

# PARIS TO ISTANBUL

A grand European journey visiting 11 countries including a fascinating 21-night cruise from Trier, Germany to Romania and Bulgaria, and ending with a 3-night stay in magical Istanbul

30 days ♦ Fly to Paris & return from Istanbul



*Begin your European vacation with Paris, the “City of Lights.” See charming towns and historical castles as you cruise along the Rhine and Main river. Sail along the Romanian/Bulgarian border on to Serbia and through the Iron Gates, a very narrow passage dividing the Alps from the Carpathian mountains. Continue to Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria, before joining your cruise in Romania. See the very best of what Europe has to offer and enjoy the history and beauty along the Danube River before ending your vacation in what was known for centuries as the greatest city in the world, Istanbul.*



St. Charles Cathedral, Vienna



Melk Abbey, Austria

## DAILY PROGRAM FEATURES

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1		Overnight flight to France
2	Paris	Hotel check-in
3	Paris	City tour
4	Paris	Optional tours available
5	Paris	Transfer to Luxembourg
	Luxembourg	City tour
	Trier	City tour
		<b>EMBARKATION</b>
		Welcome Cocktails & Dinner
6	Bernkastel Zell	Walking tour Evening wine fest
7	Cochem	Tour Reichsburg Castle
	Koblenz	OR: Koblenz walking tour
	Rhine Valley	Cruise along Rhine castles
	Rüdesheim	Siegfried's Music Museum
8	Mainz	Heidelberg excursion OR: Mainz & Frankfurt tour
9	Miltenberg	Walking tour
10	Würzburg	City tour & Residenz Palace
11	Bamberg	Walking tour
12	Nuremberg	Excursion to Munich
13	Nuremberg	City tour
		Main-Danube Canal lecture
14	Hilpoltstein	Crossing Continental Divide
	Regensburg	Walking tour Evening folklore music
15	Passau	Walking tour
	Salzburg	Optional Salzburg excursion
16	Melk	Benedictine Abbey Tour
	Vienna	Optional evening concert
17	Vienna	City tour
18	Budapest	City tour
19	Budapest	Puszta excursion
20	Mohacs	Pecs excursion
21	Vukovar	City tour
	Novi Sad	City tour
22	Belgrade	City tour
23	Iron Gates	Full-day cruising
24	Vidin	Baba Vida Fortress
25	Bucharest	City tour
26	Rousse	<b>DISSEMBARK</b>
	Veliko Tarnovo	City tour
	Plovdiv	Hotel check-in; city tour
27	Plovdiv	Transfer to Istanbul
	Istanbul	Hotel check-in
28	Istanbul	City tour & optional tour
29	Istanbul	Tour Topkapi Palace
30	Istanbul	Airport transfer

Hagia Sofia, Istanbul

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Paris with daily Buffet Breakfast
- ❖ Transfer from the Hotel in Paris via Luxembourg to the Ship in Trier
- ❖ 21-night Deluxe Cruise Accommodation in an Outside Stateroom - 82% of the Staterooms with large French Balconies
- ❖ Infotainment System in all Staterooms with Internet, Movie and Music Library & English Language TV Stations
- ❖ Terry Bathrobes and White-on-white plush Bedding in all Staterooms
- ❖ Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise
- ❖ Unlimited Quality Red & White Wines from Europe's great Wine Regions with every Dinner onboard the Ship
- ❖ Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner
- ❖ Fully escorted Motorcoach Tour from the Ship in Rousse, Bulgaria to Istanbul
- ❖ 1 Night Hotel Accommodation in Bulgaria including daily Buffet Breakfast
- ❖ 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Istanbul including daily Buffet Breakfast
- ❖ Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary
- ❖ Special Highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners, onboard Music Performances and afternoon & evening Piano Music
- ❖ Use of Bicycles to explore on your own
- ❖ Services of Professional Cruise Director
- ❖ All English Language onboard in a non-smoking Environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- ❖ All Transfers with the Purchase of Cruise, Land & Air package
- ❖ All local Taxes

## YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1, DEPART USA.** Board your overnight flight to Paris, France.

**Day 2, ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE.** Take the balance of the day to relax or explore the "City of Lights."

