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RIVER JOURNEY

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT
for Solo
Travelers

Grand Danube Passage

Sofia to Prague

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 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** Mohacs | 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 Hotel Balkan.
- **9 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.
- **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** 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.

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.

Frühshoppen. 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 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 & 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

- 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

Sofia Hotel Balkan | Sofia, Bulgaria



MS Amadeus Queen

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

Art Deco Imperial Hotel |

Prague, Czech Republic



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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2025



Belogradchik Rocks

AHI Travel Expertise

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel Coordinator | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling 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.

2025 Departures & Pricing

October 15-30, 2025

Full Price	From \$6,245
Special Savings	\$750

***Early Booking Special Price From \$5,495**

*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by expiration date on website and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person. VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$495 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.