SYMPHONY ON THE BLUE DANUBE

July 13–24, 2016
FRAMED BY ROLLING HILLSIDES, LUSH VINEYARDS, AND MEDIEVAL CASTLES, THE DANUBE RIVER VALLEY HAS RESONATED WITH MUSICIANS, ARTISTS, AND POETS AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORLD THE GENIUS OF ITS MOST RENOWNED VIRTUOSOS.

We invite you to join us on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s great masters, from Bach, Haydn, and Mozart to Beethoven, Chopin, and Dvořák.

Spend three nights in Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires” and one of the cultural hearts of Europe. Then cruise the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe m.s. AMADEUS SILVER II, launched in 2015 and one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe. Enjoy a comprehensive itinerary custom designed and carefully orchestrated to include specially arranged expert lectures, guided excursions, and private performances featuring the musical heritage of Europe’s most accomplished composers.

Explore up to seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the historic centers of Prague and Salzburg, the Habsburgs’ opulent Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the grand Hungarian State Opera House, and the majestic Wachau Valley, where picturesque towns stand along the riverbank and castle ruins look down from above.

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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, Frédéric François Chopin, Franz Liszt, and Antonín Dvořák reigned over the courts and orchestra halls of central Europe.

This exclusive journey highlights the musical traditions of master composers and their enduring vitality. See the stage in Prague’s prestigious Estates Theatre where Mozart premiered his famous opera *Don Giovanni* and attend a private performance of the great composer’s works. Admire the world’s largest cathedral pipe organ in Passau’s Cathedral of St. Stephan. View a collection of Beethoven’s original manuscripts and attend a private performance of classical music in Lobkowicz Palace. Stroll through the historic center of Vienna in the footsteps of Beethoven and Brahms, see the city’s famous Opera House, and attend a private performance of Mozart’s music at Sala Terrena, Vienna’s oldest concert hall.

**HARVARD STUDY LEADER**

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation.

**GUEST LECTURER**

Paul Mathews, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University and a composer of opera and chamber music, will also lecture during this program. A member of the Peabody Music Theory faculty, his published scholarship concerns orchestration and music of the early 20th century.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.
SCHEDULE BY DAY

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 13 AND 14

U.S./PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Depart the U.S. for Prague. On arrival, check into the deluxe InterContinental Praha Hotel. Attend a welcome reception Thursday in the hotel. (r)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 15 AND 16

PRAGUE
On a guided walking tour, follow the narrow, picturesque lanes of Prague's Staré Město (Old Town) to the Óroıl, the ornate astronomical clock of the Old Town Hall. See the famed Charles Bridge, adorned with 30 Baroque statues, then enjoy a performance of Mozart's music and a private tour of the Estates Theatre, where the prodigy's opera Don Giovanni premiered in 1787. In Josefov, the city's Jewish Quarter, visit Europe's longest-standing Jewish house of worship—the Old-New Synagogue—and visit the Jewish house of worship—the Jewish house of worship. On Saturday, tour the former residence of Bohemian royalty: the Hradčany complex of castles, churches, and museums. View original Beethoven manuscripts and enjoy a private string quartet concert in the family-owned 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace. Visit the neo-Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most significant cathedral in Prague, and see the Royal Mausoleum and magnificent St. Wenceslas Chapel. Then walk through the “Golden Lane,” a quaint byway lined with small, Mannerist-style houses and workshops once occupied by castle goldsmiths, alchemists, artisans, and guards. (b,l,d)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

PRAGUE/PASSAU, GERMANY
Travel across rolling hills and through the bucolic Czech and German countryside to Passau, the only place on Earth where three rivers—the Danube, Ilz, and Inn—meet. Enjoy lunch in a traditional German restaurant before a walking tour along the cobblestone streets of Altstadt. Passau’s Old Town. Visit the Baroque-style St. Stephan’s Cathedral, which houses the largest pipe organ in the world. Enjoy a short concert by the ship’s musicians. (b,l,r,d)