**Day 3, PARIS.** See the most famous sights of Paris on your morning tour. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, pass the Louvre Museum, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, La Madeleine, Les Champs Elysées and much more. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. (B)

**Day 4, PARIS.** Enjoy a free day to explore the most romantic city in the world. Stroll through the Jardin des Tuileries, gaze at impressionist masterpieces at the Musée D'Orsay, or visit the top of the Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair. Paris at night sparkles with possibilities for every taste. (B)

**Day 5, PARIS - LUXEMBOURG, TRIER, GERMANY.** This morning, drive through the French countryside of Champagne to Luxembourg, one of the last independent duchies which once made up western and central Europe. The Grand Duchy still plays an important role in today's international politics and banking. Continue on to Trier for brief overview of town before embarking the ship. Tonight, gather onboard for a Welcome Dinner. (B,D)

**Day 6, BERNKASTEL - ZELL.** Arrive in the charming village of Bernkastel. Strategically located in the middle of the Mosel wine-producing region, Bernkastel boasts over 500 years of documented wine history. Take a guided walking tour through the old town center with its many medieval and Renaissance buildings, before continuing on to Zell, a delightful town famous for its wine "Zeller Schwarze Katz." (B,L,D)

**Day 7, COCHEM - KOBLENZ - RHINE CASTLES -RÜDESHEIM.** This morning, take the included excursion to Cochem, where a guided tour of hilltop Reichsburg Castle offers fascinating views of the river valley. Or, enjoy the scenic cruising to Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. This afternoon, cruise the most beautiful part of the Rhine, passing castle after castle and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Arrive in Rüdesheim and visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. In the evening, explore the Drosselgasse, a narrow alley lined with wine taverns and restaurants. The ship moors overnight in Rüdesheim. (B,L,D)

**Day 8, MAINZ - HEIDELBERG - FRANKFURT.** Today, decide between two excursions: take a guided walking tour of beautiful Mainz and see the famous Gutenberg Museum, home of the world's first printed bible, then travel to Frankfurt by bus for a tour of the historic "Romer" center. Or travel by motorcoach to Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town, where you will visit the red-walled castle and see the Great Vat, a 49,000-gallon 8th-century wine cask. Later this afternoon, return to Frankfurt, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. The ship moors overnight in Frankfurt. (B,L,D)

**Day 9, WERTHEIM – MILTENBERG.** Arrive in Wertheim and travel by motorcoach to Miltenberg for a guided morning walking tour of this old Franconian town, which reveals narrow cobblestone streets and gabled, half-timbered houses. Return to Wertheim this afternoon for some free time to explore the town on your own. (B,L,D)

**Day 10, WÜRZBURG.** Würzburg, "the Pearl of the Romantic Road," is the capital of Lower Franconia, and the center of wine and trade. Visit the major sights including the magnificent Residenz Palace. This afternoon, you can join an optional excursion to medieval Rothenburg. Appreciate its ramparts and towers, cobbled lanes and 16th-century houses. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore on your own before returning to the ship in Würzburg. (B,L,D)

**Day 11, HASSFURT - BAMBERG.** Arrive in Hassfurt, located on the Main River, and travel by motorcoach to enchanting Bamberg, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this medieval gem and see the breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall that straddles the river, and the city's serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions. Rejoin the ship in Hassfurt and continue cruising on the Main-Danube Canal to Nuremberg. (B,L,D)

**Day 12, NUREMBERG - MUNICH.** Travel by train to Munich, the capital of Bavaria and one of Germany's largest cities. Your escort will be on hand to offer you suggestions on what to see while in town and to take you to lunch at the world famous Hofbrauhaus. Tonight, you will meet fellow travelers embarking from Prague. (B,L,D)

**Day 13, NUREMBERG - CROSSING THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE - DIETFURT.** Enjoy a guided morning tour of this historic city with its fabulous Gothic churches and elegant impressive walls. See the storybook 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. At lunchtime, rejoin the ship further along the Main-Danube Canal and continue to the highest point of your cruise - 1,332 feet above sea level before descending through stair-step locks to the charming Bavarian town of Dietfurt. (B,L,D)

