Cruising the Danube: Vienna to the Black Sea
on the Deluxe *Amadeus Queen*
October 11 to 23, 2021
with **Thomas Forrest Kelly,**
Morton B. Knafel Research Professor of Music
The Danube River has ranked among the world’s most impressive waterways. Join us for an extraordinary journey along nearly the entire length of this fabled river, from the Habsburgs’ imperial capital of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the captivating Black Sea. This exceptional travel program features seven countries and the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS QUEEN and spend two nights in Romania’s elegant capital of Bucharest. Visit Bulgaria, Serbia, eastern Croatia, Hungary’s fabled Puszta (plains), and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated castles, palaces, and squares of Budapest. Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates and experience medieval Belgrade.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Activity Level 2: 

**Low Key**

Many of the cities and towns being visited were founded centuries ago, and the terrain is rugged. Therefore, a fair amount of walking along narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors or uneven and/or slippery terrain and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions often cover distances of at least one mile and are approximately three hours in length.
The elegant and meticulously crafted AMADEUS QUEEN features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The 81 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar.

The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows. Continental cuisine is served featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a beauty salon, a boutique, a massage room, a fitness studio, an indoor pool, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting) and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has earned the important “Green Globe Certification” of environmental sustainability.

Rates Per Person
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.
TO BOOK A TRIP CALL 800-422-1636. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL
Enjoy views of the Danube Gorge in its autumnal glory. Cruise through southeastern Europe’s scenery, passing the Golubac Fortress, guardian to the Iron Gates, naturally carved by the Danube River in its passage through the Carpathian Mountains. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
Nikopol, Bulgaria, for Arbanasi and Veliko Târnovo
Dock in Nikopol and continue to the village of Arbanasi. See distinctive stone houses, and learn about the life of a 17th-century merchant in the Konstantsaliev House. Admire elaborate icons and frescoes in the Church of the Nativity of Christ.

In Veliko Târnovo, savor lunch in a local restaurant. Enjoy a walking tour of the historical center, an open-air museum of National Revival architectural splendor, and see the T sarevets Fortress. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
Fetești, Romania, for Constanța and Adamclisi
The principal Romanian seaport of Constanța was established as the Greek trading settlement of Tomis in the sixth century B.C.; later ruled by Romans, Byzantines, and Ottoman Turks; and today remains a magnificent composite of these ancient civilizations. The Old Town walking tour features Roman poet Ovid’s famous statue in Ovidiu Square and concludes with lunch and time at leisure.

Visit Adamclisi, where the Tropaeum Traiani commemorates Roman Emperor Trajan’s victory over the Dacians in A.D. 102. Attend the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
Fetești / Bucharest
Disembark the ship and travel through the rolling Romanian campii (plains) to the diverse capital city of Bucharest. Along the grand boulevard, visit the Palace of Parliament—valued as the world’s most expensive administrative building—and the open-air National Village Museum featuring homesteads, churches and windmills.

Check into the ideally located, five-star ATHÉNÉE PALACE HILTON BUCHAREST. (B,L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
Bucharest
Visit the National Art Museum in the Royal Palace, housing Romania’s finest collection of artistic treasures.

Your afternoon is at leisure; enjoy the farewell reception in the hotel this evening. (B,R)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
Bucharest / U.S.
Following breakfast, continue on the Castles of Transylvania Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

What is Included:
• Expert insights from study leader Thomas Forrest Kelly
• Nine-night cruise aboard the deluxe AMADEUS QUEEN
• Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner aboard ship
• Complimentary Wi-Fi aboard ship (conditions permitting)
• All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
• Complimentary bottled water available in your suite or stateroom and during excursions
• Services of a tour manager throughout the program
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
• $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
Imperial Vienna
PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
$895 per person, double occupancy
$1,295 per person, single occupancy
The former seat of the Habsburg Empire and one of Europe’s most vibrant cultural centers, Vienna showcases an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture in its historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Along the famous Ringstrasse, see this remarkable city’s most important landmarks. Visit Hofburg Palace and see the Gothic-style Stephansdom (Saint Stephen’s Cathedral). Learn more about the Austrian Empire in Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the Habsburgs’ summer estate. Accommodations are for two nights in the historical, five-star HOTEL IMPERIAL VIENNA.
Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Castles of Transylvania
POST-PROGRAM OPTION
$995 per person, double occupancy
$1,295 per person, single occupancy
Enjoy mystical Transylvania and central Romania’s rich medieval heritage. Admire the splendor of the Carpathian Mountains. Tour the 15th-century fairy-tale Peleş Castle, arguably one of the most beautiful castles in Europe; the imposing 14th-century Bran Castle; and Romania’s beloved Queen Marie’s former summer residence. See the Gothic Black Church in Brașov; visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated. 14th-century Sighișoara, the birthplace of Vlad Tepes; and visit UNESCO-inscribed Prejmer, the largest fortified church in southeast Europe. Spend two nights in the deluxe ARO PALACE HOTEL in Brașov and one night in the five-star ATHÉNÉE PALACE HILTON BUCHAREST.

