

## Bavaria & the Blue Danube

From Oktoberfest, sail along the Danube  
onboard the *Amadeus Silver II*  
September 16<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Prague, Czech Republic



Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna



Budapest, Hungary

### Highlights

#### Munich

Munich is the high-energy centre of political and cultural life in Bavaria. Learn why with guided tours to the Oktoberfest grounds, 1972 Olympic Park, gothic Frauenkirche cathedral and BMW World exhibition. Stroll the royal gardens of the Nymphenburg Palace. Watch the intricate pieces of the Glockenspiel in Marienplatz tell wonderful local stories.

#### Vienna

Music floats through the streets of Vienna: from the Schönbrunn Palace where Mozart performed at the age of six to the Court Theatre and ornate opera house. During our guided tour, see the historical sights that shaped Viennese music culture, and take in an orchestral concert of polkas, waltzes, arias and duets where Johann Strauss himself once performed.

#### Prague

Prague offers some of the richest architecture between its Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings dating back to 920. It all comes to a head in Prague Castle, where we explore the Loreta, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Golden Lane. From our home base, the stylish Hotel Paris in Prague, we also visit the ancient spa town of Karlovy Vary to sip water from the healing springs.

#### *Amadeus Silver II*

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.

**Select Your Preferred Cabin today!**

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## Your 14-Day Journey

### **Day 1**                      **Depart for Munich, Germany**

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 Munich, Germany. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

**Overnight:**              Flight

**Meals:**

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### **Day 2**                      **Munich**

Munich is the high-energy centre of political and cultural life in Bavaria. Upon our arrival in Munich, we enjoy an early lunch before we check in to our hotel. This afternoon is at your leisure to relax or stroll through Munich, perhaps to a nearby coffee shop. Dinner this evening is at our hotel.

**Overnight:**              Munich, Hotel München Palace

**Meals:**                      Lunch, Dinner

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### **Day 3**                      **Exploring Munich**

We begin our day in Munich by traversing the world-renowned Oktoberfest grounds, dreaming of gold in the 1972 Olympic Park and visiting the gothic Frauenkirche cathedral. We drive by the baroque Nymphenburg Palace, summer residence of former Bavarian royalty, and spend time in its magnificent park. Following lunch, we admire the Old and New Town Halls in the Marienplatz pedestrian square with the famous Glockenspiel, which tells of the stories of Duke Wilhelm V and Renate of Lorraine's wedding.

**Overnight:**              Munich, Hotel München Palace

**Meals:**                      Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 4 Dachau & Landshut

Gain insight into the Holocaust of World War II on a half-day tour of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. From Munich, travel coach to the memorial site, and take a guided tour of the compound, a place of memorial and education dedicated to the thousands who were imprisoned and lost their lives there between 1933 and 1945.

Following a short drive to Landshut, enjoy lunch in its Old Town. In Passau, we board the MS Amadeus Silver II and enjoy a welcome dinner on board.

**Overnight:** MS Amadeus Silver II

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 5 Regensburg & Weltenburg Abbey

Regensburg is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Germany. Among the architectural treasures are churches, monasteries, the town hall and one of Europe's oldest bridges that has spanned the Danube since the 12th century. This morning, during a walking tour, feel the former power and wealth of this city, which once controlled the trade route to the Orient.

During a visit to the Regensburg Cathedral, dedicated to St. Peter, you can admire this masterpiece of Gothic architecture. This visit is dependent on if the cathedral is hosting a mass or celebration.

This afternoon a coach brings us to the "Hall of Liberation" which is an impressive marble building fashioned after the Parthenon in Athens. It towers high above the Danube and can be seen from afar. Afterwards, board a boat that will take us past the former city of the Wittelsbacher Dynasty and through the "Weltenburger Enge" nature reserve to the Benedictine abbey of Weltenburg. The monastery, founded by Irish or Scottish monks in 620 AD, is the oldest in Bavaria. After a short tour of the abbey church, taste the famous dark beer of Weltenburg, which is brewed here in the oldest monastery brewery in the world.

