



LEGENDARY DANUBE CRUISE

May 28 – June 8, 2008

12 days, 10 nights

With post-tour extension to

BUDAPEST

June 8-10, 2008



Start your trip with three days in historic Prague, the “city of a hundred spires.” Then begin a delightful river cruise through the heart of Europe, with daily tours into cities where centuries of art, history and culture await you. Cruise from Nuremberg on the Main-Danube Canal across Europe’s Continental Divide, enjoying the beautiful vistas and charming towns. Continue down the Danube through Austria’s celebrated Wachau Valley, and conclude your European journey with two grand old capitals, magnificent Vienna and vibrant Budapest. Aboard the *MS Amalegro* you’ll have ample views of the changing landscape through your cabin window, the panoramic windows of the dining room, or the sun deck. The ship’s outstanding regional cuisine and spacious, well-appointed cabins will enhance the journey. You may add two days in Budapest at the end of your cruise.

Wednesday, May 28 – DEPART U.S.

Board your overnight flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

Thursday, May 29 – ARRIVE IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Arrive in Prague (WHS) at the Ruzyne Airport and transfer to your hotel, which is centrally located and recently renovated. In the later afternoon, enjoy a guided walking tour of the area near your hotel. Have dinner with your guide and your fellow Public Radio listeners. **D Hotel Renaissance (4-star)**



Friday, May 30 – PRAGUE'S CASTLES & MARKETS

This morning's sightseeing reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the thousand-year-old **Hradcany Castle courtyard**, **St. Vitus Cathedral** and the **Golden Lane** of small houses built into the castle wall. Then walk through **Josefov**, the old Jewish Quarter, to the **Old Market Square**. In the **Old Town Hall Tower**, built in 1338, you will see the 15th-century **Astronomical Clock** whose figures of Jesus and the Twelve Apostles appear on the hour. Have After lunch you will have some time at leisure. Use the rest of the afternoon for whatever aspect of Prague especially appeals to you. Have an early dinner on your own before attending an evening performance. **B/L Hotel Renaissance (4-star)**

Saturday, May 31 – PRAGUE

Have a **guided walking tour through another historic quarter of Prague** that offers Renaissance and Baroque churches, historic palaces and lively squares. Then take some time on your own to visit museums or galleries, wander along the banks of the Vltava River or shop for local handicrafts and artwork. You may decide to take an optional tour to Terezin, the infamous Nazi World War II labor camp; now a memorial to those who perished. You could also venture to the Medieval Konopiste and former home of the Emperors. Meet at a Prague restaurant to have dinner with your traveling companions and your guide prior to attending a performance at the Prague Spring Music Festival. **B/D Hotel Renaissance (4-star)**

Sunday, June 1 – PRAGUE TO NUREMBURG • EMBARK MS AMALEGRO

This morning depart Prague after breakfast and stop in **Karlovy Vary**, better known by its German name, Karlsbad, and most famous for its Bohemian spa. After lunch, drive through the pastoral countryside to Nuremberg, the capital of Franconia. Embark in the late afternoon and settle into your

cabin before joining the captain for a **Welcome Reception and Gala Welcome Dinner. B/D MS Amalegro**

NOTE: The *MS Amalegro*, designed and built in Holland, had her maiden voyage in March 2007. The *Amalegro* is designed to provide a comfortable and pleasing environment for an unforgettable experience cruising the rivers of Europe. The spacious cabins have large windows (most have French balconies), and the dining room and two lounges offer panoramic views of towns and countryside. The ship's kitchen allows the chef and staff to do justice to the renowned cuisines of the regions you'll visit, offering an extensive buffet breakfast, delicious three-course lunches and elegant dinners made with choice meats and fresh produce and complemented with well-chosen wines.

Monday, June 2 – NUREMBERG TO RIEDENBURG, GERMANY

Enjoy a guided morning **tour of this historic city** with its fabulous Gothic churches and medieval walls. Much in evidence are the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the older part of the city. You will also see the **Imperial Castle** and the **Palace of Justice** where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. At lunchtime rejoin the ship further along the **Main-Danube Canal**, a major feat of modern engineering that was built to straddle the Franconian Alps via 16 locks. Hear a talk about the Canal project, and descend from the highest point on your journey—1,332 feet above sea level—through stair-step locks that lead you through the beautiful Altmühl Valley to the Bavarian town of Riedenburg. After dinner enjoy a musical performance on board. **B/L/D MS Amalegro**

