

# BAVARIA & THE BLUE DANUBE



JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke 



River Cruise

14 Days

\$10,990 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

September  
16-29, 2022

# Discover Europe

Feel the presence of the greatest artists and intellectuals, as we cruise through five unforgettable countries in the heart of Europe. See how Munich blends modern wonders and bygone charm. The classical compositions of Mozart and Strauss take new life in their birthplaces: Salzburg and Vienna. Savour the pride of the Wachau Valley during a wine tasting. Conclude among the “hundred spires”, with a three-night stay in Prague. Join us as the splendid MS Amadeus Silver II and two exceptional hotels play host to a cultural immersion through Bavaria and along the Blue Danube.





## ① Munich, Germany

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.





## ② Vienna, Austria

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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.





## ③ Prague, Czech Republic

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.





## ④ Melk Abbey, Austria

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This impressive Baroque abbey is one of the most famous monastic sites in the world. Built from 1702 to 1736, the abbey's church and the impressive library with countless medieval manuscripts and frescos are particularly special. A guided tour takes you through the abbot's chambers, along the emperor's walk, through the marble hall, the balconies and the library.





## ⑤ Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

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.



# Journey Itinerary



## 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





## Day 2

# WELCOME TO 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. (L,D)

**Hotel München Palace (2 nights)**

## 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. (B,L,D)





## 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. (B,L,D)

**Amadeus Silver II (7 nights)**

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. (B,L,D)





## 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.

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.” (B,L,D)

## 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. (B,L,D)





## 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 Theresia 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. (B,L,D)

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. (B,L,D)





## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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. (B,L,D)

## 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.

(B,L,D)

**Hotel Paris (3 nights)**





## 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. (B,L,D)

## 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. (B,L,D)





## Day 14

# FAREWELL

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.

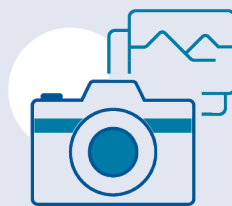
# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

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:

- **7 nights** on the Amadeus Silver II
- **5 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **All meals included** (12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners)
- **Wine, beer & soft drinks** with lunch & dinner on board
- **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



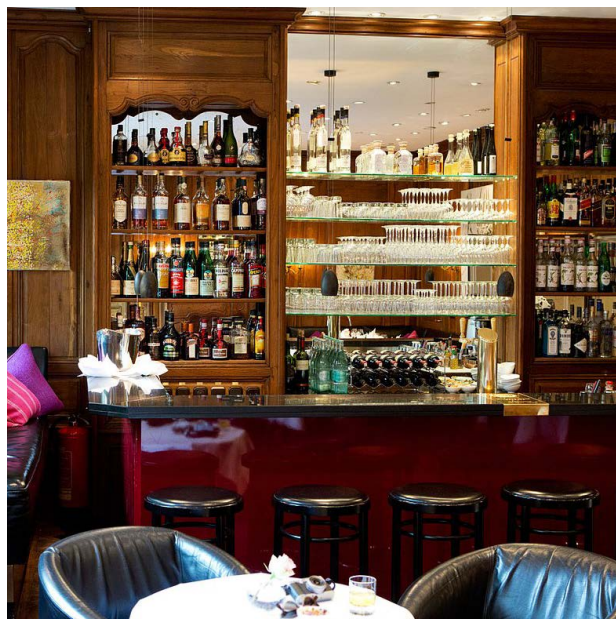
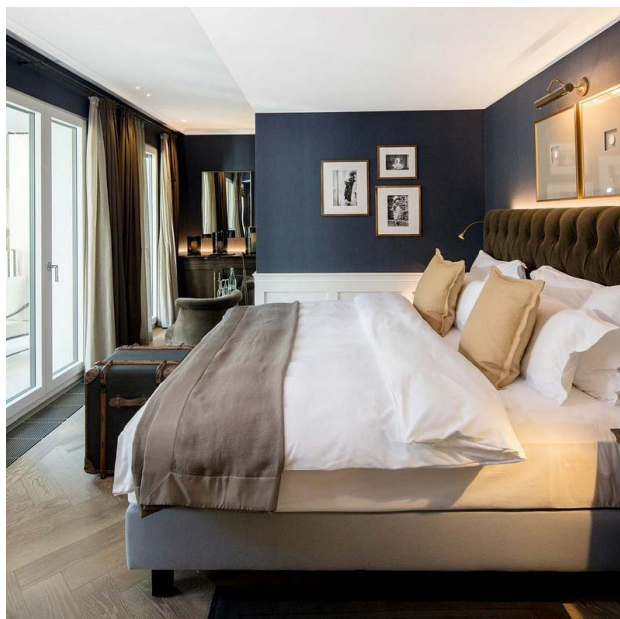
Hotels

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Day 2-4

## HOTEL MÜNCHEN PALACE, BUCHAREST

Munchen 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.