**Overnight:** MS Amadeus Silver II

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 6 Salzburg, Austria & The Sound Of Music

Our coach brings us to Salzburg, "the city of music." The old town with its world-famous Baroque architecture is one of the best-preserved city centers north of the Alps. It was adopted by UNESCO in 1997 and is included on its list of World Cultural Heritage Sites. During the guided tour through the old town, we will see Mozart's birth house from the outside and other well-known attractions such as the 'Getreidegasse' shopping street, the gorgeous cathedral of the town, and the area of the Salzburg Festival.

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After enjoying lunch, we head to the picturesque village of Mondsee, best known as a film location for the famous movie "The Sound of Music."

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### Day 7 Melk Abbey Tour & Wachau Wine Tasting

High above the town of Melk, we visit the Melk Abbey. Built from 1702 to 1736, the abbey's church and the unique library with countless medieval manuscripts and frescos are extraordinary. A guided tour takes you through the abbot's chambers, along the emperor's walk, through the marble hall, the balconies and the library.

This afternoon on a walking tour of Dürnstein, one of the best-known wine villages in the Wachau, we will discover this picturesque town with its traditional architecture and the baroque monastery Dürnstein, famous for the hard-to-miss blue spire. At the end of the tour, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine produced in the region.

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**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 8 Vienna, Schönbrunn Palace & Concert

Today is dedicated to all Vienna has to offer. First, we drive along the famous Ringstrasse, passing several magnificent buildings like the ornate opera house, the stunning parliament, the Court Theatre and Vienna's imposing city hall.

A guided walking tour follows the driving tour through the city center. It is here we will get to know Vienna more intimately, starting at the well-known Hofburg Imperial Palace and finishing at the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral. Before we return to the ship, enjoy free time to stroll through the pedestrian area at your leisure.

In the afternoon, we tour one of the most beautiful sights of Vienna, Schönbrunn Palace. As one of Austria's most significant cultural heritage sites, Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens were declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Maria Theresa received the estate as a wedding gift in 1750, beginning the most splendid and wealthy era for the palatial estate, which was expanded to 1,441 rooms.

No visit to Vienna would be complete without partaking in a concert, and this journey is no different. In the very place where Johann Strauss once directed the orchestra, Vienna's classical music can once again be heard daily. "Salonorchester Alt Wien," one of the best interpreters of classical Viennese music, supplies an evening full of charm by performing a lilting collection of polkas, waltzes, arias and duets, as well as operetta and piano concert melodies.

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### Day 9 Bratislava, Slovakia & Schloss Hof Palace

In Bratislava, we admire the beauty of the capital of this recently formed Slovakian Republic. Through the years, the wonderful old town has maintained its Gothic-Baroque style as well as its charm. The tour passes St. Martin's Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace and continues up to the hill, where we have a stunning view of the city and surrounding areas.

In the afternoon, we dig deeper by taking part in a walking tour through the restored old town to admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings.

From Bratislava, the coach takes us to the Schloss Hof Palace (Castle Hof) in Austria. The stately complex was built in the early 18th century by Field Marshall Prince Eugene and brilliant architect Lucas von Hildebrandt. What resulted was a virtuoso masterpiece. Under its subsequent owner, Empress Maria Theresa, an additional storey was added, and the Palace was remodelled in the style of French Classicism. After visiting the castle, enjoy free time at your leisure to see the beautiful garden and the Maierhof with its numerous animals.

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### Day 10 Esztergom, Szentendre & Budapest, Hungary

We begin in Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop. We visit the vast domed basilica, the largest cathedral in Hungary. Completed in the early 19th century, it includes a remarkable red marble chapel originally from a previous church.

We continue along the Danube to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrad to take in a glorious view of the "knee" of the Danube. Then onto the artists' village of Szentendre, home of many generations of Hungarian artists since the early 20th century. Various galleries and museums display the rich tapestry of visual arts through the years.

