



# USASK ALUMNI

RIVER | LAND JOURNEY



**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**  
for Solo Travelers

# Grand Danube Passage

## Sofia to Prague

### Inspiring Moments

- Uncover the bewitching ambience of timeless villages and capital cities, including **Bratislava, Prague, Vienna and Budapest.**
- Soak up the sight of Budapest's glowing skyline during an **evening cruise.**
- Admire the dramatic **Iron Gate Gorge**, a spectacular geological wonder.
- Applaud graceful waltz dancers during a **special performance.**
- **Thrill your palate with regional flavors**, from savory pretzels to local wines during special celebrations and tastings.
- Marvel at the lush, storybook landscape of the **Wachau Valley.**
- Reflect during a moment of quiet thought in the marbled halls of **Melk Abbey.**
- Enjoy clapping along to a **thrilling Serbian folk dance.**
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🌐
- Day 2** Arrive in Sofia and transfer 🔄 to hotel
- Day 3** Sofia
- Day 4** Sofia | Vidin | Embark ship
- Day 5** Iron Gate Gorge
- Day 6** Belgrade
- Day 7** Vukovar | Osijek
- Day 8** Mohács | Pécs
- Day 9** Budapest
- Day 10** Bratislava
- Day 11** Vienna
- Day 12** Dürnstein | Wachau Valley | Melk
- Day 13** Passau | Disembark ship | Prague
- Day 14** Prague
- Day 15** Prague
- Day 16** Transfer 🔄 to Prague airport and depart for gateway city 🌐

Flights 🌐 and transfers 🔄 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

### Included Features



- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - **2 nights** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Balkan Palace.
  - **9 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Star.
  - **3 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

### Transfers

 (with baggage handling)

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

### Extensive Meal Program

- 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 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** on this program.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers.**
- **Engaging excursions** and 🌐 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Top: Aggstein Castle on the Danube



## A World of Discovery

### **AHI Connects | *Waltzing Around.***

Professional dancers perform the elegant dance, a composition of rhythm and flow.

**Sofia.** Discover Sofia's iconic landmarks, ancient ruins and inspiring architecture.

**Lunch with a View.** Dine at The Rocks restaurant, nestled in a stunning setting with views of the Belogradchik Rocks.

**Vidin.** See Vidin's highlights, including the medieval Baba Vida Fortress, the Osman Pazvantoglu Library and Mosque, and the St. Panteleimon Church.

**Frühschoppen.** Indulge in a German mid-morning tradition! Eat, drink and be merry as you enjoy beer accompanied by pretzels, sausages and mustards.

**Folklore Show.** Enjoy an engaging and colorful folklore performance on the ship.

**Osijek & Vukovar.** Experience Croatia's Slavonia region. Learn about time-honored traditions, taste locally made foods and sample a few delicious regional wines and brandies. Visit Osijek and Vukovar, cities with lingering remnants from the war.

**Pécs.** A walking tour of Pécs reveals Ottoman mosques and Roman ruins, which have been turned into churches.

**Budapest by Night.** Cruise through the city at night and be captivated by an illuminated Buda and Pest.

**Melk Abbey.** Delight in the architecture and history of Melk's Benedictine abbey. The building dates from 1736 and its terrace offers sprawling vistas.

**Picturesque Passau.** Passau is nestled at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers. Take a walking tour to see the Veste Oberhaus, Niedernburg Abbey, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Rathaus and more.

**Prague Old Town & Charles Bridge.** Witness Prague's famous 15th-century astronomical clock, which still works on its original system of construction. Next, stroll along Charles Bridge, a gem of medieval architecture spanning the Vltava River.

### **PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:**

#### **Belgrade**

- Belgrade City Highlights
- Belgrade: Eating Like a Local
- Science & Scientist Tour

#### **Budapest**

- Highlights of Budapest
- Living Local
- Budapest's Jewish Quarter

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#### **Bratislava**

- Old Town & Café
- Old Town & Music
- Iron Curtain Bike Tour (*Active*)

#### **Vienna**

- Imperial Vienna
- Klosterneuburg Monastery & Wine
- Schönbrunn Palace

#### **Dürnstein**

- Dürnstein Walking Tour
- Cycling the Danube (*Active*)
- Wachau Winery

#### **Prague**

- Lobkowitz Palace & Museum
- Prague's Jewish Quarter
- Art Nouveau & Cubist Walking Tour

#### **Enrichment**

- Prologue to the Bulgarian Revolution
- Modern Serbia
- The Velvet Revolution
- Timeless Vienna

#### **UNESCO World Heritage**

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

#### **Accommodations**

##### **MS Amadeus Star**

82-cabin River Cruise Ship  
Ship's registry: Germany

##### **Sofia Balkan Palace | Sofia**



##### **Art Deco Imperial Hotel | Prague**



**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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Belogradchik Rocks

## AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Consultants |** Assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators |** Help with everything from flights to special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

### Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

## 2027 Departures & Pricing

October 11-26, 2027

Full Price from \$7,145

Special Savings \$750

**Special Savings Price\* from \$6,395**

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

\*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes 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.