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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the celebrated Danube River region, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Dürnstein

#### **Inspiring Moments**

- ► Witness pure splendor as you sail through **Budapest's mesmeric** cityscape at night.
- ► Experience the **Iron Gate** Gorge, a remarkable feat of engineering.
- ► Enjoy an **exclusive** waltz performance, and test your dancing skills during waltz lessons.
- ► Warm your tastebuds while sipping a full-bodied, fragrant wine of the Pécs region.
- ► Marvel at the Wachau Valley's dreamy landscape.
- ► Savor a moment of hushed reflection in the marbled halls of Melk Abbey.



#### Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a cultural adventure to elegant Eastern European cities and Old World villages along the storied Danube River. Experience the best of both land and river journeys beginning with three nights in captivating Prague, Czech Republic, and culminating in the Balkan city of Sofia, Bulgaria. Sail the Mighty Danube for eight nights, stopping to visit historic highlights, regal palaces and vibrant cities eager to display their rich history and architectural flair. Along the way, visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the remarkable Wachau Valley, and taste the region's wines and cuisine. Return home dreaming of fairy-tale castles and memorable evenings spent stargazing along the Danube.

Travel in comfort and enjoy the excursions, cultural events and lectures selected especially for you. Best of all, you can customize your journey with a choice of included Personalize Your Cruise excursions in select ports of call.

This is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture, cuisine and landscapes of eight countries on a deluxe travel program. Make your reservation today, call AHI Travel at **877-223-9274**.

Sincerely,

Pauline Ranieri

Director, UW Alumni Tours

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UW Alumni Association

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they're not UW alumni!

**UWAA Membership**: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.

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o other river evokes such mystery as the Danube, which twists and turns through ancient towns, medieval villages, gorgeous churches and ruins from another time. Flowing through much of Eastern Europe, the Danube is steeped in thousands of years of history. Known since medieval times as a major thoroughfare for trade and commerce, it also was a frontier of the Roman and Byzantine empires, and in ancient and modern times, it has been an inspiration to artists, writers and composers. Sail the Danube and harvest a cache of memories like no other.

#### DAY ONE

#### IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic.★

#### DAY TWO

#### PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

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

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the afternoon at leisure in Prague.

Later, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

#### DAY THREE

#### PRAGUE

#### **Excursion:** Prague Castle and Old Town.

See the Castle Square, the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the Prague Castle Gallery, home to works of art by Titian, Rubens and other renowned artists. Visit the Royal Palace and St. Vitus Cathedral. Walk along the Golden Lane, Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square.

**Independent Exploration:** The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY FOUR

# PRAGUE

**Excursion:** *Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter.* Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum, a showcase of Jewish history and religious treasures.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend your last afternoon in Prague pursuing individual interests.

#### YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



#### PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE (PYC) | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.

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DAY FIVE

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### PRAGUE | PASSAU, GERMANY

After breakfast, transfer to Passau, Germany.

**Excursion:** *Picturesque Passau.* Passau has been called "one of the most beautifully situated towns in the world." See the many highlights of this delightful village, including the medieval Veste Oberhaus, Altes Rathaus, Niedernburg Abbey and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Embark your first-class river ship.
This evening, gather with travelers for a
Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

DAY SIX

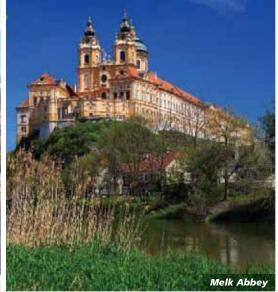
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#### MELK, AUSTRIA | DÜRNSTEIN

**Excursion:** *Melk Abbey.* Visit Melk's Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel with impressive interiors. The baroque building dates from 1736, and an amazing view of the mighty Danube awaits on the abbey's terrace.

This afternoon, enjoy daytime sailing through the picturesque Wachau Valley, one of the finest landscapes in all of Europe.

- PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
- Dürnstein Walking Tour. Here, where King Richard the Lionheart of England was held captive during the Crusades, tour baroque architecture, pass by gorgeous scenery, see vineyards and visit the magnificent Stiftskirche.



- *Cycling the Danube.* During this two-hour adventure, explore parts of the 745-mile (1,200-kilometer) Danube Bicycle Trail, which runs from Germany to Hungary, with an expert guide.
- Wachau Winery. Head out of Dürnstein, passing stunning vineyards and lush scenery en route to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and samples from its cellar.

DAY SEVEN

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#### VIENNA

Educational Focus: Timeless Vienna.

PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

- Imperial Vienna. Explore the Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace, then drive along the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world. See the University, the Houses of Parliament and the Opera House.
- •Art and Wine. Overlooking the Danube, the 12th-century Klosterneuburg Monastery, home to the Verdun Altar, boasts a winding cellar. Explore the maze, learn about winemaking and enjoy a sampling.
- Schönbrunn Palace. Enjoy a visit to the stunning UNESCO World Heritage site of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the imperial family. See the luxurious State Apartments and Hall of Mirrors, and wander through the estate's vast gardens.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the afternoon at leisure in Vienna. Enjoy a Viennese coffee or Sacher Torte, the famous Austrian cake.