Tuesday, June 3 – REGENSBURG

This morning takes you through the final stretch of the Main-Danube Canal. Arrive in magnificent **Regensburg (WHS)**, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. A **guided tour** will show you the city's architectural highlights, including the **Old Town Hall** and the **Porta Pretoria**, the gates to a Roman fort built in 179 A.D. You will also see several beautiful churches including **St. Peter's Cathedral**, considered one of the finest Gothic buildings in Bavaria, and one of the oldest bridges across the Danube. This evening the *Amalegro* will resound with lively Bavarian folk music and dance. **B/L/D MS Amalegro**

Wednesday, June 4 – PASSAU, GERMANY TO LINZ, AUSTRIA

After breakfast, arrive in picturesque **Passau**, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. Take a **guided walking tour** this fairy-tale city of narrow streets, quaint shops and historic sites, including some from Roman times. **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture, holds one of the largest pipe organs in the world. You may choose instead to take an **optional full day tour to Salzburg (WHS)**, a city imbued with the spirit of Mozart, its most famous son. That trip will include highlights such as Salzburg Cathedral, the 15th-century Franciscan Church, and the Mirabell Palace and Garden, and a stop to visit Mozart's birthplace. Those staying on board will have a scenic cruise from Passau to Linz, Austria, where those who have been to Salzburg will reboard. Tonight enjoy the festive **Captain's Dinner. B/L/D MS Amalegro**

Thursday, June 5 – AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY • VIENNA

Cruise through the narrow Strudengau and reach the Wachau Valley (WHS) early this morning. In **Melk**, have a guided tour of one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries, the magnificent **Benedictine Abbey**. Enjoy lunch on board while cruising the romantic Wachau Valley. As you pass Dürnstein,

you'll spot the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, King of England, was imprisoned in 1192 on his route home from the Crusades. You may also see the blue façade of the baroque **Stiftskirche**. Arrive in Vienna, the "City of Music," in the late afternoon. After dinner, explore the vibrant Austrian capital on your own, or come along for an *optional concert* where you're likely to hear Mozart and Strauss. **B/L/D MS Amalegro**

Friday, June 6 – VIENNA

You will have much of the day to savor this city full of history and romance. A guided tour of **Vienna** (WHS) includes the lavish **Hofburg Palace**, the **Vienna Opera House**, the many elegant fin-de siècle buildings that border the **Ringstrasse**, and the awe-inspiring **St. Stephen's Cathedral**. In the afternoon, explore Vienna on your own, perhaps strolling along **Kärtnerstrasse**, one of the city's main shopping avenues, or sampling Vienna's famous pastries. You may also visit one of the city's many museums and palaces. Later in the afternoon, re-board the ship to continue your cruise toward Budapest. **B/L/D MS Amalegro**

Saturday, June 7 – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

During the night you will have passed through part of Slovakia, and this morning you cruise down the Danube into **Budapest** (WHS). The parts of the city on either side of the Danube were once separate cities, until they—along with Obuda—were unified in 1873. The morning is free for shopping or sightseeing. In the afternoon have a guided tour of the city's historic highlights including **Buda Castle**, the distinctive **Fisherman's Bastion**, the marvelous **Royal Palace**, **St. Stephen's Basilica**, and much more. Tonight enjoy a **Gala Farewell Dinner** and some of the region's famed **gypsy music on board** the *Amalegro*. **B/L/D MS Amalegro**



Sunday, June 8 – DEPART BUDAPEST

Your Danube cruise comes to an end as you transfer to the Budapest Airport for your return flight to the U.S. Extra nights are available if you wish to extend your stay in Europe. **B**

BUDAPEST POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Sunday, June 8 – HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM • EVENING PERFORMANCE

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to your centrally located hotel, which is adjacent to Elizabeth Park and close to the Danube, the shopping and theater districts, and several of the major historic landmarks. Have a guided visit to the **Hungarian National Museum**, which documents the country's turbulent history as part of the Roman and Hapsburg Empires, its more recent years under the Soviet regime, and its periods of independence. The museum is housed in one of the city's great marble buildings. After lunch, take the afternoon to enjoy the shops, cafés and parks of Budapest; then have dinner on your own at one of Budapest's many restaurants before joining your group for a **evening performance. B/L Kempinski Hotel Corvinus (4-star)**

Monday, June 9 – BUDAPEST: MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY

Today, visit the **Hungarian Museum of Ethnography**, an elegant neoclassical building with marble staircases and stained-glass windows that once served as the home of Hungary's Supreme Court. It is now dedicated to the folk culture of Hungarians from the late 18th century until World War I. The collection features the famed embroidery, carving and pottery, as well as farm implements, furniture, clothing, musical instruments and more. Have lunch on your own and time to explore the markets, museums and other sites you don't want to miss. Join the group for **dinner in a Budapest restaurant** featuring some of the renowned national specialties. **B/D Kempinski Hotel Corvinus (4-star)**

Tuesday, June 10 – DEPART BUDAPEST

After breakfast, leave for the Budapest Airport for your return flight to the U.S. **B**

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 7 nights accommodation on *MS Amalegro* in an outside stateroom. (Most staterooms have large French balconies.)
- 3 nights accommodation in Prague at a centrally located 4-star hotel
- 27 meals: 10 buffet breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners, including Welcome Dinner & gala Farewell Dinner aboard *MS Amalegro*
- Unlimited red & white quality wines with dinners aboard ship
- Internal transportation and transfers
- Airport/hotel transfers in Prague & Budapest for travelers purchasing trip with airfare
- Services of a Cross-Culture guide throughout the trip
- Tips for your Cross-Culture guide – see the TIPS section below for additional tipping information.
- Daily tours and other programs as outlined in the Itinerary
- Two performances at the Prague Spring Music Festival
- Additional features aboard *MS Amalegro*:
 1. Music and folk dance performances; lectures
 2. Internet, movie & music library and English-language television in all staterooms
 3. Terry bathrobes
 4. Bicycles available
 5. Non-smoking environment (smoking only on the Sun Deck)
- Pre-trip mailings with reading lists, background information, and packing suggestions
- All local taxes

Included in Budapest Extension:

- 2 nights accommodation in Budapest at a centrally located 4-star hotel
- 5 additional meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Services of a Cross-Culture guide in Budapest
- Daily tours and other programs as outlined in the Itinerary

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	Prague & Cruise (Without airfare)	Prague & Cruise (With airfare – CVG)*
Cabin Category E:	\$3,595	\$4,595
Cabin Category D:	\$3,695	\$4,695
Cabin Category C:	\$4,095	\$5,095
Cabin Category B:	\$4,195	\$5,195
Cabin Category A:	\$4,295	\$5,295
Cabin Category Junior Suite:	\$4,995	\$5,995

All prices per person, double occupancy

Single supplement (limited availability):

Cabin categories E-A: additional 50% of Cruise & Land price

Cabin category Junior Suite: additional 100% of Cruise & Land price

Economy Plus upgrade: From \$1,495 (subject to availability)

Business class upgrade: From \$3,495 (subject to availability)

First class upgrade: From \$5,995 (subject to availability)

Port charges, of approximately \$91 are included in the above per person pricing.

