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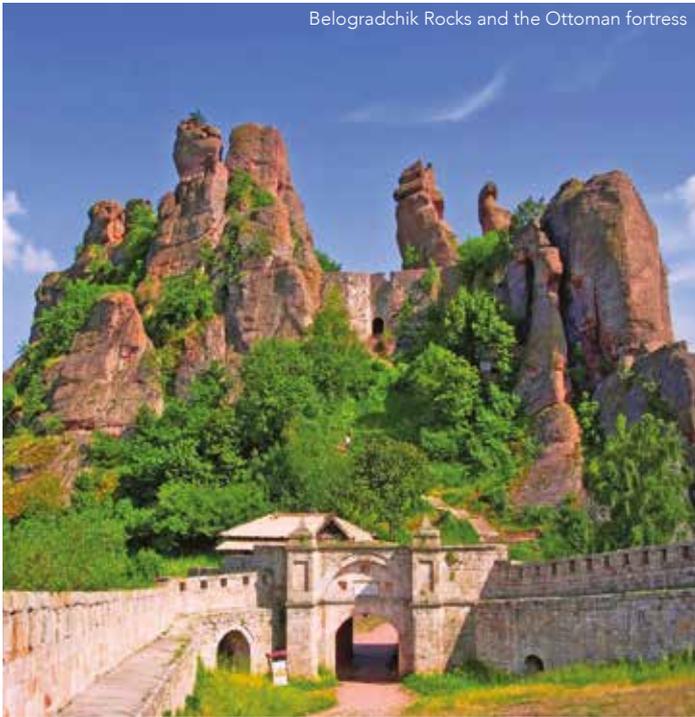
A journey along the majestic Danube
aboard the Amadeus Elegant

8th to 22nd June 2018

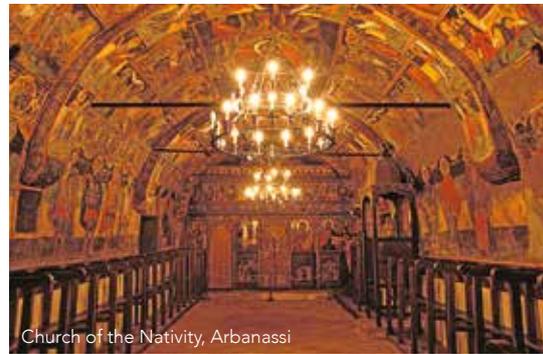


NOBLE CALEDONIA

Belogradchik Rocks and the Ottoman fortress



Great Black Cormorants, Danube Delta



Church of the Nativity, Arbanassi



The Lower Danube undoubtedly remains one of the most mysterious and least visited regions of Europe and we have chartered the Amadeus Elegant to transport you in great comfort between the cities, towns and villages. From Hungary to Romania, this stretch of the Danube offers a diversity of history and culture quite unlike anywhere else. From the fall of communism emerged new and vibrant cities and towns of the east which we will visit during this fascinating river voyage. We travel from Budapest, the 'Queen of the Danube' with her glorious skyline of castles and cathedrals to Romania's elegant capital, Bucharest. During our journey we will visit five distinctive countries, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania and encounter their traditions, old and new.

It is the combination of modern and ancient culture, music and history that will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere as we sail along the Danube in all its summer glory. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something new every day as we sail past ever changing landscapes whilst the slow speed of the vessel allows you to absorb the views of town and country. To enhance your holiday further we are offering a five night post-cruise extension to Transylvania, during which you will travel through some of the last untouched areas of Europe.

Itinerary Highlights

- "Queen of the Danube" — Budapest
- Hungarian horse display at Kalocsa
- The wine region of Villany in Hungary
- Arbanassi, famous for its 17th and 18th century architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ
- The Rock monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski in Bulgaria



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Amadeus Elegant and embark.

