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2026 IMPERIAL SPLENDORS PLUS BALKAN DISCOVERY RIVER CRUISE

*Enjoy an 9-Night Imperial Splendors Land Tour,
followed by a 7-Night River Cruise from Budapest to Oltenita
& a 1-Night Post-Cruise Hotel Stay in Bucharest*

17 Nights / 20 Days • Escorted from Honolulu
Travel to Munich, Germany & Return from Bucharest, Romania
Avalon Passion • Featuring 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites
May 13 – June 01, 2026 • Tour Manager: Michael Lindo

COUNTRIES: Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia,
Hungary, Austria, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria & Romania

RIVER: Danube River

VACATION OVERVIEW: The over-the-top homes. The complicated relationships. The relentless quest for power. Ruling Austria — and later the Austro-Hungarian Empire — for nearly 650 years, the Habsburgs formed one of history's greatest, yet often overlooked, European dynasties. This fascinating tour of Central Europe traces the family's steps — and missteps — as you enjoy the imperial sights of Prague, Budapest, and Vienna with additional overnights in melodious Salzburg and lively Munich. Ornate castles and cathedrals, stunning palaces and parks, and gorgeous gardens and grounds provide glimpse into the intriguing lives and lavish lifestyles of one of history's most powerful and controversial families. In-depth sightseeing and a cruise along the legendary Danube offer varied vantage points to witness the magnificent marks this royal family left on Central Europe.

Experience the extraordinary destinations of Eastern Europe on this Danube River cruise adventure through the Balkans. You'll cruise through the rich landscapes and cultural locales of Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania. Embark on your Avalon Suite Ship® in Budapest, the lively Hungarian capital, and sail into beautiful Croatia. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour in Vukovar and discover Ilok with its 1,000-year-old wine making tradition. Take a fascinating guided tour of the Serbian capital of Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe, where the Sava River meets the Danube. Cruise through the dramatic views of Iron Gates Gorge—a natural border between Serbia and Romania. Visit Bulgaria's Belogradchik, and see the fascinating rock formations sculpted by natural elements for over 200 million years. On an excursion to the ancient Bulgarian capital of Veliko Tarnovo, you'll visit Arbanassi's Church of the Nativity, housing an impressive collection of frescoes.

To round out this timeless Eastern European river cruise, you'll stay in Romania's vibrant capital of Bucharest, known as the "Paris of the East." A local expert will show you many of its historical treasures, such as the Arc de Triomphe, built in honor of WWI soldiers.

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Day 1: Wed, May 13 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Thur, May 14 – IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Fri, May 15 – MUNICH, GERMANY. Welcome to Munich! After completing arrival formalities, meet your Globus Representative and transfer by coach to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city on your own. At 6:00 pm, meet your Tour Director and Travel Companions for a **welcome dinner** at your hotel. HILTON MUNICH CITY or Similar (1 Night) (D)

Day 4: Sat, May 16 – MUNICH – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC. Join your group for an **orientation tour** of Munich that includes the **Marienplatz**. Free time before continuing to Prague. GRANDIUM HOTEL PRAGUE or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 5: Sun, May 17 – PRAGUE. Guided sightseeing features the **Astronomical Clock** and the **Hradcany Castle grounds**. Free time this afternoon and evening. (B)

Day 6: Mon, May 18 – PRAGUE – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Take an orientation walk and free time in Bratislava, before continuing to Budapest. COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT CITY CENTER or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 7: Tue, May 19 – BUDAPEST. Guided sightseeing includes the **Matthias Coronation Church** and **Heroes' Square**. Free time this afternoon and evening. (B)



Day 8: Wed, May 20 – BUDAPEST – VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Free time for lunch in Vienna. Guided sightseeing features a drive along the famous **Ringstrasse** and **St. Stephen's Cathedral**. MOOONS HOTEL or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 9: Thur, May 21 – VIENNA. Enjoy a free day in beautiful Vienna. (B)


Day 10: Fri, May 22 – VIENNA – KREMS – SALZBURG. Take a **Danube cruise** with **kaffee und kuchen (coffee and cake) tasting** in Krem. Guided walking tour features the **Mirabell Gardens** and **Residenz Square**. Dinner at **St. Peter Stiftskeller Restaurant**. HOTEL NH SALZBURG CITY or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 11: Sat, May 23 – SALZBURG – MUNICH, GERMANY. Enjoy free time this morning in Salzburg. In Munich, join a **farewell dinner** at the **Ratskeller Restaurant** followed by a visit to the **Hofbrauhaus**. HILTON MUNICH CITY or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 12: Sun, May 24 – MUNICH – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARK AVALON PASSION – CRUISE TO VUKOVAR. Fly from Munich to Budapest before transferring to board the Avalon Passion. The ship will cruise overnight to Vukovar. (B, D)

Day 13: Mon, May 25 – VUKOVAR – ILOK, CROATIA – NOVI SAD, SERBIA. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Walking Tour to discover the heritage, culture, and tradition of Vukovar and enjoy a **beer tasting**. OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided City Tour to discover the captivating culture and tradition of Vukovar and learn about its rich history and heritage.

Enjoy a brief cruise to Ilok while having lunch onboard.


