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LOWER DANUBE EXPLORER

Vienna to Budapest on Scenic Opal | March 16-23, 2025

The Scenic Difference - Truly all-inclusive ultra-luxury cruising

- In the heart of Belgrade visit St. Sava Temple, enjoy a choir performance in the temple crypt
- Cruise in 5-star luxury to the Danube Delta, the best preserved in Europe, up to 163 guests
- Learn about local life in small villages and towns of the lower Danube
- Cruise the splendid natural beauty of the Iron Gates, the natural border between Serbia and Romania
- Tailor your journey with a variety of Scenic Freechoice tours
- Complimentary premium beverages all day, every day* – not just at meal times
- Complimentary full mini-bar restocked daily
- 20 meals – 7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) and 7 dinners (D)
- Butler service for every suite
- Innovative Salt Therapy Lounge and fitness area
- The freedom of our e-bikes – electrically assisted bicycles
- Scenic Tailormade App for river commentary and independent exploration
- Scenic Cruise Director to guide and assist & expert local guides
- Airport transfer to Budapest airport on disembarkation day
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout your cruise
- All tipping and gratuities on board and on shore

ASTA EXCLUSIVE FAM RATES: **\$2,400 per suite**

Day 1 Sun March 16, 2025

Vienna - D

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Welcome to the Austrian capital city of Vienna, where your cruise begins. Also known as the City of Music, Vienna fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, among others. This city oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces from parks to vineyards, a vibrant coffee-house culture and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

Toast the occasion during an evening reception on board your state-of-the-art Scenic Space-Ship. Tonight we sail out of Vienna.

Day 2 Mon March 17, 2025 Bratislava - B,L,D

Slovakia's capital since independence in 1993, Bratislava is a modern multicultural metropolis with an intriguing history. Its Old Town is glorious, resplendent with medieval and Gothic architecture. It's topped by the well-preserved hilltop castle, which dates back to the 9th century and still dominates the town. These charming historic sites contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture, which is evident around the city.

Freechoice:

Today, choose one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Bratislava City Tour: Your Scenic Space-Ship will dock in the heart of the city, just a short walk to the Old Town. A city of contrasts, Bratislava features a mixture of medieval, Gothic and Baroque architecture. With your local guide you will see the highlights of this beautiful city such as Bratislava Castle, the Hlavné Námestie, the main square and the Old Town Hall.

Coffee & Cake with a local family: Immerse yourself in Slovak life and enjoy coffee and cake with friendly locals. Gain understanding of life in Slovakia during modern times.

Communism walking tour: Explore Bratislava with a knowledgeable local guide to learn about its time behind the Iron Curtain, the political boundary that divided Europe after WWII. Discover what the city was like during the communist regime and how this directly impacted the Slovaks.

Day 3 Tues March 18, 2025 Budapest - B,L,D

This morning, you will arrive in Budapest, the Hungarian capital and one of Europe's most diverse and vibrant cities. Divided by the Danube, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other, the city was united in 1873 when a newly built bridge connected the two. Budapest is an architectural treasure trove comprising styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau and everything in between. It is also well known for its hot springs and thermal baths and has a dazzling nightlife scene.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of Scenic Freechoice activities:

Budapest in Depth: Explore this magical city by coach. Visit both Buda and Pest, the two districts that are separated by the Danube that make up the city. Starting on the Buda side, see the Várkert

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Bazár before crossing the Margaret Bridge to the Pest side where you will see Széchenyi square and Elizabeth square. Afterwards, see the Parliament Building, which sits proudly along the Danube and is the third largest Parliament building the world.

Guided hike to Buda Hill: Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike up to the World Heritage-listed site of Buda Hill. On your walk, see Varket Bazar and beautifully landscaped gardens, all while enjoying great views over the Danube River and the city architecture.

Jewish Heritage Tour: Discover Jewish history on a tour with an expert local guide, learning about the significant events from history that have shaped the culture of today. The tour includes the Synagogue, cemetery, memorial park and a guided tour of the Jewish Museum.

