Symphony on the Blue Danube

Prague • Passau • Melk • Dürnstein
Vienna • Bratislava • Budapest

aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT

October 2 to 11, 2016
Dear Alumni and Friends:

We invite you to join us on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s Great Masters. Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards and medieval castles, the legendary Danube River Valley has resonated with musicians, artists, poets and travelers throughout the centuries and has contributed to the world the genius of its most renowned virtuosos.

Our comprehensive itinerary highlights five countries in the heartland of central Europe. It has been custom designed and carefully orchestrated to feature private performances encompassing the musical heritage of Europe’s most accomplished composers, including Mozart and Beethoven, and opportunities to explore six UNESCO World Heritage sites. Enjoy three nights in the historic and world-class city of Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” in a deluxe, centrally located hotel before cruising the fabled Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT. One of the finest river ships to ply the waterways of Europe, it has the ability to dock often right in the heart of the cities.

Your experience is enhanced by a distinctive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged expert lectures, private classical music performances and guided excursions in Prague and in each port of call along the Danube River, including an overnight in the fin-de-siècle grandeur of Vienna, Austria’s extraordinary capital city.

Traveling through the heartland of Europe has never been more historically rich and culturally dynamic. This exceptional program is an excellent value and sure to strike a chord with both new and repeat travelers as it taps into the heart and soul of this extraordinary region, as well as its great composers, art and architectural masterpieces. I encourage you to book now as this popular trip sells out quickly. Early Booking Savings are only available through March 9, 2016.

Sincerely,

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Director of Sales and Marketing

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U.S./Prague, Czech Republic
Sunday and Monday, October 2 and 3
Depart the U.S. for Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing 600 years of virtually untouched architecture. Upon arrival, check into the deluxe INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA HOTEL. Attend the private Welcome Reception Monday evening in the hotel.

Prague
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4 and 5
On the guided walking tour, explore the diverse cultural legacy of Prague, celebrated for its splendid combination of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Walk along the narrow, picturesque lanes of the Staré Město (Old Town) to the Orloj, the ornate, 15th-century astronomical clock of the Old Town Hall. See the world-famous Charles Bridge, adorned with 17th- and 18th-century Baroque statues. Enjoy a brief private performance of Mozart’s music and a specially arranged private tour of the Estates Theatre, where the prodigy’s opera, Don Giovanni, premiered in 1787. In Josefov, the Jewish Quarter of Prague, visit Europe’s oldest extant Jewish house of worship—the Gothic-style Old-New Synagogue—and walk amongst the moss-covered, 15th-century headstones of the Old Jewish Cemetery.

On Wednesday, tour the fascinating former residence of Bohemian royalty, the Hradčany complex of castles, churches and museums, whose spires dominate the city skyline. By special arrangement, view original Beethoven manuscripts and enjoy a private string quartet concert in the family-owned, 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace.

Visit the neo-Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most significant cathedral in Prague, and see the Royal Mausoleum and magnificent St. Wenceslas Chapel.

Then walk through the “Golden Lane,” a quaint byway lined with small, Mannerist-style houses and workshops once occupied by castle goldsmiths, alchemists, artisans and guards. Author Franz Kafka was said to have lived here between 1916 and 1917.

On the former site of the Bohemian Kingdom’s Royal Court, enjoy a private tour of the spectacular Municipal House, an early 20th-century Art Nouveau masterpiece. Visit the stunning Smetana Hall, where an independent Czechoslovakia was declared in 1918 and where the post-World War II communist government first met with political reformers led by future Czech Republic president Václav Havel in 1989.

Prague/Passau, Germany
Thursday, October 6
Travel across rolling hills and through the bucolic wooded Czech and German countryside to Passau, the only place on Earth where three rivers—the Danube, Ilz and Inn—meet. Enjoy lunch in a historic, traditional German restaurant before the walking tour along the cobbledstone streets of Altstadt, Passau’s Old Town. Visit the Baroque-style St. Stephan’s Cathedral, consecrated in the 12th century, where the largest pipe organ in Europe is housed.

Embark M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and, following dinner, enjoy a short concert by the ship’s musicians.

Melk/Dürnstein
Friday, October 7
In the riverside town of Melk, visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey, Cover photo: Budapest’s majestic Parliament Building is a classic example of Gothic Revival architecture and a proud symbol of Hungary’s national rebirth.

Photo this page: In Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” the famous Charles Bridge links the medieval Old Town with the splendid Baroque palaces of the Little Quarter, the city’s most intact historical district.
a showcase of impressive Austrian Baroque architecture, priceless relics and stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. In the abbey’s beautiful Stiftskirche (church), admire the striking, perfectly intact 16th-century altarpiece by “Danube School” master Jörg Breu the Elder. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, the abbey’s library is today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

This afternoon, dock in the charming medieval village of Dürnstein, situated below the hilltop ruins of Castle Kuenringer, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner after the Third Crusade. Walk through the quaint, picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church and enjoy a short, private organ concert inside the 15th-century Stiftskirche Dürnstein.

