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Nancy Cross,
Travel Coordinator, MSU Alumni Association

Michigan State University Reservation Form: The Blue Danube, August 9 – 20, 2012.

To avoid jet lag, many guests prefer to make hotel arrangements before or after tour – see itineraries. Flights depart from the U.S. on August 8, 2012 (Flights depart to the tour departure point and from the tour end point is not included. Airport tax and departure taxes are not included.)

Inclusive:
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Wine and beer
- Accommodations – with fan and air conditioner, en-suite or semi-private bath in all rooms
- Port taxes
- All transfers
- Tauck Cruise Director and Tauck Directors and local guides
- All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room services

Not included in tour price:
- All airfare
- Airport transfers (if applicable)
- Personal Expenses: tips, souvenirs, laundry, airline excess luggage charges and other optional incidental extras
- Non-refundable deposit per person of $600 due by May 9, 2012 and can be paid by check or credit card.

Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers charging penalties and fees are on a booking.

Cancellations and Refunds –
- Cancellation 60 days plus prior to departure – loss of deposit of $600 per person, not including air (if applicable); 29 to 1 day prior to departure – loss of 100% of the cruise cost per person, not including air (if applicable). Program reservations are not transferable. Cancellation on day of departure or after tour departs – no refund. Cancellation of tour by the Michigan State Alumni Association or our tour operator (except in Extreme Circumstances) – full refund.

Terms & Conditions

Method of Payment
- Check
- American Express
- MasterCard
- Visa

I/We understand the final payment is due by May 9, 2012. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Tauck, Inc. Other terms and conditions apply. 

For more information or to make your reservation, please contact your regular travel agent or call Tauck, Inc. at (866) 951-1747 or call the MSU Alumni Association at (888) 697-2863.

For future reference, please provide all information as requested above.
**August 10 – Discover Prague**

The capital city of the Czech Republic, Prague is known as the heart of Bohemia. Highlights include St. Vitus Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece; Old Town Square, the seat of Bohemian and later Czech royal authority; and the Charles Bridge, a Renaissance masterpiece. Prague Castle, on the other hand, is a destination for the history, art, and architecture lover. A guided walk along Prague’s Old Town Street will help you get your bearings. Situated on the Vltava River, it was built to complement the city’s 14th-century Gothic bridge. The 900-year-old bridge, lined with impressive Baroque and Renaissance architecture, remains the most famous urban structure in the city. For the more adventurous, there is the option to do a bike tour of Prague. In the evening, enjoy an imperial dinner at Lobkowicz Palace at Prague Castle. Immerse in a royal reception, tour and dinner at 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace, one of Prague’s most revered landmarks. A visit to Lobkowicz Palace is included in the Tauck’s Premium Riverboats, in Prague, on the riverboat, you will visit one of the most significant cultural heritages in the city.

**August 11 – Prague to Cesky Krumlov**

Cesky Krumlov is a UNESCO World Heritage site, noted for its well-preserved medieval landscapes. Stop in Dürnstein to see the 13th-century Romanesque church and Baroque houses or stop up the stairs to the mix of medieval, Renaissance and Rococo design. Free time precedes your return to the riverboat.

**August 12 – Vienna to Dürnstein**

Join us on a walking tour of Dürnstein or join us on a walking tour of the courtyards and squares of Prague’s winding cobblestone streets, or join us on a walking tour into Prague on August 9, 2012.

**August 13 – Dürnstein or Krems**

Your local boat drinks in your local drinks in the Vienna area. Enjoy a walking tour of Krems, a city that was once a staging post for the postcard, or get a guided walk of the city. This afternoon, return to the overnight.

**August 14 – Wachau Valley / Dürnstein**

Today, experience a private Imperial Evening with wine and music in a historic Vienna palace. Immerse in a royal reception, tour and dinner at one of Vienna’s historic palaces. Your guide will take you on a walking tour of the city’s Buda and Pest by the Danube River. A guided walking tour of the city’s Buda side includes Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion, and Matthias Church. Lend a hand or embark on a local cable car.

**August 15 – Regensburg / Passau**

Begin your day cruising to Linz, Austria. Step in the 14th-century Town Hall and at the Cathedral in Passau and at Lobkowitz Palace in Prague.YOUR local drinks in your local drinks in the Vienna area. Enjoy a walking tour of Krems, a city that was once a staging post for the postcard, or get a guided walk of the city. This afternoon, return to the overnight.