Day 11-14

## HOTEL PARIS, PRAGUE

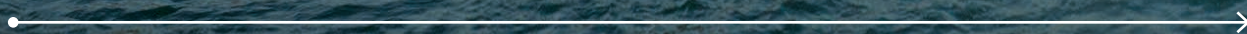
The elegant 5-star Art Nouveau Hotel Paris Prague was built in 1904 and it has been owned by the Brandejs family for three generations. This Neo-Gothic building situated in the heart of Prague's Old Town was declared a historical monument, and as part of Prague's historic district was added to the UNESCO 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.



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

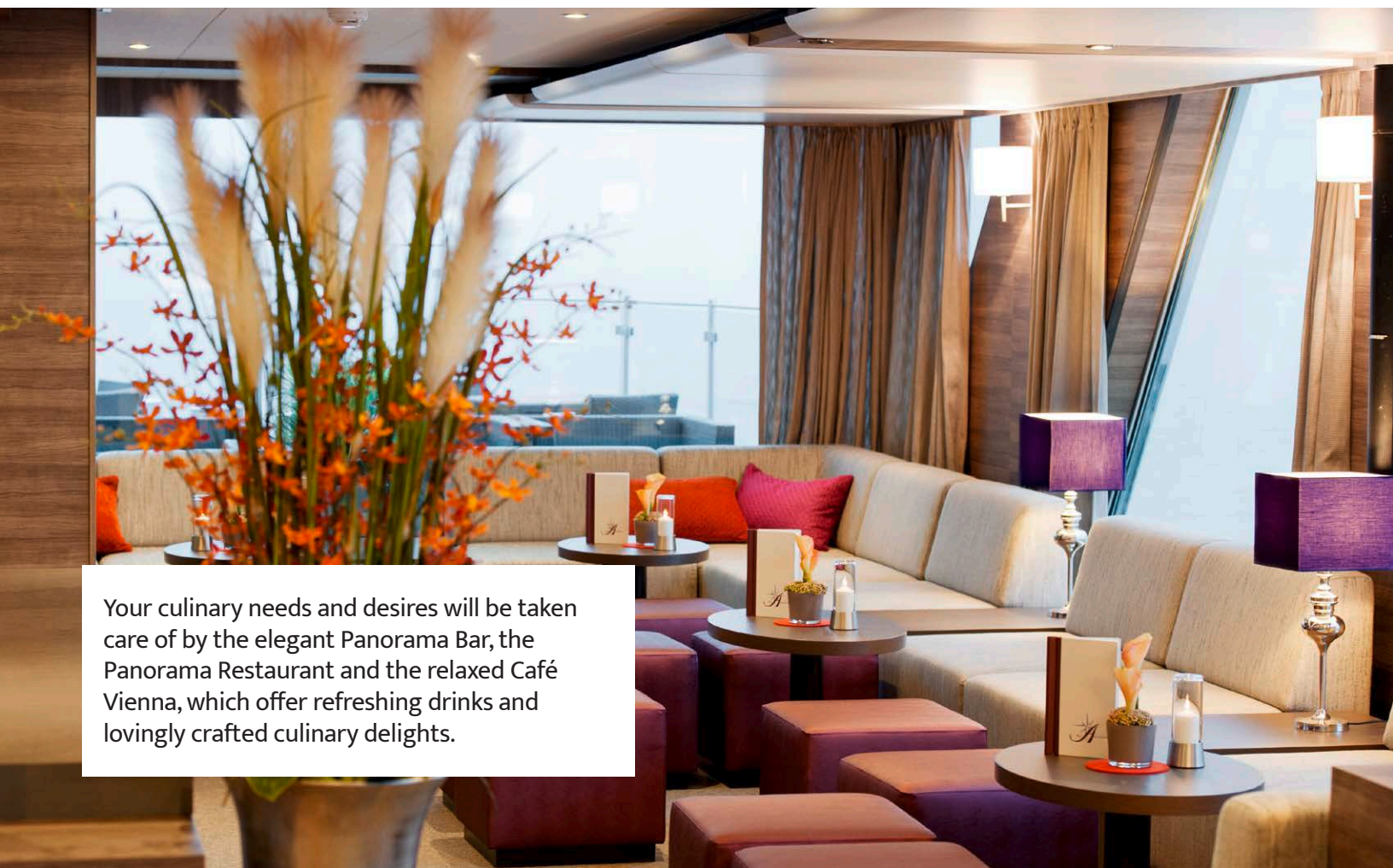


# Discover the Amadeus Silver II

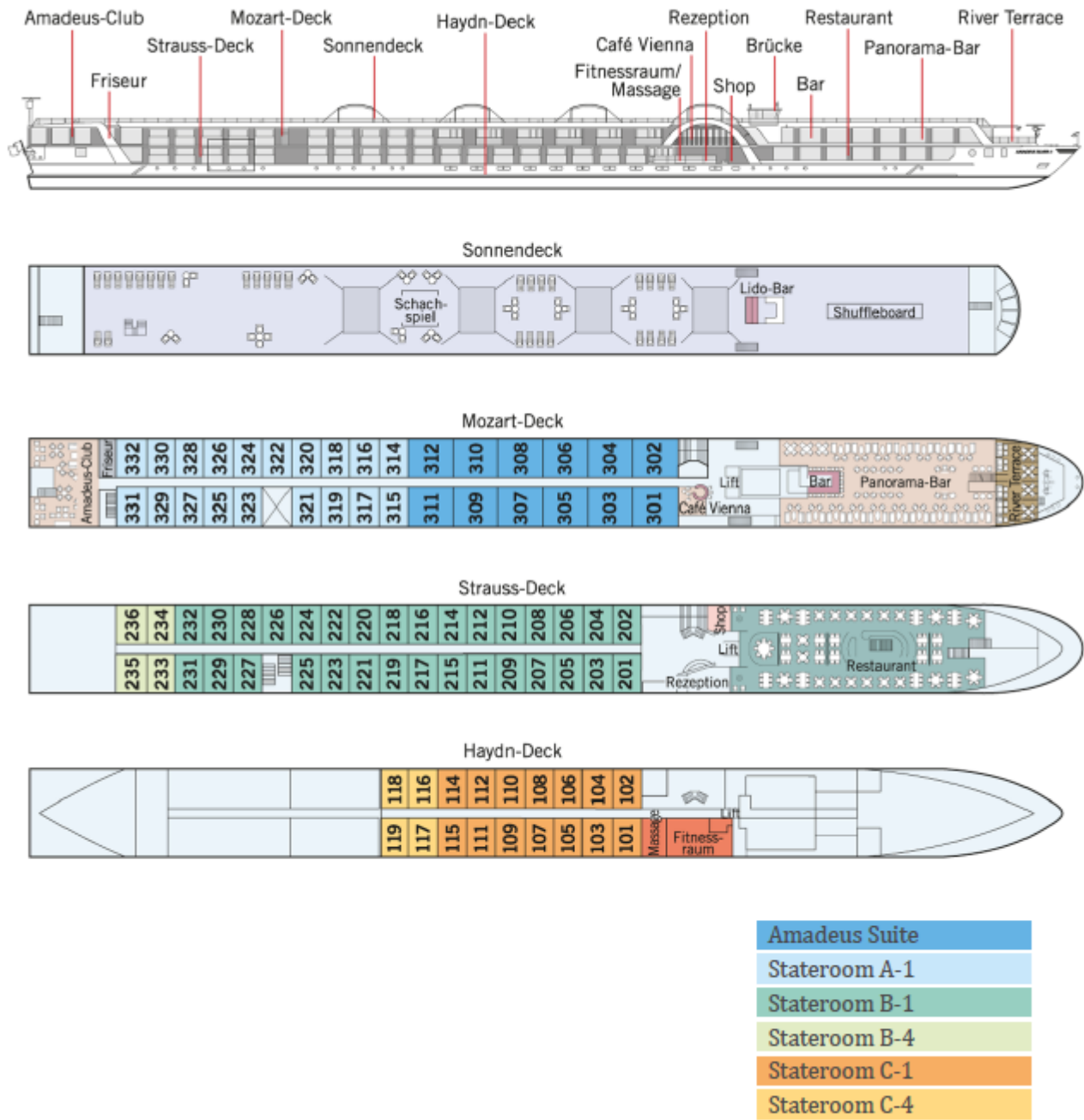




The extensive Sun Deck and the outdoor, glass-shielded River Terrace offer plenty of room for you to indulge in mental and spiritual relaxation.



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  
**\$10,990**

Single Occupancy  
**\$13,290**



**C1 — 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  
**\$11,490**

Single Occupancy  
**\$13,890**



**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  
**\$12,990**

Single Occupancy  
**\$16,290**

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.

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# Fares & Staterooms



## B1 — 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  
\$13,490

Single Occupancy  
\$18,190



## 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  
\$14,090

Single Occupancy  
\$19,790



## 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  
\$15,190

Single Occupancy  
On Request

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.