

# Grand Circle Cruise Line presents ...

For SIR Area 5 & 20 and Branch 62 Escort: Jim Hohenshelt and Roy Jordan

## Eastern Europe to the Black Sea

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY • CROATIA: BATINA, OSIJEK, VUKOVAR • SERBIA: NOVI SAD, BELGRADE •

BULGARIA: VIDIN, RUSE • ROMANIA: CONSTANTA, BUCHAREST

aboard our privately owned 140-passenger ships exclusively for American travelers

12 days – River Cruise Tour only – from **\$3070**

13 days – including international airfare from San Francisco – from **\$4670**

Additional departure cities are available

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS MAXIMIZE YOUR VALUE

Vienna, Austria: 3 nights pre-trip from **\$595**

OR Prague, Czech Republic: 4 nights pre-trip from **\$695**

Transylvania, Romania: 3 nights post-trip from **\$595**

OR Istanbul, Turkey: 4 nights post-trip from **\$1195**



### It's Included

**Accommodations:** 10 nights aboard a private Grand Circle river ship in an outside cabin and 1 night in Bucharest at the Superior First-Class Ramada Plaza Bucharest or similar

#### 32 meals, including Captain's Welcome and Farewell receptions and dinners:

11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 11 dinners (and beverages—including beer, wine, and soft drinks—during all onboard lunches and dinners)

#### 7 exclusive, included tours with personal headsets:

Budapest • Osijek • Novi Sad • Belgrade • Vidin & Baba Vida Fortress • Constanta • Bucharest

**Exclusive Discovery Series events:** Home-Hosted Lunch • Discussion with a Serbian local • *Life Under Communism* discussion

**Airport transfers upon arrival and departure** with the purchase of Grand Circle's airfare

**All port charges**—a value of \$145 per person

**Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your main trip

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

**5% Frequent Traveler credit on your next Grand Circle trip—an average of \$271**

#### Expert, Resident Program Directors

We are the only cruise company to provide the exclusive services of a dedicated Program Director from the beginning of your main trip to the end

- Discover the insights that only a native or resident of your destination can provide to your group of no more than 47 travelers
- Enrich your experiences through their expertise, from answering questions to offering recommendations for free time



### Your Itinerary July 11, 2016

**PRE-TRIP OPTIONS: 3 NIGHTS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA  
OR 4 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC**

DAY	DESTINATION/HOTEL	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Fly U.S. • Budapest, Hungary		

#### Cruise Schedule

2-4	Budapest Embark ship		7pm
5	Batina, Croatia Vukovar	8am 3:30pm	11am
6	Vukovar Novi Sad, Serbia	6am	2am
7	Novi Sad Belgrade	6:30am	2:30am
8	Belgrade Cruise the Iron Gates		1:30am
9	Vidin, Bulgaria	1am	1:30pm
10	Ruse	3am	7pm
11	Danube-Black Sea Canal Constanta, Romania	2am 1pm	11:30am

#### Land Tour

12	Constanta Disembark ship Bucharest Ramada Plaza Bucharest or similar		
13	Fly Bucharest • U.S.		

**POST-TRIP OPTIONS:  
3 NIGHTS IN TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA  
OR 4 NIGHTS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

*Itinerary subject to change.*  
Learn more about hotel ratings on the web at [www.gcl.com/hotelratings](http://www.gcl.com/hotelratings)

Please mention this code when booking:

**G6-24808**

Reservations & Information: Call Jim Hohenshelt at (408) 394-7226 or Roy Jordan at (408) 735-8765

# Your Itinerary

## Day 1 Depart U.S.

**Day 2 Arrive Budapest, Hungary • Embark ship.** You'll be greeted at the airport by a Grand Circle representative who will assist you to your private Grand Circle river ship. This evening, meet your Program Director and fellow travelers over a Welcome Drink and Dinner onboard. If you began your European discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extensions in *Prague, Czech Republic* or *Vienna, Austria*, you will join the main group today.

D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 3 Budapest.** During your included half-day city tour, you'll visit the impressive Heroes' Square and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Then cross the Danube to Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also see Hungary's Statue of Liberty and the magnificent Royal Palace that houses the Hungarian National Gallery and other museums. After lunch onboard, spend the afternoon exploring Budapest on your own. Tonight, join your ship's captain for a Welcome Dinner.

