

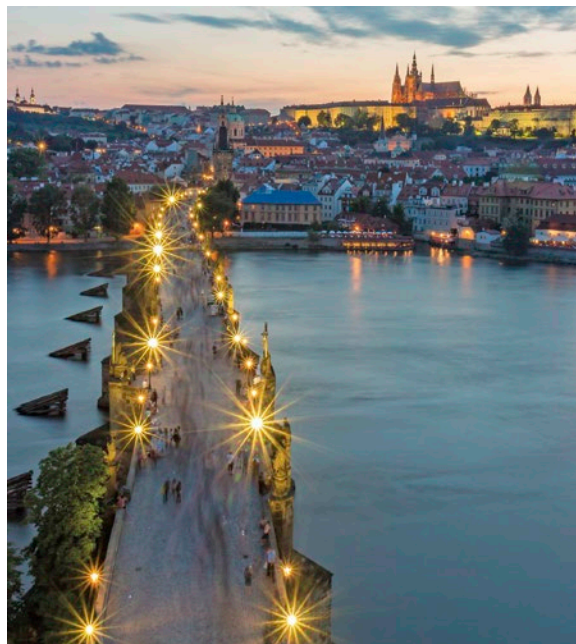
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Grand Danube Passage

Prague to Sofia

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness Budapest's glowing, amber skyline during an **evening cruise on the Danube.**
- ▶ Gaze at the scenic wonder of the **Iron Gate Gorge**, an engineering marvel.
- ▶ Discover the history and grandeur of **timeless Vienna, once the heart of an empire.**
- ▶ Delight in the medieval streets and colorful buildings of **Bratislava's old town.**
- ▶ Applaud the grace of elegant dancers during a **special Viennese Waltz performance.**
- ▶ Marvel at the lush, storybook landscape of the **Wachau Valley.**
- ▶ Pause to reflect on the many intricate details and baroque beauty of the **Melk Abbey.**
- ▶ Revel in the **romantic nostalgia of Prague** and stroll along the atmospheric Charles Bridge.
- ▶ Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Charles Bridge, Prague

Explore eight countries, Old World capitals and charming villages along the mighty Danube River. Begin in Prague, Czech Republic, set sail on the storied Danube River, and conclude your adventure in Sofia, Bulgaria. Uncover the history of ancient Roman ruins, castles and fortresses, and feast your eyes on an illuminated Budapest, the lush Wachau Valley and the Iron Gate Gorge. Aboard your ship, delight in a Serbian folk show, an authentic German Frühschoppen and enriching lectures. Plus, select from a choice of included excursions in many ports, featuring local cuisine, cycling, art tours and more!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Prague, Czech Republic. 🌐

Day 2 | Prague, Czech Republic

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

Free Time: Begin to unravel the magic of Prague. Later, meet fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Prague

Prague. Behold the city's marvelous landmarks, including the famous Clock Tower and Charles Bridge.

Free Time: Spend the balance of the day at leisure.

Day 4 | Prague

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

• **Lobkowitz Palace & Museum.** Browse the palace's stunning masterpieces, relics, weapons and art.

• **Prague's Jewish Quarter.** Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum.

• **Art Nouveau & Cubist Walking Tour.** Uncover Prague's captivating 20th-century architecture.

Free Time: The afternoon is at leisure in Prague.

Day 5 | Prague | Passau, Germany

Following breakfast, transfer to Passau, Germany.

Picturesque Passau. Gaze upon the Veste Oberhaus, St. Stephen's Cathedral and other memorable sites.

Embark your first-class river ship. Later today, gather for a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Day 6 | Melk, Austria | Dürnstein

Melk Abbey. Explore the wonders of Melk's Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel with a grand position overlooking the Danube River. Sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley today.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

• **Dürnstein.** Be charmed by Dürnstein's baroque façades, medieval ambience and blue Stiftskirche.



