Symphony on the Blue Danube

Kraków • Prague • Vienna • Budapest

aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT

October 1 to 13, 2015
Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s Great Masters. Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards and medieval castles, the Danube River Valley has resonated with musicians, artists, poets and travelers throughout the centuries, and has contributed to the world the genius of its most renowned virtuosos.

Our comprehensive itinerary takes you through six countries and the heartland of central Europe. It is custom designed and will be carefully orchestrated to include private performances featuring the musical heritage of Europe’s accomplished composers, including Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, and to allow opportunities to explore eight UNESCO World Heritage treasures. Cruise the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe, docking often right in the heart of the cities, and spend three nights each in the historic and world-class cities of Kraków and Prague in deluxe, centrally located hotels.

Your experience is enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged expert lectures, private classical music performances and guided excursions in Kraków and Prague and in each port of call along the Danube.

Traveling through the heartland of Europe has never been more historically rich and culturally exciting. This exceptional program is sure to strike a chord with both new and repeat travelers as it taps into the heart and soul of the region, as well as its great composers, art and architectural masterpieces; and it is an excellent value. I encourage you to book now as this popular trip sells out quickly. Early Booking Savings are only available through March 26, 2015.

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U.S./Kraków, Poland
Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2
Depart the U.S. for Kraków, Poland. On arrival, check into the centrally located, deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL. Join your travel companions for the Welcome Reception this evening.

Kraków
Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4
For more than one thousand years, Kraków has been considered the academic, artistic and spiritual capital of Poland, serving as the country’s seat of government from 1038 to 1596. Kraków is the only major Polish city to have emerged from World War II relatively undamaged, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose unique treasures have been well-preserved through the centuries.

Enjoy a walking tour of the grounds of Wawel Hill. See the Royal Castle, the seat of the monarchy for 500 years, which blends 16th-century Florentine architecture with Polish motifs and houses the state art collection, and the 14th-century Cathedral of Sts. Stanislaw and Waclaw, where all of Poland’s kings were crowned and buried. Stroll through the Old Town and experience the lively Rynek Główny (Main Market Square). Visit the 14th-century twin-spired Mariacki (St. Mary’s) Church, one of the finest Gothic structures in Poland, to see the famous medieval altar by Wit Stwosz. From the church’s tower, a lone trumpeter sounds a haunting call every hour on the hour, in commemoration of a warning of an impending attack by the Tatars in medieval times. Pass by the former residence of Pope John Paul II, where he lived during his tenure as Archbishop of Kraków.

Tour the historic Kazimierz district, to see the impressive landmarks of this former medieval town, known for its vibrant Jewish community from the 14th century until World War II.

On Saturday evening, attend a presentation on Frédéric Chopin, then enjoy the master’s works during a specially arranged, private performance in the intimate Florianka Hall.

During your stay in Kraków, you can choose to join optional excursions to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site; the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to marvel at “The Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland,” carved entirely from rock salt; and/or the Oskar Schindler Factory, now a museum chronicling the history of Kraków under Nazi occupation.

Kraków/Brno, Czech Republic/Prague
Monday, October 5
The scenic transfer to Prague stops en route for lunch in Brno, a crossroads of ancient North and South European civilization trade routes for centuries. Upon arrival in Prague, check into the deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA, located near the historic Old Town.

Prague
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7
On a guided tour, explore the diverse cultural legacy of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the “City of a Thousand Spires,” which showcases Gothic, Renaissance and baroque architecture. Walk down the narrow, picturesque lanes of the Staré Město (Old Town) to the Orloj, the ornate, 15th-century astronomical clock of the Old Town Hall. Enjoy a brief private performance of Mozart’s music and a specially arranged private tour of the Estates Theatre, where the prodigy’s opera, Don Giovanni, premiered in 1787. Continue to Josefov, the Jewish Quarter, and see Europe’s oldest Jewish house of worship, the Gothic Old-New Synagogue, and the moss-covered, 15th-century headstones of the Jewish Cemetery. Conclude at the famous Charles Bridge, adorned with 17th- and 18th-century statues of saints.

On Wednesday, tour the fascinating Hradčany complex of castles, churches and museums, the former residence of The highest and lo pipe organ in St. Sare nearly inaudib
Bohemian royalty, which dominates the city skyline. By special arrangement, view original Beethoven manuscripts in the family-owned, 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace in the Prague Castle complex and enjoy a private string quartet concert of the composer's works; visit neo-Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral; then, walk through the “Golden Lane,” a street lined with former goldsmith workshops built in the 16th century in Mannerist style.