MONDAY, JULY 18

LINZ FOR SALZBURG, AUSTRIA
Arrive in Linz and transfer to Salzburg, a UNESCO-designated city and the birthplace of Mozart. Enjoy a walking tour of Salzburg’s Old Town to admire the majestic, 17th-century cathedral and the landmark Festung Hohensalzburg, the largest fully preserved fortress in central Europe. Stroll through Mirabell Gardens and along the Getreidegasse pedestrian thoroughfare to see the house where Mozart was born in 1756. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and time at leisure to explore the city. Then drive through the breathtaking Austrian countryside featured in the classic movie The Sound of Music and stop in the picturesque town of Mondsee to see the church where Maria and Baron von Trapp were married in the film. (b,l,d)

TUESDAY, JULY 19

MELK/DÜRNSTEIN
In the riverside town of Melk, visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey, a showcase of impressive Baroque architecture, priceless relics, and stunning ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. In the abbey’s church, admire the striking, 16th-century altarpiece by Danube School master Jörg Breu the Elder. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, the abbey’s library is a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

This afternoon, 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 picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church and enjoy a short, private organ concert inside the 15th-century Stiftskirche Dürnstein.

In the lingering light of summer, be on deck this evening as you cruise the Danube’s spectacular and fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (b,l,d)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 20 AND 21

VIENNA
The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic center is an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour this remarkable city, which owes its present appearance to Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who created the Ringstrasse showcasing its finest landmarks—the State Opera House and the Hofburg Palace. Visit the Gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral) and enjoy a specially arranged performance of Mozart’s music in the Sala Terrena, Vienna’s oldest concert hall where Mozart briefly resided, worked, and performed in 1781.

On Thursday, visit the spectacular Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

ST. STEPHEN’S CATHEDRAL, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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It was here, in one of the grand salons decorated in a priceless collection of art and antiques, that a six-year-old Mozart first performed for Maria Theresa and her daughter, the future Queen of France, Marie Antoinette. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits. The ship overnights in Vienna on Wednesday and Thursday.

FRIDAY, JULY 22
BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

This morning, en route to Bratislava, cruise through Austria’s scenic Donau-Auen National Park, which preserves the last remaining major wetlands in central Europe. The charming capital of Slovakia, Bratislava is nestled in the Carpathian Mountain foothills overlooking the banks of the Danube River. Beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, the city showcases 21st-century life amidst its 1,000-year history. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town; its medieval, Renaissance, and 19th-century architecture is among the finest in central Europe. Visit the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primate’s Palace; Bratislava’s oldest preserved medieval fortification.

SATURDAY, JULY 23
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Buda and Pest—the centuries-old twin cities that face one another across the Danube River—the embankments along the storied river, and the Buda Castle Quarter together are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin your tour in Pest to see the elegant Parliament Building, built between 1884 and 1904. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in AD 896. Visit the neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House and enjoy a private, specially arranged opera performance.

The imposing Chain Bridge links river-level Pest to the hills of Buda on the other side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the stately, neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion, offering exceptional panoramic views of the city. On board the ship tonight, attend the captain’s farewell reception and dinner followed by a traditional folklore performance.

SUNDAY, JULY 24
BUDAPEST/U.S.

Continue on the Budapest post-program option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions
• Seven-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AmaDEUS SIlver II
• Complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner on board the ship
• Three nights in the centrally located, deluxe InterContinental Hotel in Prague
• Specially arranged, private performances of the music of Mozart, Beethoven, and other composers
• Visits to six UNESCO World Heritage sites

• All activities, excursions, entrance fees and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides and drivers
• Services of a tour manager throughout the program
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
• $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
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OVERALL LENGTH: 443 feet

AMENITIES
This exclusively chartered ship offers 84 river-view staterooms (from 172 square feet) and suites (284 square feet). Each has a private bathroom with shower, two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

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