

# [YOUR GROUP NAME] PRESENTS CLASSICAL DANUBE (PASSAU TO BUDAPEST) WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE MS AMADEUS BRILLIANT 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 3, 2022

Air departs US on September 25<sup>th</sup> in order to arrive in Passau on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

This classic cruise brings together glorious cities along one of the world's most beautiful stretches of rivers on a trip through the heart of Old World Europe. This quintessential cruise along the beautiful Danube begins in the "Three Rivers City" of Passau at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers and takes you all the way to the "Queen of the Danube" — the capital city of Budapest, which straddles the river with its hilly 'Buda' featuring Fisherman's Bastion & castle district over to the flat 'Pest' side with its iconic Parliament building. Along the way travel through four of Europe's most important countries — Hungary, Slovakia, Austria & Germany. Explore years of history and culture in the Imperial cities of Budapest, Vienna & Bratislava as well as the UNESCO protected Austrian Wachau Valley — blanketed with rolling hills, flourishing vineyards and picturesque villages. Experience the beauty along the Danube River.

# DAY 1 | PASSAU

This afternoon, embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a speciallyprepared Welcome Dinner. **Cruise Departs 6:00pm** 

#### DAY 2 | REGENSBURG 9:30am - 8:00pm

Begin your cruise with a visit to Regensburg. This UNESCO site boasts architecture from many centuries, reflective of its varied history throughout the centuries. The stone bridge, built in 1135-1146, the Church of St James, and the Schloss of Thurn and Taxis are a few of the highlights of this beautiful city. Back onboard this evening, experience a Bavarian evening with lively traditional music and a dinner of local specialties. **Regensburg walking tour in the morning | Excursion to Weltenburg Abbey OR Excursion Thurn & Taxis Castle with brewery and tasting** 

#### DAY 3 | PASSAU 8:00am - 10:00am > LINZ 4:30pm-10:00pm

Today, those interested in excursions have all of three options. A morning walking tour through the Baroque center of Passau will provide insight into the history of the town. Alternatively, you can take part in a full day excursion in a comfortable tour bus, which will visit the Mozart town of Salzburg and the lake district of the Salzkammergut. Both excursions end in Linz, where you will return to your ship. The guests who do not take the bus to Salzburg can spend the afternoon on their own or take a guided tour through this Upper Austrian town before the ship weighs anchor in the evening. **Passau walking tour OR Full-day excursion to Salzburg with Salzkammergut and lunch** | Linz walking tour with tasting of "Linzer Torte" on board

# DAY 4 | MELK/EMMERSDORF 8:00am-12:00pm > DURNSTEIN 2:00pm - 5:30pm > VIENNA arrive 10:00pm

This morning presents an opportunity to visit the famous Benedictine Abbey of Melk which stands over the Danube, or continue with the vessel to the town of Dürnstein. Situated in the heart of the magnificent Wachau valley, on the banks of the mighty river Danube, this well-known wine village offers the unique combination of breathtaking scenery, traditional architecture and places of historic interest. Alternatively, visit a local vineyard for a wine tasting. Everyone will rejoin the ship in the early afternoon to continue on to Vienna. Excursion to Melk Abbey | Durnstein walking tour & visit of Abbey Durnstein OR Excursion to the vineyard and winery "Winzer Krems"

#### DAY 5 | VIENNA Overnight

There is much to see in Imperial Vienna: its Imperial palaces, Museums Quarter with historic and contemporary buildings displaying works by Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and other artists, the impressive buildings along the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the famous Vienna State Opera among many others. This afternoon perhaps venture to Schönbrunn Palace, the sumptuous summer palace and gardens of Empress Maria Theresia and the Habsburg empire. In the evening opt for the "Sound of Vienna" and listen to the "Alt Wien" orchestra play popular pieces from Vienna's classical era. The vessel departs Vienna in the early hours. **City tour of Vienna** | **Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace** | **"Sound of Vienna" classical concert** 

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# DAY 6 | VIENNA depart 3:00am > BRATISLAVA 8:00am-10:00pm

During the night, your AMADEUS ship will travel downriver towards Bratislava, arriving in the Slovakian capital at breakfast time. In the morning, you can go exploring on your own or as part of a guided city tour. In the afternoon, it is worth visiting the Imperial Festschloss Hof, which was once the country residence of Empress Maria Theresia and which is situated in Austria, not far from the Slovakian border. After the exclusive Captain's Gala Dinner, the ship will set sail for Hungary. **City tour of Bratislava | Excursion to Schloss Hof Palace and Estate OR Excursion to the Small Carpathian Wine Route (Svaty Jur, Pezinok and Modra)** 

# DAY 7 | ESZTERGOM 7:00am-8:30am > BUDAPEST 1:00pm

Relax onboard as the vessel makes its way to Budapest, Hungary. For those interested in exploring the Hungarian countryside, spend the morning visiting Esztergom and its Basilica dedicated to Saint Mary, and Szentendre, known for its art galleries and museums. After lunch, explore the beautiful Hungarian capital of Budapest. Uniquely straddling the Danube river, the Buda side with its Fisherman's Bastion and the Pest Side with its famous Hungarian Parliament building, are connected by the beautiful Chain Bridge. An evening cruise onboard your AMADEUS vessel along the illuminated skyline, accompanied by a folklore show of music and dance, is a perfect ending to your visit. **Excursion to Esztergom with basilica, Visegrad castle and Szentendre | City tour of Budapest with visit of St. Matthew's Church & Fisherman's Bastion** 

# DAY 8 | BUDAPEST

After breakfast Amadeus bids you farewell and hopes to welcome you again soon!

# **Inclusions:**

- Large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balconies or walk-out balconies
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Gourmet dining onboard
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Services of an experienced English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- 24 hour coffee and tea station
- All onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstrations, musical performances and nightly piano music

- Fitness room (open 24 hours)
- Bottled water in every stateroom
- In-stateroom infotainment center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for optional excursions
- All Shore Excursions as mentioned in above itinerary
- Airfare from [your air city] AMADEUS HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
- Transfers to/from ship
- All local taxes & port charges included

Panoramic Oceanview Window Cabin Category	C-1	\$[Your Price]
French Balcony Cabin Category	B-1	\$[Your Price]
French Balcony Cabin Category	A-1	\$[Your Price]

Rates are per person double occupancy.

# PASSPORT REQUIRED

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$[based on your price] per person double occupancy or \$[based on your price] per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by April 26, 2022. \*\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable up until time of final payment. Then normal cancellation penalties apply. Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.

# FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT [YOUR NAME] ~ [YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

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