

# EXETER

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The Transylvanian Westbound  
on board the Danube Express  
(Istanbul to Budapest)



We are proud to introduce Europe's newest (yet historic) luxury train, the Danube Express. As the very first train to offer understated luxury, modern comforts and traditional service along the scenic routes of Central and Eastern Europe, the Danube Express is changing the way we experience travel in this part of the world. Finally, a train that makes getting there just as much fun as being there.

## Day 1

### *Istanbul*

Transfer to the Istanbul Sirkeci station for your late afternoon departure. Relax and settle in on board as the train travels towards Bulgaria and dinner is served in the dining car.

**Exeter Services:** Transfer

**Meals Included:** Dinner

## Day 2

### *Kazanlak & Veliko Turnovo*

This morning the Danube Express arrives in Kazanlak, capital of the Valley of the Roses and the center of rose oil production. You will have the opportunity to visit the Thracian tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the vaulted brickwork and splendid murals date back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC.

Return to the train and enjoy lunch as you journey over the Shipka mountain pass for an afternoon arrival in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria's ancient capital which lies nestled in a picturesque mountain setting and stone houses are perched one above the other on the steep bank of the Yantra River. You will visit one of the seven ancient monasteries and the superbly preserved medieval Tsarevets Hill and Castle.

This evening you may wish to join your fellow travelers in the lounge car before dinner which is served on board as the train heads towards the Romanian border.

**Services provided by the Danube Express**

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

## Day 3

### *Brasov & Sigishoara*

As dawn breaks the track twists and turns towards Brasov where you will visit Bran Castle, a beautiful 14<sup>th</sup> century building situated amongst stunning mountain scenery.

Lunch is served on board the train as the journey continues to Sigishoara where you will be able to enjoy a walking tour of this wonderfully preserved medieval city, rumoured to be the birthplace of Dracula.

Back on board the Danube Express dinner is served as you travel on towards Hungary

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**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

## **Day 4**

*Kecskemét – Lajosmizse – Budapest*

This morning enjoy the opportunity for some free time in Kecskemét the 8<sup>th</sup> largest town in Hungary with a Gothic style city hall, synagogue and ancient church.

The next stop will be in Lajosmizse, considered the meeting points for routes from the north, south, east and west and inhabited since the Bronze Age. You will have the opportunity to see a Putzsa equestrian display here.

Enjoy the lunch on board the train with an afternoon arrival in Budapest's Nyugati station followed by a reception in the Royal Waiting Room.

Your driver will meet you at the station and transfer you to your hotel or airport.

**Exeter Services: Transfer**

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Danube Express – The Transylvanian Route Eastbound (3 Nights)**  
**Istanbul to Budapest**

\$5,075.00            June 24 – June 27, 2012  
\$5,075.00            September 09 - 12, 2012  
\$5,075.00            September 23 - 26, 2012

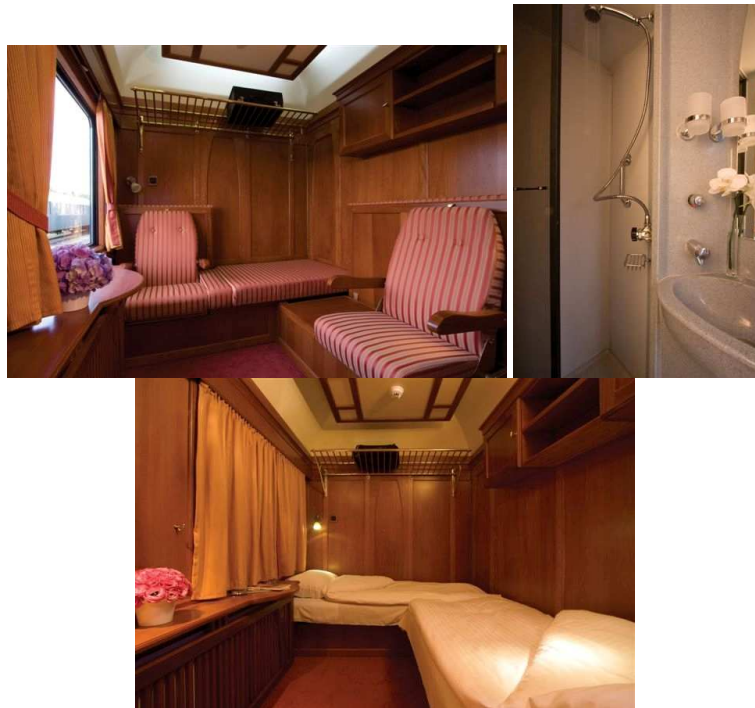
Single Supplement: \$2,250.00

All prices are per person, double occupancy.  
Transfers to and from hotel or airport are included.  
Prices do not include any airfare

**Pre and Post train options are available and may include hotels and sightseeing.  
Please contact Exeter International for more details.**

**Accommodations on board the Danube Express:**

Exeter International offers accommodations in Deluxe Class cabins each of which has two lower beds (convertible during the day to a sitting area), individually controlled air-conditioning, and en suite amenities including power showers. Deluxe Class cabins have an area of 83 square feet.



While on the train, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included in the beautifully appointed restaurant car. All guests have beer and wine with dinner included.

*Please note that sightseeing may vary dependent on dates of travel and closure days of certain museums or sites.*

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.*

*Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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