

THE RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

River cruises aboard the **Amadeus Elegant**
Summer 2018

NOBLE CALEDONIA



AMADEUS ELEGANT

We are delighted to have chartered the 150 passenger Amadeus Elegant for our two 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

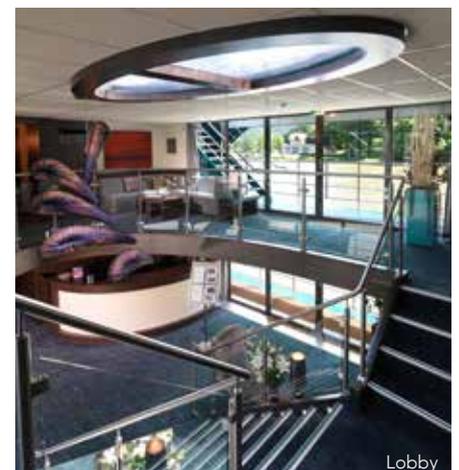
The Amadeus Elegant has 74 cabins which range in size from 15 square metres for the Stateroom cabins to 22 square metres for the Suites. Cabins are fitted with all the mod-cons one would expect to ensure a relaxing and comfortable voyage throughout; en-suite facilities, ample closet space, flat screen 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



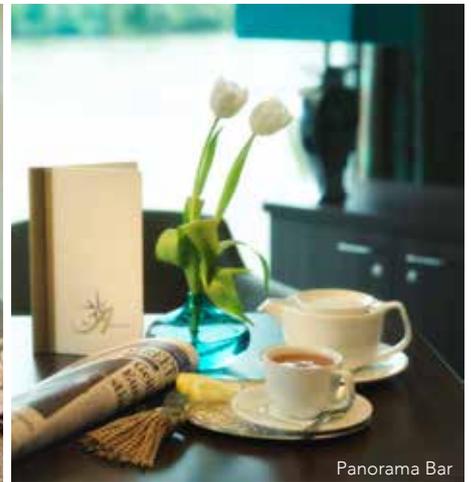
Mozart & Strauss Deck Cabin



Restaurant



Mozart Deck Suite



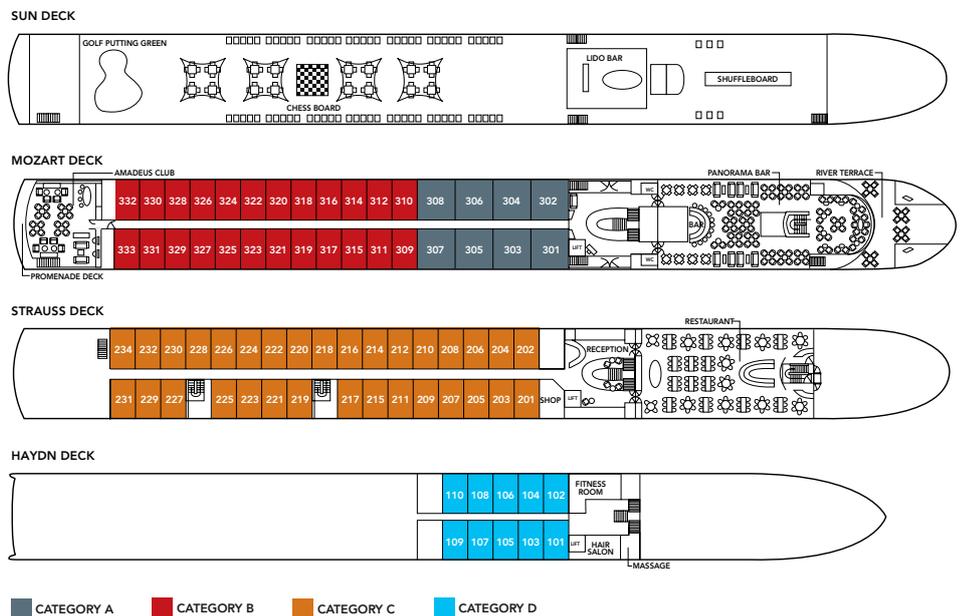
Panorama Bar

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





FROM BUDAPEST TO THE BLACK SEA

A journey along the majestic Danube aboard the Amadeus Elegant
8th to 22nd June 2018

