



The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route

Discover the Roman heritage in Serbia where 13 Roman emperors were born.

Introduction:

Follow the footsteps of the Roman emperors in Serbia, a country in which 13 Roman emperors were born. Discover the history and natural beauty of this country located in the heart of the Balkans and enjoy the traditional gastronomy and excellent wines.

Your journey will start in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia and one of the most vibrant cities of the Balkans. From here you will follow the Danube, the border of the former Roman empire, and discover Roman excavations, medieval fortresses, areas of exceptional natural beauty and numerous wine yards. You will visit Nis, the city in which the Roman emperor Constantine the Great was born, before returning back to Belgrade.

Itinerary : *Belgrade > Smederevo > Viminacium > Golubac > Lepenski Vir > Djerdap > Kladovo > Rajacke Pimnice > Felix Romuliana > Zajecar > Nis > Belgrade*

Duration: 8 days

Best way of transport: *rental car, private car, camper*

More information about The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route:

<http://romanemperorsroute.org/>

Day	Destinations
1	<p>Arrival at Belgrade airport</p> <hr/> <p>Belgrade 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 (Roman history) • 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>Hotel tip: Hotel Envoy</i> <i>Restaurant tip: Klub Knjizevnika</i></p>
2	Belgrade
3	<p>Belgrade – Smederevo (55 km) Smederevo – Stari Kostolac (54 km)</p>

	<p>Stari Kostolac – Srebrno Jezero (20 km)</p> <p>Drive 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"> • Winery Jeremić • Smederevo Fortress <p>Continue 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>End your day in Srebrno Jezero (Silver Lake), a nice small touristic resort on the Danube river, where the Danube is at its widest point, with a beautiful view on the Danube river and several nice outdoor terraces and restaurants along the river. Dinner and overnight in Srebrno Jezero.</p>
4	<p>Srebrno Jezero – Golubac (30 km) Golubac – Lepenski Vir (57 km) Lepenski Vir – Tekija (34 km) Tekija – Kladovo (30 km)</p> <p>Drive along the Danube to the town of Kladovo in the East of Serbia. This road will lead you through the famous Djerdap Gorge, the “Iron Gate”, and you will pass several cultural and natural highlights. Visit the medieval fortress of Golubac, the prehistoric excavation of Lepenski Vir and take a boat ride through the famous Djerdap Gorge and see the Tabula Traiana from the river. If time allows it, you can drive up to Kapetan Misin Breg (near Donji Milanovac), where you have a magnificent view over the Danube River and where an interesting sculpture garden was created. Highlights on the road include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Golubac Fortress • Prehistoric settlement of Lepenski Vir • Kapetan Misin Breg • Visitor Center of Djerdap National Park in Donji Milanovac • Boat ride on the Danube river (from Tekija) through the Iron Gate • Traian’s bridge and the head of King Decebal • Historical Museum in Kladovo • Traian’s bridge in Kladovo) <p>You will end your day in the pleasant town of Kladovo where you can take a stroll along the Danube or enjoy one of the outdoor terraces. Dinner and overnight in Kladovo. <i>Hotel tip: Hotel Aquastar Danube</i></p>
	<p>Kladovo – Rajacke Pimnice (80 km)</p>

5	<p>Rajacke Pimnice – Felix Romuliana (55 km) Felix Romuliana – Zajecar (10 km)</p> <p>During this day you will discover some of the historical and gastronomical highlights of the Eastern Part of Serbia. Rajacke Pimnice is the oldest wine town of Serbia that dates back to the 18th century. Here you will find many traditional and old fashioned wine cellars next to each other. The nearby Vratna Monastery dates back to the 14th century and lies at the foot of the so called “Vratna Gates”, a natural wonder and a nice starting point for a short hike. Continue your tour to Felix Romuliana, a archeological site which is enlisted on the World Heritage List of UNESCO. This complex consists of the remainings of Roman palaces and temples with where built by emperor Galerius. From Felix Romuliana you will drive to the town of Zajecar, where you will find a department of the National Museum of History of Serbia. The museum host a collection of Roman artifacts that were found in and around Felix Romuliana. Overnight and dinner in Zajecar</p> <p>Points of the interest on the way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine Cellars of Rajacke Pimnice • 14th Century Vratna Monastery and the Vratna Gates • Archeological site ‘Felix Romuliana’ • National Museum of History in Zajecar <p><i>Restaurant tip: Sveti Trifun in Rajacke Pimnice</i> <i>Accommodation tip: Hotel Serbia in Zajecar or one of the rural households in Rajacke Pimnice</i></p>
6	<p>Zajecar – Nis (105 km, via Pirot: 178 km)</p> <p>The southeastern part of Serbia is one of the most untouched parts of the country. Discover the landscapes of Stara Planina and the Sicevo Gorge (Sicevacka Klisura). Pirot is the starting point for hikes into the Stara Planina Mountains, one of the most remoted areas of Serbia. Sicevo Gorge is located close to Nis and an excellent place for a nice afternoon hiking or rafting tour in the canyon and there are also several caves to explore. If time allows it take a bath or spa treatment in Niska Banja after your nature experience. Dinner and overnight in Nis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stara Planina National Park • Sicevo gorge hiking and rafting • Caves of Sicevo gorge
7	<p>Nis – Belgrade (230 km)</p> <p>Nis is the third largest city of Serbia and its history dates back to the Romans. Discover the history of ‘Naïssus’, the city in which the emperor Constantine the Great was born and its Roman and Ottoman history. Points of interest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortress of Nis • Skull tower



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Trinity Cathedral• Archeological site Mediana• Memorial Park Bubanj <p>In the evening you may drive to Belgrade or stay an additional night in Nis, depending on your flight time the next day</p>
8	Departure from Belgrade

Further information

How to arrive to Belgrade and how to travel

- Non-stop flights to Belgrade from many different airports including Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Cologne, Hamburg, Brussels, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, London
- Car-hire is possible at the airport. All main rental car agencies are represented.

Tourist information Belgrade

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

Tourist Information Serbia

Website: <http://www.serbia.travel>

Tourist information Srebrno Jezero

Website: www.srebrnojezero.com

National Park Djerdap:

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

Tourist information East Serbia

<http://www.visiteasterbia.rs>

Tourist Information Kladovo:

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

Tourist Information Zajecar

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

Tourist Information Pirot:

Website: <http://www.topirot.com>

Tourist Information Zajecar

Website: <http://www.topirot.com>

Website: <http://www.visitnis.com>

Departure from Belgrade



- Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport is situated at 18 km distance from Belgrade downtown\
- The airport is located directly next to the highway and can easily be reached by car or taxi in about 20-30 mins from the city center
- Bus line A1 (airport express bus) connects Belgrade Airport with the train station and Slavija Square. The bus runs every 20 mins and the travelling time is approx.. 30 mins.
- City bus line 72 connects Belgrade Airport with Zeleni Venac and runs every 30 minutes. Travelling time is approx. 45 mins