

# The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise

Hungary · Slovakia · Austria · Germany · The Czech Republic

**11 Days • 23 Meals** Experience the Danube River aboard the *MS Amadeus Silver II*, our exclusively chartered river ship on a seven-night cruise through four countries. Includes escorted shore excursions in five cities with English-speaking guides and two nights in Prague.

2016 Departure Date: June 4





## The Mayflower Way

- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- International Cruise Director and Mayflower Tours expert staff onboard, plus local guides for shore excursions
- Experience the Danube River aboard the exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver II river ship on a seven-night cruise
- Once onboard, unpack just once in your tastefully furnished river view stateroom with a window for panoramic viewing
- ✓ Visit five countries—Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic—while cruising the best of the Danube River including the beautiful Wachau Valley
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Dürnstein and Passau
- All meals included onboard featuring local and international specialties served at one leisurely seating
- All onboard dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- ✓ Afternoon tea and late evening snack served daily in the lounge
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Spacious public areas with large picture windows in the lounge, bar and dining room
- Evening events and Insights onboard
- Enhanced touring experience with the use of individual audio headsets
- ✓ Walk-out balcony featured in the suites on Mozart Deck
- Drop-down French balcony featured in the staterooms on the Mozart and Strauss Decks
- After cruising we travel to Prague, Czech Republic for a twonight hotel stay and touring

## **Local Insights**

- Concert performed onboard by local artists in Bratislava
- ✓ Included visit to Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
- ✓ Organ concert in Passau (subject to availability)
- Insightful presentation on the history of the Danube River
- Culinary demonstration by the ship's chef



Budapest's Parliament Building sits majestically along the banks of the Danube

#### **DAY ONE – Depart the USA**

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary, one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

#### **DAY TWO – Arrive Hungary**

Transfer to Mayflower Tours' exclusively chartered river ship, your home for the next seven nights. In the evening enjoy a welcome dinner onboard. (Dinner onboard)

#### **DAY THREE – Budapest, Hungary**

After breakfast enjoy an included city tour of Budapest. The city straddles both banks of the Danube linked by seven bridges, including the famous Chain and Elizabeth Bridges. The tour presents you with a fantastic opportunity to become acquainted with Hungary's beautiful capital. Enjoy a photo stop at Gellert Hill, see historic Buda Castle, 500-year-old Matthias Church, St. Stephen's Basilica, the distinctive Fisherman's Bastion and the marvelous Royal Palace. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore and shop for porcelain and local specialties. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

#### DAY FOUR - Bratislava, Slovakia

This morning an included panoramic city tour of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia and the former capital of Hungary, starts the day. Board the exclusively chartered Bratislava City Train for a unique touring experience. As the train winds its way through the streets up to Bratislava Castle, the guide will point out the beautiful buildings and historic sites along the way. See the Slovak Philharmonic Hall, the National Theatre, the Archbishop's Summer Residence and the Blumental Church. You'll arrive at the Vienna Gate and continue on for a photo stop from Castle Hill. In the Old City begin a leisurely paced walking tour through the historical center. See the Archbishop Palace, St. Martin's Cathedral and the Main Square with its Old Town Hall, the Roland Fountain and the Opera House. Enjoy leisure time this afternoon in the remarkable town. This evening, enjoy a musical performance onboard by local artists.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

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The beautiful gardens of Schönbrunn Palace



The orange-tile roofs of Prague, Czech Republic

#### DAY FIVE - Vienna, Austria

Discover all Vienna has to offer with an included orientation tour. For over 600 years, the magnificent baroque capital city of Vienna was the seat of the mighty Hapsburg Emperors, a heritage that has bestowed it with many dazzling palaces and monuments: the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House and the majestic Ringstrasse. The capital is also known as the "City of Music" for having once been the home of composers such as Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart and Johann Strauss. On your included excursion, see some of the famous sights of this impressive city and visit Shönbrunn Palace, with its magnificent interiors and landscape gardens. Enjoy leisure time in the city center in the afternoon. This evening, join an optional excursion for a musical concert in one of the famous music venues of the city. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

#### DAY SIX - Dürnstein and Melk, Austria

After breakfast, join your local guide for a stroll through the pretty, medieval town of Dürnstein—"The Pearl of the Wachau"—set in Austria's spectacular vine-terraced Wachau Valley. With its cobblestone streets and old burgher houses, it is dominated by the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its lovely blue façade. The ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle, which served as a prison to England's Richard the Lionheart in 1193, can be seen on the hilltop. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as we cruise along the Danube River before arriving in Melk. Join an optional excursion to visit the glorious and magnificent 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which boasts a breathtakingly opulent Baroque interior. See the Marble Hall and Library with its thousands of identically bound books and also its terraced gardens. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

