

# CRUISING DANUBE THROUGH HISTORY

## NATIONAL PARK AND DJERDAP GORGE – BELGRADE, SMEDEREVO, RAM AND GOLUBAC FORTRESS – TABULA TRAIANA - LEPENSKI VIR - VIMINACIUM

**Three days / two nights - by boat and bus (two days by boat)**

With the optional excursions to the Iron Gate Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Archaeological Museum in Kladovo or to the wine cellars at Rajac village and Vratna gates

**Departures: 23. June; 7, 21. July; 4, 18. August; 1, 15, 29. September**

### Itinerary

**1<sup>st</sup> Day. Belgrade -Smederevo - Ram - Veliko Gradiste - Golubac – Djerdap Gorge - Donji Milanovac -Tekija - Kladovo** (Meeting passengers) Passengers arrive at the Port of Belgrade (Karadjordjeva street, next to the Branko's Bridge) at 7:30 a.m. Boarding till 7:45h. Aquastar Maxim cruiser departs at 8am. Cruise starts from the famous Belgrade fortress towards Kladovo, passing by Smederevo, the confluence of the Morava and Danube rivers, medieval fortress Ram, in the area where the Danube is the widest in Serbia. Ram fortress was built in the late 15th century on the site which was later known as safe point for entering/exiting then occupied Serbia. Also, nearby is the oldest tourist cottage in the country. Cruise continues then to the Silver Lake and Veliko Gradiste, passing Golubac Fortress where we enter the National Park Djerdap, also known as the Iron Gate. We cruise through the longest and deepest gorge in Europe, area of unique flora and fauna, where remains of one of the oldest European settlements can be seen. Passing Donji Milanovac, you will have the opportunity to visit the place where the Roman Emperor Trajan left a permanent imprint on the rock, known as Tabula Traiana. Arriving in Tekija after a 9,5 hour cruise. Short bus transfer to Kladovo. Accommodation at the Hotel "Aquastar Danube". Dinner. Overnight.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day.** Breakfast. Free time for Spa & Wellness activities (pool, sauna) or going to one of excursions:

**OPTION 1: Kladovo – Archeological Museum – Roman Diana – HP Djerdap – Traian's Bridge – Kladovo (3,5h).** Visiting Djerdap's Archaeological museum in Kladovo, whose exhibition covers remnants of different Danube cultures from prehistoric, Roman and medieval periods. Next is Roman fortress Diana, and after Hidroplant Djerdap, built in 1974.y as the biggest project of the year in Europe. It significantly changed the position of the Danube River, the local villages as well as cultural and historical monuments that are located nearby. Next stop is a visit to the remains of Trajan's bridge. The bridge was built at the beginning of the 2nd century, by the Roman Emperor Trajan in order to cross the Danube and conquer Dacian tribes. Up until the 12th century, the bridge was considered to be the largest in the world. We end this excursion with wine tasting with snack in hotel Aquastar Danube. **Price:** 15€ per person, paying at the hotel.

**OPTION 2: Kladovo – Vratna Gates – Rajac – Kladovo (7h).** Short drive to the village Vratna where you can see the three highest, nature made stone bridges in Europe, over Vratna River nearby this natural phenomenon, is the old Vratna Monastery which was built in the 14th century. The excursion continues, through the town of Negotin and arriving at the Rajac vineries. According to the official reports Rajac vineries consist of more than 160 underground objects. Vineries are well known for their high quality wines. After the tour of the vineries, lunch is served and wine tasting is offered. Arrival at the hotel. **Price:** 25 € per person, paying at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight

**3<sup>rd</sup> Day. Kladovo – HP Djerdap ship lock – Tekija – Lepenski Vir – Golubac – Viminacium – Belgrade.** Breakfast. Check out from hotel till 8:30h. Organized departure to Kladovo Port at 8:40h, boarding to Aquastar Maxim boat. Cruise starts from Kladovo passing through the biggest Ship lock in Europe. Disembark at Tekija Port. The journey continues towards Belgrade by bus, driving along the Danube River. Arriving at the archaeological site Lepenski vir, which was known as one of the oldest European and world urban settlements, as well as culturally advanced for the Middle Stone Age period (6500 BCE). After the site tour, journey continues passing near Golubac Fortress, Lunch break at Golubac. Next stop is Viminacium, built in the 1st century as one of the first

Roman military camps on the Danube River. Vinimacium was the capital of Upper Moesia during 3rd and 4th century, one of only few Roman settlements which was demolished and rebuilt. It is still being explored and new excavations are underway, promising great and exciting new discoveries. This is where the official sightseeing and program ends and after a short drive, arrival in Belgrade is expected in the early evening.

Price per person in 1/2 room	Supplement for single room	Children up to 10 y.o.	Children 10 and 11 y.o.
175 €	40 €	Gratis	50% discount

**REMARK:** Third adult pays full price in the triple bed room (on request)

**In tour price are included:** Danube Cruise from Belgrade to Tekija village first day and from Kladovo to Tekija on the last day of journey, bus transfer (Tekija – Kladovo and Kladovo – Belgrade), two nights accomodation in hotel Aquastar Danube based on half board (dinner and breakfast – buffet), use of Spa & Wellness facilities in the hotel (pool, sauna, hot tub...), breakfast and lunch on boat 1st day, and lunch in Golubac last day, staying taxes and assurance in hotel and on the boat, entrance to Lepenski Vir and Viminacium, services of tour guide and local guides, tools and fees.

**Tour price does not include:** Drinks on the ship during cruise, optional excursions and 2nd day (option 1 / option 2), other individual expences (manual massage, hardresser services...)

Program can be changed in case of unforeseen circumstances.