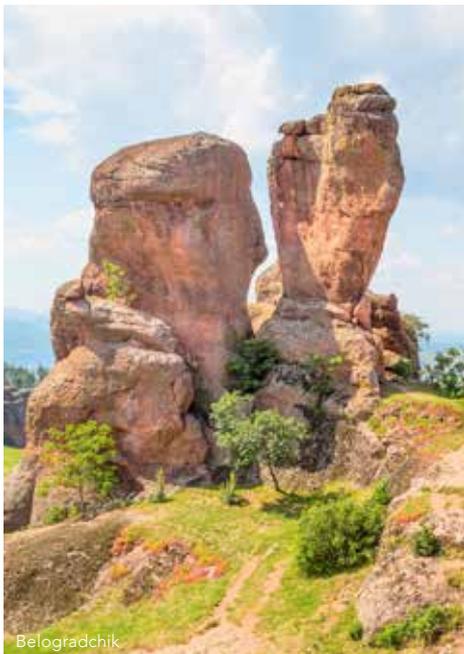
The Lower Danube undoubtedly remains one of the most mysterious and least visited regions of Europe and we have chartered the Amadeus Elegant to transport you in great comfort between the cities, towns and villages. From Hungary to Romania, this stretch of the Danube offers a diversity of history and 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



Belogradchik



Budapest



Belgrade



Villany



Pecs

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 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.

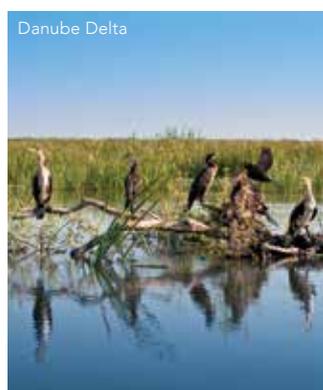
Day 7 Novi Sad, Serbia. Arrive early this morning in Novi Sad. Located in the southern part of the Great Plain in the Baga region, Novi Sad is the multi-ethnic capital of Vojvodina with a colourful historic centre. The city is rich in historic buildings including the fortress, Bishop's House, Clock Tower 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 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	£4795	£4595
D	Haydn Deck twin for sole use	£3595	£3395
C	Strauss Deck twin for sole use	£3795	£3595

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.



Bran castle, Brasov



Sighisoara



Sibiu

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

Based on double occupancy

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.

FROM THE BLACK SEA TO AMSTERDAM

A 23 night river cruise across Europe aboard the Amadeus Elegant
22nd June to 15th July 2018



Join us aboard the Amadeus Elegant on this ultimate European journey, a truly fascinating voyage along the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers all the way from the Black Sea to Amsterdam. Our elegant floating hotel carries you through historical and cultural delights as we traverse nine countries and travel more than 2200 miles over the course of 23 nights.

If you have never experienced a river journey it is difficult to explain the sheer pleasure that comes from travelling across Europe observing everyday life on the banks of the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers. You can let the world slip by as you relax on the Sun Deck or in the Lounge and delight in awe-inspiring panoramic views of the passing scenery. Guided excursions with excellent local guides and interesting talks by our Guest Speaker will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere on board as we sail along the European waterways. Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions.

From historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights including the scenic beauty of the Kazan Gorge as we cruise through the spectacular Iron Gates, the grand cities of Budapest and Vienna and the picturesque towns along the Rhine including Miltenberg and Rudesheim.





Bratislava



Pelicans, Danube Delta



Budapest

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Danube Delta wetlands
- City of the Tsars – Veliko Tarnovo
- Cruising through the Iron Gates
- Folklore dance display in Belgrade
- Hungarian horsemanship display at Kalocsa
- “Queen of the Danube” – Budapest

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Bucharest to Fetesti, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight to Bucharest. On arrival transfer to the port of Fetesti (2.5 hours approx.) and embark aboard the Amadeus Elegant. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Danube Delta. From our mooring in St George we will visit the Danube Delta, one of the most important wetlands left in Europe, for a boat trip to explore the delta with its vast and varied birdlife. This evening enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board.

Day 3 Bucharest. Arrive this morning in the stunning city of Bucharest. We will explore the main sights of the city and see the boulevards with their decidedly French style. After lunch in a local restaurant there will be a choice of afternoon visits. You may choose to visit the Parliament Palace, the second largest administrative building in the world at 3.77 million square feet. This gargantuan construction is Ceausescu’s most

infamous creation and makes for a fascinating tour. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit the unique Village Museum, an open-air ethnographic museum located in the Herastrau Park, showcasing traditional Romanian village life. The museum contains 272 authentic peasant farms and houses from all over Romania. Afterwards, rejoin the vessel in Oltenita and sail to Rousse for an overnight mooring.