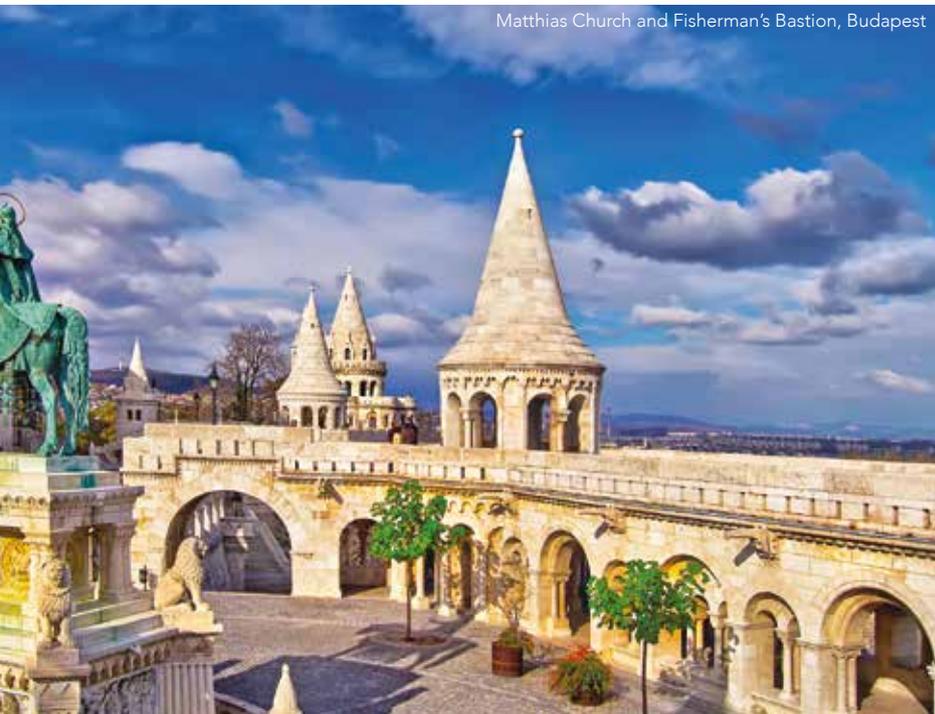
Day 2 Budapest. We will explore Hungary's elegant capital today. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. This afternoon will be at leisure and this evening join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks & Dinner on board.

Day 3 Budapest. After breakfast today we depart for our visit to Godollo. Built in the 1740s it was the favoured home of Sissy, the wife of Emperor Franz Josef. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. After dinner be out on deck to enjoy a spectacular sailing of 'Budapest by Night' as we travel to our next port of call, Kalocsa.

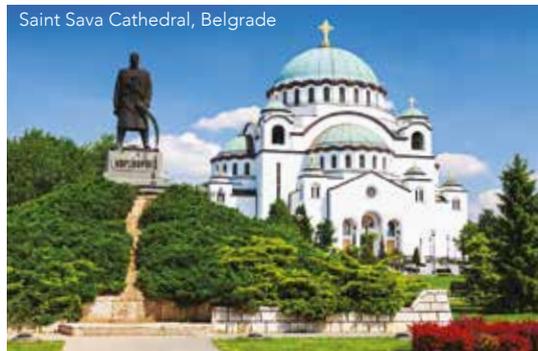
Day 4 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Your tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise down the beautiful Danube, arriving in Mohacs in the early evening. Moor overnight.

Day 5 Pecs & Villany. Depart after breakfast for a full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villany. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. The visit will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past, as well as a short organ recital in the splendid Pecs Cathedral. Continue on to the town of Villany where we will enjoy lunch and a wine tasting. Villany is one of Hungary's top wine regions, known for its reds and rosés. Thanks to the area's sub-Mediterranean climate, wines from Villany are full-bodied and spicy and of the highest quality. Sail this evening.

Day 6 Vukovar, Croatia. The city is known for the 87 day 'siege of Vukovar' between August and November 1991. At the time, it was the fiercest and most protracted battle seen in Europe since 1945 and reminders of the atrocities committed can still be viewed throughout the town including the shelled and



Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Saint Sava Cathedral, Belgrade



Decebalus' head, Iron Gate Gorge

disfigured water tower that stands despite the artillery barrages that were targeted against it. During our visit we will learn much about Croatia's largest river port and also spend time at the inspirational Vukovar Municipal Museum which won the Silletto prize as European Museum of the year in 2016.