B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 4 Budapest • Optional Hungarian Jewish Heritage tour.** Spend the day enjoying the wonders of Budapest on your own. Or join an optional tour and learn more about Hungary's storied Jewish heritage this morning.

After lunch onboard, the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to make further discoveries on your own in Budapest.

Later this evening, your Danube River and Black Sea cruise begins. Enjoy a scenic cruise through the center of Budapest before departing for Batina.

B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 5 Batina, Croatia • Osijek • Home-Hosted Lunch • Vukovar.** This morning, disembark in Batina and transfer by motorcoach to Osijek, the largest city in eastern Croatia. After Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it suffered heavy damage during the ensuing war. On an included tour, you'll see Osijek's historic Old Town and Holy Trinity Square. Then, when in session, you'll visit a local school that is supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation.

### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

After, you'll join a local family for a Home-Hosted Lunch. This is a great opportunity to talk to residents about life in modern Croatia.

Later this afternoon, transfer by motorcoach to Vukovar, where you'll meet your ship. This evening, after dinner onboard, enjoy a musical performance.

B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 6 Novi Sad, Serbia • Optional Sremski Karlovci tour.** After breakfast this morning, enjoy an included tour of Novi Sad, Serbia's cultural hub and

## What to expect

### Pacing

- 13 days, with 10 nights aboard a private Grand Circle river ship, and a single 1-night hotel stay
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship or hotel in early morning

### Physical Requirements

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- You must be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities

### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 58-82°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time

### Terrain

- Travel over diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slippery in wet or colder conditions

### Transportation

- Travel by 49-seat coach and 140- to 164-passenger river ship

### River Cruising

- Throughout the River Cruise season, weather conditions and tides affect river depths; water levels may require adjustments to your itinerary

### Cuisine

- Meals will be based on local and international cuisine
- Meals onboard feature a variety of entrée options, including vegetarian





second-largest city. Nestled along a bend in the Danube River, Novi Sad is peppered with myriad historical and cultural monuments, verdant parks, bustling squares, a thriving pedestrian zone, and a history-rich fortress standing tall on the right bank of the river.

After lunch onboard, the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to make further discoveries of Novi Sad on your own. Or, join us on an optional excursion to Sremski Karlovci, a culture-rich town just ten miles southeast of Novi Sad. Spend the afternoon exploring the town, including visits to a beekeeping museum and a 300-year-old wine cellar.

Tonight, dinner is onboard.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 7 Belgrade.** After breakfast, disembark in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia and the nation's political, economic, and cultural hub. Your included tour takes you to many local landmarks, including Kalemegdan, the Town Hall, St. Sava Orthodox Cathedral, and the Tito Memorial. Enjoy lunch aboard ship, followed by free time to relax onboard or explore Belgrade on your own.

**Exclusive Discovery Series Event**  
Later, enjoy a candid discussion with a local resident about Serbia's history and its contemporary life.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 8 Iron Gates.** Savor a full day to relax onboard. A highlight of your day-long cruise is your passage through the Iron Gates, where the Danube narrows and flows between spectacular gorges.

**Exclusive Discovery Series Event**  
Today your Program Director shares stories about life during communist times.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 9 Vidin, Bulgaria.** Today we alight in Vidin, one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria. Join us on an included visit to the impressive medieval stronghold of Baba Vida.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 10 Ruse • Optional Veliko Tarnovo & Arbanassi tour.** Arrive in Ruse early this morning, which is situated where the Danube forms a natural border between Romania and Bulgaria. Enjoy time to explore this historic city on your own, or join our optional tour to Bulgaria's ancient capital of Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi, a historical village of Bulgarian heritage, which includes lunch.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 11 Danube-Black Sea Canal transit • Constanta, Romania • Captain's Farewell Dinner.** Early this morning, sail into the Danube-Black Sea Canal, a 40-mile engineering marvel. Then call on Constanta, a Romanian port on the Black Sea. Explore the old city, the Cathedral of Saints Peter

and Paul, the mosaic-paved Roman Edifice of Tomis, and other highlights on an included tour. Tonight, celebrate your Eastern European odyssey at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.  
B,L,D—Private Grand Circle River Ship

