



# Gems of Southeast Europe

## River Cruise

March 30 - April 7, 2025



Guest Speaker:  
**Georgiana Timofte**





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**Georgiana Timofte**, since seven years old, has dreamed of traveling the world and immersing herself in different cultures. At 16 her dream became reality. Now, she has over 20 years experience in the travel industry and has worked with EO for over 8 years. Born in Romania and raised in Italy, her multicultural background has fueled her passion for exploring new places and meeting people from all walks of life, while constantly discovering new horizons.

## OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR



### VIENNA

**Starting at \$840\***  
**March 28 - 31, 2025**

#### MARCH 28 - DEPART THE USA

Board your overnight flight to Vienna.

#### MARCH 29 -VIENNA

Arrive in Vienna and transfer to your hotel.

#### MARCH 30 - 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)

#### MARCH 31 - VIENNA/BUDAPEST

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)

*\*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.*



# ITINERARY

#### MARCH 30: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight to Budapest.

#### MARCH 31: EMBARKATION - BUDAPEST

Board the ship for your Gems of Southeast Europe cruise. (D)

#### APRIL 1: MOHACS-PECS

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)

#### APRIL 2: VUKOVAR

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 3: BELGRADE

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



### INCLUDED FEATURES

7 Nights Deluxe Cruise Accommodation

Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary

Infotainment System in all Staterooms with Free Internet, Hit Movies, Music Library & English TV Stations

**Terry Bathrobes and White-on-white plush bedding in all Staterooms**

Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise

**Free-flowing Red & White Wines from Europe’s great Wine Regions, beer & soft drinks with every Dinner**

Bottled Water in every stateroom replenished daily

**Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain’s Gala Dinner**

Special Highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners, onboard Music Performances and afternoon & evening Piano Music

**Use of Bicycles to explore on your own**

#### APRIL 4: IRON GATES

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 5: 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. 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 6: ROUSSE-GIURGIU

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)

#### APRIL 7: DISEMBARKATION - GIURGIU

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



## CRUISE PRICING\*

<b>E</b>	Fixed Window Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$2,798*
<b>D</b>	Fixed Window Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$3,098*
<b>C</b>	French Balcony Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$4,098*
<b>BB</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (210 sq ft)	\$4,498*
<b>BA</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (210 sq ft)	\$4,598*
<b>AB</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (235 sq ft)	\$4,798*
<b>AA</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (235 sq ft)	\$4,998*
<b>SS</b>	Suite (350 sq ft)	\$5,998*

\*Rates are per person, based on double occupancy

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## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR



## Bucharest & Brasov

Starting at \$1,320\*

April 7 - 11, 2025

#### APRIL 7: GIURGIU/BRASOV

Disembark the ship in Giurgiu and continue to the legendary region of Transylvania, a place deeply rooted in myth and history. Your first stop on the road to Transylvania will be the quaint mountain town of Bran, where you will visit Dracula's Castle. After your tour, you will depart for Brasov. (B)

#### APRIL 8: BRAN/SIGHISOARA

Enjoy a walking tour around Braşov. Afterward, Dracula lovers will be in for another treat with an excursion to Sighişoara, the birthplace of Transylvania's most notorious ruler, Vlad Ţepeş, also known as Vlad the Impaler or Dracula. It's hard to believe that this perfectly preserved UNESCO-designated town filled with resplendent pastel-colored buildings, stone lanes, medieval towers and pedestrian-friendly Old Town was Vlad's place of birth. His home is still here, marked with a placard; however, today, it houses a kitschy restaurant called "Casa Dracula." (B)

#### APRIL 9: BRASOV/BUCHAREST

En route to Bucharest, you'll visit Transylvania's legendary Bran Castle, forever linked with the legend of Dracula. Later in the day, transfer to Bucharest and check into your hotel. (B)

#### APRIL 10: BUCHAREST

Bucharest, Romania's capital, has earned its nickname, the "Little Paris of the East," with its wide boulevards and Arc de Triomphe. Enjoy a visit to the city's most impressive sites—including the historic city center and the Palace of the Parliament, second only to the Pentagon as the largest administrative building in the world. Alternatively, you can choose a walking tour the historic old town. (B)

#### APRIL 11: RETURN THE USA

Bid farewell to Bucharest as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

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**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

Deluxe cruise accommodations (based on double occupancy) • Most shore excursions • All meals on ship, meal beverages, and other meals as indicated • Administrative Fee • Cruise Tax (\$231)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• International Airfare and overseas transfers (Sold Separately) • Fuel Surcharges • Pre-Cruise and/or Post-Cruise Extension and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Visa(s) • Onboard Gratuities (These will appear automatically on your onboard statement, and are the guest's responsibility to pay on board the ship) • Any additional services or fees not included above • Optional Travel Protection Plan (see premium schedule) • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, laundry, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single room/stateroom supplement has the following additional charges: Category E - \$2298; D - \$2398; C - \$2998; BB - \$3298; BA - \$3398; AB - \$3498; AA - \$3598; AA - \$4398; SS - \$4398. Single room charge on **Vienna Pre-Tour \$320; Bucharest Post-Tour \$600**. While EO will try to match roommates, EO cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available, the single room/cabin charge applies.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

Payment	Amount	Due Date
<b>Initial Deposit</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Due at the time of registration
<b>Second Deposit</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Due 03/30/24.
<b>Third Deposit</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Due on 8/02/24.
<b>Final Payment</b>	10/31/2024. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
<b>Travel Protection Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 10/30/2024 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	
<b>Cabin Availability</b>	After 08/02/2024 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.	

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after October 31, 2024:**

We welcome registrations after 10/31/24. Registrations received between 11/01/24 - 12/30/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 12/31/24-01/14/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 01/15/25-01/29/25 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 01/30/25 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fees above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 365 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 364-301 days = \$250; 300-241 days = \$500; 240-181 days = \$1000; 180-151 days = 50% of total cost; 150-121 days = 75% of total cost; 120-0 days prior of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements.** Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. The right is reserved to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable to EOT and the right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see [eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement](http://eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement) or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 10/30/24. Failure to provide your passport

information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. You will also be required to check in with the cruise line prior to travel and according to the cruise line's requirements and instructions provided in your final documents.

**PRICE INCREASES**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, EO does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees](http://eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees).

**ON OWN DEVIATIONS:**

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to any additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. The cruise line has the ultimate control over your voyage and may, without notice, alter the length of the cruise and the order of and/or inclusion of ports. EOT is in no way responsible for these changes and does not make reimbursement for such changes.

**PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS**

As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel. If you are in the 24th week or have completed it you will not be allowed to board. Due to the limited medical facilities, infants must be at least one year old on the first day of the cruise.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until **06/04/24**. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

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Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

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Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

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Schedule of Benefits	Maximum Benefit
Trip Cancellation . . . . .	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption. . . . .	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection . . . . .	\$500
Trip Delay. . . . .	Up to \$150 Per Day, to Maximum of \$1,500
<b>Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation</b>	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense. . . . .	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains. . . . .	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment. . . . .	\$25,000
Baggage & Personal Effects. . . . .	\$1,000
Baggage Delay . . . . .	Up to \$200