From Szentendre, we continue south to Budapest along the scenic west bank of the Danube. Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," is one of the most beautiful cities globally and has retained a unique charm in recent years. The Danube flows through the city's heart, dividing it into two parts: Buda and Pest.

The tour first takes us through Pest, past the Great Market Hall with its unique gourmet shops and stalls. We see splendid Baroque buildings such as the Hungarian State Opera in Neo-Renaissance style and the incomparable parliament building, which was finished in 1904 and has been the unmistakable mark of the city ever since then. Finally, we continue across one of

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the seven bridges into Buda and go up to Castle Hill, where we will visit St. Matthew's Church. Enjoy the unforgettable view over the city before returning to the vessel.

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### Day 11 Budapest To Prague, Czech Republic

A scenic drive takes us from Budapest to Prague, "the City of a Hundred Spires." We stop in Brno for lunch before arriving at our hotel this afternoon. Built in 1904 by the Brandejs family, the Hotel Paris offers unequalled style, beauty and excellent service in the city's heart. Situated in the historic district of Prague, the hotel provides you with the best location for experiencing this one-of-a-kind city. Only minutes separate you from the architectural and historical gems that await exploration. This evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Prague, Hotel Paris

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 12 Exploring Prague Castle

Today we visit Prague Castle to discover this important cultural and historical monument. Here we experience the Loreta pilgrimage destination, St. Vitus Cathedral (the burial site of patron saints, sovereigns, noblemen and archbishops), and the Golden Lane. The Crown Jewels are housed here, as are the relics of Bohemian kings, precious Christian relics, art treasures and historical documents. A delicious lunch awaits before your afternoon stroll across the glorious Charles Bridge on our way to the Old Town Square.

**Overnight:** Prague, Hotel Paris

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 13 Karlovy Vary

This morning a private tour takes us on a relaxing and scenic adventure through the Bohemian countryside to Karlovy Vary. This ancient spa treatment resort was founded in 1350 by Charles IV, Czech King and Roman Emperor. Free time allows you to drink from the healing springs or amble about shops seeking famous local cut glass.

**Overnight:** Prague, Hotel Paris

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 14            Home

Today we bid “Ahoj” to our new Czech friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Enjoy a private car to your home upon arrival.

**Overnight:**            Home

**Meals:**                Breakfast

*All information contained in this itinerary is correct at time of printing and is subject to the terms and conditions as listed on our web site at [www.jerryvandyke.com](http://www.jerryvandyke.com) or available from our office on request. We must reserve the ability to make improvements.*



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### Your Journey Includes

#### First Class Accommodation

<b>Munich</b>	Hotel München Palace	2 nights
<b>Cruise</b>	MS Amadeus Silver II	7 nights
<b>Prague</b>	Hotel Paris	3 nights

#### Included Flights

<b>Airline:</b>	Lufthansa
<b>Outbound:</b>	Toronto (YYZ) - Munich (MUC)
<b>Inbound:</b>	Prague (PRG) – Toronto (YYZ)
<b>Class of Service:</b>	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
<b>Note:</b>	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details.</i>

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### Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

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



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### Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners
- Wine and beer included with all lunches & dinner on board the Amadeus Silver II
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
- Munich Guided Tour
- Visit of Oktoberfest
- Dachau Memorial Site
- Regensburg & Weltenburg Walking Tour
- Visit to Melk Abbey & Wine Tasting
- Concert 'Sound of Vienna'
- Panoramic Tour of Vienna with visit to Schönbrunn Palace
- Bratislava City Tour with visit to Imperial Schloss Hof Palace
- Budapest City Tour
- Prague City Tour including Prague Castle & Jewish Quarter
- Karlovy Vary

### Fares

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

*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 Silver II*



Built in 2015 and spanning 135m long across 4 decks, the Premium ship, AMADEUS Silver II, you can enjoy revitalizing hours on the Sun Deck, a stress-free travel experience, beautiful vistas, panoramic views over passing landscapes and much more. Just like its predecessor, its famous sister ship, the award-winning AMADEUS Silver, the AMADEUS Silver II follows the principles of innovation and technical excellence.

