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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspectives and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the celebrated Danube River region, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness Budapest's glowing, amber skyline during an **evening sail on the Danube**.
- ▶ Experience the **Iron Gate Gorge**, a remarkable feat of engineering.
- ▶ Join the ship's crew for a fun **Frühschoppen**, a traditional mid-morning gathering with beer, sausages, pretzels and tasty mustards.
- ▶ Sip full-bodied, fragrant **wines of the Pécs region**.
- ▶ Marvel at the lush, story-book landscape of the **Wachau Valley**.
- ▶ Savor the majesty of **Melk Abbey**.
- ▶ Enjoy an **exclusive waltz performance**, and test your dancing skills during a waltz lesson.



**EXPLORERS**  
TRAVEL PROGRAM

## Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Are your bags packed? Believe me, you'll want them to be once you see this amazing travel opportunity to Cruise the Danube River by AHI Travel—and imagine yourself there with fellow University of Illinois alumni. Come see what it's like to travel with us.

As thousands of our travelers attest, all the details of each trip are carefully planned for you. There's no hunting for flight deals, best-rated hotels, museum passes or restaurant guides. All of this, and more, has been meticulously packaged especially for you by our trusted tour operators. Having traveled both on my own and on our EXPLORERS tours, I can assure you these details are appreciated.

EXPLORERS participants not only love traveling with their Alma Mater, they return year after year to check more dream destinations off their bucket lists. They praise Illinois EXPLORERS trips with high ratings, and consistently say that traveling with fellow Illini is the icing on the cake of their experience. There's simply nothing better than traveling with like-minded people who have all shared a common experience while earning their respective degrees!

Travel has become such an important part of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. It's one of the most exciting ways our alumni have connected, re-connected and stayed connected with one another across disciplines, state lines and even across generations. Membership dues of the Association enable us to keep the EXPLORERS program and others running year after year. If you aren't a member, please consider joining us at [www.illinoisalumni.org/membership](http://www.illinoisalumni.org/membership).

Space for this trip is limited and sure to fill up quickly, so don't miss this opportunity. Make your reservations today! We look forward to seeing you on the Danube River.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call us at 1-800-355-2586.

Sincerely,

Bridget Doyle  
Travel Coordinator  
University of Illinois Alumni Association

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**<http://illinoisalumni.org/explorers>**

Hofburg Palace, Vienna





Old Town Square, Prague

Day One

**In Transit**

Depart your gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic.✈

Day Two

**Prague, Czech Republic**

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

**Free Time:** The afternoon is at leisure in Prague. Tonight, gather for a special Welcome Reception.

Day Three

B

**Prague**

**Discovery: Old Town & Charles Bridge.** See the famous Clock Tower, whose 15th-century astronomical clock still works on its original system. Then stroll along the ornate Charles Bridge, Prague’s most familiar landmark.

**Free Time:** The remainder of the day is at leisure to make your own discoveries in Prague.

Day Four

B

**Prague**

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**Lobkowitz Palace & Museum.** Set within the Prague Castle complex, this 16th-century palace features stunning masterpieces, art, weapons, ceramics and musical instruments from the 12th-20th centuries. During your visit, learn about the legacies of the noble Lobkowitz family.

•**Prague’s Jewish Quarter.** Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum, a showcase of Jewish history and treasures. Housed in the quarter’s synagogues, the exhibits provide fascinating insight into Jewish history.

•**Art Nouveau & Cubism.** See Prague’s 20th-century architecture including buildings built in the art nouveau and cubist fashions. Learn to recognize the different architectural styles, and listen to historical accounts.

**YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE**

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That’s why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



**PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included**

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



**ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES | At an additional cost**

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

**Check out our itinerary for more details. We’ve done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.**



Dürnstein

**Free Time:** Spend your last afternoon in Prague pursuing individual interests.

Day Five B | D

### Prague | Passau, Germany

After breakfast, transfer to Passau, Germany.

**Discovery: Picturesque Passau.** Passau has been called “one of the most beautifully situated towns in the world.” See many highlights, including St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Veste Oberhaus and Niedernburg Abbey.

Embark your first-class river ship, and kick off your Danube cruise during a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Day Six B | L | D

### Melk, Austria | Dürnstein

**Discovery: Melk Abbey.** Visit Melk’s Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel that dates from 1736, and admire spectacular views of the Danube from the abbey’s terrace.

