



# Passage along the Danube River

**Vienna to the Black Sea**

aboard the exclusively chartered

**Deluxe AMADEUS STAR**

October 7 to 19, 2023

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MARCH 31, 2023**

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## Highlights include:

- ◆ Visit seven prominent Eastern European countries and five capital cities—all excursions included.
- ◆ Experience one of the great river journeys in the world, navigating the storied Danube River from Austria to the Black Sea.
- ◆ Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.



Veliko Tarnovo

Iron Gates, Serbia

## 10 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Arrive in Vienna, Austria/  
Embark AMADEUS STAR (R,D)
- 3 Bratislava, Slovakia (B,L,D)
- 4 Budapest, Hungary (B,L,D)
- 5 Kalocsa (B,L,D)
- 6 Vukovar, Croatia/  
Novi Sad, Serbia (B,L,D)
- 7 Belgrade (B,L,D)
- 8 Donji Milanovac for Lepinski Vir/  
Cruise through the Iron Gates  
(B,L,D)
- 9 Nikopol, Bulgaria, for Arbanasi  
and Veliko Tarnovo/Ruse (B,L,D)
- 10 Fetești, Romania, for Constanța  
and Adamclisid (B,L,R,D)
- 11 Fetești/Disembark river boat/  
Bucharest (B,L)
- 12 Bucharest (B,R)
- 13 Depart Bucharest/  
Return to home city (B)

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Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



# COMMONWEALTH CLUB TRAVEL

Dear Club Members,

The Danube River has ranked among the world's most impressive waterways—following the passage of Roman legions, crusading knights, the indomitable Janissaries of the Ottomans, and the proud Hussars of the Habsburgs. A channel for commerce, culture, and conquest, the Danube links the heartland of Central Europe with nations beyond the Black Sea. Join us for an extraordinary journey along nearly the entire length of this fabled river, from the Habsburgs' imperial capital of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to the captivating Black Sea.

This outstanding travel program features seven countries and the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley, an untouched region steeped in natural beauty. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS STAR and spend two nights in Romania's elegant capital of Bucharest, where splendid architecture has earned it the nickname "Little Paris."

A rich mosaic of medieval cities, charming villages, rugged countrysides, and centuries-old traditions awaits you on this exclusive, expertly designed itinerary—co-sponsored with several educational organizations including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Vermont. Visit the ancient land of Bulgaria, the relatively young territories of Serbia and eastern Croatia, Hungary's fabled *Puszta* (plains), and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated castles, palaces, and squares of Budapest. Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan mountains—where no fewer than six languages are spoken—and experience the fascinating Slavic heritage of medieval Belgrade.

Deepen your knowledge of the Danube and Central Europe with our Imperial Vienna Pre-Program Option and the Castles of Transylvania Post-Program Option, including "Dracula's Castle." Reserve now while early booking savings are still available.

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth  
Travel Director  
(415) 597-6720

*The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



# The Route of Emperors and Kings



The legendary Danube River is a powerful symbol of the diverse cultures and epic narratives of Central Europe. Fifth-century B.C. philosopher Herodotus declared it “the greatest of all rivers which we know” when Greeks traveled from the Black Sea through the naturally carved Iron Gates. The land was ruled by the Roman, Ottoman, and Byzantine Empires, creating intriguing capital cities along its banks. The history and culture of this fascinating region continue to inspire musicians, writers, artists, and travelers from all over the world.







## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Home City/ Vienna, Austria

#### Day 1 and Day 2

Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Vienna, Austria, and embark the *AMADEUS STAR*. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner in the evening.

### Vienna/ Bratislava, Slovakia

#### Day 3

In Bratislava, enjoy a walking tour of the *Staré Mesto* (Old Town). Visit the Gothic 14<sup>th</sup>-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primate's Palace, famous for its collection of 17<sup>th</sup>-century English tapestries. See St. Michael's Gate.

### Budapest, Hungary

#### Day 4

In Pest, see the Parliament Building, the second largest in Europe. At UNESCO-inscribed Heroes' Square, admire monuments honoring Magyar chiefs who established the Kingdom of Hungary. Along Andrassy Avenue, see the Hungarian State Opera House. Cross the Chain Bridge linking Pest to Buda. On Castle Hill, visit St. Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion.

### Kalocsa

#### Day 5

Enjoy a scenic drive through Hungary's scenic, protected Puszta grassland plains and visit a horse farm

to see a performance of Hungarian horsemanship. Enjoy a traditional lunch in the farm's restaurant. Continue to Kalocsa to visit the House of Folk Art and Paprika Museum.

### Vukovar, Croatia/ Novi Sad, Serbia

#### Day 6

In Vukovar, see 18<sup>th</sup>-century Eltz Manor and the iconic *GRAND HOTEL*, famously purchased by the city's Labor Movement in 1919.

Visit the Baroque Church of Saints Philip and James. Enjoy a walking tour of Novi Sad's Old Town to see the Name of Mary Church, Town Hall, and the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Petrovaradin Fortress, Europe's second largest fortress. Continue to Karlovci to visit the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas and Patriarchate Court. Enjoy a honey tasting in the Museum of Beekeeping.

### Belgrade

#### Day 7

Embark on a tour of Belgrade, featuring Terazije Square and Temple of St. Sava. Visit Kalemegdan Fortress and the famous "House of Flowers" museum dedicated to former Yugoslavia's leader, Josip Broz Tito.