**Day 12 Constanta • Disembark ship • Bucharest.** Disembark and ride by motor-coach to Bucharest. After an included lunch at a local restaurant, join an included city tour of Bucharest featuring the stone Arc de Triomphe, Victory Square, Revolution Square, and the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's Palace of Parliament—the world's second-largest building after the Pentagon. You'll then have some free time to explore the area. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner at your hotel.  
B,L,D—Ramada Plaza Bucharest or similar

**Day 13 Bucharest • Return to U.S.**  
After breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your flight home, or continue your discoveries with our post-trip extension to *Transylvania, Romania* or *Istanbul, Turkey*.  
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*Please note: We reserve the right for our Program Directors to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group's experience.*

# Eastern Europe to the Black Sea

Prices are per person for 12 days River Cruise Tour only (13 days with airfare), based on double occupancy, and included meals and tours as specified in the It's Included section.

## River Cruise Tour Only

Deck:		JULY 11, 2016
A	Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)	\$4070
B		\$3870
C	Sonata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$3670
D		\$3570
E	Cantata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$3470
F		\$3370
G	Prelude Deck (Lower Deck w/small window)	\$3170
H		\$3070

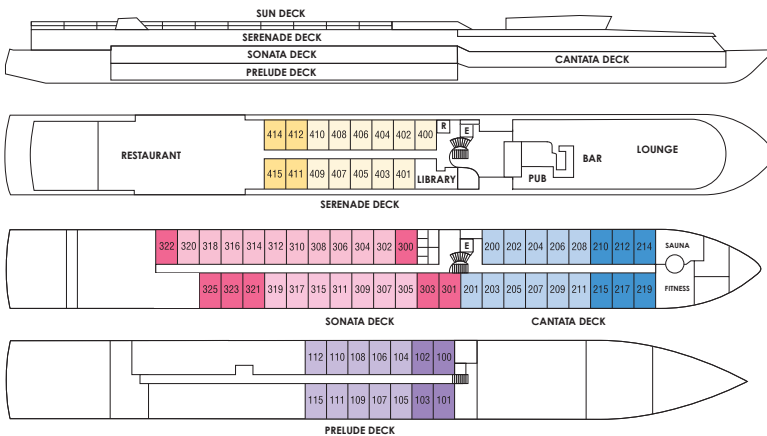
## Air Add-On

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San Francisco	\$1600
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

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Cabin Categories	
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<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</span> ELEVATOR (Does not go to Prelude Deck)	
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">R</span> RESTROOM	

**Deposit:** \$500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** \$595. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

## SAVE UP TO 10% AND LOCK IN YOUR PRICE!

PAY IN FULL prior to your departure date	YOUR SAVINGS off your total trip price*
12 months or more prior to departure	<b>10% off</b>
11 months prior to departure	<b>7% off</b>
10 months prior to departure	<b>6% off</b>
9 months prior to departure	<b>5% off</b>
8 months prior to departure	<b>4% off</b>
7 months prior to departure	<b>3% off</b>
6 months prior to departure	<b>2% off</b>
5 months prior to departure	<b>1.5% off</b>
Make your final payment by check within the last 120 days	<b>\$50 off</b>

EXAMPLE: Based on a \$5000 trip price  
Paid in full by check  
**12 months** prior to your departure date, you **save \$500** (10% of your trip price)  
Paid in full by check **8 months** prior to your departure date, you **save \$200** (4% of your trip price)  
Paid in full by check **6 months** prior to your departure date, you **save \$100** (2% of your trip price)  
\* You will save a minimum of \$50 when you pay in full by check.

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**Reservations & Information:**  
**Call Jim Hohenshelt at 408-241-4421 or**  
**contact Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765**  
**Space is limited—please reserve ASAP.**

Please be ready to give the reservations agent the following information

**Trip name/code:** Eastern Europe to the Black Sea/LBS  
**Departure date:** July 11, 2016

**Please mention this code when booking:** **G6-24808**