Be on deck this evening as you cruise the Danube’s spectacular and fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the haunting ruins of medieval castles.

**Vienna**
**Saturday, October 8**
The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic center is an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour this remarkable city, which owes its present appearance to Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who created the famous Ringstrasse showcasing its finest landmarks—the impressive Vienna State Opera House and the lavish Hofburg Palace. Visit the iconic, Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral). Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of Mozart’s music in the Sala Terrena, Vienna’s oldest concert hall and where Mozart resided, worked and performed briefly in 1781. The afternoon is at leisure to peruse the cultural treasures of Vienna on your own.

**Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia**
**Sunday, October 9**
Enjoy a free morning in Vienna or join an optional excursion to the Dürnstein is nestled within the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that contains traces of past civilizations, including medieval villages, castles and monasteries.
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This afternoon, en route to Bratislava, cruise through Austria’s scenic Donau-Auen National Park, which preserves the last remaining major wetlands in central Europe. The charming capital of Slovakia, Bratislava is nestled in the foothills of the impressive Carpathian Mountain range overlooking the banks of the Danube River. Beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, the city showcases 21st-century life amidst its 1000-year-old history. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town; its medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture is among the finest in central Europe.

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Berlin Pre-Program Option
One of Europe’s preeminent centers of history, art and music, Berlin is known for its world-class museums, grand opera house and eclectic architecture. Explore the Pergamon Museum on the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Museum Island; visit the Wall Museum at Checkpoint Charlie, the former border crossing between East and West Berlin; and enjoy a panoramic city tour cruise along the Spree River. En route to Prague, enjoy a walking tour through seldom-visited Dresden, known as the “Jewel Box of Germany” for its splendid Baroque and Rococo architecture and its cultural and artistic significance. Accommodations for three nights are in the ideally located, deluxe WESTIN GRAND BERLIN HOTEL.

Budapest Post-Program Option
Extend your stay in captivating Budapest, amid the majestic hills of Buda and the artistic, bohemian avenues of Pest on either side of the Danube River. Visit the stately, Gothic Revival-style Parliament Building, and enjoy an excursion into Hungary’s great protected Puszta (plains), including a display of master horsemanship and a traditional regional lunch. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star SOFITEL BUDAPEST CHAIN BRIDGE HOTEL.

Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

In Prague, Czech Republic

◆ Three nights in the centrally located, deluxe INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA HOTEL with breakfast each morning.

◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.

◆ Walking tour of Prague’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the Staré Město (Old Town) and Josefov (Jewish Quarter).


◆ Visit to the magnificent Hradčany Castle complex, including its Gothic-style St. Vitus Cathedral.

◆ Specially arranged guided tour of Lobkowicz Palace with private concert of classical music.

◆ Private tour of the Art Nouveau Municipal House.

Scenic transfer from Prague to Passau, Germany, and a walking tour of Passau featuring its charming Altstadt (Old Town) and a visit to the 12th-century St. Stephan’s Cathedral, with lunch.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT

◆ Five-night cruise on the legendary Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with port calls at Melk, Dürnstein and Vienna, Austria; and Bratislava, Slovakia.

◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.

◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.

◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ Two specially arranged classical performances by the ship’s musicians.

◆ Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a Baroque masterpiece.

◆ Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein, featuring a brief, private organ recital inside Stiftskirche Dürnstein.

◆ Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Panoramic tour of the world-class city of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a private performance of Mozart’s music.

◆ Guided tour of Bratislava’s medieval Old Town.

◆ Guided tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a visit to the Hungarian State Opera House and a private, specially arranged, brief ariya performance.

◆ Specially arranged, exclusive Hungarian folklore performance on board.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and baggage handling aboard for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced English-speaking local guides.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Optional excursion to Vienna’s UNESCO World Heritage site-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens available at additional cost.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotel.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.

◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure material.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Since the 18th century, the lands encompassing the Danube River Valley—Austria, Hungary and Germany—and the Czech Republic have bequeathed to the world an unparalleled musical legacy. The 1700s saw the creative genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Josef Haydn, Johann Pachelbel and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In the 19th century, such musical titans as Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Frédéric François Chopin, Franz Liszt and Antonín Dvořák reigned over the courts and orchestra halls of central Europe.

This exclusive journey highlights the musical traditions of master composers and their enduring vitality. See the stage in Prague’s prestigious Estates Theatre where Mozart premiered his famous opera, Don Giovanni, and attend a private performance of the great composer’s works. Admire Europe’s largest cathedral pipe organ in Passau’s Cathedral of St. Stephan. View a collection of Beethoven’s original manuscripts and attend a private performance of music by Beethoven, Dvořák and other composers in Lobkowicz Palace. Enjoy a short organ recital within the 15th-century Stiftskirche Dürnstein. Stroll through the historic center of Vienna in the footsteps of Beethoven and Brahms, see the city’s famous Opera House and attend a private performance of Mozart’s music at Sala Terrena, the oldest concert hall in Vienna. On board, enjoy classical music performances by the ship’s musicians.

The golden statue of Waltz King Johann Strauss immortalizes Vienna’s rich musical legacy.
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