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Gems of Southeast Europe with Linda Haines

Apr 11, 2026 - Apr 23, 2026

Pre-Cruise Stay: Vienna

April 11 - April 13, 2026

River Cruise

April 13-20, 2026

Post-Cruise Stay: Istanbul

April 20-23, 2026



AMAWATERWAYS™

Top Rated • Award Winning • Luxury River Cruises

Trip Summary

April 11 - Saturday

PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION - VIENNA, AUSTRIA

April 12 - Sunday

VIENNA

April 13 - Monday

VIENNA – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

EMBARKATION

Budapest - Budapest

April 14 - Tuesday

MOHÁCS – PÉCS - Pecs

April 15 - Wednesday

VUKOVAR, CROATIA

April 16 - Thursday

BELGRADE - Belgrade

April 17 - Friday

SCENIC CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES

April 18 - Saturday

VIDIN, BULGARIA

April 19 - Sunday

ROUSSE – GIURGIU, ROMANIA - Rousse

April 20 - Monday

GIURGIU – DISEMBARKATION– BUCHAREST – ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Flight home or to Istanbul

EXTENSION To Istanbul

April 21 - Tuesday

ISTANBUL

April 22 - Wednesday

ISTANBUL

April 23 - Thursday

DEPART ISTANBUL

3 day/ 2 night

Pre-cruise tour

Vienna, Austria

8 day/ 7 night

River Cruise

on the AMAVerde

Bulgaria, Croatia,
Hungary, Romania,
Serbia

4 day/ 3 night

Post-cruise tour

Istanbul

Information & Documents



What's Included

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

SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 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
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land packages
- 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

Land Package

- 2 nights hotel in Vienna at Intercontinental Vienna (or similar), including city tour and daily breakfast
- Transfer from the hotel in Vienna to Budapest with city tour
- Transfer from the ship in Giurgiu to Bucharest followed by flight to Istanbul
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul including city tour and daily breakfast

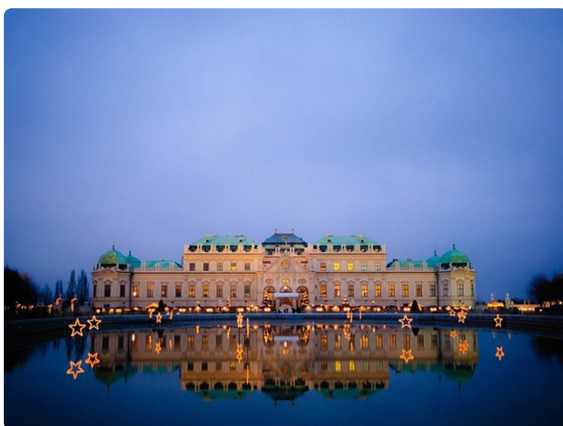


April 11 - Saturday



PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION - VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Arrive in Vienna and transfer to your hotel.



April 12 - Sunday



VIENNA

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be discovered on your city tour. See the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center. (B)



April 13 - Monday



VIENNA – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

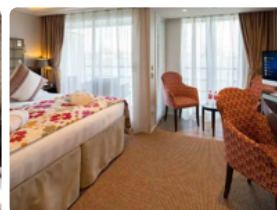
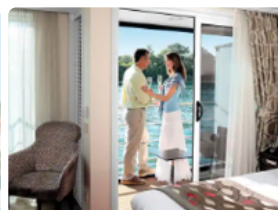
Transfer from Vienna via motorcoach to Budapest where you'll be taken on a city tour. Visit the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district, Fisherman's Bastion, St. Stephen's Basilica and the Chain Bridge. (B,D)



EMBARKATION

Arrive to the AMAVerde and get ready to 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. 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. And the active adventurers will appreciate hiking to the UNESCO-designated Ivanovo Rock Hewn Churches and biking through Belgrade's Kalemegdan Park and Vidin's Baba Vida castle. Be treated to the flavors, sights, sounds and cultures of this diverse swath of the continent.

COUNTRIES: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia



Budapest

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

Touch history and learn about winemaking traditions while sailing along the lower Danube River through Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. Wine connoisseurs will have a chance to taste history from the centuries-old winegrowing hills dating back to the Romans. Be treated to the flavors, sights, sounds and cultures of this diverse swath of the continent. Taste Bulgarian wine in Vidin and visit one of the oldest red-wine-growing areas in Szekszárd. With a dedicated wine expert to guide you, indulge in wine tastings and a specially curated food and wine pairing dinner on board. Venture off the beaten path and enjoy an epicurean adventure that includes brandy and local wines in five distinctive countries.

