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# ROMANTIC DANUBE

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**APRIL 23 - MAY 4, 2025 | 12 DAYS | 25 MEALS**

**LÜFTNER CRUISES • MS AMADEUS NOVA • EXCURSIONS IN EVERY PORT  
JOURNEY LEADERS: BRIAN AND DEB TILSON**



Get ready to revel in the magnificence of Europe along its extensive river network. This remarkable river cruise begins in Prague and continues through the heart of Europe to Budapest, offering a captivating feast of culture, history, and riches.

We will wind our way along the beautiful Danube, where music and romance come alive at every turn, passing fabled castles and cathedrals and exploring centuries-old marketplaces.

Our journey will take us through the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary in style, combining spectacular scenery with cultural enrichment, while ensuring a comfortable experience onboard the brand new *AMADEUS Nova*.

Designed with the best of river cruising lifestyle in mind, we will move at a leisurely pace, spending most nights in port, ensuring restful evenings complimented by days filled with scenic cruising and delightful tours. For your convenience, most meals are included, plus all tips, taxes, gratuities, and even the majority of your shore excursions, allowing you to fully savour every moment of your cruise holiday.



### Inclusive Features

- 7-night cruise in an outside cabin on the *AMADEUS Nova* or similar
- 3 nights first class hotel accommodation in Prague as indicated or similar with breakfast included daily
- Baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise are included plus wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner
- Festive welcome dinner aboard the *AMADEUS Nova*
- Services of your journey leader and / or cruise director
- Escorted shore excursions in each port (optional excursions are at an extra cost)
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)

#### Air-Inclusive rates also include:

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

### Journey Leader

**Deb and Brian Tilson** spend their time with family between Guelph-Eramos and Terrace BC. They lead an active lifestyle of hiking, biking, and canoeing. They also love pickleball! They have travelled to many parts of the world including Hawaii, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Canada from coast to coast. Brian is a skilled photographer and is looking forward to sharing his love of photography with you. Deb is a recently retired music teacher, and has been singing and entertaining on stage for many years. They joined the Craig Travel Team in 2017 and are thrilled to be able to share their passion for travel with all who will join them.



### Our Cruise Ship • *AMADEUS Nova*

*AMADEUS Nova* defines the future of responsible luxury cruising. Impeccably designed down to the last detail, this vessel introduces the latest green technologies, reflecting our commitment to respect the nature of the remarkable destinations visited.

Joining the fleet in 2024, The beautiful *AMADEUS Nova* retains the design essence found throughout the *AMADEUS* line. Spacious personal accommodations, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows in every cabin, and choice of bed configuration in all categories (double or twin bedding). The technology you don't see - hybrid engines, solar panels, and cutting-edge energy conservation - is as important as what you do see. Around each corner, discover elegant spaces to roam, multiple dining venues, a heated swimming pool, and unparalleled views from every suite.

Purpose-built to sail the safe scenic waters of Europe's rivers, she has three decks with cabins and public rooms plus a spacious Sun Deck for viewing the countryside.

When the sun lowers in the Western skies, slip into your favourite evening clothes and wander into the elegant wine bar. Soft voices fill the air as new friends gather to enjoy a four-course dinner as the *AMADEUS Nova's* attentive staff anticipates your every request.





**APR 23, Wednesday** **DEPART CANADA**  
Tour members from across Canada fly to Prague.

**APR 24, Thursday** **PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC**  
Transportation awaits to take us to our hotel, followed by the balance of the day at leisure to start exploring this beautiful city on your own. Later in the evening we gather for dinner. **Hotel Grandior** (3 nights) D

**APR 25, Friday** **PRAGUE**  
This morning's sightseeing tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities, with its historic city centre recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience a panoramic city tour showcasing the majestic Prague Castle and St. Vitus, then take a stroll across Charles Bridge leading to the Old Town Square. This evening, we will indulge in a Folklore Dinner Show, immersing ourselves in Czech music, dance, and traditions. BD

**APR 26, Saturday** **PRAGUE**  
Spend a day at your leisure enjoying the many delights Prague has to offer. B

**APR 27, Sunday** **PRAGUE/PILZEN/PASSAU, GERMANY**  
Depart Prague after breakfast by motorcoach, with a stop in Pilzen, famed for its pale gold-hued Bavarian style lager. Following some leisure time in Pilzen, enjoy a scenic drive through the pastoral countryside to Passau where we will embark on our luxurious ship. This evening, enjoy a festive welcome dinner aboard the ship. **ms Amadeus Nova** (7 nights) BD

**APR 28, Monday** **PASSAU**  
Immerse yourself in the historic atmosphere of the three-rivers city of Passau, lying at the confluence of the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz. On our walking tour discover Passau's captivating blend of ancient charm and modern marvels, from stunning architecture to baroque masterpieces. Hike up the nearby hills to visit the historic fortress of Veste Oberhaus followed by a special Bavarian theme evening on board with regional delicacies and live music as we glide downstream to Linz. BLD

