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Inspiring Moments

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.

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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

- ▶ Witness pure splendour 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 Pécis region.
- ▶ Marvel at the **Wachau Valley's** dreamy landscape.
- ▶ Savour a moment of hushed reflection in the marbled halls of **Melk Abbey.**



Dear 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 two nights in the Balkan city of Sofia, Bulgaria, and culminating in captivating Prague, Czech Republic. Sail the Mighty Danube for nine nights, stopping to visit historic abbeys, 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. Be sure to make your reservations early!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daphne Tao".

Daphne Tao
Manager, Alumni Travel Program

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Passau





Old Town Square, Prague

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Sofia, Bulgaria.✈

DAY TWO

SOFIA, BULGARIA

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to the Sofia Hotel Balkan.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure in Sofia. Explore the city and perhaps stroll to the nearby Town Square.

DAY THREE

B I D

SOFIA

Educational Focus: *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 explore Sofia on your own.

Gather with your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY FOUR

B I L I D

SOFIA/VIDIN

After breakfast, transfer to Vidin.

Local Flavour: Savour a memorable lunch and stunning views of rock formations at The Rocks restaurant.

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

Embark your first-class ship and commence your Danube River journey.

Gather with friends and attend the ship's Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner tonight.

DAY FIVE

B I L I D

DROBETA-TURNU SEVERIN, ROMANIA/IRON GATE GORGE

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

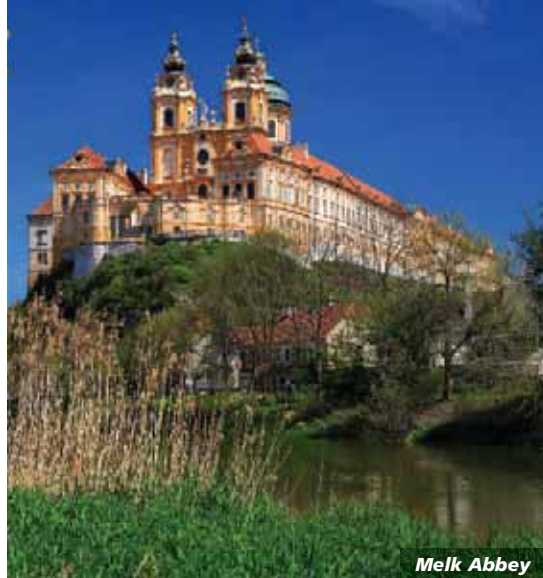
Free time means something different to every traveller. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



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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.



Melk Abbey



Strauss monument, Vienna

Excursion: Drobeta. Enjoy a wine tasting in a country setting. See the remains of the Trajan Bridge, which was built in A.D. 103-105, and the busts of King Decebal and the Traian Emperor. Walk to the nearby World War I memorial, built in remembrance to fallen Romanian soldiers. This afternoon, sail past the dramatic cliffs of the Carpathian Mountains and enter the Iron Gate Gorge, one of Europe's most magnificent natural wonders. The gorge is a passage that is only 162 metres wide. This geological wonder is part of the boundary between Romania and Serbia.

DAY SIX

B I L I D

BELGRADE, SERBIA

Educational Focus: Modern 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: The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. A shuttle will be available.

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

DAY SEVEN

B I L I D

PÉCS, HUNGARY


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 flavours of the region during a delicious wine tasting.

Rejoin the ship in Mohács and sail on to Budapest.

DAY EIGHT

B I L I D

BUDAPEST

 **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 from Fisherman's Bastion.

• **Living Local.** Take a guided tour of Budapest's 19th-century Great Market Hall. Continue to a coffee house to learn how pastry chefs craft the tastiest strudels. Enjoy some strudel and a sample of palinka, or Eastern European 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 Centre.

DAY NINE

B I L I D

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Educational Focus: The Velvet Revolution.

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**



View of Castle and Cathedral, Bratislava

• **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 Bratislava Castle, the venue of the Slovak Parliament which also 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 TEN

B I L I D

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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.** Visit the 12th-century Klosterneuburg Monastery, home to the Verdun Altar and a winding cellar. Explore the maze, learn about wine making 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 time 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 and glide across the dance floor!

DAY ELEVEN

B I L I D

DÜRNSTEIN

🧭 **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-kilometre) 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.

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



MS Amadeus Silver

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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.

DAY TWELVE **B I L I D**

PASSAU, GERMANY

Excursion: *Picturesque Passau.* Nestled at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers, Passau has been called "one of the most beautifully situated towns in the world." See the many highlights of this delightful village, including the mediaeval Veste Oberhaus, Rathaus, Niedernburg Abbey, the Old Town Hall and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

This evening, join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY THIRTEEN **B**

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Disembark the ship in Passau. Continue to



Prague and the Art Deco Imperial Hotel, near the city's Old Town.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure in Prague.

DAY FOURTEEN **B**

PRAGUE

Excursion: *Prague Castle and Old Town.* See the Castle Square, the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the Prague Castle Gallery. Visit the Royal Palace and St. Vitus Cathedral. Walk along



ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL
CZECH REPUBLIC, PRAGUE



SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN
SOFIA, BULGARIA



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Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Sofia



the Golden Lane, Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square.

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

DAY FIFTEEN

B

PRAGUE

Excursion: Prague's Jewish Quarter.

Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum, a showcase of Jewish history and religious treasures.

Independent Exploration: Spend the

afternoon pursuing individual interests.

In the evening, gather for a Farewell Reception.

DAY SIXTEEN

B

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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Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



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