Ship Information One of AmaWaterways' remarkable twin-balcony river ships, the newly reimagined AmaVerde, is full of light, love and bold artwork showcasing vibrant, modern designs. The dashing ship is considered the captivating companion of the AmaBella as both ships were totally redesigned in 2021 and sail their imagined love story on the romantic Danube River. Spacious, sophisticated staterooms set the mind at ease for a restful slumber, while warmth attracts visitors to the comfortable fireside library and AmaVerde's massage and hair salon. The Main Restaurant is the perfect home to exquisite meals and local wine pairings worthy of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs—the internationally renowned gastronomic society. The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, with its glass-enclosed kitchen and unique rolled lighting fixture, gives way to a vibrant multi-course parade of dishes with distinct regional flavors paired with hand selected wines. Enjoy a light lunch in our new "Café Bistro," a perfect al fresco spot to play cards and mingle with your fellow guests. Additional amenities on AmaVerde include unlimited high-quality complimentary Wi-Fi, movies, music and English-language TV stations in the staterooms, a specialty coffee station, gift shop, sun-deck walking track, heated swimming pool, putting green, fitness room and fleet of bikes.

Deck Plans

[Sun Deck](#)

[Violin Deck](#)

[Cello Deck](#)

[Piano Deck](#)



Budapest

April 14 - Tuesday



MOHÁCS – PÉCS

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

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. (B,L,D)



Pecs

April 15 - Wednesday

VUKOVAR, CROATIA



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AmaWaterways

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)



April 16 - Thursday



BELGRADE

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

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. For those wishing a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. 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." 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)



Belgrade

April 17 - Friday

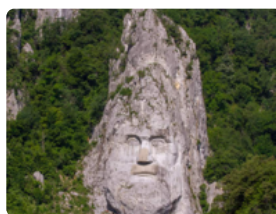


SCENIC CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES

CARRIER

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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)



April 18 - Saturday



VIDIN, BULGARIA

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

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)



April 19 - Sunday



ROUSSE – GIURGIU, ROMANIA

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

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)



Rousse

April 20 - Monday



GIURGIU – DISEMBARKATION– BUCHAREST – ISTANBUL, TURKEY

CARRIER

AmaWaterways

Disembark the ship in Giurgiu and board a motorcoach to journey through the Romanian countryside to Bucharest.



Flight home or to Istanbul



EXTENSION To Istanbul

Board your flight to Istanbul, where you'll check into your hotel.



April 21 - Tuesday



ISTANBUL

Depart your hotel for an enriching guided walking tour, during which you will explore the Hagia Sophia, formerly a church before becoming a mosque and finally a museum. A beautiful example of Old-World architecture, this museum showcases lovely Christian murals and Islamic symbols throughout. After the Hagia Sophia, visit Istanbul's similarly beautiful Blue Mosque, named for the Blue İznik tiles that cover its interior. For those who are interested, be guided to the lively Grand Bazaar and venture through the market before returning to your hotel. (B)



April 22 - Wednesday



ISTANBUL

Admire the grandeur of the spectacular Ottoman Sultans' Grand Palace of Topkapi, home to every Sultan from the 15th-19th centuries. During your tour, marvel at the private chambers of the Sultans, the Harem (women's quarters) and the Imperial Treasury's vast collection, including the jewel-encrusted Topkapi Dagger and the stunning 86-carat Spoonmaker's Diamond. (B)



April 23 - Thursday



DEPART ISTANBUL

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



RIVER CRUISING – TRY IT, YOU’LL LOVE IT!

Experience the ultimate in relaxation and adventure with river cruising, where your journey is as enriching as your destination. Enjoy the convenience of an all-inclusive experience, featuring gourmet meals, fine drinks with every meal, and exciting excursions—all seamlessly arranged and included in the price.

Imagine unpacking just once, settling into your luxurious cabin accommodations, and allowing the gentle flow of the river to carry you from one picturesque port to the next as you drift into a restful sleep. With river cruising, you’ll savor breathtaking views and immerse yourself in local cultures, all while indulging in the comfort and ease that only this unique travel style can offer.

