



THE LAURA & ALVIN SIEGAL
LIFELONG LEARNING
PROGRAM

Passage along the Danube River

Vienna to the Black Sea

aboard the exclusively chartered

Deluxe AMADEUS STAR

October 7 to 19, 2023

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Highlights include:

- ◆ Visit seven prominent Eastern European countries and five capital cities—all excursions included.
- ◆ Experience one of the great river journeys in the world, navigating the storied Danube River from Austria to the Black Sea.
- ◆ Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.



Veliko Tarnovo

Iron Gates, Serbia

10 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Arrive in Vienna, Austria/
Embark AMADEUS STAR
- 3 Bratislava, Slovakia
- 4 Budapest, Hungary
- 5 Kalocsa
- 6 Vukovar, Croatia/
Novi Sad, Serbia
- 7 Belgrade
- 8 Donji Milanovac for Lepinski Vir/
Cruise through the Iron Gates
- 9 Nikopol, Bulgaria,
for Arbanasi and
Veliko Tarnovo/Ruse
- 10 Fetești, Romania,
for Constanța and Adamclisid
- 11 Fetești/Disembark river boat/
Bucharest
- 12 Bucharest
- 13 Depart Bucharest/
Return to home city

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Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



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Dear CWRU Alumni and Friends:

The Danube River has ranked among the world's most impressive waterways—following the passage of Roman legions, crusading knights, the indomitable Janissaries of the Ottomans, and the proud Hussars of the Habsburgs. A channel for commerce, culture, and conquest, the Danube links Central Europe with nations beyond the Black Sea. Join us for an extraordinary journey along nearly the entire length of this fabled river, from the Habsburgs' imperial capital of Vienna to the captivating Black Sea.

This outstanding travel program features seven countries and the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley, a region steeped in natural beauty. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS STAR and spend two nights in Romania's elegant capital of Bucharest, where splendid architecture has earned it the nickname "Little Paris."

A rich mosaic of medieval cities, charming villages, rugged countryside, and centuries-old traditions awaits you. Visit the ancient land of Bulgaria, the relatively young territories of Serbia and eastern Croatia, Hungary's fabled *Puszta* (plains), and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated castles, palaces, and squares of Budapest. Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan mountains and experience the fascinating Slavic heritage of medieval Belgrade.

Deepen your knowledge of the Danube and Central Europe with our Imperial Vienna Pre-Program Option and the Castles of Transylvania Post-Program Option, including "Dracula's Castle." Reserve now while early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Laurence, Ph.D.
Director of Educational Programs & Faculty and Alumni Engagement
Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program
Case Western Reserve University

Study Leader



Arnold Hirshon is the Case Western Reserve University host for this trip. He is the Vice Provost and Lindseth Family University Librarian Emeritus. His professional experience spans nearly 50 years in positions of library and technology leadership at six universities, and as the CEO of a non-profit organization for 10 years. Within the library profession, Arnold is an author with extensive scholarly publications. He is an experienced international consultant and lecturer who has worked in over 40 countries on six continents.

Among his consulting assignments was as an advisor for a Carnegie Foundation project for major research universities in South Africa, and an engagement earlier this year for a new university being created in Vietnam. Arnold also recently completed serving as the Chair of the Management Board of EIFL, an international association of library consortia in developing countries across Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. Arnold's avocational interest include his work as a practicing travel photographer, reading, cooking, technology, classical music, Broadway musicals (a topic on which he has lectured for Siegal Lifelong Learning), swimming, and bicycling. He is also an avid collector and writer and speaker about the illustrated editions of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*. With his wife, Janice, Arnold is also a collector of artistic teapots.

