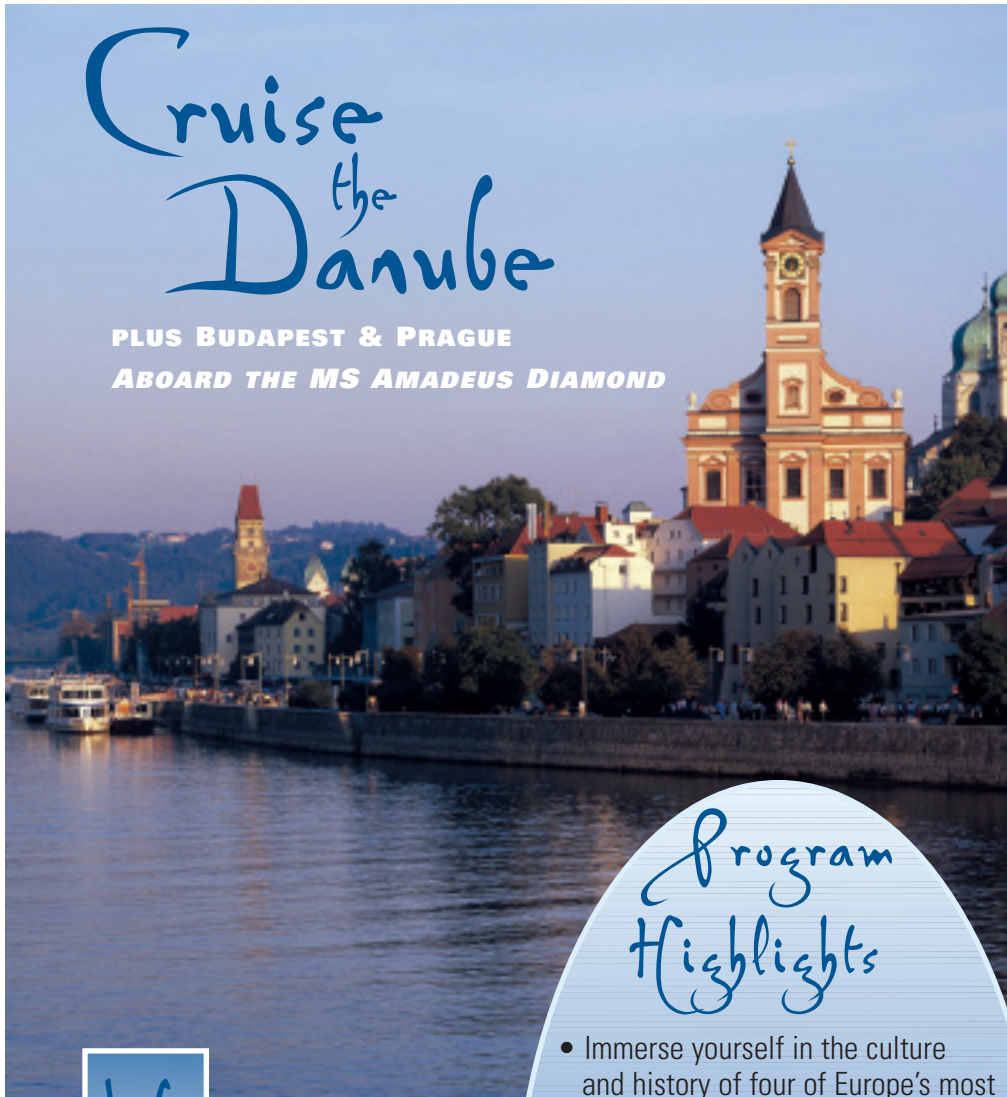


Cruise the Danube

PLUS BUDAPEST & PRAGUE
ABOARD THE MS AMADEUS DIAMOND



Program Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the culture and history of four of Europe's most exciting capitals: **Prague, Vienna, Bratislava** and **Budapest**.
- Enjoy **first-class accommodations** with a full range of modern amenities throughout your trip.
- Explore **Melk Abbey**, a stunning architectural masterpiece.
- Attend an exciting acrobatic show.
- **All excursions are included** and are led by knowledgeable, expert guides.
- Most meals are included during the program.

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inding its way through the heart of Europe, the Danube is a veritable feast of unparalleled history, magnificent churches, bustling metropolises and peaceful villages. Discover the allure of this storied river on a special travel adventure that showcases cosmopolitan capitals, idyllic countryside and picturesque towns. From the picture postcard vistas of Budapest to the enchantment of incomparable Vienna to the medieval ambience of Prague, the treasures never cease to delight.



Above: Passau on the Danube

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three nights** in **Budapest** at the **InterContinental Budapest**.
- **Four-night** cruise on the **Danube River** from Passau to Vienna aboard the **MS Amadeus Diamond**.
- **Three nights** in **Prague** at the **Prague Marriott Hotel**.

