

Sailing Along the Flavors of the Danube



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From 21 to 30 June 2012, in conjunction with the second edition of the Mother Earth Balkans (Sofia, 29 June - 1 July 2012)

A nine-day cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Sofia to join the 2nd edition of the Mother Earth Balkans festival that will take place in the Bulgarian capital from 29 to 31 June 2012. A journey that will allow you to experience the amazing biodiversity of the medium and lower reaches of the Danube, from the Pannonian plain all the way to the Iron Gate. Above all, it is a journey of critical awareness of food sovereignty thanks to the numerous contacts we will have with the Terra Madre communities located along the “Ganges of Europe” and with their food, traditions and local identities. Conferences, literary cafès, music and film screenings will accompany the participants during the long sailing hours.

Sailing along the flavors of Danube is a project by **Viaggiare i Balcani** (www.viaggiareibalcani.it) in collaboration with **Slow Food International** (www.slowfood.com).

- PROGRAM -

Individual departures from various airports in Europe and worldwide.

Day 1- June 21: Arrival in Budapest and transfer to Szentendre

Arrival and meeting of participants at the airport. Transfer with the bus to Szentendre. Accommodation in two local B&Bs. Dinner at the Promenade restaurant in Szentendre, right across the Danube river, enriched with traditional music, Hungarian wine tasting and a small gastronomy workshop where the restaurant's chef will teach the participants how to make the real Hungarian goulash!

Day 2 - June 22: Budapest

Breakfast in B&Bs. Free visits to the town in the early morning. Later in the morning a short official presentation of the initiative. After the presentation a buffet-lunch organized by the Association of Conscious Consumers from Budapest, Mother Earth Market of Nagymaros and other Hungarian convivia and presidia.

In the afternoon visit to Budapest guided by the Beyond Budapest Association. Free time in the early evening, dinner at the local restaurant and return by bus to Szentendre after the dinner. Accommodation in Szentendre.

Day 3- June 23: Budapest - Mohacs. Duration: 10 hours (180 km)

Breakfast in B&Bs. Boarding for the first part of our cruise: from Budapest to Mohacs. The Virtous Gypsy Orchestra, a Csardas-music band based in Budapest will follow us all the way down to the completion of this first stage of the cruise.

Upon arrival in Mohacs the participants will settle in the local hotel. For dinner the participants will witness to the "Second Battle of Mohacs" will take place, a wine and food clash between presidia and convivia from Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina, between sausages and cheese.

Day 4 - June 24: Mohacs - Vukovar. Duration: 8-9 hours (120 km, 2 border-crossings)

Breakfast at hotel. Boarding for the second stage of the journey, from Mohacs to Vukovar in Croatia. Arrival in Vukovar, bus transfer to nearby Vinkovci and accommodation in the hotel. Return to Vukovar for dinner in a restaurant on the bank of the Danube. .



In the evening we plan the screening of the winning film of the last edition of the Vukovar Film Festival dedicated to the film production of the countries of the Danubian basin. After projection return to Vinkovci by bus and accommodation in the hotel.

Day 5 - June 25: Vukovar - Novi Sad. Duration: approx. 6 hours (80 km but with one Customs Control in Novi Sad)

Breakfast at the hotel. Boarding on for the third stage of the cruise from Vukovar to Novi Sad. Arrive at Novi Sad in the early afternoon, transfer to the hotel and the guided visit to the town center, Petrovaradin fortress and Sremski Karlovac.

Wine and cheese tasting in an old local cellar will precede the dinner in the “Salaš 137” near Novi Sad. This evening we will be accompanied by a group performing *Tamburaška* music, typical of the Vojvodina region. Return to hotel after the dinner.

Day 6 - June 26: Novi Sad - Belgrade. Duration: 5 hours (83km)

After the breakfast and hotel check out we will go on board for the fourth stage of the trip from Novi Sad to Belgrade. The second conference will take place on board and the concept of European citizenship and the sustainable development policies related to the enhancement and promotion of the Danube and its richness will be discussed. At the conclusion of the conference a buffet-lunch will be organized by Slow Food convivia and Terra Madre communities from Serbia.

Arrival to the Serbian capital and accommodation in the hotel are planned for the late afternoon. The guided visit to the places, memories and symbols of Belgrade as it was at the beginning of the XX century will follow. Upon the visit's completion of the visit we will have dinner in the typical “kafana” in the center of the city and one short walk in the town center before going back to the hotel.

Day 7, June 27: Belgrade - Donji Milanovac. Duration: 10 hours (180 km + 1 customs control)

Breakfast at hotel. Boarding and departure to Donji Milanovac, near the enchanting Iron Gate region where the Danube marks the border between Serbia and Romania. On the way a literary caffè with Dušan Veličković will be organized. In the late afternoon arrival to Tekija and bus transfer to Donji Milanovac. In the evening music and dances performed by the local Trumpet Band. A dinner in the local restaurant and accommodation in B&Bs in the center of Donji Milanovac.

Day 8 - June 28: Kladovo - Vidin. Duration: 10 hours (140 km, 1 stop, 1 border-crossing)

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning bus transfer to Kladovo, boarding and departure to Vidin. In the



late afternoon arrival in the town and the accommodation in the hotel located on the river's bank. In the evening we will enjoy traditional music and dances in the old fortress of Baba Vida on the Danube. After the buffet-dinner in the fortress return to hotel.

Day 9 - June 29: Vidin - Sofia. Duration: 3 hours

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning the guided visit to the town. After the lunch the bus-transfer to Sofia to join the 2nd edition of the Mother Earth Balkans Festival. Accommodation in the hotel in the town center. In the late afternoon a walk to the Botanical Garden of Sofia where we will participate in the opening dinner of the Mother Earth Balkans.

Day 10 - June 30: Sofia

Breakfast at the hotel. End of services.

Starting from the morning the participants will have the opportunity to take part in the conferences, workshops or simply visit other stands of the food communities present at the Mother Earth Balkans Festival. The participants are free to decide whether they want to return to Italy the same day or to stay one more night in Sofia. However, please note that the costs for the night of the June 30 are not included in the registration fee.

Registration fee : EURO 995,00

Registration fee includes:

Boat transfer for the entire duration of the cruise-

Bus transfers - Accommodation in double rooms with breakfast as scheduled - Dinners as scheduled (with one drink included) - Lunches as scheduled - Visiting tours, meetings and workshops as scheduled in the program - Guides/Cultural mediators for the entire duration of the trip - Luggage and medical insurance

Registration fee does not include:

Arrival travel costs to Budapest and from Sofia - Accommodation for the night of June 30 in Sofia - Entrance fees for the museums and galleries not included in the program - Personal costs- Anything that is not planned in the program and in the section "registration fee includes".

N.B: Budapest and Sofia are well served by numerous airline companies from all the principal airports in Europe, including low cost companies such as Wizz Air, Malev, RyanAir and Germanwings. Availability and prices depend on the type of the flight chosen as well as on the booking date. The arriving flight to Budapest and the departure flight from Sofia should be individually booked by the participants. However, the **Association Traveling the Balkans** is at your disposal at any time for the

booking of the flights.

For further information: danubio@viaggiareibalcani.net

Necessary documents : Valid ID cards or passports. For non EU-citizens additional visas may be required. If not an EU citizen please contact us for further information.

REGISTRATION BY MAY 20, 2012 PLEASE NOT THAT AVAILABLE PLACES ARE LIMITED.

If the planned number of bookings will not be reached by May 20 the trip will be canceled and participants will be fully refunded.

Fee payment at the time of reservation: EURO 250,00

Single supplement: EURO 150,00

Minimum number of participants: 60

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