LUMINARY SOCIETY

MEMBERS: CWRU's *Luminary Society* members may receive additional discounts on CWRU Educational Travel programs. For further information on Luminary Society travel discounts only, please contact The Office of Strategic Giving or 216.368.4460.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



The Route of Emperors and Kings



The legendary Danube River is a powerful symbol of the diverse cultures and epic narratives of Central Europe. Fifth-century B.C. philosopher Herodotus declared it “the greatest of all rivers which we know” when Greeks traveled from the Black Sea through the naturally carved Iron Gates. The land was ruled by the Roman, Ottoman, and Byzantine Empires, creating intriguing capital cities along its banks. The history and culture of this fascinating region continue to inspire musicians, writers, artists, and travelers from all over the world.





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Home City/ Vienna, Austria

Day 1 and Day 2

Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Vienna, Austria, and embark the *AMADEUS STAR*. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner in the evening.

Vienna/ Bratislava, Slovakia

Day 3

In Bratislava, enjoy a walking tour of the *Staré Mesto* (Old Town). Visit the Gothic 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primate's Palace, famous for its collection of 17th-century English tapestries. See St. Michael's Gate.

Budapest, Hungary

Day 4

In Pest, see the Parliament Building, the second largest in Europe. At UNESCO-inscribed Heroes' Square, admire monuments honoring Magyar chiefs who established the Kingdom of Hungary. Along Andrassy Avenue, see the Hungarian State Opera House. Cross the Chain Bridge linking Pest to Buda. On Castle Hill, visit St. Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion.

Kalocsa

Day 5

Enjoy a scenic drive through Hungary's scenic, protected Puszta grassland plains and visit a horse farm

to see a performance of Hungarian horsemanship. Enjoy a traditional lunch in the farm's restaurant. Continue to Kalocsa to visit the House of Folk Art and Paprika Museum.

Vukovar, Croatia/ Novi Sad, Serbia

Day 6

In Vukovar, see 18th-century Eltz Manor and the iconic *GRAND HOTEL*, famously purchased by the city's Labor Movement in 1919.

Visit the Baroque Church of Saints Philip and James. Enjoy a walking tour of Novi Sad's Old Town to see the Name of Mary Church, Town Hall, and the 18th-century Petrovaradin Fortress, Europe's second largest fortress. Continue to Karlovci to visit the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas and Patriarchate Court, the historic seat of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Belgrade

Day 7

Embark on a tour of Belgrade, featuring Terazije Square and Temple of St. Sava. Visit Kalemegdan Fortress and the famous "House of Flowers" museum dedicated to former Yugoslavia's leader, Josip Broz Tito.

Donji Milanovic/ Iron Gates

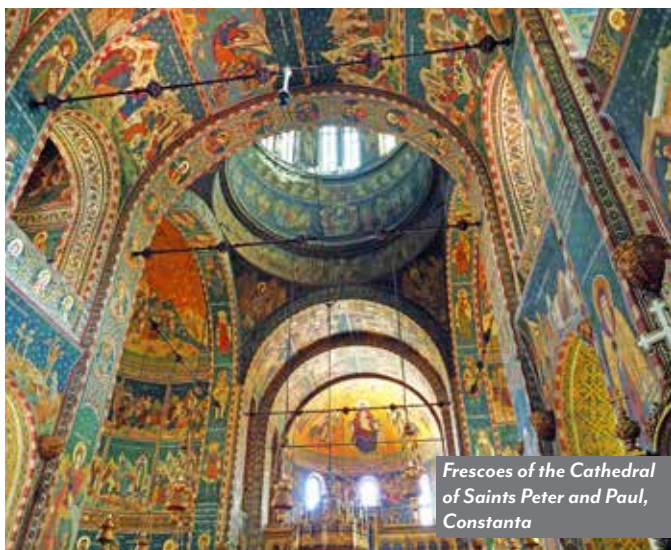
Day 8

Visit Lepenski Vir to see the impressive exhibition center of Paleolithic artifacts. Later, enjoy spectacular views of the Danube Gorge and cruise past the Iron Gates.