Designed in stylish greys and berry tones, it combines modern innovation with comfort, ensuring that you feel at home on board. The ship accommodates a maximum of 168 passengers, with a choice of comfortable cabins with automatically lowerable panorama windows or generous suites with private, accessible balconies.

The extensive Sun Deck and the outdoor, glass-shielded River Terrace offer plenty of room for 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 from the kitchen, and which will ensure that your every wish is met, around the clock.

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### C-4 Cabin (16 m<sup>2</sup> / 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 m<sup>2</sup> / 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 m<sup>2</sup> / 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 m<sup>2</sup> / 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 m<sup>2</sup> / 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.

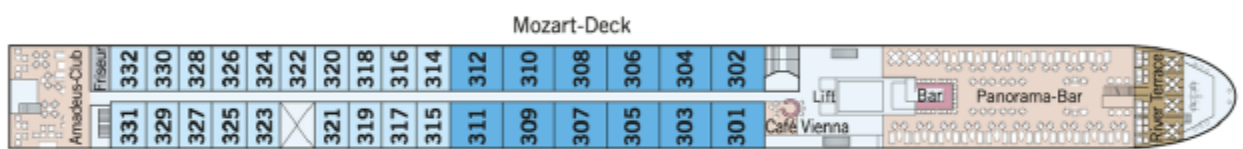
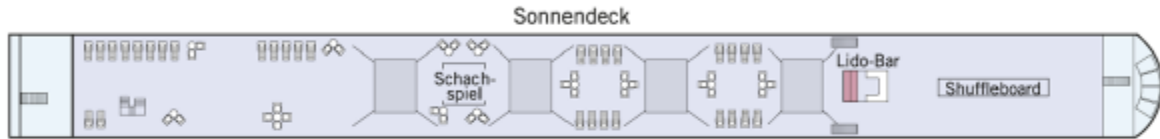
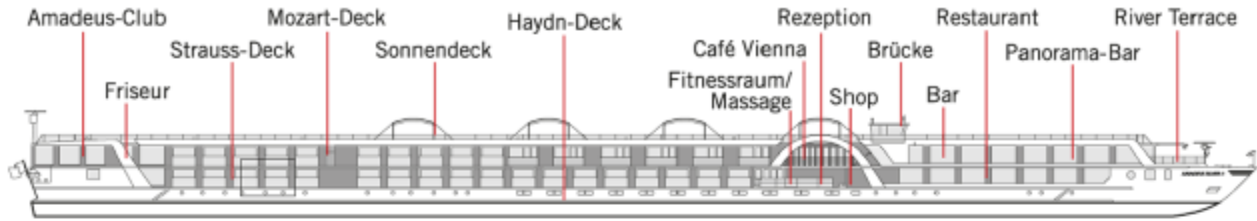


### **Suite (26.4 m<sup>2</sup> / 284 sq.ft.) with walk-out exterior balcony**

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.



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- Stateroom A-1
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- Stateroom B-4
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### Outstanding Accommodation

#### Munich

2 nights

#### Hotel München Palace

Munich Palace is a hotel in Munich's Bogenhausen quarter. Located on the banks of the Isar River, not far from the beautiful Englischer Garten, the hotel stands between the Friedensengel Monument and the Prinzregententheater. The city centre's shops and sights are a short walk away. The hotel roof terrace and garden are city-central spots of seclusion.



#### Prague

3 nights

#### Hotel Paris

The elegant 5-star Art Nouveau Hotel Paris Prague was built in 1904 and it has been owned by the Brandejs family for three generations. This Neo-Gothic building situated in the heart of Prague's Old Town was declared a historical monument, and as part of Prague's historic district was added to the UNESCO world heritage list. This family-run hotel offers the highest quality facilities, including 86 luxury rooms and suites with charming views, decor in the Art Nouveau style, and signature "Paris" cake and homemade pralines.



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## Personal Notes & Questions