- **Danube Cycling.** Ride gently through the pretty countryside, then break for coffee and cake. *(Active)*
- **Wachau Winery.** Visit a winery to sample locally produced wines and learn about the industry.

Day 7 | Vienna

Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

- **Imperial Vienna.** Tour the Hofburg Palace's Imperial Apartments, followed by a drive by the Ringstrasse.
- **Klosterneuburg Monastery.** See the monastery's art and treasures, and visit a wine cellar for a tasting.
- **Schönbrunn Palace.** Baroque wonders await at the State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors and gardens.

Free Time: Spend some leisure time making your own discoveries in classic Vienna.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Viennese Waltz.** Delight in a waltz show accompanied by a lively musical trio.

Day 8 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

- **Old Town & Café.** See St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate and more. Plus, enjoy a typical pastry.
- **Old Town & Music.** View sites steeped in musical history, followed by a recital by a young violinist.
- **Iron Curtain Bike Tour.** Enjoy a leisurely bike tour along the historic Slovak-Austrian border. *(Active)*

Day 9 | Budapest, Hungary

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

- **Budapest.** Witness Heroes' Square, the Parliament Building, Castle Hill, Fisherman's Bastion and more.
- **Living Local.** Visit the buzzing Great Market Hall. Sample fresh strudel and *palinka*, a local schnapps.
- **Budapest's Jewish Quarter.** View the Great Synagogue and tour the Holocaust Memorial Center.

Budapest by Night. Delight in views of an illuminated cityscape during an evening cruise.

Day 10 | Pécs | Osijek, Croatia | Vukovar

Pécs. Enjoy a walking tour of Pécs, known for its spectacular Roman ruins and Ottoman mosques. Share some stories over a lunch of regional cuisine.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Rural Croatia.** Visit Rural House in a small village. Enjoy tasting popular Slavonian foods and locally produced wines.

Osijek & Vukovar. Stroll along Osijek's cobblestones and take a panoramic tour of Vukovar.

Day 11 | Belgrade, Serbia

Enrichment: Modern Serbia.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

- **Belgrade City Highlights.** Get to know Belgrade! Witness the Kalemegdan Citadel and other iconic sites.



• **Eating Like a Local.** Taste a fusion of Serbian cuisine and learn about local customs and traditions.

• **Science & Scientist Tour.** Witness informative exhibits at the fascinating Nikola Tesla Museum.

Free Time: Craft your own itinerary in Belgrade.

Folklore Performance. Revel in an energetic folk show that depicts Serbia's cultural heritage.

Day 12 | Iron Gate Gorge

Sail by the dramatic Carpathian Mountains, entering the Iron Gate Gorge, an engineering wonder that is part of the boundary between Romania and Serbia.

Frühshoppen! Gather with friends to sip beer and enjoy *brezeln* (pretzels), *Weißwurst* (sausages) and mustards during a fun, age-old German tradition.

Join a Farewell Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | Vidin, Bulgaria | Sofia

Following breakfast, disembark the ship.

Vidin Discovery. See a remarkable mosque and visit the St. Panteleimon Church and Baba Vida Fortress.

Savor lunch with a view at The Rocks restaurant.

Transfer to Sofia. Check in to the Sofia Hotel Balkan.

Day 14 | Sofia

Enrichment: Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.

Sofia. From its ancient history to its unique geographical location, Bulgaria's capital is a fascinating wonder. Venture out to see St. George Rotunda, Alexander Battenberg Square and more.

Free Time: Pave your own path through Sofia's streets! Join us for a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 15 | In Transit

Transfer 🔄 to the airport for the return flight 🛫 to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.
- **8 nights** aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.
- **2 nights** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 8 countries** during this program.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**
A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- 🌐 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

2024 Departures & Pricing

May – June | July – Aug. | Oct.

Full Price from **\$6,145**

Special Savings **\$250**

Special Price from \$5,895*

*See website for complete category pricing.

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://ahitravel.com/destinations/1809A?schoolid=1>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights 🛫 and transfers 🔄 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.