**Cultural Event:** *Waltz.* Delight in an evening of Viennese Waltz as ballroom guides pass on secrets of ballroom etiquette and steps from the original Viennese Waltz. Try the steps yourself, glide across the dance floor and make memories!



DAY EIGHT

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#### BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

#### **Educational Focus:** The Velvet

**Revolution.** Discover how this pivotal event led to the end of communism in Czechoslovakia and preceded the country's split into two countries.

## PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

- •A Taste of Bratislava. Marvel at St. Martin's Cathedral, once the site of Hungarian coronations. See the Slovak National Theatre and St. Michael's Gate. Visit Primate's Palace, and enjoy a strudel tasting and coffee at a café.
- **Sounds of Bratislava.** Explore Old Town, focusing on the venues associated with these renowned composers, before listening to a performance by a talented young musician.
- Castle Hill and Beer. Discover Pressburg, as Bratislava once was called. See the imposing Bratislava Castle, which serves as the venue for the Slovak Parliament and houses collections of the Slovak National Museum. Tour Old Town and experience the region's rich brewing tradition with a visit to a local pub for a tasting of Slovak beers.

#### DAY NINE

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#### BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

# PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

• Highlights of Budapest. This capital was once two cities — Buda and Pest — on opposite sides of the Danube. Visit Heroes' Square, the Opera House and the Gothic-style Parliament Building. Enjoy stunning views of the Danube from Fisherman's Bastion.



- Living Local. Take a guided tour of Budapest's 19th-century Great Market Hall. Continue to a local coffee house to learn how pastry chefs craft the tastiest strudels. Enjoy a piece of strudel and a sampling of palinka, Eastern European popular schnapps.
- Jewish Interest Tour. Explore Budapest's Jewish Quarter, including a visit to the 19th-century Great Synagogue. Continue to the Glass House, and Shoes on the Danube, a moving tribute to the Jews who fell into the Danube after being shot by Nazis in the 1940s. End your tour at the Holocaust Memorial Center.

DAY TEN

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#### PÉCS

**Excursion:** *Pécs.* Enjoy a walking tour of this city, known for its Roman ruins and Ottoman mosques, which have been turned into churches. Also, discover the satisfying flavors of the region during a wine tasting.

Rejoin the ship in Mohács.



# MS Amadeus Silver

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#### DAY ELEVEN

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#### BELGRADE, SERBIA

**Educational Focus:** *Modern Serbia.* Get an in-depth look at life in the former Yugoslavian state of Serbia.

#### Excursion: Highlights of Belgrade.

This fourth-century capital now is a hub of architecture and culture. Marvel at the ornate Orthodox cathedral and step into St. Sava, a shining feature of Belgrade's cityscape.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. A shuttle will be available.

**Cultural Event:** After dinner tonight, enjoy a local folk show on the ship.

#### DAY TWELVE

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#### IRON GATE GORGE, ROMANIA | DROBETA-TURNU SEVERIN

Sail past the cliffs of the Carpathian Mountains. Enter the Iron Gate Gorge, one of Europe's most magnificent natural wonders that serves as the boundary between Romania and Serbia.

**Excursion:** *Drobeta.* Enjoy a unique wine sampling complemented with a selection of tasty snacks. During a walking tour, see the



remains of the famous Trajan Bridge, the busts of King Decebak and the Trajan Emperor and the World War I Memorial built in remembrance to fallen Romanian soldiers. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception on the ship followed by a Farewell Dinner.

#### DAY THIRTEEN

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#### VIDIN, BULGARIA

After breakfast, disembark the ship.

**Excursion:** *Ancient Vidin.* During a panoramic tour of one of Bulgaria's oldest towns, see the Mosque, Library of Osman Pazvantouglu and other highlights. Visit the 17th-century St. Panthaleimon Church and the ninth-century

## | ACCOMMODATIONS |



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SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN

SOFIA, BULGARIA

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Baba Vida fortress.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a memorable lunch and stunning views of rock formations at The Rocks restaurant.

After lunch, continue to Sofia and check in to the Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan.

DAY FOURTEEN

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SOFIA

# Educational Focus: A Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.

**Excursion:** *Sofia.* Bulgaria's capital is a fascinating wonder. Today, discover its many landmarks. See the ancient ruins of Serdica. Admire St. George Rotunda, Alexander Battenberg Square, home to the former Royal Palace, and the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

**Independent Exploration:** The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring Sofia on your own.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY FIFTEEN

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#### IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer ★ to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

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- 2- Historic Center of Vienna
- 3- Wachau Cultural Landscape
- 4- Historic Center of Prague



# | INCLUDED FEATURES |

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- Eight nights aboard the MS Amadeus Silver.
- Two nights in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.

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