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AN EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

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JUNE 23-JULY 8, 2016



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Unpack once and experience five countries as you sail between Budapest and Amsterdam aboard the MS Amadeus Silver II.
- An included excursion in each port of call, plus Personalize Your Cruise with a choice of included excursions in select ports.
- Cruise through some of the most historic and beautiful stretches of the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers, including the Wachau Valley and Loreley Rock in the Middle Rhine Valley.
- Experience an incomparable organ concert at
   St. Stephen's Basilica in Passau.
- Sail through the Main-Danube Canal.
- Trace Germany's Romantic Road.
- Solo traveler friendly; single supplement waived.

Imagine thousands of years of European history gently delivered to your doorstep as you glide along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers. Almost every waking moment reveals an enlightening visual feast, from fairytale castles perched on jagged bluffs to terraced vineyards, Bavarian villages and spirited capital cities built on the banks of Europe's waterways. With panoramic views and large stateroom picture windows onboard, plus seamless walking tours and excursions steps from your modern, elegant ship, you'll indulge in a rich adventure steeped in tradition. Sail through the Main-Danube Canal, a civil engineering marvel inspired by Charlemagne. Explore the Romantic Road, a medieval trade route. From regional dishes to soul-stirring vistas, embrace the face of Europe on this epic three-river route.

# Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,

The ultimate in European river cruising, this two-week adventure from Budapest to Amsterdam traces the time-honored features of the continent along its most legendary waterways.

Aboard the MS Amadeus Silver, you'll enjoy well-appointed accommodations, ample amenities and the professional service of a boutique hotel.

Cruise the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, as well as the man-made engineering marvel the Main-Danube Canal. Explore five countries, visiting fascinating ports of call, admiring breathtaking landscapes and discovering hidden treasures with the guidance of local experts. New for 2016, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call.

Along the way, you'll benefit from the value and convenience of group travel and having every detail taken care of for you. Plus, you'll enjoy preferred access to popular attractions that will deepen your understanding of Europe's historic landmark sites and interesting cultures.

As our Duke group grows in size, a Duke Host will be engaged to join the program to bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour. Space is limited and this popular program is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservation today!

Forever Duke,

Beli Kay-Schroeder

Beth Ray-Schroeder '83 Director, Alumni Travel Duke Alumni Association

"Beneath me flows the Rhine, and, like the stream of time, it flows amid the ruins of the past."

> ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet, 1807-1882, "Hyperion," 1839

"We spent an hour in the cathedral ... it was the most beautiful of all the churches I have ever seen, or can imagine."

~ Lewis Carroll, English author, 1832-1898, on Cologne Cathedral in Diary, July 1867

"I had heard someone say that Vienna combined the splendour of a capital with the familiarity of a village."

~ Sir Patrick Michael Leigh Fermor, British author, "A Time of Gifts," 1977

"Life in Budapest moves to a more rapid rhythm than elsewhere in Europe, as though every moment of the day had unlimited possibilities of emotional excitement."

~ Walter Starkie, Irish author, "Raggle-Taggle," 1933









# DAY ONE

# IN TRANSIT

Depart for Budapest, Hungary.\* \*Provided for AHI FlexAir passengers.

# DAY TWO

# **BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Upon arrival in Budapest, transfer<sup>↑</sup> to the pier and embark the MS Amadeus Silver II.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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# **BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from three included excursions in this port.

**Excursion:** *Highlights of Budapest.* Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, passing Heroes' Square, the Opera House and the Gothic-style Parliament Building. Enjoy sweeping views from Fisherman's Bastion.

**Excursion:** *Living Local.* Take a guided tour of Budapest's bustling Great Market Hall and peruse the food and craft stalls. Continue to a local coffee house to enjoy a piece of strudel with coffee or tea and a sampling of Eastern European schnapps.

# UNESCO |

This program features the following UNESCO sites: Wachau Cultural Landscape and the Historic Centre of Vienna in Austria; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, the town of Bamberg, Kölner Dom and Würzburg Residence with the Court Gardens and Residence Square in Germany; and Budapest in Hungary.

Excursion: Jewish Interest Tour. Explore

the Jewish Quarter and see the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe. Continue to the Glass House and Shoes on the Danube, then explore the Holocaust Memorial Center.

# DAY FOUR

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# BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA Educational Focus: *The Velvet*

*Revolution.* Learn about this pivotal event that led to the end of communism in what was Czechoslovakia.

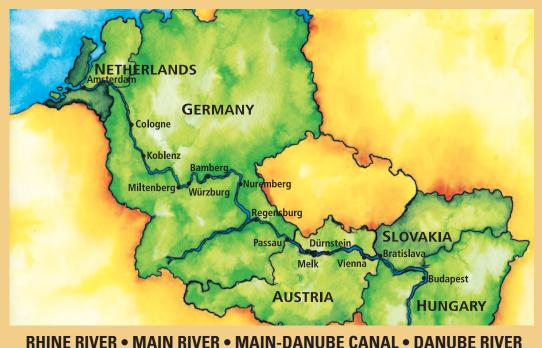
**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from three included excursions in this port.