**Day 14, REGENSBURG.** Cruise the final stretch of the Main-Danube Canal and arrive in magnificent Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. A guided tour will show you the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria - gates to a Roman fort which was built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube. Later, participate in an optional excursion to beautiful Weltenburg Abbey in the Danube Gorge. (B,L,D)

**Day 15, PASSAU - LINZ, AUSTRIA.** After breakfast, arrive in picturesque Passau, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. During your walking tour, gaze at this fairy tale city founded more than 2,000 years ago. Or, take an optional full day tour to Salzburg, birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and location of the Sound of Music. For those staying onboard, enjoy a scenic cruise from Passau to Linz. The ship moors overnight in Linz. (B,L,D)

**Day 16, MELK - VIENNA.** Cruise through the narrow Strudengau and reach the Wachau Valley early this morning. A guided tour takes you to Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. At lunchtime, continue through the romantic Wachau Valley, arriving late afternoon in Vienna, the "City of Music." Explore the magnificent Austrian capital on your own, or join an optional Mozart and Strauss concert. (B,L,D)

**Day 17, VIENNA.** During your guided tour of Vienna you will see the Imperial Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, Ringstrasse and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. Explore the city at your leisure before continuing your journey past Slovakia and cruise overnight to Budapest, Hungary's vibrant capital. (B,L,D)

**Day 18, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.** Your guided city tour includes Buda and Pest. From historic Buda Castle you can enjoy a splendid view of the twin cities of Buda and Pest spread over both banks of the River. Your tour also features the distinctive Fisherman's Bastion, the marvelous Royal Palace, St. Stephen's Basilica, and much more. Tonight, enjoy a Gala Dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 19, BUDAPEST.** The Puszta is the region of Hungary most widely known throughout the world. The vast flat Great Hungarian Plain stretches across to the east, where Hungarian cowboys still wear traditional garb and practice the skills of their Magyar ancestors. Upon arrival, you will be met by horse-herds and greeted with warm hospitality, brandy and scones. Try their national dish of goulash for lunch. The ship moors overnight in Budapest. (B,L,D)

**Day 20, MOHACS - PECS.** This morning, the ship arrives in Mohacs, where you depart for an excursion to Pecs. See the Synagogue, Christian Basilica and visit the former Turkish Mosque. After lunch onboard ship, enjoy a wine-tasting excursion, where you will sample aromatic, spicy wines from the vineyards of Vilány. (B,L,D)

**Day 21, VUKOVAR - NOVI SAD, SERBIA.** A guided bus and walking tour of Vukovar will show you the Franciscan Monastery of St. John Capistrano, the Manorhouse Eltz and the St. James and St. Nicholas churches. During lunch, continue your cruise to Novi Sad, Serbia, where you will tour the 18th-Century Austrian-Hungarian Petrovaradin Fortress. (B,L,D)

**Day 22, BELGRADE.** Wake up in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, and explore its myriad of streets, plazas and squares. Your guided tour features Tito's memorial, the Town Hall, the Federal Parliament Building, Terazije Street, Republic Square and Mihajlova street, "Varos" Gate and the mighty Kalemegdan Fortress. (B,L,D)



Slovakian costume



Passau, Germany

**Day 23, CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES – VIDIN, BULGARIA.** Today, enjoy a full day of cruising through one of Europe's most awe-inspiring natural wonders, the Iron Gates. Here the Danube narrows, as it winds through a range of magnificent gorges between the southern Carpathian Mountains and the northwestern foothills of the Balkan Mountains. Forming the natural border between Serbia and Romania, today's passage will be an unforgettable highlight of your Black Sea adventure. Late this evening, the ship sails to Vidin. (B,L,D)

**Day 24, VIDIN.** The "Baba Vida" Fortress sits guard over the Danube at the Bulgarian frontier town of Vidin. The 14th-century castle has massive walls and dark towers, which strongly contrast the natural park which surrounds the castle. From here, take an excursion to Belogradschik, a beautifully restored 6th-century castle, located in a fairy tale landscape of unusual rock formations. (B,L,D)

