



Gems of Southern Europe

AMA Waterways European River Cruise

From Budapest to Giurgiu

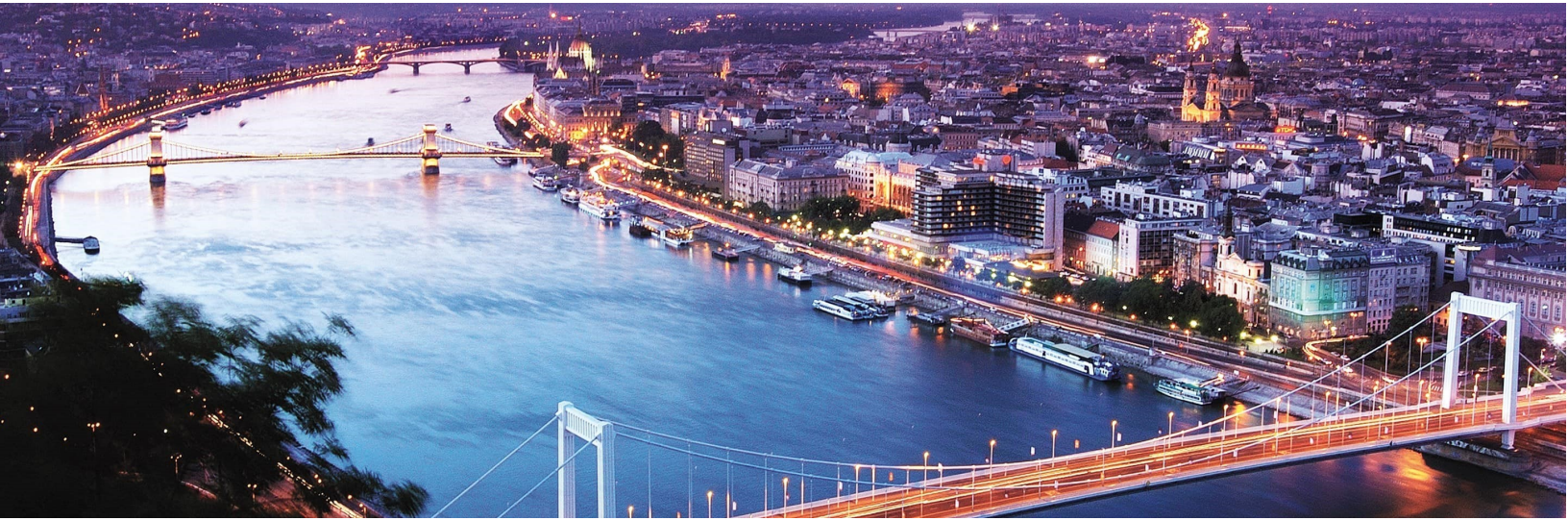
Sailing Onboard the AMA Certo

June 12-21, 2020

\$4,499.00 per person based on double occupancy



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Cruise From: Budapest to Giurgiu

Touch history in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, as you sail along the exotic lower Danube. Celtic fortifications, medieval towns and grand cities, along with the natural beauty of pastoral landscapes and the Danube's famed Iron Gates, showcase the best of eastern Europe. Nature lovers will relish the opportunity to see Bulgaria's natural wonder, Belogradchik, a fairytale stone world of fantastic shapes associated with interesting legends; or to bike through Belgrade's sprawling Kalemegdan Park. Wine connoisseurs will have a chance to taste history from the centuries-old wine-growing hills dating back to the Romans in Ilok, a royal and vinous town. Be treated to the flavors, sights, sounds and cultures of this diverse swath of the continent.

Cruise Includes:

- Air From Chicago O'Hare
- Round-trip Airport Transfers
- Hotel & Cruise Accommodations
- All Taxes & Port Fees

Not Included:

- Travel Protection Insurance
- Ship Gratuities & Excursions
- Airline Baggage & Seat Fees
- Items of Personal Nature



Sailing Itinerary

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Port of Call	Country
Sun	06/14/2020	03:00 PM	EMBARK	BUDAPEST	HUNGARY
Sun	06/14/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	BUDAPEST	HUNGARY
Mon	06/15/2020	03:00 AM	DEPARTURE	BUDAPEST	HUNGARY
Mon	06/15/2020	01:00 PM	ARRIVAL	MOHÁCS	HUNGARY
Mon	06/15/2020	09:00 PM	DEPARTURE	MOHÁCS	HUNGARY
Tue	06/16/2020	05:00 AM	ARRIVAL	VUKOVAR	CROATIA
Tue	06/16/2020	09:30 AM	DEPARTURE	VUKOVAR	CROATIA
Tue	06/16/2020	12:00 PM	ARRIVAL	ILOK	CROATIA
Tue	06/16/2020	12:30 PM	DEPARTURE	ILOK	CROATIA
Tue	06/16/2020	03:00 PM	ARRIVAL	NOVI SAD	SERBIA
Tue	06/16/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	NOVI SAD	SERBIA
Wed	06/17/2020	03:00 AM	DEPARTURE	NOVI SAD	SERBIA
Wed	06/17/2020	08:00 AM	ARRIVAL	BELGRADE	SERBIA
Wed	06/17/2020	11:59 PM	DEPARTURE	BELGRADE	SERBIA
Thu	06/18/2020	09:00 PM	ARRIVAL	VIDIN	BULGARIA
Thu	06/18/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	VIDIN	BULGARIA
Fri	06/19/2020	02:30 PM	DEPARTURE	VIDIN	BULGARIA
Sat	06/20/2020	08:00 AM	ARRIVAL	ROUSSE	BULGARIA
Sat	06/20/2020	05:30 PM	DEPARTURE	ROUSSE	BULGARIA
Sat	06/20/2020	06:30 PM	ARRIVAL	GIURGIU	ROMANIA
Sat	06/20/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	GIURGIU	ROMANIA
Sun	06/21/2020	09:00 AM	DISEMBARK	GIURGIU	ROMANIA