Day 4 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. This morning enjoy a tour to the city of 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 the steep riverbank. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the museum town of Arbanassi. Rejoin the vessel in Nikopol and sail.

Day 5 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 6 Belgrade, Serbia. 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, being the largest Orthodox Church in the world and Tito’s memorial. Our time here will end with a rendition by a splendid local folklore group, with accompanying local drinks and canapes.

Day 7 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 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 8 Pecs, Hungary. Lying between the Danube and Drava Rivers in southern Hungary, the historic city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of

the Mecsek Hills. Our afternoon excursion which departs from Mohacs will feature the sites associated with the city’s Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past.

Day 9 Kalocsa. Arrive today in charming Kalocsa, renowned for its paprika production. A tour of the Puszta district will include the town, followed by a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship at the Bakodpuszta Equestrian Centre. Cruise to Budapest where we will arrive late this evening.

Day 10 Budapest. We have the day to explore Hungary’s elegant capital city. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, visiting the Matthias Church and the Fisherman’s Bastion. This afternoon will be at leisure to relax on board or to explore Budapest further at your own pace. Moor overnight.

Day 11 Budapest. After breakfast today we depart for our visit to Godollo. It was the favoured home of Sissy, the wife of Emperor Franz Josef and in recent years the palace has been restored. Alternatively, spend a full day in Budapest exploring independently the delights of this historic city. After dinner be out on deck to enjoy a spectacular sailing of ‘Budapest by Night’, a final chance to see this beautiful city’s night lights as we sail on to our next port of call.

Day 12 Bratislava, Slovak Republic. Arrive this afternoon in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join a guided



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



Bamberg



Passau



Cologne

walking tour of the city, previously known as Pressburg, a former capital of Hungary. See the Old Quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates.

Day 13 Vienna, Austria. A morning tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Return to the Amadeus Elegant for lunch after which depart for a visit to the wonderful Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa.

Day 14 Wachau Valley & Melk. Today we will enter the stunning Wachau Valley. Our vessel will sail through to Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Here we will have a guided tour, followed by time at leisure. Sail on to Melk where we moor under the shadow of the great Baroque Abbey, situated on a cliff high above the Danube and enjoy a guided tour of the Abbey.

Day 15 Passau, Germany. Arrive this morning in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. Enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure in Passau before we cruise to Regensburg.

Day 16 Regensburg. Today we will bid the Danube River goodbye for the final stretch of our journey. Arriving at the historic town of

Regensburg, our guided tour will include highlights such as the Old Town Hall, the World Heritage listed city centre and the Romanesque Porta Praetoria. We will then be entertained by the local Domspatzen Quartet with a concert in one of the local churches.

Day 17 Nuremberg. We continue cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1332 feet above sea level to the city of Nuremberg. The long and sometimes troubled history here has left its mark on the city and there will be plenty to discover during our tour. Visit the World War II sites, including the Reich Party Rally Grounds and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture, including the 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city, the courts of justice and more.

Day 18 Bamberg. Located at the Main-Danube Canal, we will arrive into Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful and historic towns. There will be ample time to tour and explore this Bavarian municipality, whose centre has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status.

Day 19 Wurzburg. Arrive today in historic Wurzburg. Our tour of this lovely town includes the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace whose interiors are considered to be exquisite examples of Baroque/Rococo or Neoclassical architecture and art and includes the grand staircase, with its wonderful frescoes.

Day 20 Wertheim and Miltenberg. This morning we will take a walking

tour of the picturesque town of Wertheim before returning to the vessel for lunch. This afternoon, visit the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered Medieval houses and included in our tour will be a tasting of some local beer.

Day 21 Rudesheim. Enjoy a morning cruising and arrive this afternoon in Rudesheim, a charming riverside town. Drive to nearby Vollrads Castle and Wine Estate, set in charming countryside. This grand estate has been the Greiffendau residence since the 14th century and the making of wine on this site can be traced back to 1211. We will enjoy a visit to the Vinothek to sample some of their splendid wines. Alternatively, join a tour of Rudesheim itself, including a visit to Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum. This afternoon sail onto Koblenz and moor overnight.

