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## A JOURNEY BETWEEN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE BALKANS (PORT-TO-PORT CRUISE)

**Trip Code:** DSA\_PP

**Duration:** 12

**Destination:** BUDAPEST (Hungary) - MOHÁCS (Hungary) - OSIJEK - BELGRADE - SREMSKA MITROVICA (Serbia) - BRCKO (Bosnia) - SLAVONSKI BROD (Croatia) - JASENOVAC (Croatia) - SISAK (Croatia) - Lake Balaton

**Travel Dates:** 2021

### DAY 1 BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner.

### DAY 2 MOHÁCS (HUNGARY) - OSIJEK (CROATIA) - SLAVONIA

We'll sail and cross the border into Croatia in Mohács, passing Batina and the nature park of Kopacki Rit before reaching Osijek. This afternoon, join us for an optional excursion to the Kopacki Rit Nature Park and to Osijek. The nature park, located close to the confluence of the Drava and the Danube, is one of the largest and most attractive preserved wetlands in Europe.

### DAY 3 OSIJEK - VUKOVAR (CROATIA) - ILOK (CROATIA) - NOVI SAD (SERBIA)

We'll cruise towards Vukovar, one of the prettiest towns in the Danube Valley. Join us for an optional excursion to the medieval city of Ilok. We'll return on board and cruise to Novi Sad. Join us for an optional guided visit of Novi Sad: located in the Great Plain, the city is the multi-ethnic capital of Vojvodina. We'll return on board and cruise to Belgrade.

### DAY 4 BELGRADE - SREMSKA MITROVICA (SERBIA)

Join us for an optional guided tour of Belgrade. Located at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers, the town has created its own cultural identity based on a mix of Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and Slavic cultures. We'll return on board and cruise towards Sremska Mitrovica. Our cruise will take us along the Sava River, crossing the plain of Vojvodina, a genuine bread basket of Serbia with a mosaic of cultures.

### DAY 5 SREMSKA MITROVICA (SERBIA) - BRCKO (BOSNIA)

Join us for an optional excursion across Vojvodina: Around the hamlet of Iriski Venac are more than 16 Orthodox monasteries, the chance to discover Serbian art - a mix of Byzantine style and Baroque architecture. We'll return on board and start sailing towards Brcko in Bosnia. Enjoy a traditional folklore evening.

### DAY 6 BRCKO (BOSNIA) - SLAVONSKI BROD (CROATIA)

We'll go for a walk in Brcko. The pedestrian main street is lined with buildings in the traditional Austro-Hungarian architectural style crossed with Ottoman influences. It contrasts with the adjacent streets where the ruins of the recent conflicts live side by side with modern constructions. Afterwards, we'll return on board and

cruise towards Slavonski Brod. The Sava River marks the border between Bosnia and Croatia, and we'll pass through Slavonia, the fertile plain of Croatia, reaching Slavonski Brod in the night.

#### **DAY 7 SLAVONSKI BROD (CROATIA) - JASENOVAC (CROATIA)**

Join us for a walk through Slavonski Brod. You'll discover the town center and its main square, the Franciscan church and the Brod Citadel - an imposing construction in Vauban style, built to protect the Austro-Hungarian Empire from Turkish invasions. We'll return on board and cruise to Jasenovac, reaching it in the night. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

#### **DAY 8 JASENOVAC (CROATIA) - SISAK (CROATIA)**

Join us for an excursion to Lonjsko Polje Nature Park: A land much favored by migratory birds when the Lonja floods. Sample regional produce in an authentic Slavonian farm. We'll cruise towards Sisak.

#### **DAY 9 SISAK (CROATIA) - ZAGREB(1) - SISAK**

Join us for an optional excursion to Zagreb. The harmonious combination of architecture and green space makes Zagreb a perfect model for a town. Even the cemetery, cultivated like an English landscaped garden, is a comforting place for a pleasant walk. Take a stroll along the steep streets of Gradec and Kaptol, the historic center of Zagreb. We'll return on board for our gala dinner and evening.

#### **DAY 10 SISAK (CROATIA) - ZAGORJE - LAKE BALATON**

We'll disembark and transfer by coach to Varazdin, in the Zagorje province. Join us for a guided visit of the historic town of Varazdin, a real Baroque gem. Then we'll continue towards Lake Balaton, a favorite short break destination for Hungarians. We'll return to our hotel.

#### **DAY 11 LAKE BALATON - BUDAPEST**

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll set out for a guided tour of Tihany. This peninsula is truly captivating and you'll be charmed by its beautiful setting and its baroque Benedictine abbey. Enjoy time at leisure. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to Budapest, stopping for lunch along the way. We'll reach Budapest in the beginning of the afternoon. End of our services.

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