



The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route

Hungary, Croatia and Serbia

Between Budapest and Belgrade – A Cultural and Gastronomic Experience

Introduction:

On this journey you will explore the eventful history of Hungary and Serbia from Roman times to the development of modern cities with outstanding cultural offers, accompanied by unique culinary experiences of the Hungarian, Slavonian and Serbian gastronomy.

Starting in Hungary's beautiful capital Budapest, this journey leads you through the picturesque cities Pécs in Hungary and Novi Sad in Serbia, along wine regions with extraordinary local wines and culinary offers, centuries-old fortresses and through the ancient Roman history along the Danube river. At the end of the journey you will discover the lively and exciting capital of Serbia – Belgrade.

Itinerary: Budapest > Pécs > Villany > Pécs > Osijek via Baranja Wine Region > Sremska Mitrovica-Fruška Gora > Novi Sad > Stari Kostolac > Smederevo > Belgrade

Duration: 8 days

Best way of transport: private car, camper, (rental car)

More information about The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route:

<http://romanemperorsroute.org/>

Day	Destinations
Hungary	
1	<p>Arrival at Budapest airport</p> <p>Budapest</p> <p>Explore Budapest, the capital of Hungary during a sightseeing tour. Stroll around the city by foot or TukTuk, with a sightseeing bus or on board a ship. Budapest offers numerous sightseeing possibilities. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman City of Aquincum • Royal Palace • Parliament • Thermal Baths and Spas • The Danube and bridges • Great Synagogue • Basilica of St. Stephen <p>Goulash, Paprika chicken, Langosh, Pálinka – enjoy the typical regional cuisine and a nice glass of wine during the dinner. Overnight in Budapest.</p>
2	<p>Budapest-Pécs (237 km) and Pécs-Villany (34km)</p> <p>Drive to Pécs – one of the most charming and interesting cities to visit in Hungary. Discover the numerous historical sites and beautiful fine art. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Roman and early Christian cemetery – Cella Septichora • Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul • Széchenyi Square and Mosque of Pasha Kasim

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zsolnay Cultural Quarter <p>Drive to Villany and enjoy a tasteful dinner and regional wine tasting at one of the quality wine tasting locations in Villany. Overnight in Pécs. <i>Tips for gastronomy: Villany Winery Bock Hotel Ermitage and accommodation: Pécs Corso Hotel, Hotel Árkádia or Hotel Millennium.</i></p>
Day	Destinations
Croatia	
3	<p>Pécs-Osijek via Baranja Wine Region (104 km)</p> <p>Drive to Osijek with a stopover in Baranja wine region. Make a break at the Battina Battle Memorial and enjoy a wonderful view over Croatia, Serbia and Hungary. A traditional lunch and excellent wine from the Baranja wine region awaits you in Zmajevac village for example at Josić Winery. After the lunch take a rest at the lookout along Belje Wine Road, take a boat ride in Kopački rit Nature Park or a stroll around in Zlatna Greda Park. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battina Battle Memorial • Wineries in Zmajevac Village • Belje Wine Road • Kopački rit Nature Park • Zlatna Greda <p>Continue to Osijek. Taste Slavonian cuisine and local wine in one of the many restaurants in Osijek. Overnight in Osijek. <i>Tips for gastronomy: Kod Ruže and accommodation: Tvrđa Hotel or Maksimilijan Boarding House.</i></p>
Croatia & Serbia	
4	<p>Osijek and Osijek-Sremska Mitrovica (110 km)</p> <p>Take a relaxing morning stroll in Osijek. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tvrđa Fortress • River promenade • Bridge of Youth • Freemasonry • The Cathedral • Secession district with monumental public and private buildings <p>Drive to Sremska Mitrovica. Visit Sirmium – one of the major imperial capitals in the late Roman Empire. For a refreshing cool-down take a short swim at the city beach near the city centre. It is one of the most beautiful beaches in Serbia. Explore the city during a sightseeing tour or enjoy the beautiful nature. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirmium Imperial Palace • City beach • Bridge of St. Irinei • Srem Museum • Zasavica Nature Reserve <p>Dinner and overnight in Sremska Mitrovica or Fruška Gora.</p>
5	<p>Sremska Mitrovica-Fruška Gora (35 km) and Fruška Gora- Novi Sad (32 km)</p>

