CRUISE THE

GRAND DANUBE PASSAGE

featuring SOFIA & PRAGUE

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

SEPTEMBER 6-21, 2016

Full Price Starting from | Special Savings | Special Price Starting from
$4,945 | $250 | $4,695*

*Special Price valid if booked by 10/1/2015.

VAT is an additional $395 per person. All cabins have remote-controlled TV & DVD, refrigerator and security safe.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated) and valid until October 1, 2015. Please contact us for current pricing and information. Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity controlled and tends to sell out quickly.
Described by Napoleon as “the king of Europe’s rivers,” the Danube is steeped in legend and epic lore. Discover the scenic banks that have witnessed centuries of human history and the rise and fall of civilizations. Natural wonders abound in the vineyard-clad Wachau Valley, the narrow, twisting Danube Bend and the formidable Iron Gate Gorge. Begin your experience by delving into the rich culture of Prague. Embark on a nine-night cruise of the Danube, offering a feast of ancient capitals, picturesque villages, Roman ruins, magnificent churches, palaces and medieval castles. End in Sofia, the historic capital of Bulgaria, where ancient ruins and chic boutiques coexist among tree-shaded boulevards. Along the way, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of excursions in many ports of call.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- Enjoy an nine-night Danube River cruise aboard the exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver.
- Luxurious hotel accommodations, in Prague and Sofia.
- Enjoy flexible CASS excursions, which allow you to choose among Cultural, Active, Special Interest and Service activities.
- Discover beguiling scenery in eight countries and 13 cities and towns.
- Experience Eastern European culture and cuisine. See marvelous old-world capitals, medieval castles, beautiful churches, monumental cathedrals, picturesque villages and incomparable Danube River landscapes.
- Cruise through some of the most historic and beautiful stretches of the storied Danube — the incredible Iron Gate Gorge, the twisting Danube Bend and the breathtaking Wachau Valley.
- Four educational lectures offer insight into local history and culture.

**INCLUDED FEATURES**
- **Accommodations**
  - Two nights in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.
  - Nine nights aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver.
  - Three nights in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

- **Transportation**
  - All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land/Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

- **Activities and Events**
  - Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
  - All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
  - Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
  - Attend two Welcome Receptions.
  - Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

- **Extensive Meal Program**
  - Enjoy 14 breakfasts, nine lunches and ten dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
  - Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
  - Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

**MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS**
- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT
Depart for Sofia, Bulgaria.*
*Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ SOFIA, BULGARIA
Upon arrival, transfer* to the Sofia Hotel Balkan.

DAY 3 ~ SOFIA
Educational Focus: A Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.
Excursion: Sofia. Tour the capital, including Alexander Batenberg Square and Vitosha Boulevard.

DAY 4 ~ SOFIA/VIDIN, BULGARIA
After breakfast, transfer to Vidin to embark the MS Amadeus Silver.
Excursion: Vidin. Visit the Baba Vida fortress and St. Pantaleimon Church.

DAY 5 ~ DROBETA-TURNU SEVERIN, ROMANIA/ORSOVA/IRON GATE GORGE/
Excursion: Drobeta-Turnu Severin and Orsova. Tour the city, then drive through the Iron Gate region to Orsova for an organ concert at the cathedral.

DAY 6 ~ BELGRADE, SERBIA
Educational Focus: Modern Serbia.
Excursion: Belgrade. Explore the city, including the Cathedral of St. Sava, the Orthodox cathedral and Old Town.

DAY 7 ~ PéCS, HUNGARY
Excursion: Pécs. This pretty city has an excellent collection of Roman ruins.

DAY 8 ~ BUDAPEST
Choose from three excursions:
Excursion: Budapest. Tour both banks of this striking capital. See Heroes’ Square and Fisherman’s Bastion.
Excursion: Living Local. Visit the Grand Market and learn how strudel is made.
Excursion: Jewish Interest. Tour the Jewish Quarter and Holocaust Museum.

DAY 9 ~ BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA
Educational Focus: The Velvet Revolution.
Choose from three excursions:
Excursion: Bratislava. See highlights such as St. Martin’s Cathedral.
Excursion: Classical Music. Tour Old Town, including the Old Opera, and learn about this revered form of music.
Excursion: The Capital. Discover Pressburg, as Bratislava once was called, and enjoy a beer tasting.

DAY 10 ~ VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Educational Focus: Vienna.
Choose from three excursions:
Excursion: Imperial Vienna. Explore Vienna, including the Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace and the Houses of Parliament.
Excursion: Viennese Waltz. Tour Vienna and learn about the dance.

DAY 11 ~ DÜRNSTEIN/MELK
Choose from three excursions in Dürnstein:
Excursion: Dürnstein. Visit the Stiftskirche and other highlights.
Excursion: Wachau Cycling. Enjoy a two-hour bike ride through the valley.
Excursion: Wachau Winery. Visit a local winery and sample wine.
Excursion: Melk. Everyone will be able to marvel at Melk’s magnificent Benedictine Abbey.

DAY 12 ~ PASSAU, GERMANY
Choose from two excursions:
Excursion: Picturesque Passau. See the old town hall, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and royal residences.
Excursion: Danube Cycling. Take a bike ride along the Danube.

DAY 13 ~ PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Disembark the ship in Prague and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.
Check into the Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

DAY 14 ~ PRAGUE
Excursion: Prague Castle and Old Town. Visit Prague Castle and the Old Town. See the Royal Palace, St. George Basilica and Charles Bridge.

DAY 15 ~ PRAGUE
Excursion: Prague’s Historic Jewish Quarter. Explore Josefov, Prague’s historic Jewish Quarter, and visit the National Jewish Museum.

DAY 16 ~ IN TRANSIT
Transfer to the Prague airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS

SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN
A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL
Sofia, Bulgaria
This elegant hotel offers luxury and the finest amenities within walking distance of Sofia’s historic town center. Dine on international selections at Stardust Restaurant, or enjoy a piano bar atmosphere at Lobby Bar Pliska. The hotel also has a fitness center, sauna, salon, casino, gift shop and laundry service.

MS AMADEUS SILVER
The state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver debuted in 2013 as a flagship of the innovative Lüftner cruise line. This stylish ship, named Kreuzfahrt Guide’s 2013 River Boat of the Year, offers the utmost in service, safety and comfort. Step into the elegant reception area and immerse yourself in an ambiance reminiscent of a high-end hotel. Relax on the sun deck, challenge a friend to a game of chess or shuffleboard, browse in the boutique or connect with family at the Internet station. Practice your golf game on the putting green, exercise in the fitness room or treat yourself to a soothing massage. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant’s delicious breakfast and lunch buffets, and enjoy regional specialties served with wine dinner. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in bright, modern décor and featuring a river view, a satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower.

ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL
Prague, Czech Republic
The elegant Art Deco Imperial Hotel is listed on Prague’s register of historic buildings. With an art deco façade and a curvilinear art nouveau interior, the hotel is one of the city’s architectural gems. It sits in the heart of historic Prague. A spa, fitness center and Wi-Fi are among the hotel’s many amenities, and the Café Imperial is considered to be one of the most beautiful restaurants in the city.

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