Passage of the Danube River on Amadeus Silver II (Featuring Bavaria and the Oberammergau Passion Play)
June 21 - July 1, 2020
Experience each engaging scene of the moving Passion Play in the open-air Passionspielhaus theater, which holds almost 5,000 people.

Nestled in the storybook landscapes of the Bavarian Alps, more than 2,000 residents of the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau stage one of the world’s greatest dramatic performances, founded on unique local history and a legacy that encompasses nearly four centuries. Join us in 2020 for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the 42nd production of the Oberammergau Passion Play, which is reenacted only every 10 years on the world’s largest stage.

This customized and unique itinerary combines this internationally acclaimed event with a delightful Danube River cruise through Hungary, Austria, Germany, and seldom-visited Slovakia. Special tickets, unavailable to the general public, have been procured for your Passion Play experience. Visit four world-class cities and a host of UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Budapest and its Castle Quarter, historic Vienna and the spectacular Schönbrunn Palace, and Salzburg, known as the iconic setting for The Sound of Music. Immerse yourself in Bratislava’s well-preserved medieval past; the 900-year-old traditions of Melk’s Benedictine Abbey; and Munich, the quintessential capital of all things Bavarian. Whether you are a first-time or seasoned traveler to these countries, you won’t want to miss this exceptional opportunity.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

My walking shoes are laced up tight and I’m ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives we’ll take between cities. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!
Schedule by Day

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JUNE 21 AND 22
U.S.
Depart the U.S. for Budapest. Upon arrival in Hungary’s historic capital, embark the exclusively chartered, deluxe Amadeus Silver II, Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. (r.d)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
Budapest, Hungary
Austrian-born, nevertheless the “most Hungarian Habsburg,” Archduke Joseph is credited with creating in Budapest an imperial capital that rivaled Vienna. The embankments of the centuries-old twin cities of Buda and Pest, facing each other across the Danube, and the famous Buda Castle Quarter are a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Begin your tour in Pest to see the iconic, neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. See the 19th-century, neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House, one of the most beautiful performing arts venues in the world. Cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking river-level Pest to the hills of Buda. Visit the late-19th-century, neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion on Castle Hill and explore the Gothic-style St. Matthias Church, where Charles I, the last Habsburgian ruler, was coronated in 1916. (b,l,d)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
Bratislava, Slovakia
Nestled in the foothills of the Carpathians, Slovakia’s charming capital depicts 21st-century life amid its 1,000-year-old history. In the Old Town, walk among a sampling of central Europe’s finest medieval, Renaissance, and 19th-century architecture. Visit the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primaltal Palace, and see St. Michael’s Gate, Bratislava’s oldest preserved medieval fortification, originally built in 1300.

Enjoy time at leisure in Bratislava before cruising through Austria’s fertile Donau-Auen National Park. (b,l,d)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Vienna, Austria
Former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture. Enjoy a panoramic tour showcasing its famous Ringstrasse, the impressive Vienna State Opera House, and Hofburg Palace. Visit the iconic, Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral).

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the imperial Habsburgs’ lavish summer estate. It was here that a six-year-old Mozart first performed for Empress Maria Theresa and her daughter, Marie Antoinette, future queen of France. Enjoy time to stroll the sprawling, English-style gardens. (b,l,d)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
Melk
This morning, cruise through the Danube’s fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with medieval castles ruins. In Melk, visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, an Austrian Baroque masterpiece with stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes and priceless relics, including the 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 today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

Enjoy an afternoon of engaging lectures on the ship before the Captain’s Farewell Dinner. (b,l,d)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Passau, Germany/Salzburg, Austria/Oberammergau, Germany
Disembark in Passau and transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Salzburg.
Explore the Alter Markt, where burghers’ houses date back to the Middle Ages; see the 17th-century, Italian-style Baroque Cathedral; and savor a local lunch. Walk through Mirabell Gardens and St. Peter’s Cemetery, one of the world’s oldest and most beautiful cemeteries. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll Salzburg’s famous pedestrian lane, Getreidegasse. Continue through the Bavarian Alps to a charming hotel near Oberammergau. Dinner is included in the hotel. (b,l,d)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Oberammergau Passion Play
The pastoral village of Oberammergau is synonymous with the great Passion Play produced here only once every 10 years, drawing pilgrims internationally and attracting Germany’s greatest poets to compose its scripts. Walk the streets of Oberammergau and admire the charming trompe l’oeil murals adorning the walls and façades of the village buildings.
This afternoon, from specially reserved seats, experience one of Europe’s oldest and most venerable dramatic traditions, the 2020 Passion Play, as nearly 2,000 Bavarian farmers and townsfolk transform themselves into a dazzling array of Biblical characters. During intermission, enjoy a dinner of traditional Bavarian fare. (a,d)

