

GRAND DANUBE PASSAGE

from PRAGUE TO SOFIA



INCLUDED FEATURES

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT
FOR SOLO
TRAVELERS

Accommodations

- **Three nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe **Art Deco Imperial Hotel**.
- **Eight nights** aboard the first-class **MS Amadeus Silver**.
- **Two nights** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe **Sofia Hotel Balkan**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land/Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend two **Welcome Receptions**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 14 breakfasts, eight lunches and nine dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

**August 23-
September 6, 2017**

From \$4,695

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated).



Described by Napoleon as “the king of Europe’s rivers,” the Danube is steeped in legend. Its scenic banks have witnessed centuries of human history. Natural wonders abound in the vineyard-clad Wachau Valley, the twisting Danube Bend and the formidable Iron Gate Gorge. Begin your

experience by delving into the rich culture of Prague. Embark on an eight-night cruise of the Danube, offering a feast of ancient capitals, picturesque villages, Roman ruins, magnificent churches, palaces and medieval castles. End in Sofia, the historic capital of Bulgaria, where ancient ruins and chic boutiques coexist among tree-shaded boulevards. Along the way, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of excursions in many ports of call.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an eight-night Danube River cruise aboard the exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver.
- Discover the Old World charm and rich culture of **Prague** and **Sofia**.
- **Personalize your cruise** with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call.
- See castles, churches and beguiling scenery in **eight countries**: the **Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Romania** and **Bulgaria**.
- Cruise some of the storied Danube River’s most historic and beautiful stretches: the **Iron Gate Gorge, Danube Bend** and **Wachau Valley**.
- Experience **four UNESCO World Heritage sites**: Budapest, Hungary, including the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue; the Historic Center of Vienna, Austria; the Wachau Cultural Landscape; and the Historic Center of Prague, Czech Republic.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Prague, Czech Republic.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ PRAGUE

Upon arrival, transfer† to the Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

Attend a Welcome Reception.

DAY 3 ~ PRAGUE

Excursion: Prague Castle and Old Town. Visit Prague Castle and the Old Town. See the Royal Palace, St. George Basilica and Charles Bridge.

DAY 4 ~ PRAGUE

Excursion: Prague's Jewish Heritage. Visit Prague's National Jewish Museum and Jewish Quarter.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 5 ~ PASSAU

Embark the MS Amadeus Silver.

Excursion: Passau. See the old Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral and more.

DAY 6 ~ MELK/DÜRNSTEIN

Excursion: Melk. Marvel at Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. Cruise the beautiful Wachau Valley. Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Dürnstein. Explore this historic medieval town.

Excursion: Wachau Cycling. See this pretty region by bicycle.

Excursion: Wachau Wines. Visit a local winery for a wine tasting.

DAY 7 ~ VIENNA

Educational Focus: Vienna.

Choose from two excursions:

Excursion: Imperial Vienna. Visit Hofburg Palace and other highlights.

Excursion: Art and Wine. Visit a Klosterneuburg Monastery to admire its art collection. Enjoy a wine tasting.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 8 ~ BRATISLAVA

Educational Focus: The Velvet Revolution.

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Bratislava. Take a walking tour of this medieval city.

Excursion: Musical Bratislava.

Learn about the city's operatic heritage.

Excursion: Old Town and Old

Traditions. Explore the castle and Old

Town, followed by a beer tasting.

DAY 9 ~ BUDAPEST

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Budapest. Discover the city on both sides of the Danube River.

Excursion: Living Local. Visit the Grand Market and a coffeehouse.

Excursion: Jewish Budapest. Tour the historic Jewish Quarter.

DAY 10 ~ PÉCS

Excursion: Pécs. See Roman ruins, and enjoy a wine tasting.

DAY 11 ~ BELGRADE

Educational Focus: Serbia Today.

Excursion: Belgrade. Explore the city, including the Kalemegdan Citadel and ornate Orthodox churches.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 12 ~ DROBETA-TURNU SEVERIN

Cruise the Iron Gate Gorge, a stunning natural wonder.

Excursion: Drobeta. Tour the Museum of the Iron Gate Region and walk through the nearby park to see statues and a WWI Memorial.

DAY 13 ~ VIDIN/SOFIA

Excursion: Vidin. Visit the Baba Vida fortress and St. Pantaleimon Church. Disembark the ship. Transfer to the Sofia Hotel Balkan in Sofia.

DAY 14 ~ SOFIA

Educational Focus: A Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.

Excursion: Sofia. See the highlights of the Bulgarian capital.

Enjoy a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 15 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the Sofia airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Musical Vienna. Enjoy dinner and a music performance at Schönbrunn Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on Day 7.

ACCOMMODATIONS

ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL

Prague, Czech Republic

Built in the early 1900s, the elegant Art Deco Imperial Hotel is listed on Prague's register of historic buildings. With an art deco façade and a curvilinear art nouveau interior, the hotel is one of the city's architectural gems. It sits in the heart of historic Prague near restaurants, shops and historic attractions. A spa, fitness center and complimentary Wi-Fi are among the hotel's many amenities, and the Café Imperial is considered to be one of the most beautiful restaurants in the city.

MS AMADEUS SILVER

The state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver offers the utmost in service, safety and comfort. Step into the elegant reception area and immerse yourself in an ambience reminiscent of a high-end hotel. Relax on the sun deck, challenge a friend to a game of chess or shuffleboard, browse in the boutique or connect with family at the Internet station. Practice your golf game on the putting green, exercise in the fitness room or treat yourself to a soothing massage. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's delicious breakfast and lunch buffets, and enjoy regional specialties served with wine at dinner. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in bright, modern décor and featuring a river view, satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available, but access may be limited.

SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL

Sofia, Bulgaria

Located in the center of Sofia near cultural and historic sites, restaurants and upscale shops, the Sofia Hotel Balkan is a city landmark. After exploring Sofia, enjoy fine dining in the hotel's restaurant or linger in the hotel's lounge over a cocktail before retiring to your comfortably appointed guest room. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



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