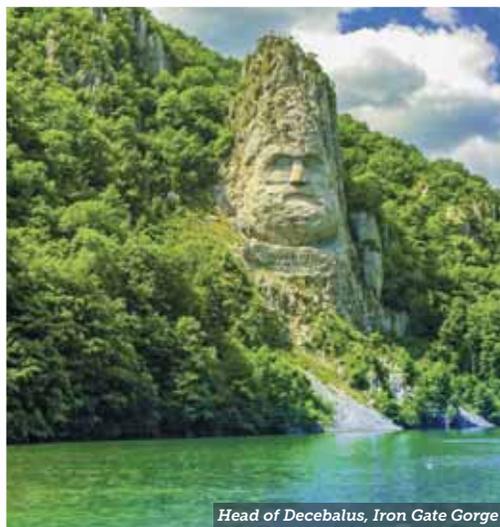
This afternoon, enjoy sailing through the Wachau Valley, one of Europe’s finest landscapes.

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

- Dürnstein Walking Tour.** This picturesque tour is steeped in baroque architecture and gorgeous scenery. Plus, visit the magnificent Stiftskirche, known for its blue tower.

- Cycling the Danube.** Join a guide for a leisurely cycle along the Danube. Admire views of vineyards, and enjoy a stop for coffee and cake. *(Active)*

- Wachau Winery.** Travel outside of Dürnstein, passing undulating countryside en route to a local winery. Sample local wines from the cellar, and tour the property.



Head of Decebalus, Iron Gate Gorge

Day Seven B | L | D

### Vienna

**Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.**

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

- Imperial Vienna.** Explore the Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace, and drive along the Ringstrasse, one of the world’s most magnificent boulevards. See the University, the Houses of Parliament and the Opera House.

- Klosterneuburg Monastery & Wine.** The 12th-century Klosterneuburg Monastery is home to the Verdun Altar. See the property’s art collection and taste local vintages. Then delight in a Vienna city tour.

- Schönbrunn Palace.** Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Imperial family. See the luxurious State Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors and the estate’s vast gardens.

**Free Time:** During leisure time, try Viennese coffee or Sacher Torte, a tasty Austrian cake.



Pécs

**Discovery: Waltz.** Watch professional dancers perform the Viennese waltz. Then learn the steps of this classic dance on the dance floor!

Day Eight B | L | D

### Bratislava, Slovakia

**Enrichment: *The Velvet Revolution & the Making of Slovakia.***

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

- Old Town & Café.** Discover Bratislava's rich past. Marvel at St. Martin's Cathedral, the Slovak National Theatre, St. Michael's Gate and Primate's Palace. Indulge in a pastry tasting at a local café.

- Old Town & Music.** Explore venues associated with Beethoven and other composers who spent time in this city, and enjoy a performance by a talented young musician.

- Iron Curtain Bike Tour.** Join a leisurely bike tour along the Danube to explore the Slovak-Austrian border, once part of the Iron Curtain. Enjoy vistas of the marvelous Bratislava Castle, see a pre-WWII bunker and learn about the area's urban transformation. *(Active)*

Day Nine B | L | D

### Budapest, Hungary

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

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

- Living Local.** Browse food and craft stalls in the Great Market Hall, enjoy a strudel demonstration, and taste the local schnapps.



Cycling along the Danube

- Jewish Interest Tour.** Explore the Jewish Quarter, and see the Great Synagogue, the Glass House and the Shoes on the Danube. Then visit the Holocaust Memorial Center.

**Discovery: *Budapest by Night.*** Relish an illuminated cityscape as the ship departs.

Day Ten B | L | D

### Pécs

**Discovery: *Pécs.*** Discover Pécs, known for its Roman ruins and Ottoman mosques. Savor regional flavors during a wine tasting.

Rejoin the ship in Mohács, and sail to Belgrade.

Day Eleven B | L | D

### Belgrade, Serbia

**Enrichment: *Modern Serbia.***

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

- Highlights of Belgrade.** This fourth-century capital is a hub of architecture and culture. Marvel at the ornate Orthodox cathedral, and step into St. Sava, a shining feature of Belgrade.

- Eating Like a Local.** Take a sensory journey of Serbian gastronomy. Taste creamy kajmak and many more local flavors during this thrilling fusion



of spices and textures. Also, learn about Serbia's customs and traditions along the way.

•**Science & Scientist Tour.** At the Nikola Tesla Museum, discover how this 19th-century inventor left his imprint on wireless technology while exploring interactive exhibits, original documents and short films.

**Free Time:** Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

A shuttle will be available.

