Danube by bike, following EuroVelo 6 - self-guided

8 days / 7 nights

A spectacular Bike Tour in Serbia on the Danube trail from Belgrade to Kladovo, following the EuroVelo 6 and the Danube Gorges!

This trip from Belgrade to Kladovo will introduce you to some absolutely amazing scenery. You will follow the most spectacular section of the Danube which is part of the project EuroVelo6. You will start our ride in Serbia and finish it in Serbia, then have a transfer into Romania. You will reach the point where the Carpathian Mountains end and the Balkan Mountains begin. Here you will find a breath-taking combinations of landscapes, from nice hills onto which picturesque villages with secular traditions like haymaking are settled, to steep gorge walls where lively rivers flow. 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 the Carpathian Mountains.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Welcome in Belgrade

The trip starts at your hotel in Belgrade, a 3 star hotel in the city centre. Booking an extra-night is possible to enjoy the city before your ride.

Day 2 - Descending the Danube

The bikes are coming, so get ready to hop in the saddle! Today you start the bike ride on the Danube, the second-longest river in Europe that was once the border of the Roman Empire. You will spend the night in the city of Smederevo, host of a mighty fortress and an appealing centre to explore or in Kovin. ~65 km, +110/-160 m (~75km to Kovin). B

Day 3 - The majestic Danube

You will continue our cycle day on the Danube, admiring this majestic river which ran through so many countries before arriving here and assaulting the mountains. The flat ground slowly starts to turn hilly as you approach the gorges. But for the time being you will end the day going through a very green area. ~55 km, +/-130m. B

Day 4 - An impressive fortress

The day will start with a short bike ride and a very interesting ferry crossing of the big river, in a small ferry. Once on the other side you will resume following its course until reaching an impressive fortress sandwiched between the steep hillside and the river: Golubac Fortress or the Devil's Fortress. You will spend the night in the town just before it. ~53 km, +/-230m. B

Day 5 - Between Serbia and Romania

There come the gorges. Continuing to cycle along the Danube, you might expect it to be agitated and torrent-like as it enters the gorges, but you will find it calm and still. In the 1970s, the Romanian and Yugoslav (at the time) governments decided to

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build a dam on the Danube in order to increase electricity production and also to make the river easily navigable. This is what we call today the Iron Gates. You will see the results of this all through the day when riding along the shore of this reservoir created by the dam downstream. On the way, a treat: the possibility to visit the archaeological museum at Lepenski Vir, a Paleolithic site with exquisite items to see, just on the river shore. After going through several tunnels, the end of the ride today will find you in a small town tucked at the mouths of a tributary to the big river. ~55 km, +/-750m. B

Day 6 - The Iron Gates

On through the gorges, the river will turn wider, looking more like a big lake: a sign that you get near the dam. After passing by the second such big stretch of water, lake-like, you have to imagine that in the middle of the river there used to be an island where a traditional and very conservative community of Turks used to live before the dam was built and the island submerged: Ada Kaleh. You will carry on an slowly the valley will become more open, the slopes will turn smoother and you will see the big dam to the left. A straight and flat road on will take you to the end of the ride in Kladovo. A small town and with a dozen or so of small restaurants and joints selling the pljeskavica, a rich, hamburger-like sandwich. ~65 km, +750/-800m. B

Day 7 - Across the big dam

Cycle along the scenic Danube from Kladovo, Serbia, to Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania, crossing the iconic Iron Gate I Bridge. Enjoy breathtaking river views and rolling landscapes along the way. Arriving in Drobeta, discover a city rich in history, home to the ruins of Trajan’s Bridge and the medieval Water Tower. Once a key Roman settlement, Drobeta now blends historical charm with modern vibrancy. A perfect ride combining nature, culture, and adventure. ~25 km, '+167/-150m
Meal included: Breakfast

If however you wish to carry on cycling, you have the option of carrying on along the Danube from Simian (border crossing transfer needed from Kladovo to Simian) to Calafat - Turnu Magurele - Giurgiu, or of having a transfer back to Belgrade.

Day 8 - End of trip

After breakfast, travel from Drobeta-Turnu Severin to Bucharest by train and enjoy a relaxing journey through Romania’s picturesque landscapes. Arriving in Bucharest, explore Romania’s vibrant capital, known for its grand architecture, lively streets, and rich history. A comfortable and scenic way to reach the heart of the country.
Meal included: Breakfast

Additional information

TARIFFS

995 euros per person.
Single supplement : 200 euros per person.

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Transfer Belgrade Airport - Belgrade hotel (1-3 persons, one way) : 35 euros per person.
Transfer Bucharest North Station / Bucharest city centre - Bucharest Airport (1-3 persons, one way) : 35 euros per person.
Extra night, Bucharest - double room : 90 euros per person.
Extra night, Bucharest - single room : 95 euros per person.
E-bike rental : 300 euros per person.
Hybrid bike rental : 225 euros per person.

INCLUDED
6 breakfasts
Accommodations
Day 7: Train Drobeta Turnu Severin to Bucharest

NOT INCLUDED
Bike rental from Day 2 to Day 7 in the morning (XC bikes), helmet, small repair set
Guide
Meals, other than breakfast
Drinks
Luggage transfers
Transfer to the meeting point (hotel in Belgrade) and from the railway station in Bucharest on.
Travel insurance
Personal expenses
Museum Admission
Flights

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
6 days, easy level with some short climbs.

CARRYING
Not included.

ACCOMMODATION
7 nights in cosy guesthouses and hotels
The offer of accommodation is not very vast in the region, we chose the best rentals, even if they are not always the most luxurious!

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2 people

DEPARTURES
Subject to availability of accommodation, response within 48 hours, from Monday to Friday.

STARTING POINT
Belgrade, Serbia: at your hotel.

END OF THE TRIP
Bucharest, Romania, at the railway station.

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EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

WHAT TO BRING?

- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- Bottle/bottles to fill with water (the plastic bottle on the spot can always be an option)
- Cereal or energizing bars for the day
- Solar cream
- Anti-mosquito cream
- Card, but also a little money in cash
- Binoculars
- Light fleece top
- Light windproof/waterproof jacket
- Headlamp (some guesthouses may not have bed-side lamps, if you want to read in the evening)
- Sun hat
- Personal clothing for mild to hot weather
- Sturdy shoes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We organize this trip only for groups established from 2 participants.

Please check the entry conditions in both countries, Serbia and Romania.

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