



PASSAGE ALONG THE BLUE DANUBE

VIENNA TO BUCHAREST

THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA
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DELUXE SMALL RIVER SHIP

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED
M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III



OCTOBER 13 TO 25, 2018

ITINERARY*

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Vienna, Austria/Embark M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III
- 3 Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia
- 4 Budapest, Hungary
- 5 Kalocsa
- 6 Osijek, Croatia/Vukovar
- 7 Belgrade, Serbia
- 8 Donji Milonovac for Lepinski Vir/
Cruising through the Iron Gates
- 9 Svishtov, Bulgaria, for Arbanasi and
Veliko Târnovo/Ruse
- 10 Hârşova, Romania, for Constanța
- 11 Fetești/Disembark ship/Bucharest
- 12 Bucharest/Transylvania
- 13 Bucharest/Return to the U.S.

This custom-designed, 13-day travel program features seven unique countries, two UNESCO World Heritage sites and the enchanting and seldom-visited eastern Danube River Valley. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III, from the Habsburgs' imperial capital of Vienna through a rich mosaic of medieval cities, charming villages and rugged countryside to the Black Sea. Through ancient Romania and Serbia and Hungary's fabled Puszta (plains) to the glittering palaces of Budapest, cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates and experience the Slavic heritage of medieval Belgrade. Spend two nights in elegant Bucharest and visit legendary Transylvania. Vienna Pre-Program Option.

*Cruise itinerary is subject to change.

- ♦ Launched in 2016
- ♦ Atmosphere of classical elegance
- ♦ 84 deluxe, spacious, river-view Suites and Staterooms
- ♦ Most Staterooms have a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that automatically lowers to French balcony height
- ♦ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner
- ♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- ♦ Deluxe amenities of a luxury hotel
- ♦ Modern haute cuisine in single seatings
- ♦ Tremendous value



Look for the Monastery of Mraconia ("hidden place") as you cruise the Danube River's dramatic Iron Gates.



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INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, DELUXE M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III

- ◆ Nine-night cruise from Vienna, Austria, to Fetești, Romania, with port calls at Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest and Kalocsa, Hungary; Osijek and Vukovar, Croatia; Belgrade and Donji Milonavac for Lepinski Vir, Serbia; Svishtov for Arbanasi and Veliko Târnovo and Ruse, Bulgaria; and Hârșova for Constanța, Romania.
- ◆ 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 wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- ◆ Guided tour of Bratislava's well-preserved medieval Staré Mesto (Old Town).
- ◆ Tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the historic landmarks of the 19th-century, Renaissance Revival-style Hungarian State Opera House, the Fisherman's Bastion and the ornate St. Matthias Church.
- ◆ Excursion to the Hungarian Puszta (plains), for a demonstration of horsemanship and lunch at a revered *csárda* (tavern).
- ◆ Visit to Kalocsa, famous for its fine Hungarian embroidery, to tour its Local Country House and Paprika Museum.
- ◆ Visit to Osijek's 18th-century fortress, strategically built along the Drava River, and the red-brick, neo-Gothic Co-Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul.
- ◆ Tour of Serbia's historic capital of Belgrade, featuring the medieval city center, Kalemegdan Fortress and the Josip Broz Tito memorial.
- ◆ Excursion to the fascinating archaeological excavation at Lepinski Vir for insight into one of the oldest Danube cultures.
- ◆ Passage through the dramatic, naturally carved Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.
- ◆ Excursion to the village of Arbanasi, Bulgaria, known for its unique stone architecture, with visits to the Konstantsaliev House and the 15th-century Birth of Christ Church.
- ◆ Visit to the historic Bulgarian Empire capital of Veliko Târnovo, with lunch.

- ◆ Guided tour of the Archaeological and Natural History Museum in Constanța, featuring such Greco-Roman treasures as the second-century marble Glykon Serpent.

Scenic transfer from Fetești to Bucharest.

IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

- ◆ Two nights in the Five-Star ATHÉNÉE PALACE HILTON, with breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- ◆ Visit to the National Art Museum, housed in the 19th-century Royal Palace, with lunch.
- ◆ City tour to see the Palace of Parliament, Europe's largest administrative building.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to Transylvania to see the ornately decorated Peles Castle.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
- ◆ The services of experience Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the 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 information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

The Travel Program outlined here is subject to the features, final pricing and terms and conditions set forth in the published Travel Program brochure. Upon receipt of the published Travel Program brochure, you will be given 10 days to reconfirm your reservation, at which time any deposit(s) will become subject to cancellation fees.

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RESERVE EARLY!

From \$4895 per person, double occupancy (approximate land/cruise only)

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- Please send me/us the travel program brochure (anticipated publication date December 2017).

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)

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

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