Nikopol, Bulgaria/ Veliko Tarnovo/Ruse

Day 9

Visit Arbanasi's perfectly preserved Konstantsaliev House and the 15th-century Birth of Christ Church.



Frescoes of the Cathedral
of Saints Peter and Paul,
Constanta



Temple of Saint Sava, Belgrade



Hungarian horsemanship at a csarda

Continue to Veliko Târnovo's historical town center and see the 12th-century Tsarevets Fortress.

Constanța Day 10

In Constanța Old Town, see the poet Ovid's statue in Ovidiu Square, the Great Mahmudiye Mosque, and the Orthodox Cathedral

of Saints Peter and Paul. Enjoy a Captain's Farewell Reception on board this evening.

Fetești/Bucharest, Romania/Disembark river boat

Day 11

Arrive in Bucharest and visit the Palace of Parliament. Check into the INTERCONTINENTAL ATHÉNÉE PALACE BUCHAREST.

Bucharest

Day 12

Visit the National Art Museum, housing Romania's finest collection of artistic treasures, and tour the Village Open Air Museum. Enjoy the farewell reception this evening.

Bucharest/Return to Home City

Day 13



Michael's Gate, Bratislava

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AMADEUS STAR

Elegant and Meticulously Crafted River Boat

The AMADEUS STAR features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows and continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, and lunch with complimentary wine and beer, afternoon tea, a four-course dinner (also with complimentary beverages), and a late-evening snack. For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a boutique, a massage room, a beauty salon, a fitness studio, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The 82 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river boat (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar. The AMADEUS STAR meets the highest safety standards; the AMADEUS fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certificate" of environmental sustainability.



Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Rate through Mar. 31, 2023	Rate after Mar. 31, 2023
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, aft.</i>	\$4,795	\$5,495
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	\$5,195	\$5,975
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$5,795	\$6,665
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$6,395	\$7,355
A1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$6,895	\$7,925
Suite	Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa and bath robes. <i>Mozart Deck, midship.</i>	\$7,495	\$8,595

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Port taxes are an additional \$95 per person. Additional fuel surcharge fees may apply. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

AMADEUS STAR has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.



PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Imperial Vienna

October 5 to 8, 2023

Vienna showcases an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture in its historical center—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the famous Ringstrasse, see this remarkable city's most important landmarks. Visit Hofburg Palace and see the Gothic-style *Stephansdom* (Saint Stephen's Cathedral). Learn more about the Austrian Empire in Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Habsburgs' summer estate. Accommodations are for two nights in the historical, five-star HOTEL IMPERIAL VIENNA.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,245



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Castles of Transylvania

October 19 to 22, 2023

Extend your tour by three nights to explore the treasures of medieval Transylvania. Highlights include the 19th-century Peles Castle; the imposing, 14th-century Bran Castle; the Black Church in Brasov; the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Sighisoara; and UNESCO-inscribed Prejmarthe, the largest fortified church in southeast Europe. Spend two nights in the Aro Palace in Brasov and one night in the five-star ATHÉNÉE PALACE HILTON BUCHAREST.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,245

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

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Phone: (800) 922-3088/Fax: (312) 609-1141

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: **1st Choice** _____ **2nd Choice** _____

- Double (two twin beds).
 Double (one queen bed).
 Single accommodations.
 Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Imperial Vienna Pre-Program Option

October 5 to 8, 2023

- Double \$895 per person.
 Single \$1,245 per person.
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Castles of Transylvania Post-Program Option

October 19 to 22, 2023

- Double \$995 per person.
 Single \$1,245 per person.
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

I/We want you to book my/our air from:

(fill in departure city)

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Title Full Name Class Year

Title Full Name Class Year

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- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$_____.
Make check(s) payable to **Gohagan & Company**.
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FINAL PAYMENT due July 4, 2023; make by check, ACH, or credit card. Reservations made after July 4, 2023 require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to October 7, 2023!

Hungary's Parliament Building, Budapest



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