Day 7 Novi Sad, Serbia. Arrive early this morning in Novi Sad. Located in the southern part of the Great Plain in the Baga region, Novi Sad is the multi-ethnic capital of Vojvodina with a colourful historic centre. The city is rich in historic buildings including the fortress, Bishop's House, Clock Tower and numerous churches, some of which will be seen on our morning tour of the lively centre. Sail this afternoon towards Belgrade.

Day 8 Belgrade. Spend the day in this interesting city. A half day tour highlights the city's main attractions including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world, and Tito's Memorial. Your tour will end with the chance to attend the optional local folklore performance.

Day 9 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as we cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

Day 10 Belogradchik & Vidin, Bulgaria. Arrive today in the Bulgarian port of Vidin. From here we drive to Belogradchik which is located close to the Serbian border. The Belogradchik Rocks are a famous Bulgarian beauty spot. The sandstone has been weathered into all manner of bizarre shapes and housed amongst the rocks is an Ottoman fort, built on the remains of a Roman structure. The excursion will end with a visit to Vidin for a performance of classical music by a string quartet from the wonderful Vidin Philharmonic.

Day 11 Veliko Tarnovo. From Svistov, drive to Veliko Tarnovo, the capital of the second Bulgarian Kingdom from 1187 to 1393. The city formed a natural fortress, located on three hills surrounding the Yantra River and a palace, fortifications and churches were built into the terrain. Across the river, ancient stone houses seemingly perched on top of each other rise up



Puszta horse show, Kalocsa



Vineyards of Villany

the steep riverbank. After lunch in a local restaurant, visit the museum town of Arbanassi. Rejoin the ship in Rousse and moor overnight.

Day 12 Rousse. This morning join a city tour of Rousse, birthplace of Nobel Prize winner for literature, Elias Canetti. After our walking tour of the city centre, drive a short distance to visit the Monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski, a rock monastery dating back to the 12th century. Return to Rousse for a wine tasting session of some splendid Bulgarian wines. Sail this evening towards Romania.

Day 13 Constanta, Romania. Early this morning we arrive in Fetesti at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal. Drive to nearby Constanta, a popular resort city whose colourful history dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a guided tour see the Museum of National History and Archaeology and the Roman mosaic. Return to the ship in Harsova for a late lunch and sail in the afternoon along the snaking Danube.

Day 14 The Black Sea & Tulcea. Awake early today to experience sunrise over the Black Sea. Weather conditions permitting, we hope to make a short cruise into the Black Sea proper, with a good chance of spotting birdlife. Later we will enjoy an afternoon boat trip into the delta wetlands with its lush vegetation and teeming wildlife. Tonight join your fellow travellers for the Gala Farewell Dinner.

Day 15 Bucharest to London. After breakfast this morning we disembark at the port of Cernadova and drive to Bucharest, capital of Romania (approx. 2.5 hours). On arrival we will explore the main sights of this city and see the boulevards with their decidedly French style. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue on to the airport for your return scheduled flight to the London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
D	Haydn Deck twin	£3595	£3395
C	Strauss Deck twin	£3795	£3595
B	Mozart Deck twin	£4195	£3995
A	Mozart Deck suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
D	Haydn Deck twin for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
C	Strauss Deck twin for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 14 nights aboard the Amadeus Elegant on full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, Cruise Director, Tour Manager, Guest Speaker, gratuities, transfers, port taxes, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, optional folklore performance in Belgrade.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION



Bran Castle, Brasov



The Clock Tower in Sighisoara

TRANSYLVANIA POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

22nd to 27th June 2018

Transylvania is located in central Romania, a region of exquisite countryside surrounded by the arc of the dramatic Carpathian mountain chain. This region, a favourite of the Prince of Wales, is where we can find some of Europe's best preserved Medieval towns, most notably Brasov, featuring Old Saxon architecture and citadel ruins. We begin our five night tour in Bucharest, an enchanting city with a fascinating and wide-reaching history. We also encounter stunning castles such as Bran, near Brasov – a Gothic fairy-tale structure associated with 15th century Walachian Prince Vlad Tepes, the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. We also visit the notable town of Biertan and its 14th century UNESCO Church Fortress, the fairy-tale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century and the dramatic citadel at Rasnov, built to protect the region's villages from Tartarian invasion.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Bucharest. Disembark the Amadeus Elegant and transfer to Bucharest (approx. 2.5 hours). On arrival enjoy a city tour and lunch at a local restaurant before transferring to your hotel for an overnight stay. Remainder of the day is at leisure with dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Day 2 Bucharest-Sinaia-Brasov. Depart Bucharest after breakfast and travel to the fairy-tale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century and arguably one of the most iconic castles ever to have been built. After our visit, we drive to Azuga in Prahova Valley, home of the Royal Cellar which is the wine supplier for the Royal court of Romania. Here we will stop at a local vineyard for lunch and enjoy some wine tasting before travelling onto the Black Church in Brasov, built by the Germans and the main Gothic style monument of Romania as well as being one of the largest places of worship in the region. Check in to our hotel for our two night stay and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3 Bran-Rasnov-Brasov. After breakfast depart for a visit to Bran to see the world famous 'Dracula's Castle', built as a fortress in 1212 by the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Vlad Tepes, better known as Vlad the Impaler, used the castle as headquarters for his incursions into Transylvania. After lunch in a local restaurant we will visit Rasnov Citadel, a historic monument and landmark in Romania. This outstanding citadel was first mentioned in documents in 1335, built as a defence against invading Tartarian armies. Please note that the entrance to the citadel is a 15 minute uphill walk for those who wish to visit inside. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure.

Day 4 Brasov-Sighisoara-Biertan-Sibiu. After breakfast depart for the enchanting town of Sighisoara which was given UNESCO world heritage status and, with its cobbled streets, burgher houses and ornate churches, is felt by many to easily match the most beautiful of either Prague or Vienna's streets. We will take a panoramic tour of the town's citadel before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch we head to Biertan, also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and perhaps one of the most important Saxon villages with fortified churches in Transylvania. Drive to Sibiu and check in to our hotel for our two night stay. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Day 5 Sibiu & Sibiel. After breakfast enjoy a tour of Sibiu's old city followed by lunch at a local restaurant. We will then drive to Sibiel, a pretty village situated 20 kilometres from Sibiu and visit a unique and superb museum of glass painted icons, located in the old village church. This evening, enjoy a traditional dinner during which we will be able to talk to our local hosts about Romanian daily life in a Transylvanian village.

Day 6 Sibiu to London. After breakfast enjoy time at leisure to relax at the hotel or to explore Sibiu further before transferring to Sibiu airport for your return, indirect scheduled flight back to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Twin: **£775** Single: **£995**

Price includes: Five nights accommodation at four-star hotels, excursions as described, meals as stated with wine & soft drinks at lunch and dinner, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on day 3, lunch on day 6.

NB. Minimum numbers apply.



The Saxon village of Biertan



AMADEUS ELEGANT

We are delighted to have chartered the 150 passenger Amadeus Elegant for some delightful river journeys in 2018. Built in 2010, she offers comfortable and well-appointed cabins and modern and spacious public areas including a bar and lounge where you can delight in panoramic views and simply watch the world sail by or enjoy a beverage and catch up with new-found friends. The restaurant seats all passengers in one sitting and the experienced chefs serve both regional and international cuisines with a focus on fresh, local ingredients. There is also a large Sun Deck which is a perfect place from which to observe the banks of the majestic Danube River.