**August 16 – Vienna / Slovack**

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**August 17 – Salzburg**

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising to Linz, Austria. Step in the 14th-century Town Hall and at the Cathedral in Passau and at Lobkowitz Palace in Prague. A local guide will lead the way to the many steps are worth it to get a look at the mix of medieval, Renaissance and Rococo design. Free time precedes your return to the riverboat.

**August 18 – Dürnstein / Dürnstein**

A local expert, Martin Schüdel, shares insider anecdotes about Bratislava before you embark on your cruise.

**August 19 – Budapest**

End your journey with a damper in Budapest, Hungary’s capital city. Divided into Buda and Pest by the Danube River, the city is the capital, divided into Buda and Pest by the Danube River. A guided walking tour of the city’s Buda side includes Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion, and Matthias Church. All meals aboard will be served family style, with local wine and beer included. Wine is also included with each meal and guests are welcome to order additional wines.

**August 20 – Disembark Budapest**

Disembark this morning in Budapest, Hungary’s capital city. Divided into Buda and Pest by the Danube River, the city is the capital, divided into Buda and Pest by the Danube River. A guided walking tour of the city’s Buda side includes Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion, and Matthias Church. All meals aboard will be served family style, with local wine and beer included. Wine is also included with each meal and guests are welcome to order additional wines.

**Tauck Value Includes:**

- Meals BLD unless otherwise noted
- All riverboat accommodations
- All tours unless noted
- All onboard entertainment
- Select hostess services
- Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director

**Tauck’s Premium Riverboats**

- Tauck's premium riverboats offer plush interiors with plasma TV, minibar, radio, junior suites, ranging from 150 to 183 square feet, with French doors leading to private balconies. All Tauck riverboats boast 14 decks with 24-hour Jacuzzi, as well as a lounge, fitness center; whirlpool on sun deck, available 24 hours.

- Tauck’s premium riverboats provide spectacular views of the passing scenery; music on deck with 24-hour Jacuzzi, as well as a lounge, fitness center; whirlpool on sun deck, available 24 hours. Tauck’s premium riverboats also feature local cuisine and specialties in the spacious restaurant offering menus designed to complement local culture and specialties. A wine and beer menu, along with a selection of fine wines and beers, is available 24 hours.

- Guests enjoy exceptional vantage points throughout the ship; panoramic windows grace 85% of our cabins. Three or four panoramic windows are offered in your cabin, with the option for a French balcony in selected suites. A selection of French design, Italian design, and African design suites are offered.

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**TOUR OF THE GRAND LIBRARIES OF STRAHOV MONASTERY**

**Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus. An exclusive private tour**

**AUGUST 10 – DISCOVER PRAGUE**

*August 9 – Arrive Prague*

You arrive into Prague on August 9, 2012.

*August 10 – Discover Prague*

A guided city-sightseeing excursion takes you to the Hradcany Castle District and the magnificient Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus. An exclusive private tour of Prague Castle, including the Royal Stables and Grand Cubists, is a highlight. Spend time at leisure exploring the courtyards and squares of Prague's charming cobblestone streets, or join us on a walking tour through historic Old Town, visit the Astronomical Clock, Ty, Church, Charles Bridge and Wallenstein Palace. Drive on your own to Zatecky Kostel church, with scholastics, guildhall and steeple. Meals B.
A guided city-sightseeing excursion takes you to the Heidelberg Castle (closed during its summer festival) and the magnificient Gothic Cathedral of St. Victor. An exclusive private tour of the historic Stift St. Blasien Monastery, is a highlight. Spend time at leisure exploring the courtyards and square of Prague’s famous cobbled streets, or join us on a walking tour through historical Old Town, see the Astronomical Clock, Typhus Church, Charles Bridge and Wenceslas Square. Dinner on your own or an optional seated dinner, with scholarship, guided and interesting. Meals B
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Regina Cross, Travel Coordinator, MSU Alumni Association

