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# Grand Danube Passage

 Sofia to Prague

October 11 - 26, 2027

## Inspiring Moments

- Uncover the bewitching ambience of timeless villages and capital cities, including **Bratislava, Prague, Vienna and Budapest.**
- Soak up the sight of Budapest's glowing skyline during an **evening cruise.**
- Admire the dramatic **Iron Gate Gorge**, a spectacular geological wonder.
- Applaud graceful waltz dancers during a **special performance.**
- **Thrill your palate with regional flavors**, from savory pretzels to local wines during special celebrations and tastings.
- Marvel at the lush, storybook landscape of the **Wachau Valley.**
- Reflect during a moment of quiet thought in the marbled halls of **Melk Abbey.**
- Enjoy clapping along to a **thrilling Serbian folk dance.**
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



## Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city
- Day 2** Arrive in Sofia and transfer to hotel
- Day 3** Sofia
- Day 4** Sofia | Vidin | Embark ship
- Day 5** Iron Gate Gorge
- Day 6** Belgrade
- Day 7** Vukovar | Osijek
- Day 8** Mohács | Pécs
- Day 9** Budapest
- Day 10** Bratislava
- Day 11** Vienna
- Day 12** Dürnstein | Wachau Valley | Melk
- Day 13** Passau | Disembark ship | Prague
- Day 14** Prague
- Day 15** Prague
- Day 16** Transfer to Prague airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

## Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - **2 nights** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Balkan Palace.
  - **9 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.
  - **3 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

- Transfers** (with baggage handling)
  - Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

- Extensive Meal Program**
  - 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - Visit **8 countries** on this program.
  - **Enrichment by expert speakers.**
  - **Engaging excursions** and **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**

- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Top: Aggstein Castle on the Danube



## A World of Discovery

### **AHI Connects | Waltzing Around.**

Professional dancers perform the elegant dance, a composition of rhythm and flow.

**Sofia.** Discover Sofia's iconic landmarks, ancient ruins and inspiring architecture.

**Lunch with a View.** Dine at The Rocks restaurant, nestled in a stunning setting with views of the Belogradchik Rocks.

**Vidin.** See Vidin's highlights, including the medieval Baba Vida Fortress, the Osman Pazvantoglu Library and Mosque, and the St. Panteleimon Church.

**Frühschoppen.** Indulge in a German mid-morning tradition! Eat, drink and be merry as you enjoy beer accompanied by pretzels, sausages and mustards.

**Folklore Show.** Enjoy an engaging and colorful folklore performance on the ship.

**Osijek & Vukovar.** Experience Croatia's Slavonia region. Learn about time-honored traditions, taste locally made foods and sample a few delicious regional wines and brandies. Visit Osijek and Vukovar, cities with lingering remnants from the war.

**Pécs.** A walking tour of Pécs reveals Ottoman mosques and Roman ruins, which have been turned into churches.

**Budapest by Night.** Cruise through the city at night and be captivated by an illuminated Buda and Pest.

**Melk Abbey.** Delight in the architecture and history of Melk's Benedictine abbey. The building dates from 1736 and its terrace offers sprawling vistas.

**Picturesque Passau.** Passau is nestled at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers. Take a walking tour to see the Veste Oberhaus, Niedernburg Abbey, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Rathaus and more.

### **Prague Old Town & Charles Bridge.**

Witness Prague's famous 15th-century astronomical clock, which still works on its original system of construction. Next, stroll along Charles Bridge, a gem of medieval architecture spanning the Vltava River.

### **PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:**

#### **Belgrade**

- Belgrade City Highlights
- Belgrade: Eating Like a Local
- Science & Scientist Tour

#### **Budapest**

- Highlights of Budapest
- Living Local
- Budapest's Jewish Quarter

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#### **Bratislava**

- Old Town & Café
- Old Town & Music
- Iron Curtain Bike Tour *(Active)*

#### **Vienna**

- Imperial Vienna
- Klosterneuburg Monastery & Wine
- Schönbrunn Palace

#### **Dürnstein**

- Dürnstein Walking Tour
- Cycling the Danube *(Active)*
- Wachau Winery

#### **Prague**

- Lobkowitz Palace & Museum
- Prague's Jewish Quarter
- Art Nouveau & Cubist Walking Tour

#### **Enrichment**

- Prologue to the Bulgarian Revolution
- Modern Serbia
- The Velvet Revolution
- Timeless Vienna

#### **UNESCO World Heritage**

1. **Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue, Hungary**
2. **Historic Center of Vienna, Austria**
3. **Wachau Cultural Landscape, Austria**
4. **Historic Center of Prague, Czech Republic**
5. **Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn, Austria**

#### **Accommodations**

##### **MS Amadeus Queen**

81-cabin River Cruise Ship  
Ship's registry: Germany

**Sofia Balkan Palace | Sofia**



**Art Deco Imperial Hotel | Prague**



**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

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\$6,795**



*Belogradchik Rocks*

#### **AHI Travel Expertise**

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Consultants |** Assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators |** Help with everything from flights to special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

#### **Let us arrange your flights!**

 **AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.



*Serbian folk dancing*