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PASSAGE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER
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October 13 - 25, 2018
FROM THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION, THE DANUBE RIVER HAS RANKED AMONG THE WORLD’S MOST STORIED WATERWAYS.

Over the course of the past two millennia, it has seen the passage of Roman legions and crusading knights, the indomitable Janissaries of the Ottomans and the proud Hussars of the Habsburgs. A channel for commerce, culture and conquest since its banks were first settled, the Danube links the heartlands of Central Europe with the nations of the Black Sea and the East beyond. Join us for an extraordinary cruise along nearly the entire length of this fabled river, from the Habsburgs’ imperial capital of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the dark pearl-blue Black Sea.

This exceptional travel program features seven countries and the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley, a mystical, seldom-visited region steeped in natural beauty that remains virtually untouched and unknown to American travelers. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe Amadeus Silver III launched in 2016, and spend two nights in Romania’s elegant capital of Bucharest, whose splendid architecture earned the city its nickname, “Little Paris.”

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WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Sue Weaver Schopf
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- Two nights in the ideally located, Five-Star Athénée Palace Hilton in Bucharest
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ANNETTE GORDON-REED

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JEFFREY QUILTER

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MARK VAN BAALEN

HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIBET, NEPAL & BHUTAN
MAY 27–JUN 10, 2018
PETER GALBRAITH

MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALÁPAGOS
JUN 19–JUL 4, 2018
HARVEY FINEBERG & MARY WILSON

EXPLORING ICELAND
JUN 21–JUL 1, 2018
JAMES MCCARTHY

(HBS) CHINA & TIBET
JUN 24–JUL 5, 2018
ELIZABETH SHERWOOD-RANDALL

CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER
AUG 11–21, 2018
NAOMI ORESKES

PORTRAIT OF ITALY
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LINDA PERTILE

VILLAGE LIFE* IN LANGUEDOC
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THOMAS W. SIMONS JR.

(HMSC) INSIDE IRAN
SEP 25–OCT 6, 2018
JOSEPH GREENE

(HMSC) SILK ROAD IN CENTRAL ASIA & IRAN
OCT 6–23, 2018
MARK VAN BAALEN

JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM
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MYSTICAL INDIA
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JAMES SALZMAN

(HMSC) INSIDER’S MOROCCO
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CAROL SAIVETZ

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OCT 24–NOV 10, 2018
DANIEL LIEBERMAN

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JAPAN BY SEA: LAND OF THE RISING SUN ON CALEDONIAN SKY
APR 15–26, 2018
JAMES SALZMAN

ALASKA’S GLACIERS AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE ON STAR LEGEND
JUN 29–JUL 5, 2018
DANIEL DONOHUE

SAILING THE BALTIC’S AMBER COAST ON SEA CLOUD II (ST. PETERSBURG TO COPENHAGEN)
JUN 29–JUL 11, 2018
MICHAEL MCCORMICK

IN THE WAKE OF THE VIKINGS ON SEA CLOUD II (COPENHAGEN TO EDINBURGH)
JUL 10–21, 2018
CATHERINE MCKENNA

TRADE ROUTES: BARCELONA TO LISBON ON LE LYRIAL
OCT 3–11, 2018
MARY GAYLORD

RIVERS & LAKES

ENCHANTING DOUROU RIVER ON AMAVIVA
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MICHAEL HORNBLOW

THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE: THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND ON AMADEUS SILVER II & THE GLACIER EXPRESS
JUN 12–22, 2018
JOHN STEWART

RIVERAS & ISLANDS: ROME TO BARCELONA ON LE LYRIAL
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ROBERT DARNTON

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JONATHAN WALTON

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PELEȘ CASTLE, ROMANIA
The legendary Danube River and its venerable banks are a symbol of the diverse cultures and epic narratives of Central Europe. Fifth-century philosopher Herodotus declared it “the greatest of all rivers which we know” when ancient Greeks traveled up from the Black Sea through the naturally carved Iron Gates, frontier of the Roman Empire. As the frontier changed hands among the Roman, Ottoman and Byzantine Empires, some of the world’s most enchanting capital cities arose along its riverbanks including Vienna, Bratislava, Belgrade and Budapest.

Journey through the natural beauty of the Carpathian Mountains, made even more enchanting by ambered, seasonal light and mysterious, medieval ruins. The river weaves through scenic, impressive landscapes, and from its unsurpassed allure emerged the Danube School, an expressive style of 16th-century German landscape painting. The wild beauty of the Danube valley influenced artists of this movement, kindling inspiration for many paintings from this period.

In addition to fine art, the river remains inextricably linked to other forms of culture; its storied waters also inspired the famous melody of Johann Strauss II’s waltz “An der Schönen blauen Donau (The Blue Danube).” This captivating region of deep historical and cultural resonance is a seldom-visited jewel of Central and Eastern Europe, with a mystique that continues to intrigue and inspire musicians, writers, artists and travelers to come from all over the world.
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