Day 22 Koblenz and Cologne. Early this morning join a walking tour of Koblenz's historic commercial centre. Return to the vessel and spend a relaxing afternoon cruising towards Cologne. Arrive this afternoon and moor overnight.

Day 23 Cologne. After breakfast join a guided walk along the promenade and through the old town to the magnificent cathedral, the largest in Germany. Sail in the early afternoon to Amsterdam.

Day 24 Amsterdam, The Netherlands to London. Disembark after breakfast and join a guided tour to the Rijksmuseum with its splendid collection of old masters. After lunch at a local restaurant transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

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D	Haydn Deck twin	£5495	£4995
C	Strauss Deck twin	£5795	£5295
B	Mozart Deck twin	£6295	£5795
A	Mozart Deck suite	£6895	£6395
D	Haydn Deck twin for sole use	£5495	£4995
C	Strauss Deck twin for sole use	£5795	£5295

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Not Included: Travel insurance, optional folklore performance in Belgrade.
NB: A number of regional flights are available in conjunction with this tour. Please enquire for further details.

Romanian Athenaeum, Bucharest



Mogosoia Palace



Snagov Monastery



BUCHAREST PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION

19th to 22nd June 2018

Bucharest, in southern Romania, is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Epoque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of "Little Paris"). During our stay in this dynamic and fascinating capital, we will visit its most iconic structure, the massive, communist-era Parliament Palace, which has 1,100 rooms, as well as other highlights such as "Old Bucharest" in the nearby historic Lipscani district. We will also spend a day outside of the city to visit the mysterious Snagov Monastery – situated north of Bucharest on an island in the middle of Snagov Lake, and said to be the burial place of the Prince of Wallachia, Vlad Tepes III, a folk hero in Romania - revered for his leadership and fierce protection of his subjects in the north and south of the Danube. It is believed that Vlad's decapitated body was found in the woods around Bucharest by the monks of the Snagov monastery and brought here to be buried. We will also visit Mogosoia Palace, with its notable architectural influences from the Venetian and Ottoman eras. Your accommodation will be at the four-star Park Inn by Radisson, a comfortable and centrally located hotel which is ideal for our tours and also for individual exploration.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly from London to Bucharest, arriving in the afternoon. Transfer to the hotel for a three night stay and enjoy a welcome drink and dinner this evening in a local restaurant.

Day 2 Bucharest. This morning take a panoramic tour of the city's highlights including the National Theatre, the University Square, the Romanian Athenaeum, the National Art Museum, the Opera House, the Military Academy, the Arch of Triumph, Victory Avenue and the Free Press House. We complete the morning with a walking tour of the Old Town including a visit to Stravropoleos Church, Lipscani Lane, Manuc's Inn and the Old Princely Court. Afterwards we will have lunch in "Carul cu Bere", Bucharest's oldest beer house, with its colourful belle epoque interior, stained-glass windows and classic Romanian fare. After lunch depart for the Primaverii Palace, the former private residence of the Ceausescu family. Each room of the house received lavish attention to detail and during our tour we will learn more about the life of this most infamous Romanian dictator.

Day 3 Bucharest - Snagov - Mogosoia (100 Km). This morning we will depart for our visit to

Snagov Monastery which was founded in 1408 by Mircea the Elder, Vlad Dracul's grandfather. Vlad, also known as Vlad Tepes is the historical character on whom Bram Stoker's book Dracula is based and is said to have been buried here by the monks in 1476. After lunch in a local restaurant we will continue on to visit Mogosoia Palace, built in the 17th century in the Romanian Renaissance style. Return to Bucharest for an evening at leisure.

Day 4 Bucharest to Fetesti. After breakfast at the hotel and some time at leisure we will transfer to Fetesti (approx. 2.5 hours) with lunch en route. Embark the Amadeus Elegant this evening.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£495** Single: **£645**

Price includes: Three nights accommodation at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel on bed & breakfast basis, dinner & welcome drink on day 1, lunch on days 2, 3 and 4, drinks with included meals (wine/beer/soft drinks), all sightseeing and entrances as described, services of an English speaking guide throughout, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on day 1, dinner on days 2 and 3. **NB.** Minimum numbers apply.



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