#### DAY SEVEN - Linz and Salzburg, Austria

In the 2nd century, Roman soldiers built a fortified camp on the riverbank, and in the 15th century, Emperor Frederick III built a castle high above the river. Today the city's history is told through its Baroque architecture, which surrounds an ancient

market square. The day is yours to explore Linz on your own or join an optional excursion to Mozart's Salzburg where your guide shows you sights from *The Sound of Music* and walks you along the famous Getreidegasse Lane, past Mozart's birthplace. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

#### DAY EIGHT - Passau, Germany

This morning enjoy an included guided walking tour through Passau, one of Germany's oldest cities, situated at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Passau is a beautiful and fascinating fairytale town with a history dating back more than 2,000 years. During the walking tour, admire graceful arcades, cobblestone streets and see the breathtaking Baroque cathedral of St. Stephan. Your wonderful Danube River cruise comes to an end in Passau, yet there is much more to come. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

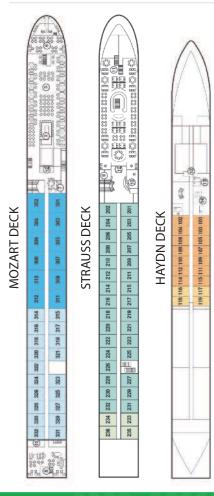
#### **DAYS NINE AND TEN – Prague, Czech Republic**

After breakfast onboard, disembark your ship and journey to Prague via motorcoach for a two night stay. One of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Prague also offers a cultural and historic past. The Old Town Square is home to pastel-colored buildings, the Church of Our Lady of Tyn, the Town Hall and famous Astronomical Clock. Another focal point of this charming city is the 9th-century Prague Castle. On an included city tour you'll see Wenceslas Square, Old Town Square and the medieval Charles Bridge adorned with statues that each tell a story of Prague's colorful past. During your free day, discover the city on your own or join the optional excursion of the Jewish Quarter. Your adventure is concluded but you'll bring back memories of European history to last a lifetime. (2 Breakfasts and dinner)

#### **DAY ELEVEN - Prague / USA**

Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Danube River. (Breakfast)

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### MS Amadeus Silver II NEW SHIP BUILT 2015

The 168-passenger MS Amadeus Silver II is a brand new deluxe river cruise vessel providing a stylish, spacious and unique ship from which to enjoy your river cruise! In addition to providing some of the largest staterooms and suites on river vessels, the ship also offers suites which boast a full balcony. With the friendly staff and remarkable ship it's sure to be a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Built: 2015 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 72 Suites: 12 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 46

#### Suite (284 sq. ft.): Mozart Deck

All suites have a panoramic window with walk-out balcony, two twin beds that can be separated or together, flatscreen TV, private bath with shower, telephone, hair dryer, closet, desk, chair, armchair, safe, minibar

#### Stateroom (188 sq. ft.): Haydn, Strauss and Mozart Decks

- ✔ Panoramic window with drop-down French balcony on Mozart and Strauss Decks
- Fixed window on Haydn Deck
- All staterooms feature two twin beds that can be separated or together, flatscreen TV, private bath with shower, hair dryer, closet, telephone, desk, chair, armchair, safe

#### **Public Areas and Ship Amenities**

- ✓ Dining Room
- ✔ Panorama Lounge with bar and dance floor
- Sun Deck featuring deck chairs and Game of Chess
- Fitness Room
- Massage Therapy Room

- ✔ Hairdresser
- Elevator
- Reception Lobby
- Hospitality Desk
- Gift Shop
- Amadeus Club with Internet Station
- ✓ Voltage: 220V

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2016 DEPART USA		HAYDN DECK	STRAUSS DECK **	MOZART DECK**	SUITE †	
	June 4	PER PERSON TWIN	\$3,199	\$3,499	\$3,699	\$4,199
		SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$1,799	\$2,039	\$2,159	N/A

Please add \$85 per person for port charges



Call for air rates and schedules from your city to **Budapest, Hungary and from Prague, Czech Republic** 

All staterooms offer river views and have a private bathroom and shower, hair dryer, radio, flatscreen TV, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, safe and telephone.

> \*\* Staterooms on these decks feature a drop-down French balcony † Suites feature a walk-out balcony

## FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

#### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Eight - Aboard the MS Amadeus Silver II Days Nine and Ten - Hotel Yasmin or Premier Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic

Post cruise hotel stay available in Budapest. Call for details.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**









ENERGETIC

#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- ..... Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure . . . . . . . . . . . . 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.







