



## Danube by bike, following EuroVelo 6 - guided

8 days / 7 nights

This trip from Belgrade to Bucharest is to introduce you to amazing scenery and follows the most spectacular section of the Danube which is part of the project EuroVelo6. We will start your ride in Serbia and finish it in Romania, at the end of the Carpathian Mountains, crossing the Banat region. Here we will find breath-taking combinations of landscapes, sweet hills on which are settled picturesque villages with secular traditions like haymaking, steep gorge walls where lively rivers flow and the great Danube which will give you the feeling of pushing the mountains so it can slowly float towards the Black sea, between Serbia and Romania, between the Balkans and Carpathian Mountains.

Group departure by private van or by train available from Bucharest on Day 1. Around 8-9h from Bucharest. Ask us for a quotation.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Welcome in Belgrade

The trip starts at our 3\* hotel in Belgrade, in the city centre, where our bikes will be waiting for us. You can book an extra-night to visit the city.

#### Day 2 - Descending the Danube

Today we start our bike ride on the Danube, the second longest river in Europe that was once the border of the Roman Empire. We will end our ride in a small town on the Danube where we can see the typical traditional Austro-Hungarian architecture. ~67 km. BD



#### Day 3 - The majestic Danube

We will continue our cycle day on the Danube, our last day on Serbian ground, admiring this majestic river which ran over so many countries before arriving here and assaulting the mountains. We will make a small detour from our route to go in a remote village to have lunch in a lovely Serbian family. We end the day in a small resort with lots of lakes and places to swim. A beautiful way to finish a day of biking. ~50 km. BLD



#### **Day 4 - Banat region in Romania**

Today we cross the border between Serbia and Romania a bit further away from the river and we will have the chance to discover a bit of the countryside. Once in Romania we will ride from village to village, an interesting incursion in a non-touristy but beautiful area. Possible stop in a traditional sheepfold to taste their cheese. At the end of the day we will come back on the bank of the Danube and cycle till our guesthouse, where we can swim and admire the most beautiful sunset over the Danube. ~45 km. BLD



#### **Day 5 - Between Serbia and Romania**

We start our bike ride in the Romanian Banat region. This region used to be the most cosmopolitan region in Romania, under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Romanian, German, Hungarian, Serbian and Czech people still live peacefully here. Continuing our cycle along the Danube, even though it was an agitated, blue and impetuous river, don't be amazed to see it has become a big and calm river. In the '70's, Romanian and Serbian governments decided to build a dam on the Danube in order to increase electricity production. This is what we call today The Iron Gates, downstream from the Danube gorges. We will see the results of this at the end of the day when we will ride along this reservoir created by the dam. ~55 km. BLD

#### **Day 6 - The Iron Gates**

Our Danube bike ride today will offer us a great variety. At the beginning of the day you will see a large river, then we will cross towns and stop in the markets, discover some industrial heritage from the communist period and we will end up close to the narrowest point of the Danube, on the border between Romanian and Serbia, with some of the most spectacular scenery from the Danube gorges. ~50 km. BLD



### Day 7 - Boating, caving, hiking and biking

As we cannot cycle along the narrowest parts of the gorges this morning we will explore the region by boat and on foot. First we will go by boat on the Danube, we will visit a cave from where we will go by foot to the other side if the level of the Danube is low enough. This will be a beautiful adventure that you will not forget followed by a short hike (around 1.5h) to a magnificent view point above the gorges where you can only get to on foot. In the afternoon we will take our bikes and honour them for our last bike ride on the Danube and see the last wonders of this part of the Danube, called the Iron Gates. ~30 km. BLD



### Day 8 - End of our trip

Today we leave the Danube and our bikes and head to Bucharest, around 5.5 hrs of transfer at your choice (hotel/airport). End of the trip. Possible extra nights in the Romanian capital. It is an eclectic city where you can visit the balcony where Ceausescu, the Romanian communist dictator, had his last speech, the "House of the People", the second biggest building in the world after the Pentagon, and so many other treasures.

## Additional information

### TARIFFS

865 euros per person.

Single supplement (excluding Day 2) : 80 euros per person.

Bike rental, hybrid bikes, 21 gears, back bag : 80 euros per person.

Rental rear panniers : 15 euros per person.

Extra-night in Bucharest, 3\* central hotel, double room: : 70 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

Extra-night in Bucharest, 3\* central hotel, single room: : 55 euros per person.



### **INCLUDED**

- English-speaking guide
- All meals, except dinner Day 1, picnic Day 2 & 8
- Transfer Day 8 from Orsova to Bucharest (approx 5.5 hrs)
- Portage of luggage

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transfer to the meeting point (hotel in Belgrade) and to the drop off point (where you want in Bucharest), meals as indicated, travel insurances, drinks and personal expenses.

Flights.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

- 5 days of cycling, easy level with short climbs
- 1/2 day of walking, easy level
- 1/2 day of boat

### **CARRYING**

- All transfers are by van/bus/trains depending on the group size
- Luggage transported.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1, Belgrade: small hotel in the center

Day 2: charming small guesthouse, rooms with 2 to 5 beds, shared facilities

Day 3: guesthouses, double rooms, private facilities. Exceptionally triple.

Day 4: guesthouses, double rooms, shared facilities.

Day 5, 6 & 7: guesthouses, double rooms, private facilities. Exceptionally triple.

D2, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are on the bank of the Danube.

### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 5 people

### **DEPARTURE**

Belgrade - Serbia

### **DISPERSION**

Bucharest - Romania

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please verify the conditions for entering both of the countries, Serbia and Romania.