 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided tour of Ilok, with its 1,000-year-old wine making traditions still thriving and its medieval fortress protected for its Croatian cultural heritage. Refresh your spirit with a **wine tasting** in a local cellar and hear the stories of culture and tradition in the natural beauty of Eastern Croatia, OR


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Explore more of Croatia on a Guided Bike Tour along Ilok's city walls, into the **central church**, and the **town's museum** on your way to **Principovac Castle and Estate**.


The ship will dock overnight in Novi Sad. (B, L, D)



Day 14: Tue, May 26 — NOVI SAD — CRUISE OVERNIGHT TO BELGRADE.

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Tour of Novi Sad, the second largest town in Serbia. Admire its Austro-Hungarian old town, with its baroque buildings, and ancient fortifications.


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a Guided Hike Tour to the Petrovaradin part of the town. Located on the right bank of the Danube, across from the main part of Novi Sad, this area will amaze you for its scenic views, OR


 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Get to learn more about the beekeeper profession on this Guided Tour of Novi Sad by stopping by the Honey Museum and taking local honey specialties.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. The ship will cruise overnight to Belgrade. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Wed, May 27 — BELGRADE — CRUISE OVERNIGHT TO GOLUBAC.


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Discover Belgrade's central walkway with your Adventure Host, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Belgrade — where the Danube and Sava Rivers converge — and see the city's many fascinating sights, including Saint Sava — one of the world's largest Orthodox churches.

 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Attend an onboard Lecture to learn about the rich history, destinations, and culture of the Balkan states.

Spend your free time exploring the city on your own this afternoon on Knez Mihailova Street — Belgrade's central pedestrian thoroughfare with many lively cafes, shops, and cultural spots. This evening, you might like to join an Optional Excursion for an authentic Bohemian Dinner in the Quarter of Skadarlija. The ship will cruise overnight to Golubac. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Thur, May 28 — GOLUBAC — DONJI MILANOVAC — EXCURSION TO LEPENSKI VIR — IRON GATES GORGE — CRUISE TO VIDIN, BULGARIA.

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Visit the Fortress of Golubac, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in Europe. You'll hear about its tumultuous history as a border control for defense in the Middle Ages, and a source of conflict between Serbia, the Habsburg Monarchy, and the Ottoman Empire, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Tour to the Mesolithic archaeological site of Lepenski Vir with unique views of the Danube Gorge.


Sail through the spectacular and narrow Iron Gate Gorge — a natural border between Serbia and Romania. The ship will cruise overnight to Vidin. (B, L, D)



Day 17: Fri, May 29 — VIDIN — CRUISE TO ROUSSE.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Adventure Host for a bike tour around the city, OR


 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join Guided Sightseeing to Baba Vida Fortress, followed by a Guided Tour of Belogradchik. Marvel at the remarkable rock formations on the western slopes of the Balkan Mountains, sculpted by 200 million years of natural elements, OR

 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Discover more than two centuries of a proud family history of Bulgarian wine making with a tour and tasting at a local winery. Here, you'll enjoy a wine tasting in the cellars.

The ship will cruise overnight to Rousse. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Sat, May 30 — ROUSSE — VELIKO TARNOVO AND ARBANASSI EXCURSION — CRUISE TO OLTENITA, ROMANIA.


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Explore Rousse's old town by bike with your Adventure Host, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a full-day Guided Tour to the former Bulgarian capital of Veliko Tarnovo — with its ancient stone houses clinging to the cliffs above the Yantra River. Discover one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria (circa 4300 BC), as well as the Bulgarian Revival architecture in the 15th century town of Arbanassi, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Bulgaria's largest inland port and visit its impressive Holy Trinity Church.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board with a Bulgarian folklore show. The ship will cruise overnight to Oltenita. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Sun, May 31 — OLTENITA — DISEMBARK AVALON PASSION — BUCHAREST.

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Tour of the Romanian capital city of Bucharest with its tree-lined boulevards and Arc de Triomphe — honoring WWI Romanian soldiers. See the Royal Palace Square — the scene of the city's 1989 riots to overthrow the communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Spend some free time exploring on your own to visit shops and museums. See the beautiful home and churches along Victory Avenue. INTERCONTINENTAL ATHÉNÉE PALACE or Similar (1 Night) (B)

Day 20: Mon, June 01 — BUCHAREST — HONOLULU. Bid farewell to Romania as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 10 nights hotel accommodations.
- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- Open-air balconies and wall-to-wall panoramic windows in all Panorama Suites.
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door.
- Individual climate control and in-room safe.
- Well-stocked mini-bar.
- Included sightseeing with expert Local Guides with Personal Headset included.
- Choice of **CLASSIC**, **ACTIVE**, or **DISCOVERY** excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way.
- Onboard lectures, activities, and entertainment.
- Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Non-smoking staterooms and ship interior.
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV.
- Happy Hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails, and a drink of the day.
- Welcome and Farewell Cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés.
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily à la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef's features including carving and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon Tea featuring teas, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu and venue options.
- Vegetarian options at every meal, as well as vegan, low calorie, low fat, high fiber, low cholesterol, high energy, and allergy-free selections.
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks, and beWell Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, teas, hot chocolate, and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day.
- AvalonGo App for your mobile device keeps you informed and on course before and during your cruise.

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