	<p>Continue your trip to Fruška Gora National Park. The mild, sunny slopes of Fruška Gora are covered with fertile vineyards, forests, and lakes. Also known as the Serbian Holy Mount due to the large number of monasteries. Have lunch and wine tasting at one of the numerous wineries, e.g. Deurić Winery and enjoy the beautiful nature surrounding you. Visit one of the old orthodox monasteries or take a walk in the beautiful nature. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruška Gora National Park • Wineries • Besenovo, Kuvezdin, Petkovica or Sisatovac monasteries <p>Drive to Novi Sad. Discover during a sightseeing tour the main highlight of Novi Sad: the Petrovaradin Fortress. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrovaradin Fortress • Svetozar Miletic Square • Danube Park • Dunavska Street • The Name of Mary Church • The Synagogue • Štrand <p>Enjoy the end of the evening during a traditional Serbian dinner. Overnight in Novi Sad. <i>Tips for gastronomy: Plava Fralja and accommodation: Hotel Sheraton.</i></p>
6	<p>Novi Sad-Stari Kostolac (199 km), Stari Kostolac-Smederevo (54 km) and Smederevo-Belgrade (55 km)</p> <p>Drive to Stari Kostolac. Visit Viminacium Archeological Site, which was one of the most important Roman cities and military camps in the period from the 1st to the 4th century. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphitheater • Mausoleum and Tombs • The Baths • Porta praetoria <p>Drive on to Smederevo – the heart of the Morava wine region. Taste for example at the Winery Jeremić typical wines from the region and enjoy lunch at nearby restaurants arranged by the winery. If time allows drive to the city and climb the medieval Smederevo fortress. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wineries • Smederevo Fortress <p>Continue to Belgrade. For your dinner you can choose from a diverse selection of traditional and modern cuisine. Overnight in Belgrade. <i>Tips for accommodation: Envoy Hotel, Hotel Mark or Smokvica.</i></p>
7	<p>Belgrade</p> <p>The vibrant capital city of Serbia has something to offer for everyone. Just stroll around the city or explore Belgrade’s main highlights during a sightseeing tour. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgrade Fortress



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient Roman city Singidunum• St. Sava church• Museum of Yugoslavia• Skadarlija• Sava Mala• Royal Compound in Dedinje• Nikola Tesla Museum• Zemun• Mount Avala• Boat ride on the Danube <p>Have dinner in one of the many restaurants in Belgrade and think back over your eventful journey. Overnight in Belgrade. <i>Tips for accommodation: Envoy Hotel, Hotel Mark or Smokvica.</i></p>
8	Departure from Belgrade



Further information

General Travel Tips

Car rental:

- This itinerary is cross border. Make sure to book border crossing at the car rental company.
- You start in Budapest and finish your journey in Belgrade. Consider to book a different car pick-up and drop-off location.

How to arrive to Budapest and how to travel

- Non-stop flights to Budapest, for example from Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Cologne, Hamburg, Brussels, Amsterdam, London.
- Direct connection to Budapest Main Station Ferihegy from Berlin.
- Car-hire is possible at the airport, for example at “Sixt – Rent a car”.

Tourist information Budapest

Website: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/>

Tourist information Pécs

Website: <https://www.iranypecs.hu/en/index.html>

Tourist Information Bilje (Baranja Region)

Website: <http://tzo-bilje.hr/en>

Tourist Information Osijek

Website: <http://tzo-bilje.hr/en>

Tourist Information Sremska Mitrovica

Website: <http://tosmomi.rs/>

Tourist Information Novi Sad

Website: <http://novisad.travel/en/>

Tourist Information Smederevo

Website: <https://www.smederevowelcome.com/>

Tourist Information Belgrade

Website: <http://www.tob.rs/>



Departure

- Public transport to the Nikola Tesla airport by bus (around 30 min – around 2,50€) with airport express bus A1 (from Slavija Square or Train Station) or city bus 72 (from Zeleni Venac).
- By car around 20 min.
- Non-stop flights from Belgrade, for example to Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Stuttgart, Baden-Baden, Memmingen, Hannover, Dortmund, Friedrichshafen, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Brussels, London.