**Prague/Passau, Germany**

**Thursday, October 8**

Travel across the rolling hills and through the bucolic wooded Czech and German countryside to Passau. Have lunch in a historic, traditional German restaurant before enjoying a walking tour of Passau. See and hear the largest cathedral pipe organ in the world, with nearly 18,000 pipes, during a specially arranged, exclusive recital in the magnificent baroque Cathedral of St. Stephen. Embark the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT and enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception followed by dinner and a private, specially arranged onboard concert of Haydn’s and Schumann’s works. The ship departs Passau this evening.

**Melk, Austria/Dürnstein**

**Friday, October 9**

Visit Melk’s magnificent Benedictine Abbey where you will enjoy a brief organ recital in the abbey’s beautiful Stiftskirche (church), where the striking 16th-century altarpiece by “Danube School” master Jörg Breu the Elder remains perfectly intact. The abbey is a showcase of impressive Austrian baroque architecture, priceless relics and stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, its library is today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

After lunch, 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 quaint, picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church.

Then, cruise the Danube’s spectacular and fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the haunting ruins of medieval castles.

**Vienna**

**Saturday, October 10**

The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic city center is an open-air museum of splendid baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Kraków’s Renaissance Cloth Hall overlooks the lively Rynek Glówny, an impressive plaza surrounded by elaborate houses and towering spires.
Tour this remarkable city, which owes its present appearance to the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who created the famous Ringstrasse showcasing the city’s finest landmarks—the impressive Vienna State Opera House and the lavish Hofburg Palace.

Visit the iconic Gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral). Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of Mozart’s music for our group in the Sala Terrena, Vienna’s oldest concert hall and where Mozart resided, worked and performed in 1781. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore the cultural treasures of Vienna at your own pace.

Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia
Sunday, October 11

This morning, join the optional excursion to visit Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs, or enjoy time at leisure.

Cruise from Vienna to Bratislava, through the Donau-Auen National Park, which preserves the last remaining major wetlands environment in central Europe.

This afternoon, dock in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains overlooking the banks of the Danube River. Beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, the city showcases 21st-century life amid its 1000-year-old history. Enjoy a walking tour of Bratislava’s Old Town; its medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture is among the finest in central Europe. Visit the Romanesque 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primatial Palace. St. Michael’s Gate is the only remaining intact portion of the city’s medieval fortifications.

Budapest, Hungary
Monday, October 12

In Budapest, the “Pearl of the Danube,” the Austrian-born, but nevertheless the “most Hungarian Habsburg” Archduke Joseph is credited with creating this city that rivaled Vienna as an imperial capital. Buda and Pest, the centuries-old twin cities facing each other across the Danube River; the embankments along the river; and the Buda Castle Quarter are together designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. This morning, begin your tour in Pest, where the elegant neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building, built between 1884 and 1904, towers over the river. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Visit the 19th-century, neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House. One of the most beautiful venues in the world, its interiors are decorated with frescoes by eminent painters, including Mór Than and Károly Lotz. Here, you will enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of an aria by an opera singer for our group.

After lunch, cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking river-level Pest to the hillier Buda side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the stately, late-19th-century neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion, where seven turrets symbolize the seven Magyar tribes that settled in the Carpathian Basin, and enjoy exceptional panoramic views of the city. Also, visit the Gothic Matthias Church, built in the 1200s and renovated in the 17th and 19th centuries. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening followed by a specially arranged local folklore performance on board.

Budapest/U.S.
Tuesday, October 13

After breakfast on board, continue on the Budapest Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Dürnstein is nestled within the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that contains traces of past civilizations, including medieval villages, castles and monasteries.

The glory of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Vienna is its ornately tiled roof featuring a mosaic of the double-headed eagle, a symbol of the Habsburg dynasty.
M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT

The elegance and romance of the music composed by Austria's native son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT, which provides the comforts of a floating Five-Star hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers air-conditioned, stylishly appointed river-view Staterooms (from 161 square feet) and Junior Suites (up to 236 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railing). Each has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower (Junior Suites have bathtub with shower), individual climate control, satellite telephone and television, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes, and a Sun Deck with golf putting green. A complimentary audio headset is available to each passenger for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Globe Certification” of environmental preservation.