Terms & Conditions
AA&D COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS: Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities, including travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association (“HAA”), are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees. AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to—and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs—any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects personal safety, well-being, and inclusiveness among community members.

CONTRACT: Harvard Alumni Association does not itself conduct tours, but instead partners with several different tour operators to offer a broad range of travel programs. Tour participants contract directly with tour operators, although HAA is available to act as a liaison with tour operators should participants have any questions or concerns. HAA is not responsible for performing any of the tour operator’s obligations. The tour operator for this program is Gohagan & Company, based in Chicago, Illinois.

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: Enrichment program of lectures and discussions; nine nights aboard Amadeus Queen; two nights land accommodation in Bucharest; welcome and farewell receptions; all meals as outlined in itinerary; complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages throughout cruise; internet access while on board; taxes; transfers and luggage handling at airport/pier/hotel for guests whose arrival(s) and departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfers; all excursions and visits with experienced local guides outlined in itinerary; all gratuities to ship personnel, restaurant staff, local guides, drivers, and tour manager throughout.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: International airfare from the U.S.; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Inclusions” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel, optional sightseeing excursions; meals and beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

PROGRAM SIZE: Amadeus Queen can accommodate up to 162 passengers for this voyage. Harvard passengers will be joined by guests from the co-sponsoring institutions from U of Chicago and National Trust, as well as potential independent travelers. HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is required per person (plus $200 per person Pre- and/or Post-Program). Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment is due August 23, 2021 (95 days before departure), payable by check or credit card to “Gohagan & Company”. Participants will receive an invoice directly from Gohagan & Company for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Deposits are fully refundable through 96 days prior to departure. Cancellations received between 76 and 95 days prior to departure will be charged 70% of the trip cost. Cancellations received 75 days or less prior to departure are nonrefundable.

TRIP INSURANCE: Neither HAA nor the tour operator, including all representatives, employees, and agents, will take responsibility for any costs or losses incurred or suffered by a participant, or a participant’s dependents or traveling companions before, during or after the tour. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted below, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour. HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip insurance to cover unforeseen trip interruptions, cancellations, lost baggage, and emergency medical assistance and evacuation. Participants may purchase trip insurance through any provider. HAA will provide information from one provider, Redpoint Travel Protection, upon confirmation, which will detail available options. If a participant purchases a trip insurance policy from Redpoint Travel Protection within a 14-day window, then the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived, and the participant will be eligible to purchase the “Cancel for Any Reason” upgrade. The 14-day window begins on the first day the participant’s trip deposits become non-refundable.

T Sava, the world’s largest Orthodox church and a beacon of culture. Admire the elaborate interior frescoes of the neo-Byzantine Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Constanta.
See Michael’s Gate and regard its elegant copper roof, a prominent symbol of Bratislava.

Gohagan & Company, based in Chicago, Illinois. Tour operator's obligations. The tour operator for this program is AA&D reserves the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.
refundable. For participants who utilize a trip credit to book the trip, the 34-day window starts the first day the participant is subject to financial penalty for cancellation, including full or partial loss of the trip credit. An insurance policy, when issued, shall constitute a contract between the participant and the insurance provider. HAA will not intervene in any transactional issues or claim disputes between participants and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator may, along with their respective employees, agents, and contractors, disclaim liability therefor.

Provide tour participants a refund for the number of missed days or other final destinations. In such a case, the tour operator may choose not to travel on the alternate itinerary a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-refundable arrangements, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Neither HAA nor the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, and may add, delete, or substitute itinerary segments at any time in their sole judgment. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on tour, and in-country. These rules and restrictions may include, but are not limited to, masks in place during the program to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure. All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All trips require physical independence and mobility: participants must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who can assist them. Participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator. Participants with dietary restrictions also must make these known to the tour operator prior to booking. Participants taking medications or making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of this publication and are subject to change. Any increases in tariffs, exchange rates, or fuel prices will be passed onto participants. As part of the COVID-19 response right, the trip participant must sign this document and may be asked to sign a separate liability waiver and release form by the tour operator.

PREPARING FOR THE TOUR: Participants will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including travel on the original tour consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-refundable arrangements, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early. Responsibility: The tour operator, its owners, and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers of travel, transportation, accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, and contractors, disclaim liability therefor. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Neither HAA nor the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, and may add, delete, or substitute itinerary segments at any time in their sole judgment. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved.