Symphony on the blue Danube

Kraków • Prague • Vienna • Budapest

aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND

September 1 to 13, 2014
Dear Alumni and Friends:

We invite you to join us on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s Great Masters. Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards and medieval castles, the Danube River Valley has resonated with musicians, artists, poets and travelers throughout the centuries, and has contributed to the world the genius of its most renowned virtuosos.

Our comprehensive itinerary takes you through six countries and the heartland of central Europe. It has been custom designed to feature the musical heritage of Europe’s accomplished composers, including Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, and carefully planned to allow opportunities to explore nine UNESCO World Heritage treasures. Cruise the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe, docking often right in the heart of the cities, and spend three nights each in historic Prague and Kraków in deluxe, centrally located hotels.

Your experience is enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged expert lectures, classical music performances and guided excursions in the world-class cities of Prague and Kraków and in each port of call along the Danube.

Traveling through the heartland of Europe has never been more historically rich and culturally exciting. This exceptional program is sure to strike a chord with both new and repeat travelers as it taps into the heart and soul of the region, as well as its great composers, art and architectural masterpieces, and it is an excellent value. I encourage you to book now as space sold out quickly in 2013 for this popular trip. Early Booking Savings are only available through March 13, 2014.

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Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association

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U.S./Kraków, Poland
Monday and Tuesday, September 1 and 2
Depart the U.S. for Kraków, Poland. On arrival, check into the centrally located, deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL. Join your travel companions for the Welcome Reception this evening.

Kraków
Wednesday and Thursday, September 3 and 4
For more than one thousand years, Kraków has been considered the academic, artistic and spiritual capital of Poland, serving as the country’s seat of government from 1038 to 1596. Kraków is the only major Polish city to have emerged from World War II relatively undamaged, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose treasures have been well-preserved through the centuries.

Enjoy a walking tour of the grounds of Wawel Hill. See the Royal Castle, the seat of the monarchy for 500 years, which blends 16th-century Florentine architecture with Polish motifs and houses the state art collection, and the 14th-century Cathedral of Sts. Stanisław and Wacław, where all of Poland’s kings were crowned and buried. Stroll through the Old Town and experience the lively Rynek Główny (Main Market Square). Visit the 14th-century twin-spired Mariacki (St. Mary’s) Church, one of the finest Gothic structures in Poland, to see the famous medieval altar by Wit Stwosz. From the church’s tower, a lone trumpeter sounds a haunting call every hour, in commemoration of a warning of an impending attack by the Tatars in medieval times. Pass by the former residence of Pope John Paul II, where he lived while Archbishop of Kraków.

Tour the historic Kazimierz district, to see the impressive landmarks of this former medieval town, known for its vibrant Jewish community from the 14th century until World War II.

On Wednesday evening, attend a presentation on Frédéric Chopin, then enjoy the Master’s works during a specially arranged, private performance in Floriánka Hall.

During your stay in Kraków, you can choose to join optional excursions to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site; the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site and marvel at “The Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland,” carved entirely from rock salt; and/or the Oskar Schindler Factory, now a museum chronicling the history of Kraków under Nazi occupation.

Kraków/Brno, Czech Republic/Prague
Friday, September 5
The scenic transfer to Prague stops en route for lunch in Brno, a crossroads of ancient North and South European civilization trade routes for centuries. Upon arrival in Prague, check into the deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA, located near the historic Old Town.

Prague
Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7
A guided tour showcases the diverse cultural legacy of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the “City of a Thousand Spires” of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Walk down the narrow, picturesque lanes of the Staré Město (Old Town) to the Orloj, the ornate, 15th-century astronomical clock of the Old Town Hall. Enjoy a brief performance of Mozart’s music and a specially arranged private tour of the Estates Theater where the prodigy’s opera, Don Giovanni, premiered in 1787. Continue to Josefov, the Jewish Quarter, and see Europe’s oldest Jewish house of worship, the Gothic Old-New Synagogue and the moss-covered, 15th-century headstones of the Jewish Cemetery; and conclude at the famous Charles Bridge, adorned with 17th- and 18th-century statues of saints.

Cover photo: Budapest’s majestic Parliament Building is a classic example of Gothic Revival architecture and a proud symbol of Hungary’s national rebirth.

Photo this page: In Prague, the “City of Spires,” walk on the famous Charles Bridge, which links the medieval Old Town with the splendid Baroque palaces of the Little Quarter, the city’s most intact historical district.
Tour the fascinating Hradčany complex of castles, churches and museums, the former residence of Bohemian royalty, which dominates the city skyline. By special arrangement, view original Beethoven manuscripts in the family-owned 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace in the Prague Castle complex and enjoy a private string quartet concert of the composer's works; visit St. Vitus Cathedral; then, walk through the “Golden Lane,” a street lined with former goldsmith workshops built in the 16th century in Mannerist style.

Embark the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND and enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception followed by dinner and a private, specially arranged onboard concert of Haydn’s and Schumann’s works. The ship departs Passau this evening.

Melk, Austria/Dürnstein
Tuesday, September 9
Visit Melk’s magnificent Benedictine Abbey where you will enjoy a brief organ recital in the abbey’s beautiful Stiftskirche (church), which features the striking 16th-century altarpiece by “Danube School” master Jörg Breu the Elder. The abbey is a showcase of impressive Austrian Baroque architecture, priceless relics and stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. It was a prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages and its library today is a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

After lunch, visit the charming medieval village of Dürnstein, situated below the hilltop ruins of Castle Kuenringer, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner after the Third Crusade. Walk through the tiny, picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church.

Then, cruise the Danube’s spectacular and fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the haunting ruins of medieval castles.
Vienna
Wednesday, September 10
The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic city center is an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour this remarkable city, which owes its present appearance to the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who created the famous Ringstrasse showcasing the city’s finest landmarks—the impressive Vienna State Opera House and the lavish Hofburg Palace. Visit the Gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephan’s Cathedral) and enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of Mozart’s music in a premier venue. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore the cultural treasures of Vienna at your own pace.

Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia
Thursday, September 11
This morning, join the optional excursion to visit Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the summer residence of the Habsburgs, or enjoy time at leisure. Cruise from Vienna to Bratislava, through the Donau-Auen National Park, which preserves the last remaining major wetlands environment in central Europe. This afternoon, dock in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains overlooking the banks of the Danube River. Beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, the city showcases 21st-century life amid its 1000-year-old history. Enjoy a morning walking tour of Bratislava’s Old Town; its medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture is among the finest in central Europe. See the Romanesque 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and visit the elaborate Primatial Palace. The 14th-century St. Michael’s Gate is the only remaining portion of the city’s medieval fortifications.

Budapest, Hungary
Friday, September 12
In Budapest, the “Pearl of the Danube,” Austrian-born Habsburg Archduke Joseph, the “most Hungarian Habsburg,” is credited with creating this city that rivaled Vienna as an imperial capital. The twin cities of Buda and Pest have faced each other across the Danube River for centuries, and today the Danube embankments and the Buda Castle Quarter are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. This morning, begin your tour in Pest, where the elegant neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building, built between 1884 and 1904, towers over the river. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Visit the 19th-century, neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House, one of the most beautiful in the world with the interiors decorated with frescoes by eminent painters, including Mór Than and Károly Lotz. By special arrangement, an opera singer will perform an aria for our group.

After lunch, cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking river-level Pest to the hillier Buda side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the stately, late-19th-century neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion whose seven turrets symbolize the seven Magyar tribes that settled in the Carpathian Basin, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Also, visit the Gothic Matthias Church, built in the 1200s and renovated in the 17th and 19th centuries.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening followed by a specially arranged local folklore performance on board.

Budapest/U.S.
Saturday, September 13
After breakfast onboard, continue on the Budapest Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Founded in 1089, the Austrian Benedictine Abbey of Melk houses a world-renowned monastic library.
The elegance and romance of native son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND, which set new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a floating Five-Star hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 72 air-conditioned, stylishly appointed river-view Staterooms (from 161 square feet) and Suites (up to 236 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railing). Each has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower (Suites have bathtub with shower), individual climate control, satellite telephone and television, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Live piano music is played during afternoon tea, and complimentary wine is served with dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes, and Sun Deck with deck chairs and golf putting green. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary Quietvox audio system available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Globe Certification” of environmental conservation.

Warsaw Pre-Program Option
Begin your journey in Warsaw, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Poland’s vibrant political and cultural capital. Enjoy a specially arranged, private Chopin recital and a walking tour of Warsaw’s Old Town. Visit nearby Częstochowa to view the famous Black Madonna icon. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BRISTOL.

Budapest Post-Program Option
A showcase of the wonderfully preserved Habsburg Empire’s influence, Budapest remains one of the most beautiful world-class cities in Europe. Enjoy a tour of the stately Parliament building and an excursion into Hungary’s fabled Puszta. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL SOFITEL BUDAPEST CHAIN BRIDGE, located in the heart of the city.

Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

In Kraków
◆ Three nights in the deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL with breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Walking tour of historic Kraków, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the Wawel Hill complex, the Rynek Główny and the 14th-century Mariacki Church.
◆ Visit to the historic district of Kazimierz.
◆ Specially arranged, exclusive presentation about Chopin and a recital in Floriaska Hall.

Full-day scenic transfer from Kraków, Poland, to Prague, Czech Republic, including lunch in the city of Brno.

In Prague
◆ Three nights in the centrally located, deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA with breakfast each morning and one dinner.
◆ Walking tour of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the Staré Město (Old Town) and Josefov (Old Jewish Quarter).
◆ Private tour of the Estates Theater with a short performance of Mozart’s compositions.
◆ Half-day city tour, highlighted by the Hradčany Castle and featuring a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral.
◆ Specially arranged guided tour of Lobkowicz Palace with private concert of Ludwig van Beethoven’s music.

Scenic transfer from Prague, Czech Republic, to Passau, Germany, including lunch in Passau.

On board the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND
◆ Five-night cruise on the scenic Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with port calls at Melk, Dürnstein, and Vienna, Austria; and Bratislava, Slovakia.
◆ Deluxe, air-conditioned river-view Stateroom or Suite, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals served at single seatings—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-evening snack—featuring continental cuisine.
◆ Complimentary wine is served with dinner.
◆ Passau walking tour and exclusive recital on the world’s largest organ.
◆ Specially arranged onboard classical music performance.
◆ Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a Baroque masterpiece, featuring a brief organ recital.
◆ Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein.
◆ Guided tour of Bratislava’s medieval Old Town.
◆ Tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a visit to the Hungarian State Opera House.
◆ Specially arranged Hungarian folklore performance.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced English-speaking local guides.
◆ A program of optional excursions, as outlined in the itinerary, is available at additional cost.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotels.
◆ Experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure material.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Since the 18th century, the lands encompassing the Danube River Valley—Austria, Hungary and Germany—and the Czech Republic have bequeathed to the world an unparalleled musical legacy. The 1700s saw the creative genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Josef Haydn and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In the 19th century, such musical titans as Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Franz Liszt, Frédéric François Chopin and Antonín Dvořák reigned over the courts and orchestra halls of central Europe.

This exclusive journey highlights the musical traditions of Great Masters and their enduring vitality. Stroll through the old Vienna of Beethoven and Brahms and see the city’s famous Opera House. Enjoy a short organ recital within the ancient walls of Melk Abbey and listen to the melodies that emanate from the world’s largest pipe organ in Passau’s Cathedral of St. Stephan. See the very same stage of Prague’s prestigious Estates Theater, where Mozart introduced the world premiere of his famous opera, *Don Giovanni*, and attend a private performance of the great composer’s works. By special arrangement, view a collection of Beethoven’s original manuscripts and attend a private performance of his compositions in Lobkowicz Palace, and enjoy a private concert of Chopin’s music in Kraków’s leading Florianka Hall.

The golden statue of Waltz King Johann Strauss immortalizes Vienna’s rich musical legacy.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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Add $1000 for reservations made after March 13, 2014.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Warsaw Pre-Program Option and $200 per person Budapest Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by May 29, 2014.

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.
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