MONDAY, JUNE 29
Oberammergau/Neuschwanstein Castle/Munich
En route to Munich, stop at King Ludwig II’s fairy-tale Neuschwanstein, one of the world’s most photographed castles and the Romanesque Revival inspiration for Disneyland’s Sleeping Beauty Castle. (b,l)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
Munich
History comes alive in 800-year-old Munich, Bavaria’s historic capital. Visit the 17th-century, Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, birthplace of King Ludwig II, and stroll through its exquisite gardens.
Enjoy the Munich walking tour featuring the Königsbau (King’s building) of the Residenz, the former royal palace complex. See the world-famous, 16th-century Hofbräuhaus, a three-floor beer hall, and lively Viktualienmarkt, the city’s daily open-air market. In Marienplatz, marvel at the grand neo-Gothic façade of the New Town Hall, and see the famous Glockenspiel’s life-sized figures performing the traditional Coopers’ Dance.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
Munich/U.S.
After breakfast, continue on the Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (a)

What is Included:
• Lecture program featuring a Harvard study leader
• Five-night cruise aboard the deluxe Amadeus Silver II
• Two nights in an ideally located, traditional Bavarian hotel
• Two nights in the five-star, centrally located Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich
• Complimentary house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner aboard ship
• Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout ship
• All activities, excursions entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
• Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom aboard ship 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
Cruise along the Danube River through the stunning views and natural beauty of the Wachau Valley landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Stroll through the charming Getreidgasse, home to Mozart’s birthplace, in the heart of Salzburg’s Old City.

**Hungarian Tradition in Budapest**

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION  
$995 per person, double occupancy  
$1,495 per person, single occupancy

Budapest’s majestic hills and artistic, bohemian avenues are sure to captivate you. Visit the stately, Gothic Revival-style Parliament Building, one of Europe’s oldest legislative buildings and Hungary’s largest; and enjoy an excursion into Hungary’s great, protected Puszta (plains) for a display of master horsemanship and a traditional regional lunch—an authentic and unforgettable experience. Enjoy river-view accommodations for two nights in the five-star INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST.

Tour the interior of the Budapest Parliament Building, which houses the Holy Crown of Hungary.

**Historic Bavaria**

POST-PROGRAM OPTION  
$1,095 per person, double occupancy  
$1,595 per person, single occupancy

Journey to continue to enjoy the quintessential Bavarian gemütlichkeit (friendliness) of Munich and explore its multifaceted culture. Tour one of the world’s most renowned art collections at the Pinakothek museum. Tour the poignant grounds of the nearby Dachau Memorial Site. Enjoy a hearty, traditional Bavarian dinner and unique ambiance at the famous, Gothic-style Ratskeller Restaurant. Spend two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BAYERISCHER HOF, located in the heart of Munich.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Savor a traditional dinner at Munich’s famed Ratskeller Restaurant in the neo-Gothic New Town Hall in Marienplatz.

**Trip Sampling**

**LAND & RAIL**

**Village Life in Dordogne**  
SEP 21–29, 2019  
Sue Schopf

**Village Life Around the Italian Lakes**  
SEP 21–29, 2019  
Sue Schopf

**CRUISES**

**Cruising the Rivieras of Italy, France, Spain on Le Bougainville**  
MAY 29–JUN 6, 2019  
Daniel Donoghue

**Changing Tides: The Baltic Sea Countries on Dumont D’Urville**  
JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019  
Richard Thomas

**RIVERS & LAKES**

**Dutch Waterways on AMADEUS SILVER II**  
APR 25–MAY 3, 2019  
Peter Bol

**The Pride Of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe**  
MAR 14–30, 2019  
Suzanne Blier

**Passage Along The Danube River: Vienna to Black Sea on AMADEUS QUEEN**  
OCT 12–24, 2019  
Tom Simons

**Springtime in Provence & Burgundy (Lyon to Arles) on AMADEUS PROVENCE**  
MAY 6–14, 2020
The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Silver II features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 84 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 delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and 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, complimentary Wi-Fi, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio, and Sun Deck. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has been awarded the rare “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

### Rates Per Person

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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.
Published full regular tariffs; person; from 61 through 94 days ($200 Pre/Post-Program) per person; from 95 through 120 days 121 days prior to departure; time of booking through Post-Program) per person subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post-Program). All cancellations must be made in writing to Harvard Alumni Travels.

Tour cost inclusions:
- International airfare from the scheduled group transfer(s); transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving early or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the 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 alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

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). Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in the back of this brochure.

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The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. While the tour operator will do everything possible to maintain the published trip price, it may be necessary to institute a surcharge.

Insurance: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for insurance will be provided by the Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation.

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