Transportation

- Transfers from Budapest to the pier and from Passau to Prague, including baggage handling.

Activities and Events

- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend **Welcome and Farewell Receptions** at the hotels.

Meals

- Breakfast buffet each day of the program.
- **All meals during the cruise**, featuring international cuisine.
- Enjoy a **special lunch** featuring live gypsy music after the acrobatic show in Puszta.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **AHI Travel Director** throughout the trip.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- **Tipping** of all guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

AIR PROGRAM

- Scheduled jet service.
- Motorcoach transfers between the airport and hotels, with baggage handling at the hotels.
- All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.
- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ DEPARTURE

Depart for **Budapest, Hungary**, aboard scheduled jet service. *(Provided for Air Program participants only.)*

DAY 2 ~ BUDAPEST

Upon arrival, transfer by motorcoach to the **Hotel InterContinental**. *(Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.)*

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers to attend a *Welcome Reception* at the hotel.

DAY 3 ~ BUDAPEST

Excursion: Budapest City Highlights. Travel through the Buda and Pest sections of the city to see its many landmarks, including Heroes' Square, the Castle District, Parliament Building and Fisherman's Bastion.

Independent Exploration: The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own.

DAY 4 ~ BUDAPEST

Independent Exploration: Your day in Budapest is free for any sightseeing or shopping,

Optional Excursion: Szentendre. Visit Szentendre, a picturesque town situated on the Danube bend. Explore the town's squares and narrow streets, which are surrounded by Serbian and Baroque architecture.

DAY 5 ~ BUDAPEST / BRATISLAVA

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the morning at leisure.

Later today, transfer to the pier to embark the **MS Amadeus Diamond**.

DAY 6 ~ BRATISLAVA

Excursion: Bratislava Walking Tour. See the many highlights of the Slovak Republic's capital, including St. Martin's Cathedral and St. Michael's Gate, which is all that remains of the medieval fortifications that once surrounded the city. See the Primate's Palace and the old medieval Town Square. Depart Bratislava and arrive in Vienna later this evening.

DAY 7 ~ VIENNA

Excursion: Imperial Vienna. View Vienna's most stately sights, including the Houses of Parliament

and the many historic buildings along the Ringstrasse, one of the most impressive boulevards in the world. Visit the Imperial Apartments of the Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Schonbrunn Palace.

DAY 8 ~ MELK

Today, admire the beautiful landscape of the Wachau Valley while cruising the waters of the Danube.

Excursion: Melk Abbey. Visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. Admire this architectural jewel that showcases an opulent interior, extensive library and priceless works of art. Tonight, attend a *Farewell Reception*.

DAY 9 ~ PASSAU

This morning, disembark the ship in Passau.

Excursion: Picturesque Passau. Today's tour showcases Passau's many highlights, including the medieval Veste Oberhaus, the Rathaus and St. Stephen's Cathedral, home of Europe's largest pipe organ. Continue to Prague and check into the **Prague Marriott Hotel**.

DAY 10 ~ PRAGUE

Excursion: Prague City Sightseeing. On this morning's walking tour, stroll across magnificent Charles Bridge and Wenceslas Square. Visit the Old Town Square, known for its Astronomical Clock and Old Town Hall.

DAY 11 ~ PRAGUE

Optional Excursion: Prague Castle. Visit hilltop Prague Castle, a fairy tale spectacle towering over the banks of the Vltava River. Admire the impressive size of this castle, which dates from the 9th century. Afterwards, stroll along the famed Golden Lane lined with tiny, colorful cottages.

DAY 12 ~ RETURN

After breakfast, transfer to the Budapest airport for the return flight(s) to your gateway city. *(Provided for Air Program participants only.)*

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.

ACCOMMODATIONS

INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST

The centrally located InterContinental Budapest is a convenient place from which to launch your exploration of Budapest. Relax in comfortable and tastefully decorated guestrooms, and take advantage of its many amenities.



MS AMADEUS DIAMOND

The *MS Amadeus Diamond* offers the utmost in service, safety and comfort to its passengers. The tastefully appointed cabins offer all the comforts of home, while the many amenities on board the ship are sure to make your cruise a truly memorable experience.

PRAGUE MARRIOTT HOTEL

Situated in the heart of Prague, close to the renowned Old Town Square, the Prague Marriott Hotel is within walking distance to the city's many attractions. This luxurious hotel offers elegant accommodations and variety of amenities to ensure an enjoyable stay.

EXCLUSIVE CRUISE EXTRAS

This AHI Cruise features:

- First-class river cruise ships providing all outward-facing accommodations and friendly, personalized service.
- Pleasant dining aboard ship, featuring special extras such as morning coffee, afternoon tea, international cuisine and expertly prepared regional specialties.
- Expert local guides leading thoughtfully designed excursions to enrich your experience of the area.



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