

# Grand Danube Passage

## Prague to Sofia

### **Inspiring Moments**

- Uncover the bewitching ambience of timeless 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 vintages.
- Marvel at the lush, storybook landscape of the Wachau Valley.
- Enjoy a moment of quiet thought in the marbled halls of **Melk Abbey.**
- Experience five UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Top: Aggstein Castle on the Danube | Above: Melk Abbey



#### **Itinerary**

Day 1	Depart gateway c	itv 🕒

Day 2 Arrive in Prague and transfer 🔾

to hotel

Day 3 Prague

Day 4 Prague

Day 5 Prague | Passau | Embark ship

Day 6 Melk | Dürnstein | Wachau Valley

Day 7 Vienna

Day 8 Bratislava

Day 9 Budapest

Day 10 Pécs | Osijek | Vukovar

Day 11 Belgrade

Day 12 Iron Gate Gorge

Day 13 Vidin | Sofia | Disembark ship

Day 14 Sofia

Day 15 Sofia

Day 16 Transfer To Sofia 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)

- -3 nights in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.
- 9 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class
   MS Amadeus Nova.
- -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**

 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 enhances your insight into the region.
- 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 to mingle with fellow travelers.
- AHI Sustainability Promise | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

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#### A World of Discovery

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

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

#### 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.

**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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

## PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

#### **Belgrade**

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

#### **Budapest**

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

#### **Bratislava**

- Old Town & Cafe
- 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**

- Lobkowicz 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**

- Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy 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

#### Art Deco Imperial Hotel |

Prague, Czech Republic

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#### MS Amadeus Nova

79-Cabin River Cruise Ship Ship's registry: Germany

Sofia Hotel Balkan | Sofia, Bulgaria

Tripadvisor

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

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