**APR 29 Tuesday** **LINZ, AUSTRIA**  
Join the walking tour and explore streets and squares graced with unique churches, music venues, and an array of artists who gather in the city to thrive. A slice of Linzer Torte will sweeten your day, before we proceed to the ship. If you opt for a full-day optional excursion to Salzburg, you will tour the historic centre, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square, and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael, and the site of the wedding scene in the Sound of Music. BLD

**APR 30, Wednesday** **MELK/DUERNSTEIN/VIENNA**  
The Baroque Benedictine abbey of Melk awaits us this morning with its frescoes created by pre-eminent artists of the 18th century, and a magnificent library with priceless manuscripts. Relax this afternoon or choose an optional excursion to Durnstein with either an exploration of the village, or a visit to a local vineyard to sample some of the region's famous Gruner Veltliner wines. Next, to Vienna where our ship remains overnight. BLD

**MAY 1, Thursday** **VIENNA**  
During our morning city tour of Vienna, you will have the opportunity to see the impressive Vienna Opera House, the



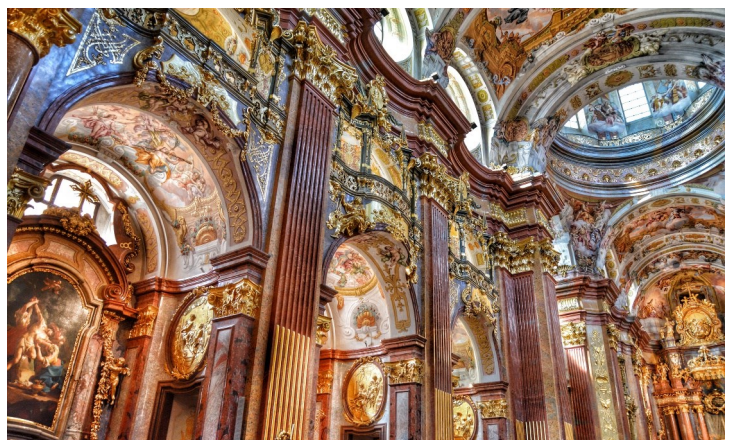
*Savour world-famous wines*



*Illuminated Parliament Buildings from the water, Budapest*



*Stroll through Prague's vibrant Old Town*



*The exquisite interior of Melk Abbey, a testament to Baroque grandeur*



former Imperial Palace, Museum Quarter, and the historic St. Stephen's Cathedral. We conclude our Vienna experience with a *Sound of Vienna* concert, where the Alt Orchestra will enchant us with beloved pieces from the city's classical era. BLD

### **MAY 2, Friday BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA**

After overnight cruising, we awaken in this gem on the Danube, the enchanting capital of Slovakia. As we explore, we'll discover many treasures of Bratislava: the home of the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra, the historic old city walls, the archbishop's summer residence, and the current residence of the president of Slovakia. Along the way, we will marvel at the stunning, panoramic views of the city and its surrounding areas. BLD

### **MAY 3, Saturday BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

In Esztergom and Szentendre, the Hungarian countryside offers exploration opportunities with a basilica dedicated to Saint Mary, as well as a variety of art galleries and museums. We discover the the dynamic Hungarian capital today, as we wander the alleys of the vibrant Great Market Hall brimming with vendors offering a wide range of delectable food and unique souvenirs. Explore the twin cities of Buda and Pest, which are spread over both banks of the Danube River. Delve into the rich history of Budapest by exploring the medieval monuments and fascinating museums found on Castle Hill, including the main square with the old City Hall and historical Opera House. You can also hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. BLD

### **MAY 4, Sunday BUDAPEST / CANADA**

Our journey comes to an end as we disembark and transfer to the airport to catch our flights bound for cities across Canada. B

### **Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Cruise / Tour Only.....	\$5,195
Toronto.....	\$7,055
Montreal / Ottawa .....	\$7,235
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton.....	\$7,275
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay .....	\$7,295
Regina / Saskatoon .....	\$7,415
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$7,355
Victoria .....	\$7,415

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat C-4 Outside Twin (panoramic window, Haydn deck). Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

### **Supplement to upgrade to higher category**

<b>Twin Category (Deck, Description)</b>	<b>Per Person</b>
<b>Cat C-1</b> Deluxe (Haydn, Panoramic Window) .....	\$460
<b>Cat B-4</b> Deluxe (Strauss, Drop-Down Window).....	\$1,010
<b>Cat B-1</b> Deluxe (Strauss, Drop-Down Window) .....	\$1,390
<b>Cat A-1</b> Deluxe (Mozart, Drop-Down Window) .....	\$1,790
<b>Suite</b> Deluxe (Mozart, Walk-Out Balcony) .....	\$2,650

\*Categories B-4 to A-1 have a drop-down panoramic window. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking. Book early for the best selection. See deck plan for detailed information on available categories. Singles are extremely limited, please ask for rates. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective May 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Cancellation penalties for this cruise start at the time of booking, with a **non-refundable amount of \$500pp**.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due January 16, 2025**

**Deposit is \$800 per person**

To reserve your place on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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\$200 per person**



*The Széchenyi Chain Bridge is one of the most iconic symbols of Budapest*

**CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging:** Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones streets are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. To fully enjoy this cruise, members should be in good physical condition and capable of walking a kilometre or more without assistance.