

Bucharest to Vienna

Sailing the scenic Danube on board the *Amadeus Riva*
May 30th – June 15th, 2023



Peleş Castle, Romania



Budapest, Hungary



Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna

Highlights

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.

Budapest

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.

Vienna

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.

Amadeus Riva

The definition of sophistication and class, this elegant and modern riverboat offers the finest luxury as you sail along the spectacular Danube and Rhine rivers.

Secure Your Preferred Cabin today!

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Your 17-Day Journey

Day 1 **Depart for Bucharest, Romania**

Enjoy your private car home pick up service. 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 throughout the journey, enabling you to concentrate on your experience.

Overnight: Flight

Meals:

Day 2 **Welcome to Bucharest**

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.

Overnight: Bucharest, Grand Hotel Continental

Meals: Dinner

Day 3 **Sinaia**

We travel on the road to Romania's North, through the very scenic Valley of Princes to the 19th-century Peleş 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 hotel in Brasov. After settling in, we enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Brasov, Kronwell Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 4 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.

Overnight: Brasov, Kronwell Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Cantacuzino Castle

Today we visit the Cantacuzino Castle. The Cantacuzino Castle is situated in Buşteni, Romania. The building, whose construction was completed in 1911, was conducted by the architect Gregory Cerchez at the request of Prince George Grigore Cantacuzino. With the Bucegi Mountains as a backdrop, stroll the 3,000-metre estate before discovering portraits of the Cantacuzino family. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with fellow passengers of the MS Riva.

Overnight: Bucharest, InterContinental Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 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.

Following a full day of discovery, depart for the port city of Feteşti, and board the Amadeus Riva, your home for the next nine days. This evening, enjoy a welcome cocktail, followed by a specially prepared welcome dinner.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 7 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. Return to the Amadeus Riva.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Hirsova & 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 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.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 11 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 14 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.

Overnight: MS Amadeus Riva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 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!

Overnight: Vienna, Hotel Bristol

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 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.

Overnight: Vienna, Hotel Bristol

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 17 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.

Overnight: Home

Meals: Breakfast

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Your Journey Includes

First Class Accommodation

Bucharest	Grand Hotel Continental	1 night
Poiana Brasov	Kronwell Hotel	2 nights
Bucharest	InterContinental	1 night
Cruise	MS Amadeus Riva	9 nights
Vienna	Hotel Bristol	2 nights

Included Flights

Airline:	Air Canada & Lufthansa
Outbound:	Toronto (YYZ) - Bucharest (OTP) via Frankfurt (FRA)
Inbound:	Vienna (VIE) – Toronto (YYZ)
Class of Service:	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
Note:	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details.</i>

Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

Journey Manager	Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey
Home-Pickup Service	Private car home pick up & return service (where available) or a credit or
Hotel Overnight	Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport
Gratuities	Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc.
Porterage	Porterage for one piece of baggage
Visas & Fees	All fees, visas, port & service charges
Gift with Every Journey	Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack
Taxes	All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT

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Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 15 dinners
- Wine and beer included with all lunches & dinner on board the Amadeus Riva
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
 - Romanian Countryside & Heritage
 - Peleş & Bran Castles
 - Prahova Valley & Rhein-Azuga Wine Cellar
 - Touring Transylvania
 - Bucharest City Highlights Tour
 - Danube Delta Boat Safari
 - Ancient Constanta & the Black Sea Coast
 - Bulgaria's Medieval City of Veliko Tarnovo
 - Panoramic Belgrade
 - The Hungarian Puszta
 - Grand Tour of Budapest
 - Royal Palace of Gödöllő
 - Bratislava City Tour
 - Historic Vienna
 - Classical Concert at the Golden Hall
 - Schönbrunn Palace & Museum of Fine Arts

Fares

Cabin	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
C4 – Haydn Deck	\$10,990 CAD	\$13,290 CAD
C1 – Haydn Deck	\$11,490 CAD	\$13,890 CAD
B4 – Strauss Deck	\$12,990 CAD	\$16,290 CAD
B1- Strauss Deck	\$13,490 CAD	\$18,190 CAD
A1 – Mozart Deck	\$14,090 CAD	\$19,790 CAD
Mozart Suite	\$15,190 CAD	ON REQUEST

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

MS Amadeus Riva



To be completed in 2023 and spanning 135m long across 4 decks, the AMADEUS Riva is designed to offer guests an effortless combination of the vibrant energy of a river cruise day with an increasingly calm and intimate ship experience.

The newly built RIVA follows the progressive design and top-level standard that the AMADEUS fleet is famous for, accompanied by generously designed public spaces, as well as numerous luxury outdoor and dining venues: guests can look forward to the elegant Panorama-Restaurant, the intimate dining lounge with highlight menu, the Panorama-Bar with dance floor, the classic "Café Vienna", the glazed open-air "River Terrace" bar on the ship's bow, the wellness area with massage, hairdresser and fitness room, as well as the spacious sun deck with relaxed lounge and outdoor restaurant.

The AMADEUS Riva will incorporate the very latest technologies in sustainable travel. The innovative ship's engine not only enables highly efficient energy management but also significantly reduces CO2 emissions. The ship's newly developed air filtration system with two-stage purification is equally innovative and modern.