Your Cabin/Suite

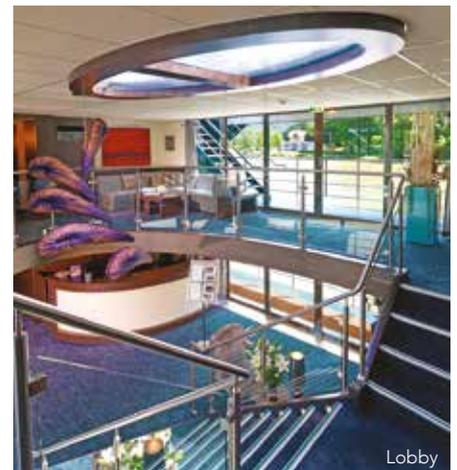
The Amadeus Elegant has 74 cabins which range in size from 15 square metres for the Stateroom cabins to 22 square metres for the Suites. Cabins are fitted with all the mod-cons one would expect to ensure a relaxing and comfortable voyage throughout; en-suite facilities, ample closet space, flat screen television, individual climate control, hairdryer, direct dial telephone, in-room safe and a choice of bed configuration (double or twin). Suites, which are located on the Mozart Deck have floor to ceiling sliding glass door windows with French Balcony and also include a mini-bar and bathrobes. Cabins on the Strauss and Mozart Deck include floor to ceiling glass doors with French Balcony, whereas cabins on the Haydn have smaller panoramic windows that cannot be opened.

Your Space

Spread over four decks, the ship's public spaces include the delightful Restaurant, the Amadeus Club and the Panorama Bar, all excellent spaces for relaxation and socialising with your fellow travellers. The vessel also features a gift shop, hair salon, fitness and massage room and a lift that services the Haydn, Strauss and Mozart Decks. There is also a spacious Sun Deck with comfortable deck furniture, a lido bar (the bar being open in favourable weather only), an oversized chess board and a golf putting green.

Your Dining

Meals are taken in the restaurant which accommodates all passengers in one sitting in an open seating arrangement. The menus feature regional specialties and the onboard



Lobby



Sun Deck



Restaurant



Mozart & Strauss Deck Cabin



Mozart Deck Suite



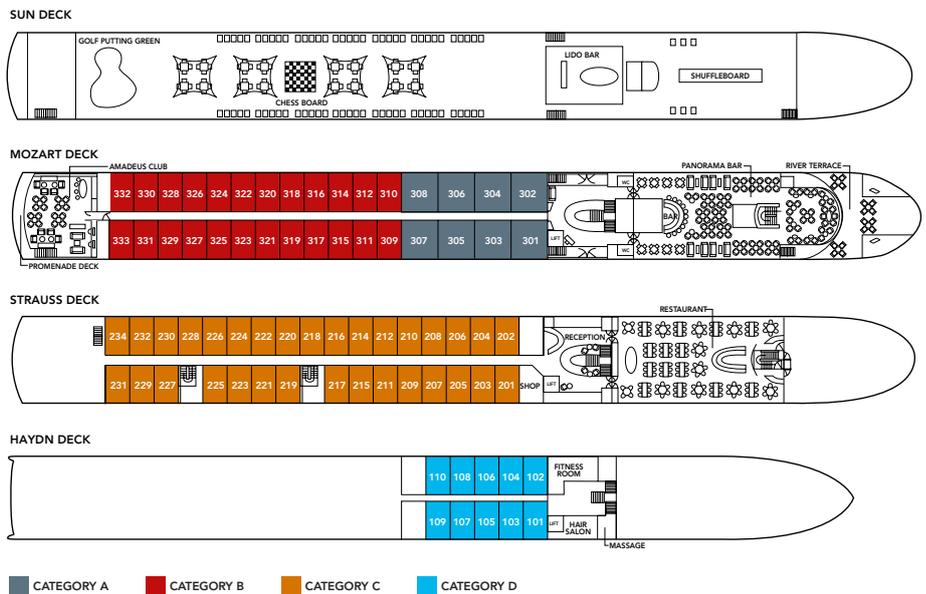
Panorama Bar

team take great pride in producing flavourful dishes. Mornings feature a full buffet breakfast, lunches are a selection of buffet and served items and dinners are a served affair which will include a choice of fresh fish and meats. Vegetarian dishes are of course available and special dietary needs can be met with advance notice. Complimentary wine, beers and soft drinks are included at lunch and dinner and a 24 hour tea and coffee station is available.

Life On Board

The ship is comfortable with a convivial and informal atmosphere on board and a casual dress code. The friendly crew will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable throughout and you will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English-speaking environment. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will provide you with information on the next day's activities and expert local guides will accompany you on the included excursions. In addition, you will be accompanied by a Guest Speaker who will provide entertaining and informative talks.

DECK PLAN



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