### Donji Milanovic/ Iron Gates

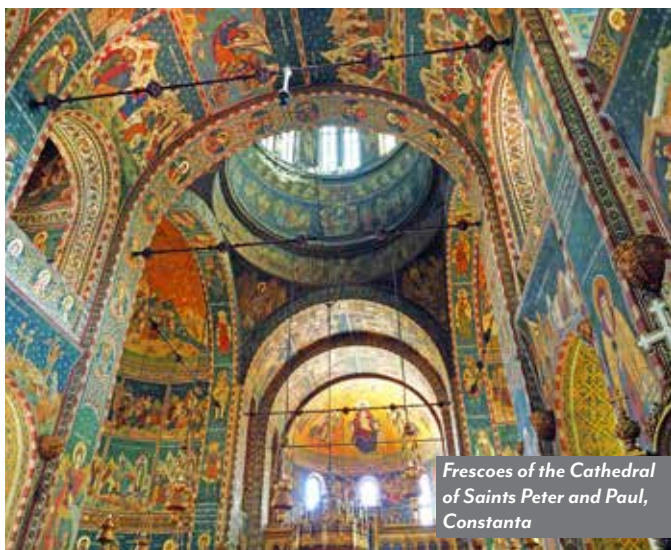
#### Day 8

Visit Lepenski Vir to see the impressive exhibition center of Paleolithic artifacts. Later, enjoy spectacular views of the Danube Gorge and cruise past the Iron Gates.

### Nikopol, Bulgaria/ Veliko Tarnovo/Ruse

#### Day 9

Visit Arbanasi's perfectly preserved Konstantsaliev House and the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Birth of Christ Church.



Frescoes of the Cathedral  
of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Constanta



Temple of Saint Sava, Belgrade



Hungarian horsemanship at a csarda

Continue to Veliko Târnovo's historical town center and see the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Tsarevets Fortress.

### Constanța Day 10

In Constanța Old Town, see the poet Ovid's statue in Ovidiu Square, the Great Mahmudiye Mosque, and the Orthodox Cathedral

of Saints Peter and Paul. Enjoy a Captain's Farewell Reception on board this evening.

### Fetești/Bucharest, Romania/Disembark river boat

#### Day 11

Arrive in Bucharest and visit the Palace of Parliament. Check into the INTERCONTINENTAL ATHÉNÉE PALACE BUCHAREST.

### Bucharest Day 12

Visit the National Art Museum, housing Romania's finest collection of artistic treasures, and tour the Village Open Air Museum. Enjoy the farewell reception this evening.

### Bucharest/Return to Home City Day 13



Michael's Gate, Bratislava

## ALWAYS INCLUDED WITH GOHAGAN & COMPANY

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/ departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!

No cancellation fees for new bookings until 95 days prior to trip departure.







# AMADEUS STAR

## Elegant and Meticulously Crafted River Boat

The AMADEUS STAR features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows and continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, and lunch with complimentary wine and beer, afternoon tea, a four-course dinner (also with complimentary beverages), and a late-evening snack. For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a boutique, a massage room, a beauty salon, a fitness studio, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The 82 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river boat (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar. The AMADEUS STAR meets the highest safety standards; the AMADEUS fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certificate" of environmental sustainability.



Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Rate through Mar. 31, 2023	Rate after Mar. 31, 2023
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, aft.</i>	<b>\$4,795</b>	\$5,495
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	<b>\$5,195</b>	\$5,975
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$5,795</b>	\$6,665
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Strauss Deck, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$6,395</b>	\$7,355
A1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$6,895</b>	\$7,925
Suite	Suite with <b>private balcony</b> (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa and bath robes. <i>Mozart Deck, midship.</i>	<b>\$7,495</b>	\$8,595

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Port taxes are an additional \$95 per person. Additional fuel surcharge fees may apply. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

AMADEUS STAR has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.



## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

### Imperial Vienna October 5 to 8, 2023

Vienna showcases an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture in its historical center—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the famous Ringstrasse, see this remarkable city's most important landmarks. Visit Hofburg Palace and see the Gothic-style *Stephansdom* (Saint Stephen's Cathedral). Learn more about the Austrian Empire in Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Habsburgs' summer estate. Accommodations are for two nights in the historical, five-star HOTEL IMPERIAL VIENNA.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895*

*Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,245*



## POST-PROGRAM OPTION

### Castles of Transylvania October 19 to 22, 2023

Extend your tour by three nights to explore the treasures of medieval Transylvania. Highlights include the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Peles Castle; the imposing, 14<sup>th</sup>-century Bran Castle; the Black Church in Brasov; the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Sighisoara; and UNESCO-inscribed Prejmarthe, the largest fortified church in southeast Europe. Spend two nights in the Aro Palace in Brasov and one night in the five-star ATHÉNÉE PALACE HILTON BUCHAREST.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995*

*Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,245*

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*



# RESERVATION FORM

## Please send Reservation Form to:

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or call:  
(415) 597-6720

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## Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: **1<sup>st</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

- Double (two twin beds).  
 Double (one queen bed).  
 Single accommodations.  
 Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

## Imperial Vienna Pre-Program Option

**October 5 to 8, 2023**

- Double \$895 per person.  
 Single \$1,245 per person.  
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

## Castles of Transylvania Post-Program Option

**October 19 to 22, 2023**

- Double \$995 per person.  
 Single \$1,245 per person.  
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.  
 I/We want you to book my/our air from:

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(fill in departure city)

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person.

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Second participant's signature Date

**FINAL PAYMENT due July 4, 2023; make by check, ACH, or credit card. Reservations made after July 4, 2023 require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to October 7, 2023!**

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