Detailed Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Friday, June 12, 2020 - DEPART CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Depart Central Illinois for Chicago O'Hare Airport and board our overnight flight to the Budapest Airport.

Day 2: Saturday, June 13, 2020 - ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST

After we arrive in Budapest you will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Sunday, June 14, 2020 - EMBARKATION

Board the ship for your Gems of Southeast Europe cruise. During the evening, be treated to an Illuminations cruise. (D)

Day 4: Monday, June 15, 2020 - BUDAPEST - MOHACS

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. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - VUKOVAR - ILOK - NOVI SAD

Vukovar is a Croatian symbol of resistance, which you'll better understand on your city tour showcasing the Ovčara Memorial and Eltz Palace. Alternatively, choose a wine tasting in Ilok, a center of wine production since Roman times, where you'll sample its famous Grasevina, Traminac and Frankovka wines. Back on board, cruise to Novi Sad, sometimes called the "Serbian Athens." Discover Novi Sad on a walking tour to Dunavski Park and through Stari Grad, the Old Town center. If you prefer a more active exploration, join a guided biking or hiking tour. During the evening, visit Petrovaradin Fortress, a mighty stronghold no enemy has ever breached. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - BELGRADE

Explore Serbia's capital, Belgrade, on a city tour, which includes the Kalemegdan Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Temple of St. Sava. Later, choose from three intriguing excursions. Visit the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Serbian Royal Family; and then tour the House of Flowers, the mausoleum of Marshal Tito, who became the first President of Yugoslavia. Or enjoy a taste of the region by sampling Serbian plum brandy, Šljivovitz, and delicious local delights at the Quburich Distillery. For those wishing a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 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 8: Friday, June 19, 2020 - VIDIN

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. Continue on to Belogradchik, one of Bulgaria's natural wonders, where you can hike around its most spectacular rock formations. 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 9: Saturday, June 20, 2020 - ROISSE

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. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Sunday, June 21, 2020 - GIURGIU - DISEMBARKATION

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

Sailing on the AmaCerto



Like a fallen leaf floating atop the water, AmaCerto floats effortlessly down Europe's most fascinating waterways. A foliage theme is carried throughout the ship in autumn reds and golds, from the spacious and well-appointed staterooms, with their plush bedding and soft robes, to the classically elegant Main Lounge with its baby grand piano and bar. An onboard salon puts you center stage and ready for your close-up. On the Sun Deck, a heated pool features a swim-up bar with underwater bar stools, and a walking track provides the perfect venue for a romantic sunrise or sunset stroll.

Cruise Packages Rates:



Category E - Window

\$4,499.00



Category BB - Balcony

\$5,499.00



Category AB - Balcony

\$6,099.00

Category AA - Balcony

*Rates are per person based on double occupancy.

Terms & Conditions

A \$600.00 per person deposit is required in order to guarantee space for this cruise. The deadline for booking this cruise package is August 1, 2019. Final payment is due by March 13, 2020. Once paid, monies are non-refundable. No exceptions. Early sign up is suggested. Direct Travel Escort participation requires a minimum of 40 passengers.

Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Bankruptcy/Default, Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Common Carrier AD&D, 24-hour AD&D, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay. **\$340-\$476.00 per person.**

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**Gems of Southern Europe requires a deposit of \$600.00 per person.
Booking Deadline is August 1, 2019. Final payment is March 13, 2020.
All monies that are paid are non-refundable thus Direct Travel recommends trip cancellation insurance.**

Mail form to Direct Travel 2412 East Washington Street, Suite 4A | Bloomington, IL 61704

Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport. Passports must be valid through December 21, 2020.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ VI MC AX DS

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please select your cabin category.

- Category E - Window on Piano Deck \$4,499.00 pp.do. + \$340.00 for insurance
- Category BB - Balcony on Cello Deck \$5,499.00 pp.do. + \$415.00 for insurance
- Category AB - Balcony on Cello Deck \$6,099.00 pp.do. + \$460.00 for insurance
- Category AA - Balcony on Violin Deck \$6,299.00 pp.do. + \$476.00 for insurance

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance.

- Yes, please add Travel Insurance to my package for an additional \$340-\$476 per person.
- No, I do not want Travel Protection.** Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

River Cruise Information Night

*Please join us for a free presentation on
AMA Waterways River Cruising.*

Presenter: Mary Margaret Reuther, AMA Waterways

Date: June 13, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

*Location: The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center
1621 Jumer Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704*

\$250

*per person discount when you place
a deposit on or before the event.*

