## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

#### **Budapest, Hungary: Evening Cultural Performance**

57 Euro per person



Enjoy a rousing performance of the 30-member Hungarian National Folklore Ensemble. The concert will feature music, costumes, and dances from various parts of Hungary and will be highlighted with numbers performed by the

exquisite Gypsy Musicians! After the performance, a short bus tour will take you around the Hungarian capital for a breathtaking by-night tour, when you will be able to see the gorgeously illuminated buildings and bridges!

# Budapest, Hungary: Walking Tour of Downtown Pest (2 ½ Hours) 15 Euro per person – CASH ONLY



We highly recommend this casual, yet delightful walking tour led by our Cruise Director! From the dock you will first visit the largest open-air market in Budapest where you can purchase anything from superb Hungarian salami to a nightgown. Then you will proceed down Vaci Utca, the city's main pedestrian promenade full of shops, cafes,

and beautiful people! Your tour will end at the historic 140-year-old Gerbeaud Coffee House where you can savor a delicious cup of brew or homemade ice cream and return to the dock via local tram!"

# Novi Sad, Serbia: Krusedol Monastery, Wine, & Honey Tasting 35 Euro per person



We highly recommend this delightful bus excursion to the small town of Sremski Karlovci, the center of wine production of the region. Here you will visit the Zivanovic family, whose members have been producing their private label "Bermet"

wine for over a century, and whose products have been enjoyed by members of the Hapsburg Monarchy as well as the Russian Tsars! Your hosts will welcome you to their home, where you will tour their wine cellars and "Museum of Honey," which they also produce. In the lovely ambiance of their large garden, they will offer you several varieties of "Bermet" accompanied by honey and snacks – a great way to experience Serbian hospitality firsthand. On the way back, stop at a high school dating from the

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18th century with its full library of around 18,000 books. Before returning to your motor coach, don't be surprised if you meet a few ladies in German folk costumes who have not forgotten their ancestry and who still make the famous German Gugelhupf (kuglof) cake, which you will have a chance to taste for yourselves!

#### **Historical Landmarks in the Iron Gates**



#### 25 Euro per person

Disembark the ship right by the impressive fortress of Golubac. Start your tour with a visit of this important witness of the local history. Established in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by the Serbs, the fortress played an important role at this strategic

point of the river, being held at times by Hungarians, Ottomans, again Serbs. Today the impressive fort with 9 towers will take you to Lord of the Rings World.

From 2014 to 2019, the fortress was beautifully restored and is now ready to welcome you with its legends, stories, and views. Your ship will be docked in the compounds of the Golubac Fortress Museum! Your guided visit will start from the ship, leading you through the palace, the courtyard and some of the towers. The guide's comprehensive explanations, as well as a film projection, will help you understand more about this fascinating place!

### Vidin, Bulgaria: Belogradchik Rock Formations



#### 35 Euro per person

Don't hesitate to take the tour to the most famous natural phenomena in the region, Belogradchik Rocks. Appeared because of wind and water erosion, this rocky fairy-tale is spread from west to east and it is 30 km long and 3 km wide. The most

attractive rocks are around the town and named as The Madonna, The Monks, The Rider, The Dervish, The Bear, Adam and Eve, The Castle, The Little Shepherd, The Mushrooms, The Lion - and many others. The Belogradchik fortress incorporates the rocks as part of its natural defense. Settled by the Roman Empire, it was later used and developed by

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Bulgarian Tsars, then by the Ottomans. Experience the memorable view from the top of the fortress!

The tour is recommended to active walkers: although the first level of the fortress is easily accessible, it requires going up steps and uneven terrain for a full experience.

#### **RESERVATION FORM**

**DISCLAIMER:** All optional excursions are shown for information and planning purposes. They are subject to change do to holidays, attraction black-out dates or other reasons. Some, if not all optional excursions may require a minimum number of participants to operate. Prices are quoted in Euros. Final list of availability and costs will be confirmed upon arrival to your vessels at the initial information meeting.