

# BLUE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

## Budapest to Prague

August 17 to 24, 2009

LUXURY CRUISING ABOARD AMA WATERWAYS WITH CALLISTO TOURS & FRIENDS



**BUDAPEST ▫ BRATISLAVA ▫ VIENNA ▫ DURNSTEIN-MELK ▫ LINZ-PASSAU ▫ REGENSBURG ▫ NUREMBERG ▫ PRAGUE**

*Gazing from its park-like banks in the heart of Budapest, I imagined the tranquility and splendor of traveling along the Danube through Prague and Vienna. Now I have the opportunity to take a few friends with me on this exceptional vacation at an exceptional price. Take a break and come along with us to make everlasting memories aboard the most luxurious small ship cruise in Europe.*

- Luxurious cruising aboard the Amadante, a 2008 addition to AMA Waterways' fleet, includes accommodations in one of 71 outside staterooms (82% with French balconies); every stateroom has individual air conditioning, English language TV, monitor and keyboard with internet access. Features include an elevator, wellness center and nearly 1 staff member to every 3 of the 150 passengers.
- Gourmet dining with free flowing locally produced fine wines and beers and sodas at every dinner; complimentary coffee, espresso and cappuccino at meals and throughout the day. Bottled water in every stateroom.
- All inclusive guided daily excursions as outline in full itinerary below. Complimentary bicycles for independent exploration of the charming towns along the route.
- Cocktail reception and Welcome Dinner. Evening onboard entertainment representative of the local culture and customs.
- For cooking enthusiasts, private demonstrations and cocktail reception with Kitchen Kitchen's Jan Boydston.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

**August 17, 2009. BUDAPEST - EMBARK SHIP.** Enjoy a free morning in Budapest or join us on an optional Pusztas excursion, where you will experience the revival of a 100-year-old tradition of Hungarian horsemanship. In the afternoon, transfer to your luxurious river cruise ship docked in the center of the city. Tonight, gather onboard for a Gala Welcome Dinner, as your ship cruises overnight to Bratislava. (B,D)

**August 18, 2009. BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.** A guided morning tour of Bratislava reveals the city's major sights, including the Old Town Hall, the stunning Mirbach Palace and the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. The afternoon is free to shop or explore on your own. Perhaps, visit the 13th-century Bratislava Castle where you'll enjoy breathtaking views overlooking three countries - Slovakia, Austria and Hungary. An eventful day is followed by an evening filled with an enchanting music performance onboard. After midnight, the ship departs for Vienna. (B,L,D)

**August 19, 2009. VIENNA, AUSTRIA.** Savour the Baroque romance of Vienna. On your guided sightseeing tour, you will see the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral and visit the National Library. The afternoon is free to stroll along Kärntnerstrasse or sample Vienna's famous pastries. This evening, explore the vibrant Austrian capital on your own, or come along for an optional Mozart and Strauss concert. (B,L,D)

**August 20, 2009. DÜRNSTEIN – MELK.** Early this morning reach the Wachau Valley for your walking tour of Dürnstein, known as one of the prettiest towns on the Danube. Marvel at the magnificent blue façade of the Baroque Stiftskirche and see the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, King of England, was imprisoned in 1192. Your walking tour through medieval cobblestone streets reveals 16th-century town houses and wine taverns. Enjoy your lunch cruising to Melk for your guided tour of the town's magnificent Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. An evening wine tasting highlights your visit to the Wachau Valley. (B,L,D)

**August 21, 2009. LINZ - PASSAU, GERMANY.** After breakfast, take an optional full-day excursion to fascinating Salzburg and the Sound of Music sights, or cruise on the Amadante through Upper Austria to Passau in Germany, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. During your walking tour, gaze at this fairytale city founded more than 2,000 years ago. (B,L,D)





**August 22, 2009. REGENSBURG.** After lunch, arrive in Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. A guided tour will show you the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall, and the Porta Pretoria - a gateway to a Roman fort built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube. Tonight, folklore entertainers will come onboard for your delight. (B,L,D)

**August 23, 2009. NUREMBERG.** Enjoy a morning of scenic cruising through the Main-Danube Canal and relax during a leisurely cruise through the beautiful Altmühl Valley. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Nuremberg, capital of Franconia. Or, choose the Medieval history of Nuremberg and see the storybook 900-year-old ramparts that surround this historic city and the Imperial Castle, or join the tour centered on the modern role the city played in the 20th-century and see the Zeppelin field and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Moor overnight in Nuremberg. (B,L,D)

**August 24, 2009. NUREMBERG – DISEMBARK, CONTINUE TO PRAGUE OR RETURN USA.** This morning, disembark after breakfast. (B)

**PRE CRUISE BUDAPEST OPTIONAL EXTENSION ◊ \$425 pp double occupancy**

**AUGUST 14, 2009. DEPART USA.** Board your overnight flight to Hungary.

**AUGUST 15, 2009. ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.** Arrive in Budapest and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or begin exploring this beautiful city.

**AUGUST 16, 2009. BUDAPEST.** The morning city tour includes historic Buda Castle, where you have a splendid view of the twin cities of Buda and Pest spread over both banks of the river. Your tour also features 500-year-old Matthias Church, St. Stephen's Basilica, distinctive Fisherman's Bastion, the marvelous Royal Palace and much more. The balance of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps, explore the main square or their famous health and thermal spas of a Turkish bath. (B)

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**POST CRUISE PRAGUE OPTIONAL EXTENSION ◊ \$645 pp double occupancy**

**August 24, 2009. NUREMBERG - CARLSBAD (KARLOVY VARY), CZECH REPUBLIC – PRAGUE.** This morning, depart Nuremberg after breakfast and drive through the pastoral countryside to Karlovy Vary, better known by its German name, Carlsbad, and most famous for its Bohemian spa. After lunch, continue to Prague and check into the hotel. (B)



**August 25, 2009. PRAGUE.** This morning's sightseeing reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle courtyard and St. Vitus, and then walk over the Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square. The evening is free to mix with the locals at Wenceslas Square, shop for souvenirs or enjoy one of the charming cafés or restaurants. (B)

**August 26, 2009. PRAGUE.** Today is a free day to relax or visit a museum or a gallery, wander along the banks of the Vltava River, dine at an outdoor restaurant or shop for local handicrafts and art work. Why not join the optional tour to Terezin, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to those who perished. (B)

**August 27, 2009. DEPART PRAGUE.** Bid farewell to Prague and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

| Category | Description    | Brochure Fare | Your Fare*     |   |
|----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| E        | Windows        | \$2299.       | <b>\$2099.</b> | ◆ *Take a special discount of \$100 off the fare listed in the last column <b>plus</b> another discount of \$100 by booking and making the \$400 refundable trip deposit before <b>March 28, 2009.</b><br>◆ Prices are per person based on double occupancy. For single occupancy, please call for options.<br>◆ Cruise hosted by Jan Boydston based on a minimum of 30 passengers. |
| D        | Windows        | \$2448.       | <b>\$2248.</b> |   |
| C        | French Balcony | \$2748.       | <b>\$2548.</b> |   |
| B        | French Balcony | \$2898.       | <b>\$2698.</b> |   |
| A        | French Balcony | \$2998.       | <b>\$2798.</b> |   |
| Suite    | French Balcony | \$3798.       | <b>\$3598.</b> |   |

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