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RIVER CRUISE PRICING: April 13-20, 2026

Deposit: \$400 per person

Category	Description	Available	SNG - USD)	DBL – PP(USD)
SS	Suite - French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 350 sq. ft.	4	\$15,018.70	\$7,515.60
AA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	7	\$9,414.64	\$6,280.60
AB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	18	\$9,129.64	\$6,090.60
BA	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	6	\$8,844.64	\$5,900.60
BB	French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	5	\$8,559.64	\$5,710.60
C	French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.	10	\$7,704.65	\$5,140.60
D	Fixed Windows, 170 sq. ft.	11	\$5,497.50	\$4,000.60
E	Fixed Windows, 170 sq. ft.	5	\$5,123.75	\$3,716.55

INCLUDES the port charges of \$250 p.p. AND the current offer of \$250 off per person Plus the 5% off per person valid until 12/31/2024

ADD THE PRE and POST CRUISE EXTENSIONS – PRICING:

Available Land Packages:

2 nights Vienna (Pre-Cruise) – \$840 p.p. with double. (\$1,160 for a single)³

3 nights Istanbul (Post-Cruise) – \$1,995 p.p. with double. (\$3,330 for a single)

2 nights Brasov, 2 night Bucharest, (Post-Cruise) – \$1,320 p.p. with double. (\$1920 for a single)

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

Travel Protection can be added to your tour package for Approx. 8% of total tour cost.

Flights can be added to your tour package at 11 months prior to tour dates.

Deposit due at booking and balance is due 90 days prior to sailing. Flight deposit due when confirmed.



CRUISE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservation and Final Payment: To confirm a cruise or cruise & land reservation, we require a deposit of \$400 per person for Europe, Russia and Vietnam/Cambodia itineraries and \$2400 per person for Africa itineraries (\$4800 for Singita dates) on or before the deposit due date indicated on the confirmation. A deposit of \$300 per person is required for Intra-Africa air. Once airline arrangements have been accepted, an additional deposit of \$300 per person is required to confirm said arrangements. Hotel Extra Nights require a deposit of \$50 per person at the time of confirmation of the hotel availability. Final payment is due no later than 90 days before the land/itinerary start date.

Pricing: Brochure prices are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy of a stateroom, or standard hotel room, unless stated otherwise. Single rates are available; please refer to individual itineraries. In the event that a cruise fare listed, quoted or advertised through any website, printed collateral, reservations person, travel agent or any other source is booked, but is incorrect due to an electronic error, typographical error, human error or any other error causing the fare to be listed, quoted or advertised for an amount not intended by AmaWaterways, AmaWaterways reserves the right to correct the erroneous fare by requesting the passenger to pay the correct fare intended, or by canceling the cruise. Airfares, air taxes and air surcharges quoted on your invoice or by a reservation agent are only guaranteed once airfare deposit or full payment is received by AmaWaterways. AmaWaterways reserves the right to increase prices without notice.

Prices Do Not Include: Published prices do not include vessel fuel surcharges; passport and visa fees; baggage fees; port charges, port taxes and fees; travel, health, accident or other insurance; vaccinations; laundry; additional food and beverages; optional excursions; gratuities or other items or services of a personal nature.

Cancellation Charges: In the unfortunate event a participant must cancel travel, notice to AmaWaterways must be via email, which must include a return receipt and read notation, or other writing stating clearly and correctly each guest's name, ship name, start and end date of the cruise and a brief statement of the reason for cancellation. Other forms of notice are not sufficient. The effective date of the cancellation is the date we receive the written cancellation notice. A name change or substitution of participant is also treated as a cancellation in that all cancellation charges apply. Cancellation charges are per-person, based on the cancellation date, as follows:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE	CRUISE & LAND CANCELLATION CHARGE	AIRFARE CANCELLATION CHARGE (ECONOMY CONTRACT FARES)	AIRFARE CANCELLATION CHARGE (BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS CONTRACT FARES)	OTHER CHARGES (EXCEPT INSURANCE)
121 days or more prior to departure	\$200 (Europe, Colombia & Asia)	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	-
	\$2,400 (Seven River Journey Through Europe)			
	\$600 (Egypt)			
	\$1,200 (Africa)			
120-90 days prior to departure	\$400 (Europe, Colombia & Asia)	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	-
	\$4,800 (Seven River Journey Through Europe)			
	\$1,200 (Egypt)			
	\$2,400 (Africa)			
89-60 days prior to departure	35% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	35% of all charges
59-30 days prior to departure	50% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	50% of all charges
29-7 days prior to departure	80% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	80% of all charges
6 days to 25 hours prior to departure	100% of cruise and land price	\$350 penalty*	\$600 penalty*	100% of all charges
24 hours or less	100% of cruise and land price	100% penalty	100% penalty	100% of all charges



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