**Day 25, GIURGIU - BUCHAREST, ROMANIA – ROUSSE, BULGARIA.** Today, enjoy a full day excursion to Bucharest, capital and largest city in Romania. The city is famed for its Belle Epoque era buildings dating from the 19th-century. See the Arch of Triumph, Soseaua Kiseleff, the Athenaeum, the Library and visit the Parliament Palace - the world's largest palace. Enjoy lunch in a typical Romanian restaurant, then enjoy some leisure time to explore on your own or visit the open air museum, which was dedicated to the traditional architecture and buildings of rural Romania. This evening, the ship departs for Rousse. (B,L,D)

**Day 26, ROUSSE - VELIKO TARNOVO - PLOVDIV, BULGARIA.** Disembark in Rousse and continue your tour by motorcoach, where your first stop is the ancient capital of Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo. Here you will tour Tsarevets Hill, the citadel of the city, the old fortress walls, the Royal Palaces, the Patriarchal church and Baldwin's Tower. Shoppers can explore the traditional street market, Samovodska Charshia. This evening, arrive in Plovdiv and see the main highlights of Plovdiv Old Town, before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 27, PLOVDIV - ISTANBUL, TURKEY.** After breakfast, continue on to magical Istanbul for the grand three-night conclusion of your Black Sea Voyage. (B)

**Day 28, ISTANBUL.** Your city tour shows you the old city, with its numerous Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman monuments of her historic past. Admire the mighty defensive walls, the Roman aqueduct and the hippodrome. See the Galata Tower and visit the Suleymaniye Mosque. This evening is free to explore the town on your own. (B)

**Day 29, ISTANBUL.** Tour the Ottoman Sultans' Grand Palace of Topkapi, home to every Sultan from the 15th-century to the end of the 19th-century. Admire the Sultan's private chambers, marvel at the world famous Harem and the treasury, home to the Topkapi Diamond. This afternoon, enjoy an optional Bosphorus cruise and visit to the Spice Bazaar or use the remainder of the day to shop for souvenirs or relax at one of the charming tea houses or restaurants. (B)

**Day 30, ISTANBUL.** Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## DATES & PRICES

### CODE AL

USA DEP. DATE	START CITY	SHIP NAME	CRUISE ONLY	CRUISE & LAND	AIR CRUISE & LAND*
19-May	PAR	Amadolce	\$7,297	\$8,907	\$9,707
8-Jun	IST	Amadolce	\$7,097	\$8,707	\$9,807
30-Jun	PAR	Amadolce	\$6,997	\$8,607	\$9,707
20-Jul	IST	Amadolce	\$6,997	\$8,607	\$9,707
22-Jul	PAR	Amacello	\$6,997	\$8,607	\$9,707
11-Aug	PAR	Amadolce	\$7,297	\$8,907	\$10,007
11-Aug	IST	Amacello	\$7,297	\$8,907	\$10,007
31-Aug	IST	Amadolce	\$7,897	\$9,507	\$10,607
22-Sep	PAR	Amadolce	\$7,697	\$9,307	\$10,407
12-Oct	IST	Amadolce	\$6,897	\$8,507	\$9,307

\*Included airfare from New York is a current estimate. Actual airfares from all gateways will be advised at the time of booking.

PORT CHARGES: \$399 per person

SINGLE SUPPL. FOR CRUISE: 50% of twin price;  
Jr. Suites 100% of twin price

SINGLE SUPPL. FOR LAND: \$910 per person

Prices are per person in Category E in a deluxe outside stateroom with window. To upgrade to a higher Category, add per person:

CAT.	DECK	STATEROOM	PRICE
D	Piano Deck	Window	\$507
C	Cello Deck	French Balcony	\$1497
B	Cello Deck	French Balcony	\$2097
A	Violin Deck	French Balcony	\$2397
A+	Violin Deck	French Balcony	\$2997
S	Violin Deck	French Balcony	\$5097

NOTE: Please select bedding configuration at the time of booking. The choices are:

Choice A: Two twin beds

Choice B: One large bed (larger than queen size)

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES