

BUCHAREST TO VIENNA

JOURNEYS
by Van Dyke 



River Cruise

18 Days

\$9,990 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

May 12 to 29,
2021

Discover Eastern Europe

On one incredible Journey, travel along the legendary Danube River, through the powerful landscapes of the Iron Gates and into the serene refinement of the Schönbrunn Palace.

Be amazed by the “Paris of the East,” Bucharest before embarking on a river cruise through five world-famous capitals. From Bulgaria to Serbia, Hungary and Slovakia, you will stand among the most beautiful and some of the oldest cities and landmarks in Europe before ending in exquisite Austria.





① Peleş Castle, Romania

Admire one of the most stunning palaces in all of Europe. With spectacular landscapes, magnificent collections of art, stained glass and weapons, Peleş Castle in Romania is absolutely divine. A Neo-Renaissance castle set in the Carpathian Mountains, wander through the elaborately decorated and fairytale-like royal palace.



② Equestrian Show

A highlight of Hungary, stop in Kalocsa, known as the “paprika capital of the world”, and take a short ride to a traditional ranch on the Hungarian Puszta. Here, stand in awe as the Magyar cowboys parade, race and demonstrate tricks used during wartime. A magnificent demonstration, take the time to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the gorgeous Puszta.



③ Belgrade, Serbia

Discover the “white city” where the Sava and Danube Rivers kiss. One of the oldest cities in Europe, saunter through the unique city of Belgrade to see Kalemegdan Fortress, Terazije Square, the Serbian parliament, and the magnificent St. Sava Church. Belgrade is an intriguing place where the old world comes to meet the new world.



④ Budapest, Hungary

Roam through Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube” and one of the world’s most beautiful cities. A city built in the ‘golden age,’ marvel at the remnants of the past found around each corner. From the Great Market Hall to the views from Castle Hill, and the exceptional evening cruise to see the Hungarian Parliament, discover the dramatic splendour of Buda and Pest.





⑤ Vienna, Austria

A truly magical place with baroque style palace and streetscapes, explore the masterpieces on display around Vienna. Drive along the grand Ring Boulevard and stroll through the city center. Known as ‘the city of music,’ engage in the extraordinary experience of listening to the marvelous sounds of a classical music performance at Golden Hall. With an artistic and intellectual legacy shaped by noteworthy residents such as Mozart, Beethoven and Sigmund Freud, Vienna is a magical city.



⑥ The Iron Gates

Utterly entrancing, the Danube, also known as the “river of kings” is lined with mysterious medieval castles, idyllic lush hillsides and beautiful ancient villages. Drift along the romantic blue waters into a narrow gorge surrounded by towering cliffs and cross the iconic Iron Gates that separate Serbia and Romania.



Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Bucharest, Romania. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

Overnight flight





Day 2

BUCHAREST TO SNAGOV

Bucharest, Romania's capital and largest city, has an exciting heritage of mixed cultures, influenced by the ancient Romanian aristocracy and the communist society. After arriving at Bucharest airport, we meet our friendly local guide who introduces us to the city before we transfer to our hotel. This evening join your fellow guests for a casual welcome dinner. (D)

Grand Hotel Continental, Bucharest (2 nights)

Day 3

ROMANIAN COUNTRYSIDE

This morning, explore the quaint and picturesque Gradina Vlahiia complex, including the Museum of the Icons, the Peasant's Museum, and a functional local farm. We then travel to Mogosoaia Palace to admire its traditional Brancoveanu-style architecture, explore its indoor park, and enjoy lunch. Return to Bucharest for a special Romanian evening with dinner in one of the oldest pubs in the city, Caru 'cu Bere. (B,L,D)





Day 4

SINAIA

We travel on the road to Romania's North, through the very scenic Valley of Princes to the 19th-century Peleș Castle. Take in the spectacular views and tour its magnificent collections of art, stained glass, and weapons before we continue to Azuga to learn about the Prahova Valley's historic cellars. At Rhein-Azuga Wine Cellar, enjoy a selection of champagne and a delicious lunch. Admire the stunning mountain vistas on a beautiful drive to our enchanting hotel in Poiana Brasov. After settling in, dinner is served at a famous hunting restaurant on the resort. (B,L,D)

Teleferic Grand Hotel, Poiana Brasov (2 nights)

Day 5

TRANSYLVANIA: BRAN & BRASOV

Transylvania is arguably Romania's most famous and picturesque region. We begin the day with a road trip to the village of Bran to the famous "Dracula Castle," which earned this designation because of its medieval look and past owner, Count Vlad the Impaler.

After hearing the legendary tales, visit one of the main cities in Transylvania, Brasov, to wander its medieval city centre and marvel at the imposing Gothic architecture of the Black Church. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)





Day 6

NATURE RESERVE

Today we visit the “Libearty Zarnesti” nature reserve and bear sanctuary, which is home to more than 70 bears that have been saved. Learn about this amazing rescue project and see the bears enjoying life in the forested sanctuary of their natural habitat. Following lunch, we return to Bucharest. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with the Amadeus Silver II passengers, which we will board tomorrow. (B,L,D)

InterContinental Bucharest, Bucharest (1 night)

Day 7

BUCHAREST

After breakfast, explore Bucharest's capital city, fondly known as the "Paris of the East." See the Opera House, the Triumph Arch, and the Main Square. Marvel at the impressive Palace of Parliament, the second-largest building in the world. Enjoy lunch, then meander along the Strada Lipscani and through the ancient streets in Bucharest's Old Town. See the majestic National Museum of Romania and the lavish CEC Palace, and visit the Romanian Orthodox Stavropoleos Monastery and Church.

This evening, we board the Amadeus Silver II, our home for the next nine days. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Amadeus Silver II (9 nights)





Day 8

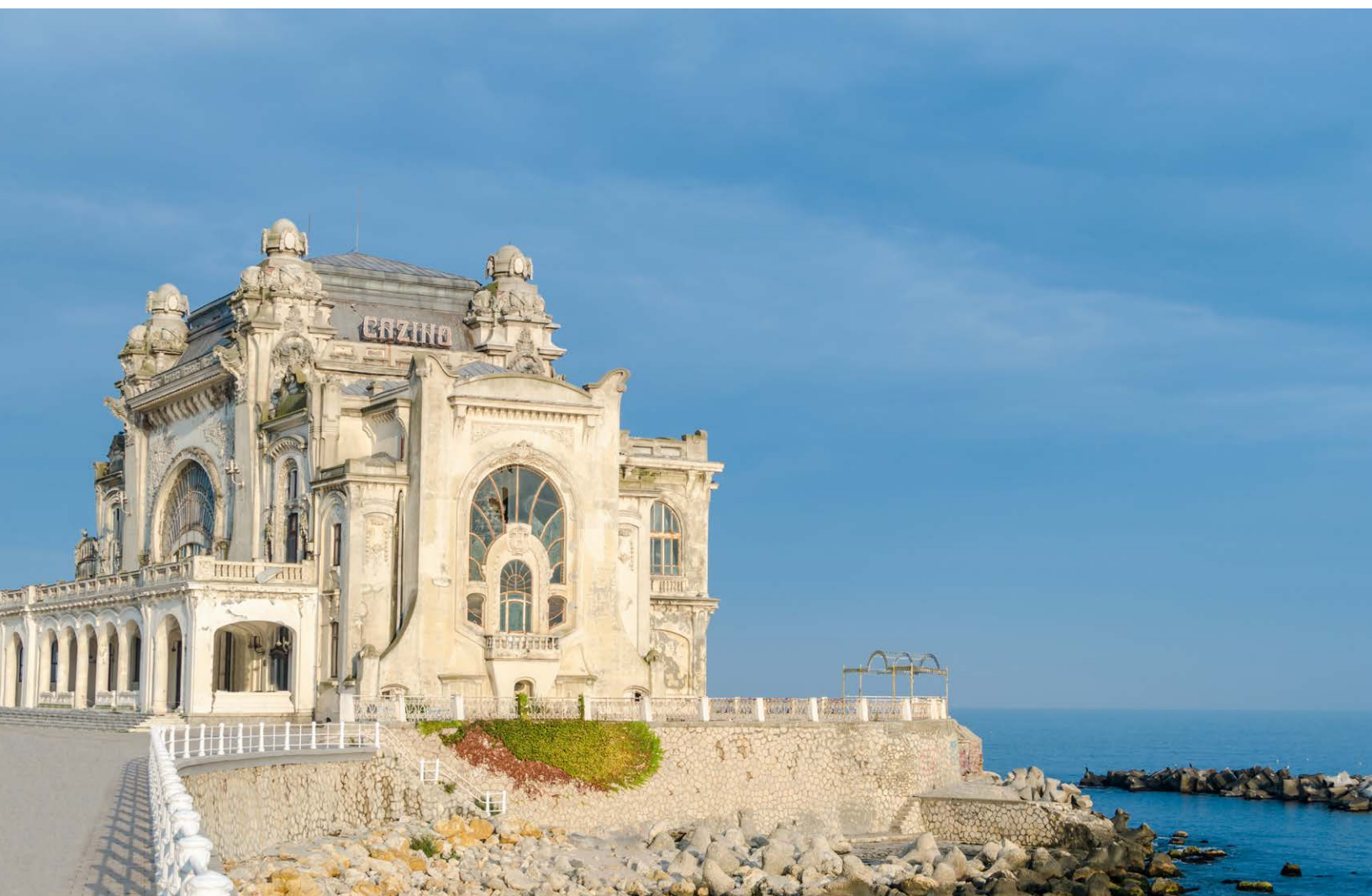
DANUBE DELTA

The Danube Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a sanctuary for around 300 different bird species. This morning, board a small delta safari boat for an intimate exploration of the delta's shimmering lagoons and narrow channels to witness the largest pelican colony at Sahalin lagoon. Visit the picturesque fishermen's village of Sfîntu Gheorghe (St. George) to dine on fresh fish and homemade plum schnapps at a local restaurant before returning to the Amadeus Silver II. (B,L,D)

Day 9

HÂRȘOVA & CONSTANTA

Embark on a leisurely visit to the small Romanian town of Hârșova. Cross the Black Sea's golden sandy beaches as we head for a guided tour of Constanta. A walk into the city's Old Town features sights of its prominent and historic buildings, including the Great Mosque, the Casino Constanta, and the Genovese Lighthouse. A short visit to the National Museum of History and Archaeology further reveals the city's rich history and unique blend of cultures. (B,L,D)





Day 10

VELIKO TARNOVO, BULGARIA

Pay a visit to Giurgiu before we cross the Danube to Ruse, where we begin our day excursion towards Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria's oldest town. Upon arrival, pass by the fortress Zarewez, visit the 13th-century church of St. Peter and Paul, and enjoy some free time to explore this medieval city. Before returning to the boat, we continue to the nearby small town of Arbanassi, famous for its ornately painted churches, stopping at a typical Bulgarian restaurant along the way. We meet up with the Amadeus Silver II in Svishtov this afternoon. (B,L,D)

Day 11

IRON GATES

Utterly entrancing, the Danube, also known as the “river of kings” is lined with mysterious medieval castles, idyllic lush hillsides and beautiful ancient villages. Spot the face of Chief Decebalus carved onto the cliffs of the Romanian side. Drift along the romantic blue waters into a narrow gorge surrounded by towering cliffs and cross the iconic Iron Gates that separate Serbia and Romania. (B,L,D)





Day 12

BELGRADE, SERBIA

Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, is one of the oldest cities in Europe. Embark on a city tour and enjoy the impressive views over the river at the Kalemegdan Fortress. See such highlights as the National Museum, Terazije Square, and the Serbian parliament and marvel at the massive St. Sava Church. After a refreshment break at the Hotel Majestic, spend some free time exploring at your leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 13

MOHÁCS & KALOCSA, HUNGARY

Let the sights, sounds, and tastes of Hungary fill your senses. Enjoy a leisurely morning of river cruising and take in the beauty of the Danube. After departing the tiny harbour town of Mohács following lunch, we drive into the Hungarian Puszta or Great Hungarian Plain. View the passing scenery dotted with villages and farmland. Stop to see local handicrafts and a demonstration of a local dance before visiting the House of Paprika. Our exploration of the Puszta continues with a visit to a traditional Hungarian ranch, where we enjoy a glass of local wine and watch a fantastic equestrian show. We join the ship late this afternoon in Kalocsa. (B,L,D)





Day 14

BUDAPEST

The Danube flows through the heart of the city, dividing it into two parts: Buda on the western banks and Pest on the eastern. First, explore Pest, including its Great Market Hall, the splendid Hungarian State Opera, and the famous Heroes' Square. Continue across into Buda, and take in the unforgettable view from Castle Hill before stopping at St. Matthew's Church and Fisherman's Bastion. After lunch, visit the Royal Palace of Gödöllő and see the spectacular ballroom with its beautiful marble stucco details. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board while cruising down Budapest's illuminated skyline. (B,L,D)

Day 15

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

A full morning of sailing brings us to Bratislava, the capital of the young Slovakian Republic, by midafternoon. Our excursion passes St. Martin's Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace before continuing up the hill to admire stunning, panoramic views of the city and surrounding countryside. Afterwards, a guided walking tour leads us through the gorgeous Old Town to such sites as the Primatial Palace, the Academia Istropolitana, the Opera House, and Maximilian Fountain. Late this afternoon, we return to the boat and prepare for the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B,L,D)





Day 16

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

With an artistic and intellectual legacy shaped in part by former residents including Mozart, Beethoven and Sigmund Freud, Vienna is a magical city and capital of Austria. After arriving into Vienna this morning, we say goodbye to our lovely staff and bid farewell to the Amadeus Silver II. Today, we embark on a panoramic city tour and see Vienna's top sights as we drive along the grand Ring Boulevard and stroll through the beautiful heart of this historic city. Dine at a local restaurant before checking into our hotel and enjoying an afternoon at leisure to rest or explore. Following dinner at the hotel, experience one of Vienna's greatest performances: a classical music concert by the Vienna Mozart Orchestra at the Golden Hall in Musikverein, home of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. This is sure to be a night of magic you won't soon forget! (B,L,D)

Hotel Bristol, Vienna (2 nights)

Day 17

SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

Our final full day in Vienna begins with a visit to the famous 18th century Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' former summer residence. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Museum of Fine Arts and discover the Kunstkammer Wien. In the evening, join your fellow travellers one last time and enjoy a farewell dinner at a typical Viennese Heurigen, famous for their comfortable atmosphere and fine wines. (B,L,D)





Day 18

HOME

Today we bid “auf wiedersehen” to our new friends and make our way to the airport for our flights home. Enjoy our private car to your home. (B)

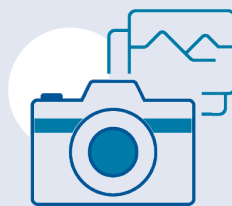
Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **9 nights** on the MS Amadeus II
- **7 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **All meals included** (17 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 16 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto with Lufthansa
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Flights from select Canadian gateways for only \$100
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



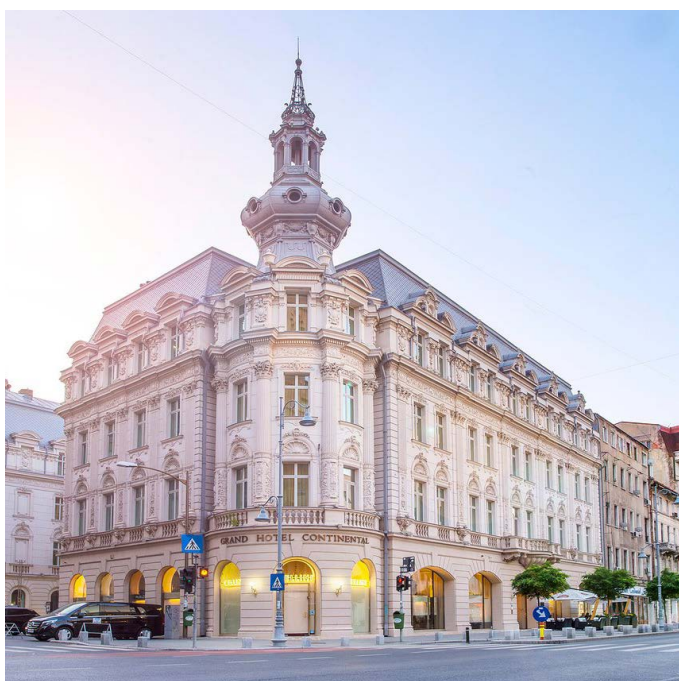
The image shows a spacious hotel lobby with a high, vaulted ceiling made of light-colored wood. A large, ornate chandelier hangs from the center. The room is furnished with several brown leather sofas and wooden coffee tables. On the walls, there are decorative displays of small, dark objects. Large windows in the background offer a view of the outdoors. The overall atmosphere is warm and rustic.

Hotels

Day 2-3

GRAND HOTEL CONTINENTAL, BUCHAREST

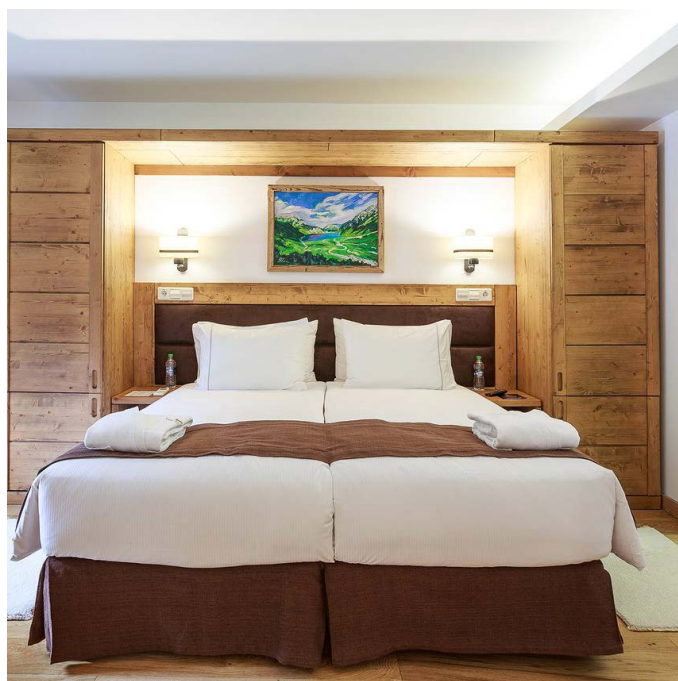
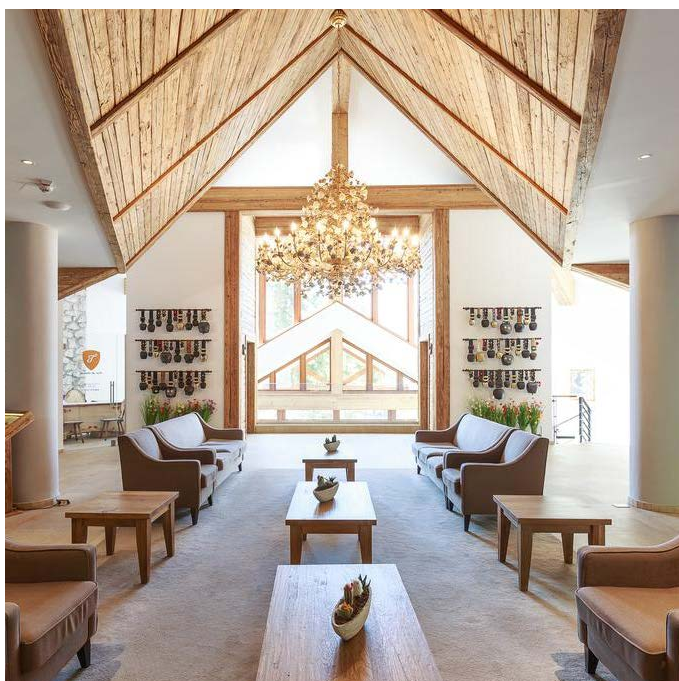
This opulent hotel dates back to 1886 and is a mere two kilometres from the Palace of Parliament. Amenities include a fitness centre, a spa and wellness centre, and many decadent restaurants, including Concerto fine dining and the Victoria Club.



Day 4-5

TELEFERIC GRAND HOTEL, POIANA BRASOV

Designed to provide all essential comfort and create a cozy and well-balanced atmosphere, Teleferic Grand Hotel combines the beauty of Poiana Brasov nature with luxury and classical elegance, offering an unforgettable stay among Romania's wonderful mountains. The spacious rooms merge rural elements and the warmth of wood with comfortable beds and high technology. This beautiful hotel also features two restaurants, a fitness area, and a spa centre including a pool, hot tub, and saunas.



Day 6

INTERCONTINENTAL BUCHAREST, BUCHAREST

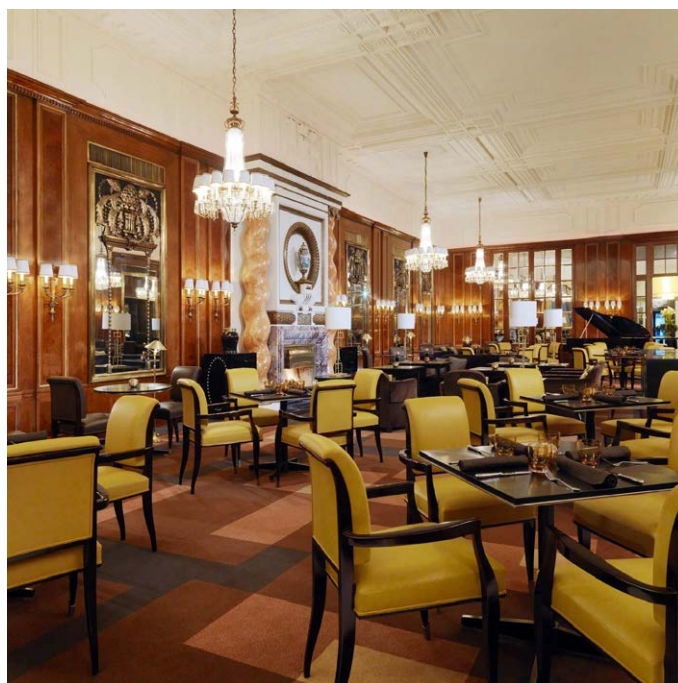
A stylish hotel in the grand centre of Bucharest, the five-star InterContinental offers exceptional hospitality combined with modern luxury. The elegantly-furnished rooms have comfortable beds with a pillow menu and feature private balconies with spectacular city views. The cosmopolitan Corso Brasserie serves international dishes and Romanian delicacies, while the classy Modigliani Restaurant is renowned for its steaks and refined Italian classics. There is also a fully-equipped, complimentary health club.



Day 16-18

HOTEL BRISTOL, VIENNA

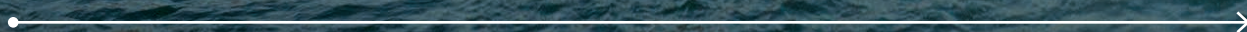
This Baroque, high-end hotel is a minute's walk from both the nearest U-Bahn station and the iconic Staatsoper opera house, and a 9-minute walk from the Gothic, 12th-century St. Stephans Cathedral. Posh rooms come with free Wi-Fi, minibars, sitting areas, and flat-screen TVs. Some upgraded rooms have balconies, old-world decor and fireplaces. Amenities include a refined, airy restaurant, a dark-toned bar, and an ultrachic lounge with a piano.



Perfect for exploring the world's hidden treasures, Amadeus Silver II can slip into exclusive destinations and boutique ports off-limits to larger vessels.

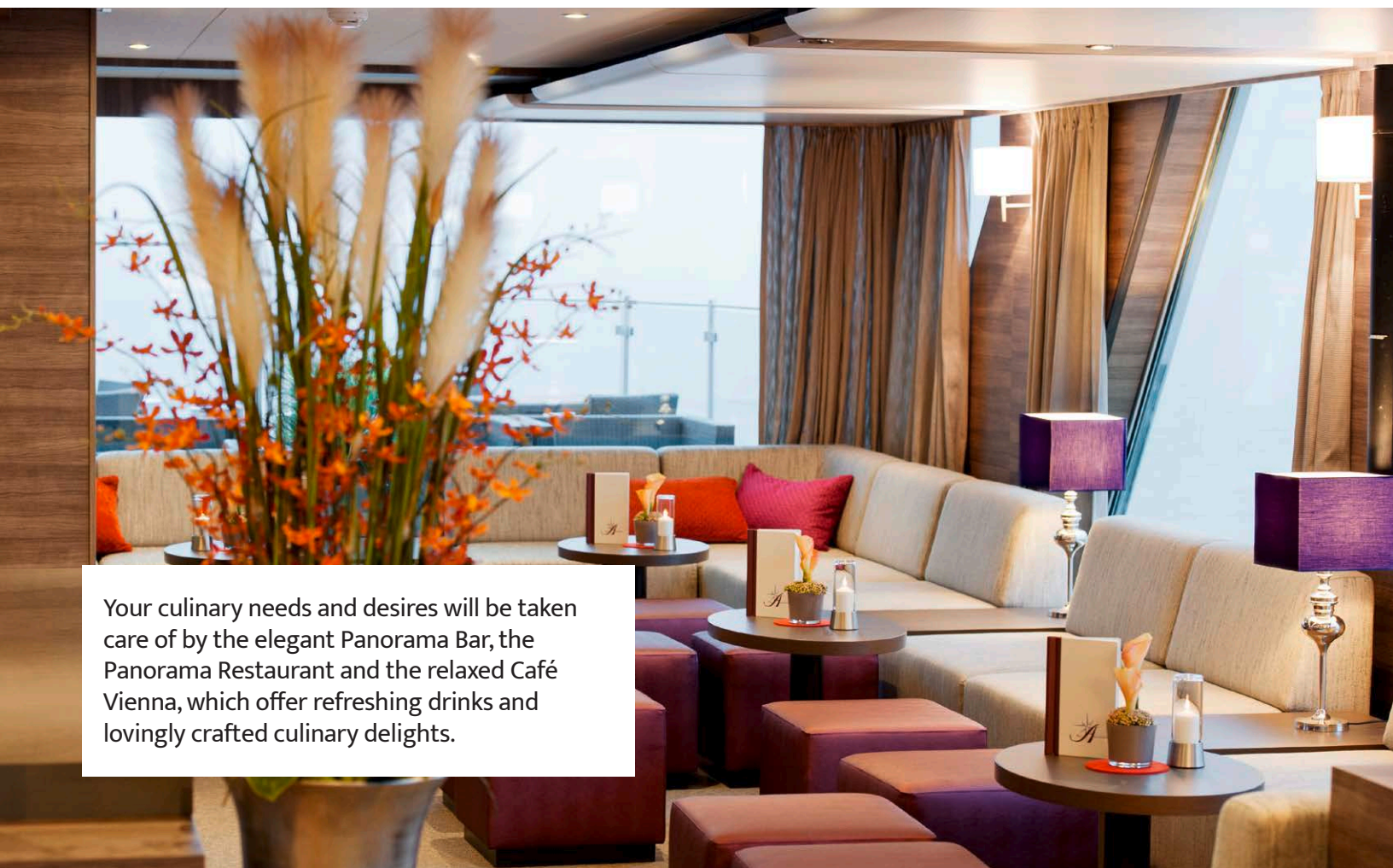


Discover the Amadeus Silver II

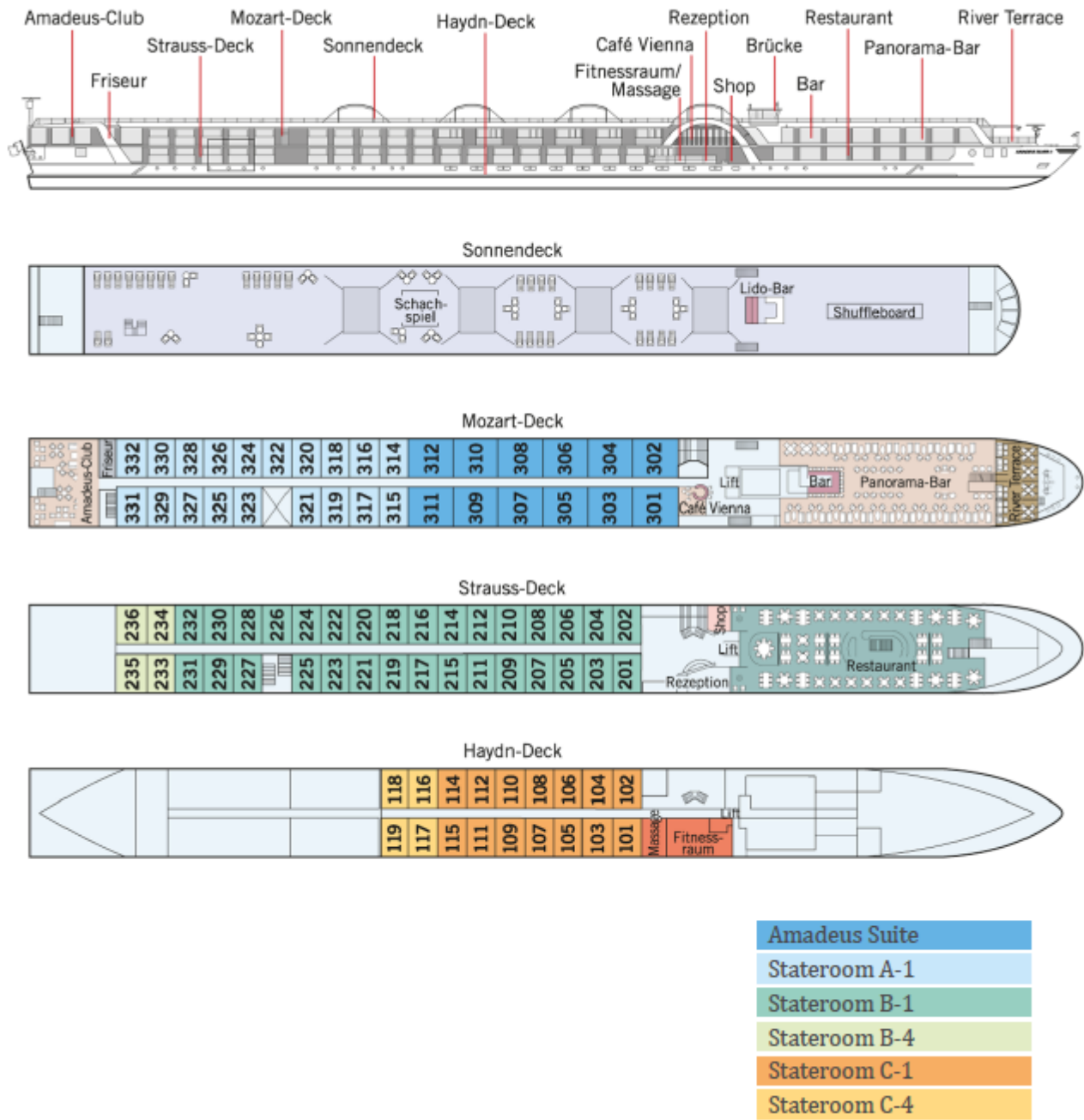




The extensive Sun Deck and the outdoor, glass-shielded River Terrace offer plenty of room for you to indulge in mental and spiritual relaxation.



Your culinary needs and desires will be taken care of by the elegant Panorama Bar, the Panorama Restaurant and the relaxed Café Vienna, which offer refreshing drinks and lovingly crafted culinary delights.



Deck Plan

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Fares & Staterooms



C4 — Haydn Deck 172 sqft

Located on the Haydn deck, these well-appointed cabins are the perfect place to relax following a day of exploring the Danube River.

- Small Panoramic window
- Choice of bed configuration (double or twin)
- Flatscreen television
- Spacious wardrobe
- Private bathroom with spacious shower
- Hair dryer, climate control & in-room safe

Double Occupancy
\$9,990

Single Occupancy
\$11,490



C1 — Haydn Deck 172 sqft

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Double Occupancy
\$10,990

Single Occupancy
\$12,290



B4 — Strauss Deck 188 sqft

Located on the Strauss deck, these cabins are the perfect combination of incredible panoramic views of the Danube River, as well as inspiring interiors.

- Drop-down Panoramic window
- Choice of bed configuration (double or twin)
- Flatscreen television
- Mini-bar
- Spacious wardrobe
- Private bathroom with spacious shower
- Hair dryer, climate control & in-room safe

Double Occupancy
\$12,490

Single Occupancy
\$14,690

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.

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- Hair dryer, climate control & in-room safe

Double Occupancy
\$12,990

Single Occupancy
\$16,890



A1 — Mozart Deck 188 sqft

Located on the Mozart deck, these cabins are the perfect combination of incredible panoramic views of the Danube River, as well as inspiring interiors.

- Drop-down Panoramic window
- Choice of bed configuration (double or twin)
- Flatscreen television
- Mini-bar
- Spacious wardrobe
- Private bathroom with spacious shower
- Hair dryer, climate control & in-room safe

Double Occupancy
\$13,990

Single Occupancy
\$18,490



Mozart Suite — Mozart Deck 188 sqft

The leisurely pace to river cruising reaches a new height when you stay in the Mozart suite. Whether you are lounging on the corner couch or walk-out balcony enjoy the pristine views of the Danube without having to leave the comfort of your own room.

- Comfortable corner sofa
- Walk-out exterior balcony
- Choice of bed configuration (double or twin)
- Flatscreen television
- Mini-bar
- Walk-in wardrobe
- En-suite bathroom & bathrobe
- Hair dryer, climate control & in-room safe

Double Occupancy
\$14,990

Single Occupancy
\$23,990

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.