

ℹ️ Additional Notes

- **Activity Level**: Moderate – must walk 2–3 miles/day over uneven surfaces
- **Group Size**: Small group model (~38 per tour group) onboard larger river vessel
- **Port order and times may vary slightly** depending on sailing direction and river conditions
- **Optional Pre- and Post-Trip Extensions** available in **Transylvania, Vienna, or Prague**



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