**Discovery: Folk Show.** After dinner, delight in a lively, colorful folk show on the ship.

#### Day Twelve

B | L | D

### Iron Gate Gorge, Romania | Drobeta-Turnu Severin

Sail past the cliffs of the Carpathian Mountains. Enter the Iron Gate Gorge, one of Europe's most magnificent natural wonders that serves as the boundary between Romania and Serbia.

**Discovery: Frühschoppen!** All hands on deck for Frühschoppen, a German mid-morning tradition! Get to know your crew while enjoying a spread of warm pretzels, sausages and more.

**Discovery: Drobeta.** Visit the Museum of the Iron Gates Region, which contains fascinating exhibits of history and natural sciences. Continue your excursion with a panoramic tour of the city, taking note of the iconic water tower, array of fountains and a replica of the Trajan Bridge. Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship tonight.

#### Day Thirteen

B | L

### Vidin, Bulgaria | Sofia

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Vidin.

**Discovery: Ancient Vidin.** Tour one of Bulgaria's oldest towns, and see the Osman Pazvantoglu Library and Mosque along with other highlights. Visit the 17th-century St. Panthaleimon Church and the medieval Baba Vida Fortress.

Savor a memorable lunch and stunning views at The Rocks restaurant.

After lunch, continue to Sofia and check in to the Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan.

#### Day Fourteen

B | D

### Sofia

**Enrichment: A Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.**

**Discovery: Sofia.** Discover the many landmarks of Bulgaria's capital. See the ancient ruins of Serdica, and admire St. George Rotunda, Alexander Battenberg Square and Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

**Free Time:** Craft your own itinerary in Sofia. You may wish to explore the neighborhood around your hotel or stroll through Town Square. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

#### Day Fifteen

B

### In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city. ⬆

**Note:** *Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved. Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

⬆Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants  
B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



**ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL** |   
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



**SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN** |   
SOFIA, BULGARIA

Located in Prague's city center, the landmark Art Deco Imperial Hotel is one of the city's registered historic buildings. Its richly decorated Imperial Café, one of Prague's most beautiful restaurants, provides exquisite cuisine. In Sofia, enjoy the centrally located Sofia Hotel Balkan, built as part of the President's Palace complex. The hotel's Stardust Restaurant offers Bulgarian dishes, and guest rooms are decorated in a traditional European style.



## MS Amadeus Silver

The stylish MS Amadeus Silver and its experienced crew provide the highest levels of service and comfort. Relax in a lounge chair on the sun deck or treat yourself to a soothing massage. If you'd like to be more active, practice your golf game on the putting green or exercise in the fitness room. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's delicious breakfast and lunch buffets, and enjoy regional specialties served with wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in bright, modern décor and featuring a river view, a satellite TV and a private bathroom with a shower. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

# Reserve your Danube River Cruise today!

Trip #: 3-23808W

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Please contact AHI Travel at **844-414-0369** with questions regarding this trip or to make reservations. You may also fax your completed reservation to **847-318-8981**.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

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Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: **1st choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Land | Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir**

I/we reserve the Land | Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Prague, Czech Republic, with a return from Sofia, Bulgaria, to depart from:

Departure City \_\_\_\_\_

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

**Land | Cruise Program**

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

**Single Accommodations**

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

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I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure, including the statement regarding Responsibilities, and submit my reservation(s) as indicated.

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## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:**

**September 9-23, 2018**

**Land | Cruise Program dates:**

**September 10-23, 2018**

## LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Aft)	\$5,045	\$250	<b>\$4,795</b>
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Melk Abbey

### UNESCO World Heritage

- 1 Budapest, Hungary, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrásy Avenue, Hungary
- 2 Historic Center of Vienna, Austria
- 3 Wachau Cultural Landscape, Austria
- 4 Jewish Quarter, and Historic Center of Prague, Czech Republic
- 5 Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn, Austria



Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn

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# INCLUDED FEATURES

## ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Three nights in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.
- Eight nights aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver.
- Two nights in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.

## TRANSFERS

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land | Cruise Program and baggage handling.

## EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Thirteen breakfasts, eight lunches and nine dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

## YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Experience Prague’s Old Town, and stroll along Charles Bridge.
  - Uncover the highlights of beautiful Passau.
  - Marvel at Melk’s Benedictine abbey.
  - Enjoy a city tour and wine tasting in Pécs.
  - Discover Belgrade’s historic sites.
  - Visit the Museum of the Iron Gates Region.
  - Take a panoramic tour of Vidin.
  - Admire Sofia’s unique landmarks.



**Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC excursions in these towns:**

**Prague | Dürnstein | Vienna | Bratislava | Budapest | Belgrade**

- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
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## AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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Cruising the Danube in Budapest

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