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C-4 Cabin (16 m² / 172 sq.ft.) with panoramic window

Spacious bathroom, small panoramic window (cannot be opened), spacious wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



C-1 Cabin (16 m² / 172 sq.ft.) with panoramic window

Spacious bathroom, small panoramic window (cannot be opened), spacious wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



B-4 Cabin (17.5 m² / 188 sq.ft.) with drop-down panoramic window

Spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



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B-1 Cabin (17.5 m² / 188 sq.ft.) with drop-down panoramic window

Spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



A-1 Cabin (17.5 m² / 188 sq.ft.) with drop-down panoramic window

Spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.

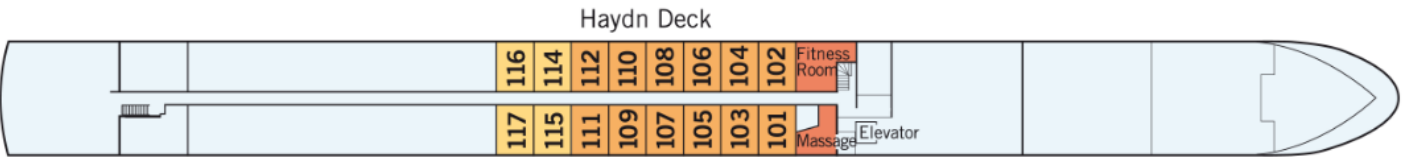
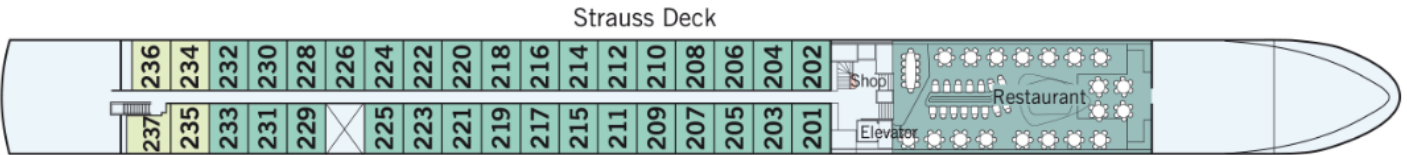
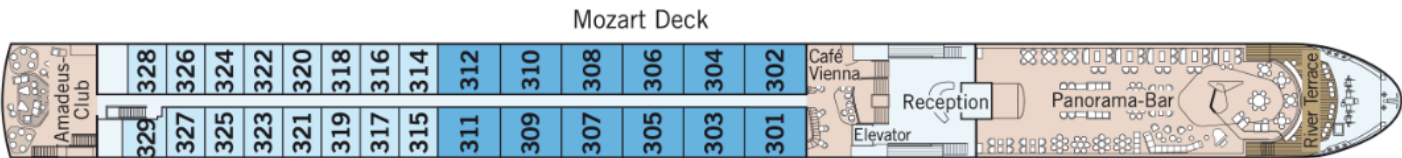
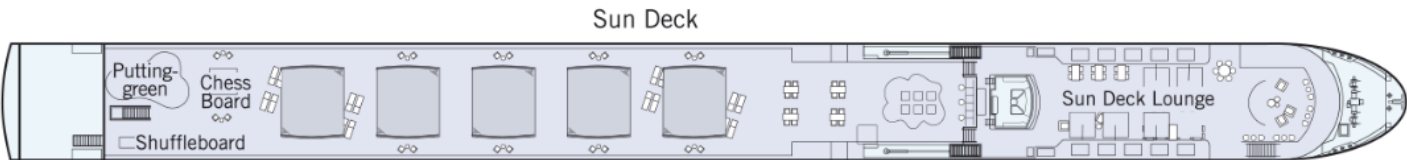
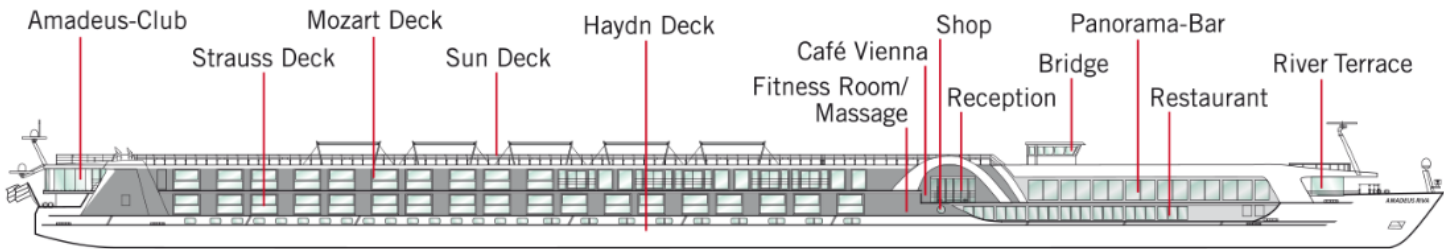


Suite (26.4 m² / 284 sq.ft.) with walk-out exterior balcony

Comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom, walk-out exterior balcony, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, bathrobe, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



AMADEUS Riva



- Amadeus Suite
- Stateroom A-1
- Stateroom B-1
- Stateroom B-4
- Stateroom C-1
- Stateroom C-4

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Outstanding Accommodation

Bucharest 1 night

Grand Hotel Continental

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.



Brasov 2 nights

Kronwell Hotel

Kronwell is one of the most popular premium hotels in Romania. With a dedicated and hospitable staff on all levels, striving to deliver the promise of life in style, the hotel has been distinguished with numerous acclaimed awards within the industry. Whether travelling for pleasure or business, expect and explore high-end amenities, flawless services and impeccable style within our 81 contemporary designed rooms.



Bucharest 1 night

InterContinental

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.



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Vienna

2 nights

Hotel Bristol

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.



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Personal Notes & Questions