



# ASTAKOS

TRAVEL & EVENTS

## CRUISE BY HIDROFOIL FORTRESSES ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER

Afeter breakfast bus transfer to Belgrade port. Departure of the ship from the Belgrade port.

Plan of the cruise: Belgrade fortress - Kostolac – Ram – Smederevo – Golubac. Arrival of the ship in Smederevo and the sightseeing of the Smederevo fortress from the boat.

Arrival in Kostolac and visit to the archeological site Viminacijum.

After Viminacium departure to Srebrno jezero (Silver Lake). Sightseeing of Ram fortress from the boat. The fortress is located in Ram village, on the Danube coast, situated on the rock. Belongs to the oldest fortresses in Serbia and there are no data's that shows the period of the construction. The fortress has the shape of irregular pentagon, with five towers on four levels. Today the remains are well preserved.

Lunch and bathing (if possible) at Srebrno jezero (Silver Lake).

Departure of the ship to the Smederevo and visit to the Smederevo fortress. The fortress was built between 1428 and 1430 by Despot Djurdaj Branković, the last of Serbia's medieval rulers.

The fortress was built with a purpose of being the center of civil and spiritual reign. It is the grandest military monument in Serbia and one of the biggest medieval fortresses. The Smederevo Fortress is a large complex surrounded by ramparts and towers and was for a long time the last bastion against Ottoman invasion. On the well-preserved main tower one can still see an inscription mentioning its founder and date of construction.

The fortress suffered heavily in World War II when an ammunition depot exploded in 1941 and during bombing in 1944. The fortress still plays a central role in cultural life in Smederevo, hosting many events and visitors each day

Departure of the ship to Golubac. Most likely built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Golubac Fortress sits high on cliffs overlooking the Danube at an area known as the Iron Gate. This fortress was a key in the defense of the medieval Serbian state and later passed into the hands of the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires.

At this fortress, with commanding views of Golubac Lake and the surrounding area, Prince Lazar and despots Stefan and Djurdaj fought for and held the fortress against invading forces. The fortress is still relatively well-preserved in its medieval form.

The fortress has irregularly shaped foundation and is surrounded by walls which follow the configuration of the terrain. Within these walls, the city is divided into a few units, and nine massive towers are all connected and situated in such a way so the city can be defended from the land as well as from the river.

Departure to Belgrade.



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