Hospital in the Rock: Experience the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock, set underneath the city's Castle district. The complex was built as a secret hospital during WWII and was later converted to a nuclear bunker. Discover the underground former hospital that is furnished with wax figures to give you the spirit of the place. This is an exciting part of history. The underground is moderately flat but there are a few stairs to get there and then again once inside.

This afternoon we sail to Osijek. Enjoy time on sundeck and soak up the views.

Day 4 Wed March 19, 2015 Osijek - B,L,D

You will wake this morning in the Croatia town of Osijek, a small city with a turbulent history. Over the past 500 years it has been part of the Ottoman, Habsburg and Austro-Hungarian empires, and in the 1990s was the epicentre of the Croatian War of Independence. Many of the grand Baroque buildings remain standing but bear the scars of the war. Osijek is famous for its food, which is heavily influenced by Hungary and features plenty of paprika, locally-made sausages and river fish.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Walking tour of Osijek: Take a guided walking tour of Osijek to see the highlights, including the well-preserved Baroque Old Town and fortress. You'll also have the opportunity to hear some traditional and classical music popular in the region.

Cycling tour of Osijek: Explore the region on two wheels during a guided biking tour.

After your touring this morning, all guests will visit the home of a local Croatian family and have lunch with the family members. Immerse yourself in this cultural and culinary experience, and enjoy an authentic meal and hear some stories about their every day life.

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This afternoon will be spent on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship to enjoy the amenities or relax in your suite. Many suites have a window that converts into a Scenic Sun Lounge, allowing you uninterrupted views to watch a rolling tapestry of river life as you cruise the Danube.

Tonight we sail to Belgrade.

Day 5 Thurs March 20, 2025 Belgrade - B,L,D

The capital of Serbia, Belgrade is known as the 'Door to Central Europe' and lies at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. This eclectic city is steeped in history, with Neolithic ruins found nearby, a fortress built by the Romans, Brutalist buildings that sit beside Art Nouveau buildings, and a bohemian vibe. One of the oldest capitals in Europe, Belgrade has been rebuilt almost 40 times.

Freechoice:

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Guided city tour with extended free time: By coach and foot, you'll tour the major sites of the city with a guide. You will explore the city's highlights such as cobbled streets of the Bohemian Quarter and Kalemegdan Fortress, an imposing structure that has been the site of more than 100 battles and offers panoramic views of the rivers below. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore on your own.

Guided city tour including Tito's Memorial: Join a more in-depth tour of Belgrade with a local guide. See and learn about the major sites of the city including the Ottoman heritage of the old town, the imposing fortress and Republic Square following by some free time in the city centre. During this tour you will also visit the memorial dedicated to Tito, the former ruler of Yugoslavia.

Cycling tour along the Danube: Trace the banks of the Danube on two wheels during this guided cycling tour.

Enrich

Tonight, we have a special treat in store for you with our Scenic Enrich event:

Exclusive Classical concert at St. Sava Temple: Visit St. Sava, the largest orthodox temple in the Balkans. Have a chance to explore the frescos-lined walls of the cathedral's crypt where the church choir will perform some of the most beautiful hymns just for you. Because of the acoustics in the crypt, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Day 6 Fri March 21, 2025 Sailing day - Iron Gates - B,L,D

Leaving Belgrade, you will spend today relaxing on board. Sailing through the gorge of Iron Gates on the Danube River offers a breathtaking journey through one of Europe's most dramatic natural

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landscapes. This stunning gorge, forming the border between Romania and Serbia, features towering cliffs and deep, narrow channels. The Iron Gates' blend of natural beauty and historical significance makes it an unforgettable experience.

Day 7 **Sat March 22, 2025** Mohacs - B,L,D

Straddling the Danube, this small Hungarian town was the site of the 16th century Battle of Mohacs, which led to the destruction of the Hungarian monarchy and the rise of Ottoman and Habsburg rule. From here, you will explore the surrounding regions.

