

**Come Join the Ski Club on A river Cruise on the AMAWaterways**

**Gems of Southeast Europe Wine Cruise**

**On the AMABella from Budapest to Giurgiu**

**July 21-28<sup>th</sup> 2025**



Isn't she lovely? Newly reimagined in 2021, the graceful *AmaBella* is a stunning river ship, unique in her own right. The intimate lounge is an inviting place to grab a cocktail and the thoughtfully redesigned reception area, adorned with charming pieces of contemporary art, provides a warm welcome after a day exploring ashore. Most staterooms feature our signature twin balconies so you can enjoy the views however you wish, as well as Entertainment-On-Demand and marble bathrooms with multi-jet showerheads. Elegant suites feature added enhancements, including a large sitting area and an expansive bathroom complete with a bathtub and separate shower. You'll also find a massage and hair salon on board, a fitness room, specialty coffee station and a gift shop. An expansive Sun Deck with a heated pool offers special moments of pure relaxation. Mealtimes are a feast for the senses in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table where you will witness our chefs in action through our glass-walled kitchen. Our new "Café Bistro" is the perfect al fresco setting to play cards, mingle or enjoy a light lunch.

The Wine Cruise offers you a perfect chance to indulge in one of the world's most perfect trifectas: travel, wine, and elegant cuisine. Cruise through five countries-Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania.

Amid a backdrop of Europe's most regal castles, historic ruins and vineyard-laced hills, all the while tasting world-class wines sourced from the very spots you're traveling through.

Wine Hosts and sommeliers will share their passion for viticulture through discussions and wine tastings on board. On shore, the insightful Wine Host—always a professional winery owner, winemaker, wine instructor or certified sommelier from a renowned North American winery—will lead guests through discussions and wine tastings on board, accompanying you to local wineries and vineyards where you'll learn first-hand from regional European experts.

A signature experience available on all our itineraries, you'll also be treated to unlimited, hand-selected local wines during every onboard lunch and dinner. These change daily and are paired with locally inspired menus.



## *Award-Winning Dining*

Savor exquisite cuisine at a variety of dining venues, like the Main Restaurant and The Chef's Table. You can also order delicious tapas between meals in the Main Lounge.



## *Inviting Public Spaces*

With fewer guests on board, you can enjoy the luxury of space to unwind, relax and reconnect with your loved ones. Our public areas, including lounges and restaurants, are never overcrowded.

## DAY 1

### BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARKATION

Board the ship for your *Gems of Southeast Europe* cruise. (D)

## DAY 2

### MOHÁCS – PÉCS

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Mohács. You'll then visit Pécs, founded more than 2,000 years ago by the Romans. Visit the UNESCO-designated Christian Necropolis; St. Peter's Basilica, the city's main Catholic cathedral along with its catacombs; and Széchenyi Square, the heart of Old Town Pécs. You will also see the Mosque of Pasha Qasim the Victorious, one of the symbols of the city. Or for wine connoisseurs, you'll want to go to the Szekszárd wine region, one of the oldest red-wine-growing areas in Hungary, established more than 2,000 years ago. You may also take an exhilarating guided bike tour around Mohács.



## DAY 3

### Day3-VUKOVAR, CROATIA

Enjoy your morning in Vukovar on a guided city tour where you may visit sites such as Eltz Manor House and Vukovar's famous water tower. Alternatively, you may see Osijek on a guided tour. For those looking for a more active experience, you may explore Vukovar on an active bike tour. In the afternoon, enjoy a Croatian wine tasting and tour in the Old Cellars, famous for their Grasevina, Traminac and Frankovka wines. You can also choose to explore the Vucedol Museum, home to fascinating exhibits on prehistoric culture and one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe. (B,L,D).





#### **DAY 4**

##### **BELGRADE**

Explore Serbia's capital, Belgrade, on a city tour, which includes the Nikola Tesla Museum, encompassing the world-renowned inventor's life and inventions, as well as the Kalemegdan Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava, the largest such church in the world. Alternatively, you can hike to Belgrade Fortress. In the afternoon, enjoy a taste of the region by sampling a few types of Serbian brandy paired with delicious local appetizers, including Šljivovitz, which was added in 2022 to UNESCO's list of "Intangible Cultural Heritage." For those wishing a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. Or explore Novi Sad, a city rich in tradition and culture, on an afternoon walking tour. Begin your tour at the Dunavski (Danube) Park; stroll through Stari Grad, the old town center; and explore Liberty Square, which is dominated by the Old Town Hall. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 5**

##### **SCENIC CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES**

Visit Golubac Fortress – a medieval fortified town on the south side of the Danube River – before cruising through the Iron Gates. The Iron Gates is one of Europe's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. The Danube narrows as it winds through a series of magnificent gorges between the Carpathian and Balkan mountains, forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania.

The ancient King Decebalus, the last king of Dacia, is proudly carved into the mountainside and always captivates travelers.

(B,L,D)



**DAY 6****VIDIN, BULGARIA**

Explore Vidin, one of Bulgaria's oldest cities, and surrounding areas with a choice of excursions. Discover Baba Vida Fortress, the largest preserved medieval castle in Bulgaria. Alternatively, visit a local home for a demonstration of traditional Bulgarian yogurt and Banitsa, a pastry you will also get to make. You also have the choice to bike through Vidin and to the castle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7****ROUSSE – GIURGIU, ROMANIA**

Visit Bulgaria's ancient capital, Veliko Tarnovo, with its medieval fortress and multiple orthodox temples. You can opt instead to go to Rousse, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture, and then afterwards visit the UNESCO-designated Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo with frescos revealing exceptional artistry of 14th-century paintings. Later in the day, travel through the Romanian countryside to the capital of Bucharest, known as the "Little Paris of the East." Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historic city center and its elegant architecture. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8****GIURGIU – DISEMBARKATION**

Bid farewell to Giurgiu as you prepare for your flight home. (B)



### What's Included:

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, a music library and English language TV stations
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

### AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Wellness Activities with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

### AWARD-WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant

- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

## **A WORLD OF EXPLORATION**

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

## **Choose from one of the following:**

### **7- Night Cruise**

7- Night Cruise With 2 Nights Vienna Pre-Cruise or 2 Nights Brasov, 2 Nights Bucharest Post-Cruise

7- Night Cruise With 2 Nights Vienna Pre-Cruise or 3 Nights Istanbul Post-Cruise

Pricing Starts at \$5229.00pp for a French Balcony & Outside Balcony including port charges for the cruise only. Pricing including one of the land packages is \$6229.00pp. A deposit of \$400.00 (\$200.00 is nonrefundable) is due 7 days after booking. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the cruise.

Land pricing includes the transfer to and from the ship, breakfast, city tour and the cruise manager with you at all times.

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