Michigan State University Reservation Form: The Blue Danube

ms Swiss Jewel christened in 2009

| Registry: | Siles | Length: | 231 ft. (70 meters) |
| Number of Guests: | 138 | Draft: | 4.1 ft. (1.2 meters) |
| Crew Members: | 29 | Number of Decks: | 3 plus a sun deck |
| Elevator: | Yes - between the Ruby and Diamond decks; stairs (12 steps) between the other decks |
| Interest: | Sond/Balcony |

Cabin Category Preference: 1st choice

Date of Birth: __________/________/________

Full Passport Name: ____________________________

Name of Cardholder: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________________

City: __________________________________________

State: _________________________________________

ZIP: __________________________________________

Phone: (________) ____________

Home Phone: (________) ____________

E-mail: _______________________________________

I desire a single room (limited availability)

Please book my air from: _______________________

Send / Receive ______실 메스시드 __________

I will share my room with: ______________________

I/We would like to request Business Class upgrade

I/We will make our own air arrangements.

I/We understand the final payment is due by May 9, 2012. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or check. Payment is subject to 1.5% service fee. You will be responsible for any additional costs charged by your bank for currency exchange. 

I/We would like to make hotel arrangements before or after the tour. Please book my hotel before or after the tour:____________________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

To ensure you receive the brochure, please send (with complete reservation form) to:

Michigan State University Alumni Association

242 Spartan Way

East Lansing, MI 48824

COSTS & FEES: 

$600 per person (full payment due by May 9, 2012)

DUE TO THE DISTRICTED ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TOUR, THIS RIVERBOAT CRUISE WILL BE OPERATED BY LAUGHLIN CRUISES, LTD. AGENCY NUMBER: CST#2016001-20

DEPOSITS: 

Deposit of $250 per person required to confirm reservation. Deposit is due by May 9, 2012 and can be paid by check or credit card.

FUNDING: 

I, ________, hereby authorize Michigan State University Alumni Association to charge $250 per person to my credit card: American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa. Please provide the following information:

Name of Cardholder: ____________________________

Account #: __________________________________

Expiration Date: __________/________/________

Signature: ____________________________

I/We agree that our acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Michigan State University Alumni Association Membership Information:

Please book my hotel before or after the tour. As a service, Tauck will make reservations before or after your tour upon request.

The Blue Danube, August 9 – 20, 2012.

Check in is at 4:00 p.m. (Flights depart from the U.S. on August 8, 2012)

Terms & Conditions

All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room, housekeeping and other services included. Onboard entertainment and activities included. Gratuities Included – All accommodations are included with private bath. Two-bedded rooms with shared bath are not recommended for comfort.

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August 9 - 20, 2012

for Michigan State Alumni and Friends

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Reggie Cross
Travel Coordinator: MSU Alumni Association

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Cabin Category Preference: 1st choice
Signature:
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Date:
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Michigan State University Reservation Form: The Blue Danube aboard ms Swiss Jewel

This is to notify you that your request has been accepted for the above-mentioned trip. Your reservation is confirmed, and you have been assigned a cabin. You should receive your final itinerary by June 1, 2012. Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Tauck, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Tauck, Inc. Final payment due by May 9, 2012 and can be paid by check or credit card. Credit card accepted: AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTERCARD, VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Tauck, Inc.

INSURANCE: Travelers, whether alumni or friends, must be current members of the Michigan State University Alumni Association in order to participate in Association travel offerings. For more information on membership rates, call the MSU Alumni Travel Coordinator, Regina Cross, at (888) 697-2863. You may also join on-line at www.alumni.msu.edu. Tour reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of the completed Michigan State University Reservation Form. Please book your air from your nearest airport. For more information, call Tauck at (866) 951-1747 or call the MSU Alumni Association at (877) 678-2586. You will receive a confirmation letter with your reservation.

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All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Tauck. Written cancellation policy is as follows:

Before or after tour – all personal expenses are non-refundable. We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association with your confirmation letter.

Your signature (below) attests to your having received the schedule of activities and terms and conditions of your trip. In doing so, you understand and agree to all terms and conditions of this trip. Your signature is required and is a requirement for a definitive commitment to the trip. Your signature on the reservation form is not a guarantee of space on the cruise. In the event of cancellation, the terms and conditions of this trip shall apply. Please refer to this document for more information.

We wish you an enjoyable experience.

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