***Airline ticket tax, surcharges & fees, subject to change, of approx. \$300**

Budapest Extension: \$595

Budapest Extension Single supplement: \$245

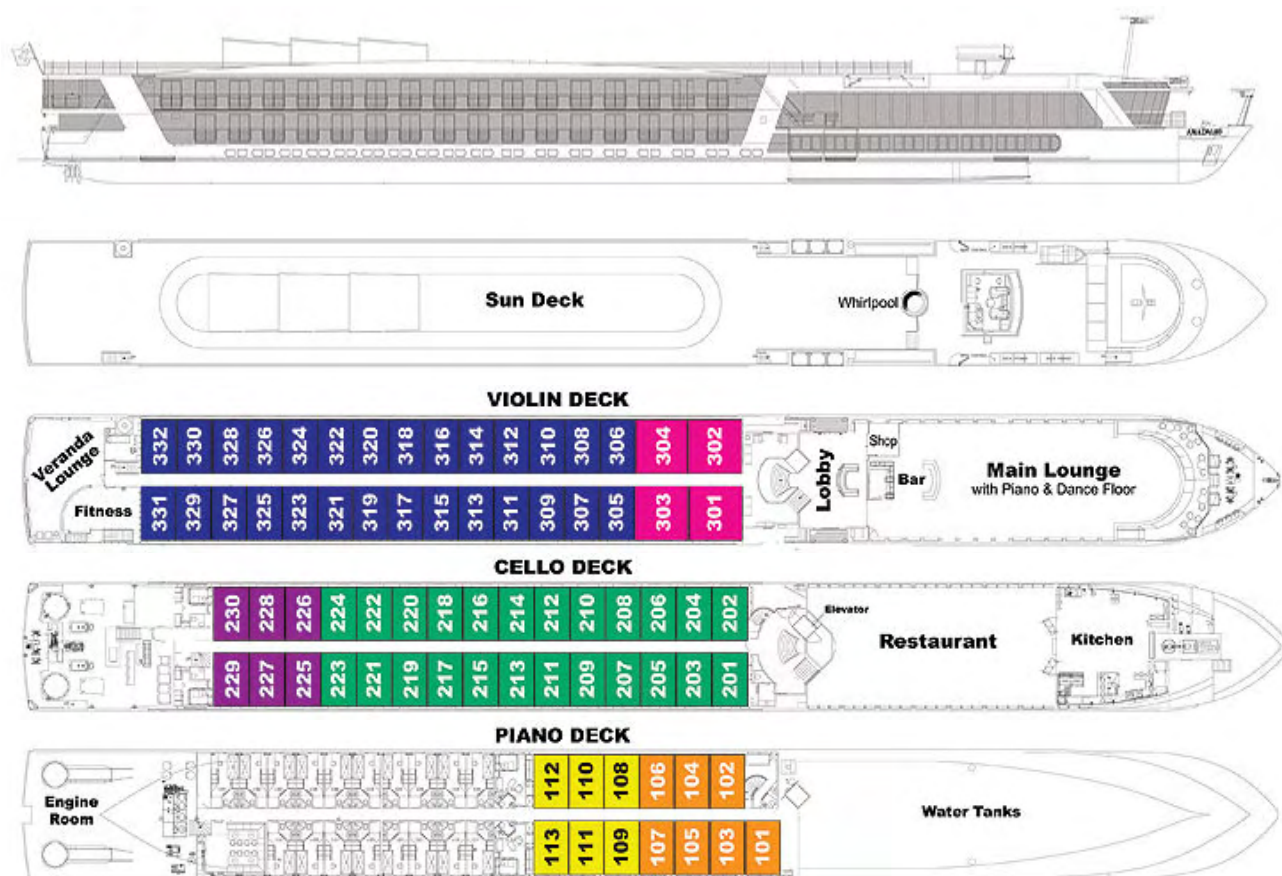
**EARLY BOOKING & PAYMENT BONUS OF \$400 PER COUPLE/\$200 PER PERSON
APPLIES FOR RESERVATIONS PAID IN FULL BY AUGUST 31, 2007**

**** A tax-deductible donation of \$300 to Cincinnati Public Radio is included in the pricing.**

This departure is limited to a maximum of 40 listeners.

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**MS AMADAGIO AND MS AMALEGRO
DECK PLAN AND CABIN INFORMATION:**



Technical Data:

Built: Amalegro – 2007; Amadagio – 2006

Place of construction: Holland

Length: 360 feet, **Width:** 38 feet

Crew: 41 (European)

Staterooms: 71 (170 sq. feet)

Suites: 4 (255 square feet)

Registry: Switzerland; **Homeport:** Basel

Category E:

Located on the Piano Deck - Category E cabins offer windows and 170 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 108-113

Category D:

Located on the Piano Deck - Category E cabins offer windows and 170 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 101-107

Category C:

Located on the Cello Deck - Category C cabins offer french balconies and 170 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 225-230

Category B:

Located on the Cello Deck - Category B cabins offer french balconies and 170 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 201-224

Category A:

Located on the Violin Deck - Category A cabins offer french balconies and 170 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 305-332

Category Junior Suite:

Located on the Violin Deck - Junior suites offer French balconies and 235 square feet of space. Cabin Numbers 301-304

SPECIAL NOTES:

GUIDE – An outstanding Cross-Culture guide with expertise in the countries on this itinerary will accompany your group throughout the trip. She will be available to assist you with your plans for unscheduled time and for optional activities.

TIPS – Tips for the local guides, as well as the cruise director and ship's crew are not included. The suggested tipping is as follows: Local guides – 1 Euro per person per excursion; cruise director – 3 Euros per person per day; ship's crew – 13 Euros per day. While tips for your Cross-Culture guide are included, you may wish to acknowledge exceptional service.

WALKING – To take full advantage of this trip you will need to be able to walk moderate distances through castles and museums, up long flights of stairs, and on uneven surfaces such as cobblestones. This is especially the case in Prague, where you do not have the option of remaining aboard a cruise ship. Please see Cross-Culture's *General Terms and Conditions* under the heading "Health & Walking."

WORLD HERITAGE SITES – "WHS" in the text indicates that a location has been designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). These sites all over the world have been chosen by international experts in many fields as cultural and natural treasures that should be preserved for the benefit of generations to come.

ITINERARY – Cross-Culture reserves the right to make appropriate alterations in this itinerary, should inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances occur. Although some activities may be moved to different days of the week, or morning to afternoon, we expect the itinerary to remain essentially the same as it appears here.