

Danube Delta

Bike + cruise | Europe's last natural paradise

Characteristics:

Operator: RAD & REISEN GmbH

Participants: from 12

Tourtype: guided

Children: no

Regions: Black Sea, Bukarest, Dambovita, Danube, Walachei

Countries: Romania

Benefits:

- 5 nights on hotelboat, 2 nights in comfortable guesthouse 4* in Tulcea
- Schedule incl. all transfers according to itinerary from/to Bucharest (day 1 + 8)
- Bike-Guide / Wildlife-Guide
- Support van and support boat
- Full Board: breakfast, lunchbox or picnic, dinner
- Folklore show
- Maps and informational material per cabin



Additional costs:

- All other costs: on request (bikehire, cabin categories, additional nights, transfers and so on)

Tour description:

This cycling trip by "hotel boat" leads you through the stunning beauty of Europe's last natural paradise Danube Delta to kilometer "0", where the mighty Danube River ends into the Black Sea. The tour takes you through Romania's Delta, the second largest and best preserved of Europe's deltas. You will travel along canals with floating reed islands, lagoons and lakes. The landscape alternates between gently rolling hills, swamp and prairie land and amazes everyone with its diversity and beauty. Life in small fishing villages is tranquil, the solitude and silence of the almost impenetrable thicket many times interrupted only by the calls of Dalmatian Pelicans, Cormorants and Egrets. Under expert guidance you will discover the fauna and flora of this landscape, which is also rich in history. Enjoy Romanian hospitality and cuisine on board of your floating hotel and in the cosy guesthouse.

Your ship

Comfortable and cosy hotelboat with restaurant (air-conditioned) and spacious sundeck with deckchairs; cabins (approx. 9 qm) with private facilities.

Guest house 4* in Tulcea

This comfortable hostel, with air-conditioned rooms, is about 5-10 minutes walk from the market square.

Highlights

- Biosphere reserve Danube Delta
- The monasteries of Celic Dere and Saon
- The antique colony Argamum
- The medieval fortress of Enisala

Tour profile

Level 2; amidst the Danube Delta flat, gravel or paved paths, 2 days tarmaced country roads in a gently hilly landscape (sometimes some traffic).

Itinerary

Day 1: Bucharest

Individual arrival to Bucharest/Airport; 2 p.m bus transfer (approx. 4 h) to the starting point Tulcea in the Danube Delta; Embarkation on the comfortable floating hotel. Dinner and overnight on hotelboat.

Day 2: Nufaru - Sfantu Gheorge, approx. 31 km

Along the most southern Danube arm through the nature reserve Bestepe Hills. A wonderful view deep down into the Delta will make you forget some ascents. At the small fishing village Murighiol we enter into a maze of channels, floating islands, dense forests and a pure wilderness experience by boat. Overnight on hotelboat.

Day 3: The journey to kilometer "0", approx. 25 km

A bumpy gravel path - on the right the open range of the Black Sea, on the left side the lush green reeds and marsh land. In the loneliness of the Danube Delta Cormorants and Great White Egrets are our permanent companions. Kilometer "0" at Sulina: the Danube has reached its final destination at the lighthouse and starts to merge with the salt of the sea. Overnight on hotelboat.

Day 4: Gulf of Musura - Crisan, approx. 23 km

Along the bird's paradise Musura-Bay the path leads you to the picturesque village Letea. It seems as if time stands still here. The houses are made of reed and loam, lovely painted in blue and all surrounded by contemplative silence. Close to the village, located on a sandbank, a special wonder of nature can be observed - a tropical forest with climbing plants and lianes. We will reach the fishing village Crisan by boat. Overnight on hotelboat

Day 5: The Fauna & Flora of the Danube Delta (day of rest)

During the cruise through a labyrinth of narrow waterways we pass by small fishing villages and again experience the incredible diversity of the Fauna and Flora of the UNESCO World Heritage Danube Delta. In the afternoon we return from a surreal dream world to the vibrant city life of Tulcea. Overnight on hotelboat.

Day 6: Monasteries of the Dobrogea, approx. 26 km

Round trip through a gently undulating landscape to the orthodoxe monastery Celic Dere, the biggest convent of the Dobrogea territory. The beautiful monastery of Saon with its distinctive windmill is located amidst vineyards right on the bank of the Danube. From a ridge you have a fantastic view over the extensive and green floodplain directly of the border to the Ukraine. Transfer back to Tulcea. Overnight at Tulcea guesthouse 4*.

Day 7: Lagoon-tour to the cape Dolosman, approx. 42 km

By bus we travel to the old town Ceamurlia de Jos. The nature reserve of Cape Dolosman with the Greek-Roman excavations of Argamum separates the Delta-lakes Golovita and Razim. By bike you reach the medieval fortress of Enisala, which is located high above the Danube. Let us enjoy a breathtaking view over the Lagoon Razim! Overnight Tulcea guesthouse 4*.

Day 8: Transfer Tulcea - Bucharest

After breakfast bus transfer back to the romanian capital Bucharest; arrival at the airport approx. 1 p.m.; possibility of additional nights in Tulcea or Bucharest.



General information

With our experienced local wildlife- and bikeguides you learn to recognize birds by their noise or in flight, discover rare plants and animals, learn about the life of the Delta residents and the incredible eventful past of this region, which already fascinated the Romans, Greeks and Dacians. You are accommodated on a modern floating Hotel and in a familyrun, comfortable 4* guesthouse. The meals are traditional with fish, meat and vegetables, for lunch picnics or lunch packs will be offered. You cycle in groups of 12-20 people. Therefore it is necessary to have some experience in bike tours. Sand- and gravel roads require to be in an average physical shape, but should be succeed by everybody, as the daily stretches are quite short. Some stretches are done by boat or bus. Itinerary is subject to change - in case of higher forces (water level, technical breakdown). Before and after your bike tour you also have the possibility to book extra nights in Tulcea or Bucharest.

Minimum of participants

12 people (has to be reached 4 weeks before cruise start at the latest)

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