Warsaw Pre-Program Option

Begin your journey in Warsaw, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Poland's vibrant political and cultural capital. Enjoy the specially arranged, private Chopin recital and a walking tour of Warsaw’s meticulously restored Old Town. Visit the pilgrimage site of Częstochowa to view the revered Black Madonna icon. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BRISTOL.

Budapest Post-Program Option

A showcase of the wonderfully preserved Habsburg Empire's influence, Budapest continues to be one of the most beautiful and world-class cities in Europe. Enjoy a tour of the stately Parliament building and an excursion into Hungary's great protected Puszta (plains). Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star KEMPINSKI HOTEL CORVINUS, located in the heart of the city.

Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

**In Kraków**
- Three nights in the deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL, with breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception.
- Walking tour of historic Kraków, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the Kazimierz district, the Wawel Hill complex, the Rynek Główny and the 14th-century Mariacki Church.
- Specially arranged, exclusive presentation about Chopin and a recital in Florianska Hall.

Transfer from Kraków, Poland, to Prague, Czech Republic, including lunch in the city of Brno en route.

**In Prague**
- Three nights in the centrally located, deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA, with breakfast each morning and one dinner.
- Walking tour of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the Staré Město (Old Town) and Josefov (Old Jewish Quarter).
- Private tour of the Estates Theatre with a short private performance of Mozart’s compositions.
- Half-day city tour, highlighted by the Hradčany Castle and featuring a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral.
- Specially arranged guided tour of Lobkowicz Palace with private concert of Beethoven’s music.

Full-day scenic transfer from Prague to Passau, Germany, including lunch and a walking tour of Passau featuring an exclusive recital on the world’s largest cathedral pipe organ.

**On board the chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT**
- Five-night cruise on the legendary Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with port calls at Melk, Dürnstein and Vienna, Austria; and Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
- All meals served at single seatings—early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Private onboard classical music performance.
- Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a baroque masterpiece, featuring a brief organ recital.
- Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein.
- Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Tour of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a private performance of Mozart’s music.
- Guided tour of Bratislava’s medieval Old Town.
- Tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a visit to the Hungarian State Opera House and a private, specially arranged brief aria performance.
- Specially arranged, exclusive Hungarian folklore performance.

**Enhanced Travel Services**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced English-speaking local guides.
- A program of optional excursions, as outlined in the itinerary, is available at additional cost.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotels.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure material.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
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, Franz Liszt, Frédéric François Chopin 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. Stroll through the historic center of Vienna in the footsteps of Beethoven and Brahms and see the city’s famous Opera House. Enjoy a short organ recital within the baroque walls of Melk Abbey and listen to the melodies that emanate from the world’s largest cathedral pipe organ in Passau’s Cathedral of St. Stephen. See the stage in Prague’s prestigious Estates Theatre, where Mozart introduced the world premiere of his famous opera, Don Giovanni, and attend a private performance of the great composer’s works. By special arrangement, view a collection of Beethoven’s original manuscripts and attend a private performance of his compositions in Lobkowicz Palace, and enjoy a private concert of Chopin’s music in Kraków’s leading Floriánka Hall.

The golden statue of Waltz King Johann Strauss immortalizes Vienna’s rich musical legacy.
LAND/Cruise TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

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Junior Suites: Larger Stateroom with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing), tub/shower, lounge area and minibar, Mozart Deck.

$7295  $8295

◆ Singles are available in category 2 at $9995 and in category 1 at $10695 on or before March 26, 2015. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 26, 2015.

◆ Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

* M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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◆ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $               as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
◆ I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $               to:
  ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard

Card Number                 Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Category:
  1st Choice ___  2nd Choice ___

❑ Double occupancy (two twin beds).
❑ Double occupancy (one queen bed).
❑ Single accommodations.
❑ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
  Warsaw Pre-Program Option
  ❑ Double at $695 per person.
  ❑ Single at $350 per person.
  ❑ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

  Budapest Post-Program Option
  ❑ Double at $795 per person.
  ❑ Single at $1050 per person.
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I/We want you to book my/our air from

(fill in departure city)
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❑ Economy Class    ❑ Business Class    ❑ First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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