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16 Day European Tour and Danube River Cruise (Tour Code: EEC)



Landed in Bulgaria, you will get an in-depth experience of this country. Traveling in a bus from Sofia and learn about the history of Plovdiv, Kazanluk and the village of Etar, you will have chances to enjoy sightseeing tours through these areas with your English-speaking guide. Afterwards, take time to explore Danube River Cruise, one of the most significant trade and transportation routes in European history, as well as the northern border of the Roman Empire, the Danube is one of the most celebrated bodies of water in the world. Here's a crash course – and the major highlights – of Europe's second longest river.

Day 01, 28 Sep: Australia - Doha

QR0909, 28 SEP. SYDNEY - DOHA 20:45/04:45

OR0905, 28 SEP. MELBOURNE - DOHA 22:45/06:00

OR0899, 28SEP. BRISBANE - DOHA 22:10/05:45

QR0901, 28 SEP. PERTH - DOHA 22:45/05:10

Depart to Sofia, Bulgaria in the evening and arrive in Doha next morning.

Day 02, 29 Sep: Doha – Sofia (D) OR0227, 29 SEP. DOHA – SOFIA 07:35/12:30

Connect your flight in the morning and your flight arrival at Sofia is in the early afternoon. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel in Sofia. Free time for leisure in the centre of the city for first impression. A typical dinner with local music will be organised at local restaurant in the evening. Accommodation at a 4* hotel.

Day 03, 30 Sep: Sofia – Plovdiv (150 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, we will enjoy city tour of Sofia which includes sites like St. Sofia Church, Cathedral of

Aleksander Nevski, Parliament, University and Russian Monument Square. A drive to the second largest Bulgarian city Plovdiv will follow. Visit the main sights including Roman theatre, and stadium, church of St. Constantin and St. Helene, Etnographical museum etc. Accommodation at a 4* hotel in Plovdiv.

Day 04, 01 Oct: Plovdiv – Kazanluk – Etar – Tryavna – Veliko Tarnovo (250 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, leave Plovdiv. Travel through the Bulgarian countryside and continue the journey to the "Valley of Roses" and in Kazanluk visit the Rose Museum. Afternoon visit the interesting open-air





museum in the village of Etar. Another drive through the town of Tryavna with typical architecture and wooden carvings in the city center. Evening arrival in Veliko Tarnovo. Accommodation at 4* hotel.

Day 05, 02 Oct: Veliko Tarnovo – Arbanasi – Turno Magurele Port (140 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, have a.morning tour of the "city of tsars", one of the oldest cities in Bulgaria. The central part is the Tsarevets hill with the ruins of the imperial palace and the city walls. Short stop will follow in the nearby picturesque village of Arbanasi with its characteristic architecture. Afternoon

transfer to the Turno Magurele port in Romania (ferry across the Danube River from Nikopol included). Boarding MS FIDELIO 4* to start your Danube River Cruise. Check in from 16:00. Enjoy a Bucharest city tour before our ship starts sailing at 20:00.

Day 06, 03 Oct: Vidin (B.L.D)

Continue sailing and arrive in Vidin, Bulgaria at 15:00. Enjoy a walking tour and have a Baba Vida Fortress visit. 21:00 depart from Vidin, Bulgaria.

Day 07, 04 Oct: Iron Gates Lock (B.L.D)

Arrive at Iron Gates of the Danube River at 11:00 and get through the Iron Gates Lock at 13:00. Continue sailing.

Day 08, 05 Oct: Belgrade (B.L.D)

Arrive at Belgrade, Serbia at 05:00 and start your bus and walking tour in Belgrade and depart Belgrade at 21:00.

Day 09, 06 Oct: Novi Sad – Vukovar (B.L.D)

Arrive at Novi Sad, Serbia at 05:00. Enjoy a walking tour in that city and leave at 12:00. Arrive at Vukovar, Croatia at 17:30. Enjoy a walking tour in that city and depart at 21:00.

Day 10, 07 Oct: Mohacs (B.L.D)

Arrive at Mohacs, Hungary at 06:00. Enjoy a tour with Cathedral visit. Depart Mohacs at 14:00.

Day 11, 08 Oct: Budapest (B.L.D)

Arrive at Budapest, Hungary at 07:00. Enjoy a bus and walking tour of Hungary.

Day 12, 09 Oct: Budapest (B.L.D)

You are at leisure to exploy this exciting city on your own. At 21:00, continue sailing.

Day 13, 10 Oct: Bratislava (B.L.D)

Arrive at Bratislava, capital of Slovakia at 14:00. Enjoy a walking tour there and depart at 19:30.

Day 14, 11 Oct: Vienna (B.L.D)

Arrive at Vienna, Austria at 04:00. Enjoy a bus and walking tour in the morning (time will be advised).

Day 15, 12 Oct: Vienna – Doha – Sydney (B) <u>QR0190, 12 OCT. VIENNA – DOHA 09:55/16:25</u> <u>QR0908, 12 OCT. DOHA – SYDNEY 20:10/18:10</u> (13 OCT.)





QR0904, 12 OCT. DOHA – MELBOURNE 20:25/05:50 (13 OCT)

QR0898, 12 OCT. DOHA – BRISBANE 20:25/05:30 (13 Oct.)

QR8407, 12 OCT. DOHA – PERTH 19:50/11:55 (13 OCT.)

After breafast, you are transferred to Vienna airport for your flights to Sydney via Doha.

Connect your flight in Doha to Australia and fly overnight.

Day 16, 13 Oct: Australia Arrival

Arrive in Australia in the morning today. Your unforgattable European tour and Danube cruise ends.

Tour price: \$7,890 per person, twin or double share (minimium 15 people)

Single supplement: \$2,500

Tour price includes:

- 1. Economy air-ticket Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth Doha Sofia//Vienna Doha Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth with airport tax and fuel surchage by Qatar Airways or similar.
- 2. Transfers in luxury vehicle from airport to hotel, hotel to port and port to airport.
- 3. Transport in Europe for sighseeing tours with admission as mentioned.
- 4. 3-night accommodation at 4* hotel in Bulgaria.
- 5. 11 days/10 nights accommodation on the twin cabin in the middle deck during Danube River Cruise on MS Fidelio 4* cruise ship.
- 6. Live music at bar every night during the cruise.
- 7. Afternoon high tea: tea, coffee and cake or late night snack during the cruise.
- 8. Coffee station available from 7:00 till 23:00 during the cruise.
- 9. Welcome and farewell captain's cocktails (including 1 drink per person) for the cruise.
- 10. Welcome and farewell captain's dinner with special menu for the cruise.
- 11. Tea/Coffee for all meals.
- 12. Daily excursions during the Danube River Cruise by the cruise company.
- 13. Meals as indicated (Full board three meals per day from the dinner on the arrival day to the breakfast on the departure day. B = breakfast, L = lunch and D = dinner).
- 14. Port tax.
- 15. Gratuities to driver and guide for European tour and gratuities to crew and director during the Danube River Cruise.
- 16. English-speaking guides.

Tour price excludes:

- 1. Travel insurance.
- 2. Meals not stated in the itinerary.
- 3. Beverage not mentioned during your trip and the cuirse.
- 4. Personal expenses.

Remarks:

The flight schedule is based on Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth departure and return. The timing for departure and return is more or less the same as we put down. We will advise when schedule is changed.