Freechoice:

Choose from one of today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Pecs city tour: First settled by the Romans and then later the Turks, and located close by the Croatian border, this richly historic and fascinating city is a melange of cultures. It's filled with Roman and Turkish architecture and ruins, elegant Baroque buildings, and is famous for its decorative arts and crafts, in particular porcelain. On a guided tour, you will see the city's first telephone exchange, which opened in 1885; the Turkish Bath of Pasha Memi, which was demolished in the late 19th century but unearthed in the 1970s; the county library and more.

Villany wine village: The region of Villany is known for its big, bold red wines, which account for most of the local wine production thanks to its sub-Mediterranean climate. The village is a charming place to visit, with rows of historic white wine cellars where you can sample some of the local reds. You will also visit an old mill.

Zsolnay Ceramics Museum: Founded in 1853 and still in operation today, Zsolnay Porcelain has a proud history of creating hand-painted decorative, ornamental, and architectural porcelains, and is known for its signature eosin glaze technique. View a splendid historic collection at the museum in Pecs, which is housed in the company's former factory.

Spend the evening on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship as you sail to Budapest.

Day 8 **Sun March 23, 2025** Budapest - B

Depart after breakfast, taking with you a lifetime of wonderful memories. Group airport transfer is included.

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- o After paid-in-full to 90 days prior to departure date: \$200 per time administration fee.

- o Less than 90 days, the cancellation fee will apply.

- In the situation of sharing room between 2 travel advisors and one travel advisor cancel, the FAM cost can't be refunded to one person on the booking. The booking will turn into a single cabin and single cabin rate will be applied. It's travel advisors' responsibility to have travel insurance.

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Cancellation Fees. In the event of cancellation, you will be liable to pay Scenic/ Emerald cancellation fees calculated in accordance with the following table. Please note that in the event of cancellation you may also be obligated to pay cancellation fees to third parties including, without limitation, airlines.

NO. OF DAYS' NOTICE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE - CANCELLATION CHARGE (per cabin)

120 days and greater Loss of \$500

119-60 days 50% tour price

Less than 60 days 100% of tour price

Items Not Included in Your Tour Price. The only items included in your Tour Price are those identified above and expressly identified on your itinerary. Therefore, the following items, without limitation, are not included in the Tour Price: (a) airfare not specifically included in your itinerary; (b) airline and other taxes or government charges other than the state sales taxes listed above; (c) gratuities for shore excursions on ocean cruises unless otherwise stated in the itinerary; (d) fees associated with any optional activities including entrance fees; (e) fees associated with any accommodation upgrades (if available); (f) meals not specifically included in your itinerary; (g) beverages (other than included beverages on Scenic/ Emerald ships.); (h) fees for laundry; (i) passport or visa fees; (j) vaccinations or other medical services or requirements; and (k) any items of a personal nature. Please note that changes to flight schedules may require additional overnight accommodation at your own expense. Any modified travel arrangements required due to illness or personal reasons are at your own expense.

Laundry. Laundry services are available at an additional charge. There is no dry cleaning on the ships.

Internet Services. Internet Services are available on-board Scenic & Emerald ships at no additional charge. Internet availability and quality may vary from country to country and can also be affected by technical issues, weather or unfavorable terrains and other factors outside our control. We do not guarantee the availability and quality of Internet connections.

Dining. Dining rooms are single dining sessions, open unreserved seating. The restaurant manager is responsible for the seating arrangements.

Currency and Credit Cards. Most countries visited in Europe will use the Euro although some still have their own local currency. Many locations accept major credit cards. ATM machines are located onshore at some stops. Prior to departure passengers should confirm that their ATM card and PIN will work overseas. All purchases on board are charged to the passenger's shipboard account. The on-board currency on cruise ships is the Euro. Shipboard accounts can only be paid by credit card (VISA/MASTER).

Electricity. On board electricity is 220V. A power plug adapter will be required to use small appliances such as electric shavers, clocks, mobile phone chargers, etc. Scenic/ Emerald does not provide the required adapters. Hairdryers and Safes are available on board the Scenic/ Emerald ship.

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