**Excursion:** *Bratislava City Walking Tour.* Marvel at St. Martin's Cathedral, the Slovak National Theatre and St. Michael's Gate. Continue to Primate's Palace, then visit a café for a lesson in pastry making.

# PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE |

**New for 2016,** enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call. At no extra cost to you, we have enhanced the itineraries for our European river cruises to offer a personalized experience. Enjoy a bike ride along a vital waterway, explore the culinary and winemaking traditions of different regions, take a closer look at historical and cultural places and events, or tour the cities you have always dreamed of visiting. These excursions are detailed in the itinerary.

# WATERWAYS OF TRADE, CULTURE AND BEAUTY



For 2,000 years, the Rhine River has been the European continent's chief waterway and trade route, linking Central Europe to the North Sea. At its northern end, the river lazily winds through green, peaceful plains and gentle valleys. In the amazing Rhine Gorge, towering escarpments are crowned by fabled castles steeped in myth and mystery. The lush vineyards, tangled woods and ancient ruins set atop rocky spurs are a photographer's dream. Stemming from the Rhine, the Main River (pronounced "mine") meanders past the scenic towns, towers and turrets of Bavaria into the man-made Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg. An engineering marvel of the 20th century that realized Charlemagne's dream, the canal steps along a succession of locks in the picturesque Altmühl Valley and Germany's largest nature preserve. At Kelheim, the canal joins the storied blue Danube River, celebrated in song and saga. This great river travels an impressive 1,800-mile course, carving a serpentine path across eight countries, before ultimately reaching the Black Sea. Throughout the ages, the Danube has been a conduit for cultural influences, and the historic and architectural attractions that line its banks are legendary.

**Excursion:** *Classical Music.* Explore Old Town, focusing on the venues associated with Mozart and other renowned composers, then tour the Historic Opera Building.

**Excursion:** *The Old Capital.* Discover Pressburg, as Bratislava once was called. See the imposing Bratislava Castle. Afterward, tour Old Town, then enjoy a beer tasting at a local pub.

# DAY FIVE BILID VIENNA, AUSTRIA Educational Focus: *Timeless Vienna*. Discover the history of Vienna.

# **Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from three included excursions in this port.

**Excursion:** *Imperial Vienna.* Explore the Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace, then drive along the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world.

**Excursion:** *Art and Wine.* Journey to nearby Klosterneuburg. Overlooking the Danube is its 12th-century monastery, home to the Verdun Altar. Explore the monastery's wine cellar and enjoy a tasting before a tour of Vienna.

**Excursion:** *Waltz Vienna*. A panoramic tour of the city ends at Beethoven Platz, where you





will meet professional guides in traditional dress who will teach you about the Viennese waltz. Perhaps try a few steps.

**Local Flavor:** Sample regional delights during lunch at a Viennese restaurant.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

#### DAY SIX

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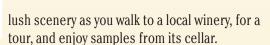
# DÜRNSTEIN | MELK

**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from three included excursions in Dürnstein.

**Excursion:** *Dürnstein Walking Tour.* Tour baroque architecture and visit the magnificent Stiftskirche in Dürnstein, the town in which King Richard the Lionheart of England was held captive during the Crusades.

**Excursion:** *Wachau Cycling.* Explore parts of the Danube Bicycle Trail, which runs from Germany to Hungary, with a guide. Along the way, pass villages and vineyards.

**Excursion:** *Wachau Winery.* Head out of Dürnstein, passing stunning vineyards and



This afternoon, enjoy daytime sailing through the picturesque Wachau Valley.

**Excursion:** *Melk Abbey.* Visit Melk's Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel. The baroque building dates from 1736, and an amazing view of the mighty Danube awaits.

# DAY SEVEN PASSAU

**Excursion:** *Picturesque Passau.* Stroll by the Veste Oberhaus, Rathaus, Niedernburg Abbey and Holy Cross Church. Then, enjoy an organ concert at St. Stephen's Basilica, home to the world's largest cathedral organ.

**Independent Exploration:** The remainder of the day is at leisure.

# DAY EIGHT

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# REGENSBURG

**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from two included excursions in Regensburg.

**Excursion:** *Historic Regensburg.* During a tour, see the old Roman tower, the Roman gateway, the 12th-century Stone Bridge, the Old Town hall and the stunning stained-glass windows of St. Peter's Cathedral.



**Excursion:** *The Fast Lane.* Take a closer look at the ultimate driving machine during a tour of the BMW Regensburg Plant, which produces more than 1,100 vehicles per day.

Later, the ship will enter the Main-Danube Canal, an idea dating from the eighth century and completed in the early 1990s.

# DAY NINE

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### NUREMBERG

**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from three included excursions in this port.

**Excursion:** *Nuremberg Sightseeing.* See the courthouse where the World War II trials were held. Visit the city's renowned hilltop castle and stroll to the Hauptmarkt, an open square dominated by a 14th-century fountain.

**Excursion:** *Historical Tour.* Nuremberg often played host to Nazi demonstrations at the massive Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds. Explore the center and see the courthouse used for the World War II trials.

**Excursion:** *Rural Life.* After a panoramic tour of Nuremberg, visit a family-run farm and nearby idyllic villages.

# DAY TEN

### BAMBERG

**Personalize Your Cruise:** Choose from two included excursions in this port.

**Excursion:** *Bamberg.* During a guided walking tour of Bamberg, wander under the grand rococo archway of the Obere Brücke and enjoy the view of red-roofed fishermen's houses and baroque mansions.



**Excursion:** *Culinary Delights.* Visit a local bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and a candy store. Along the way, learn about and sample Franconian specialties such as the Bamberger Hörnla and the region's famous licorice.

DAY ELEVEN

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**ROMANTIC ROAD | WÜRZBURG Excursion:** *The Romantic Road.* Take a scenic drive along the Romantic Road. This famous route, started by the Romans, runs from the Main River to the Alps. Stop in Rothenburg, one of the Romantic Road's prettiest towns.

**Excursion:** *Würzburg.* Explore the Residenz, an elegant, 18th-century palace, then enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center. Stroll by St. Kilian's Cathedral, Old Town Hall and the city's bustling market.



# DAY TWELVE

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# MILTENBERG

Excursion: *Miltenberg*. Enjoy a walking tour of this medieval city, home to a 13thcentury castle. See shops, half-timbered houses and a 16th-century fountain.

Later, as you cruise, enjoy breathtaking views along the Main River.

# DAY THIRTEEN KOBLENZ

This morning, admire the stunning views, including Loreley Rock, from the ship as you enjoy daytime sailing of the Middle Rhine Valley.

Excursion: Koblenz. More than 2,000 years ago, the Romans established a settlement at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. Tour beautiful Koblenz, which occupies that same strategic location.

DAY FOURTEEN COLOGNE, GERMANY BILID

Personalize Your Cruise: Choose from two included excursions in this port.

# **Excursion:** Cologne's Magnificent

Cathedral. Visit Kölner Dom, the city's famous 12th-century cathedral. It was badly damaged during World War II, but it was one of the few structures in town that survived.

Excursion: Jewish Heritage Walk. Long before the Holocaust, Jewish residents of Cologne had suffered expulsions and massacres. Recent excavation projects have



started to reveal the city's historic Jewish quarter. See the excavation sites and visit the Cologne City Museum.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

DAY FIFTEEN BILID **AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS Educational Focus:** Contemporary **Holland.** Review the current state of affairs in the Netherlands with a local expert.

Personalize Your Cruise: Choose from three included excursions in this port.

**Excursion**: Amsterdam Tour with the *Rijksmuseum.* Explore Amsterdam during a guided tour. Admire historic landmarks such as the Royal Palace and the Skinny Bridge. Then, visit the Rijksmuseum.

**Excursion:** Waterland Bicycle Ride. Take a guided bike tour of scenic Waterland. an iconic wetland north of Amsterdam.

**Excursion:** Canal District. Take a walking tour of the Herengracht. End at the Museum of the Canals.

Excursion: Canal Cruise. Later, everyone will board a canal cruiser for a tour of Amsterdam. Admire some of the city's 1,500 bridges and its architectural gems.

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# DAY SIXTEEN

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer $\uparrow$  to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

NOTE: Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some events on this program involve an element of walking. Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

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# June 24-July 8, 2016

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E-Haydn (Aft)	\$5,045	\$250	\$4,795*
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$5,245	\$250	\$4,995*
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Suites feature a balcony. Categories A, B, and C feature a French balcony. Categories D and E feature a window.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional \$495 per person.

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# ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Gateway City\*
- Day 2 Budapest, Hungary
- Day 3 Budapest
- Day 4 Bratislava, Slovakia
- Day 5 Vienna, Austria
- Day 6 Dürnstein | Melk
- Day 7 Passau, Germany
- Day 8 Regensburg
- Day 9 Nuremberg
- Day 10 Bamberg
- Day 11 Romantic Road | Würzburg
- Day 12 Miltenberg
- Day 13 Koblenz
- Day 14 Cologne
- Day 15 Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Day 16 Return to Gateway City\*

**Note:** Itinerary subject to change. Some events on this program involve an element of walking. Your Campus Director will describe the length and difficulty level..

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# | INCLUDED FEATURES |

# ACCOMMODATIONS

• 14 nights aboard the award-winning MS Amadeus Silver.

# TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE

• All deluxe motor coach transfers in the program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

# MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- All meals aboard the ship feature international cuisine.
- Attend special **Welcome** and **Farewell Receptions** and **Dinners**.

# YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

(For details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
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# 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 all excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.





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