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University of Illinois Alumni Alliance

October 21 – November 4, 2020



A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the celebrated Danube River region, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness Budapest's glowing, amber skyline during an evening **sail on the Danube.**
- ▶ Gaze at the scenic wonder of the **Iron Gate Gorge**, an engineering marvel.
- ▶ Discover the history and grandeur of **timeless Vienna.**
- ▶ Delight in the beguiling, relaxed ambience of **Bratislava's old town.**
- ▶ Applaud the graceful turns and flowing movements of elegant waltz dancers during an **exclusive performance.**
- ▶ Sip vintages during a **wine tasting in Pécs.**
- ▶ Marvel at the lush, story-book landscape of the **Wachau Valley.**
- ▶ Savor a moment of quiet thought in the marbled halls of **Melk Abbey.**

EXPLORERS

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Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Join us on this cultural adventure through eight countries! The incomparable heritage and fascinating history of Eastern Europe come to life during a cruise along the mighty Danube, the continent's most famous river. Each day is filled with new discoveries as we experience this crossroads of culture, stroll cobblestone alleys of medieval towns and explore buzzing metropolises.

We'll begin with three nights in Prague, Czech Republic. Then sail along the Danube, reveling in unspoiled riverside landscapes, before concluding in the Balkan city of Sofia, Bulgaria. Along the way, visit inspiring UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the remarkable Wachau Valley, and taste the region's wines and cuisine. Plus, in most ports, customize your cruise with choices of cultural, active and culinary activities designed to highlight Eastern Europe's history as well as its daily life. You are sure to return home dreaming of fairy-tale castles and memorable evenings spent stargazing along the Danube.

Travel in comfort and enjoy the excursions, cultural events and lectures selected especially for you. This is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture, cuisine and landscapes of eight countries on a deluxe travel program. Make your reservations today!

Sincerely,



Jennifer Dillavou
President, University of Illinois Alumni Alliance
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Hofburg Palace, Vienna





Old Town Square, Prague

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic. 🌐

Day 2 | Prague, Czech Republic

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 and check in to the InterContinental Prague.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon creating your own itinerary in Prague, a magnificent city spread along both banks of the Vltava River.

Tonight, gather for a special Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Prague

Discovery: Old Town and Charles Bridge.

See the famous Clock Tower, whose 15th-century astronomical clock still works on its original system. Then stroll along the ornate Charles Bridge, Prague's most familiar landmark.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon creating your own itinerary. You may wish to visit Prague's intriguing museums and galleries.

Day 4 | Prague

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

• **Lobkowicz Palace and Museum.** Set within the Prague Castle complex, this 16th-century palace features stunning masterpieces, art, weapons and musical instruments from the 12th-20th centuries. During your visit, learn about the legacies of the noble Lobkowicz family.

• **Prague's Jewish Quarter.** Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum, a showcase of Jewish history and treasures. Housed in the quarter's synagogues, the exhibits provide fascinating insight into Jewish history.

• **Art Nouveau and Cubism.** See Prague's 20th-century architecture including buildings built in the art nouveau and cubist fashions. Learn to recognize the different architectural styles, and listen to historical accounts.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon pursuing your own interests. Visit some of Prague's museums and galleries, or wander through the Old Town.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Dürnstein

Day 5 | Prague | Passau, Germany

After breakfast, transfer to Passau, Germany.

Discovery: Picturesque Passau. Nestled at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers, Passau has been called “one of the world’s most beautifully situated towns.” See many highlights, including St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Veste Oberhaus and Niedernburg Abbey.

Embark your first-class ship and kick off your Danube cruise during a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Day 6 | Melk, Austria | Dürnstein

Discovery: Melk Abbey. Visit Melk’s Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel that dates from 1736, and admire spectacular views of the Danube from the abbey’s terrace.

This afternoon, enjoy sailing through the Wachau Valley, one of Europe’s finest landscapes where the riverbanks boast charming villages clustered around churches and medieval castles.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

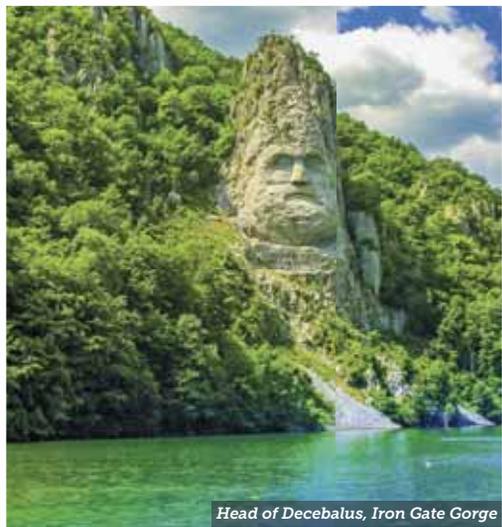
•**Dürnstein Walking Tour.** This picturesque tour is steeped in baroque architecture and gorgeous scenery. Plus, visit the magnificent Stiftskirche, known for its blue tower.

•**Cycling the Danube.** Join a guide for a leisurely cycle along the Danube. See vineyards of the Wachau Valley region, and enjoy a relaxing stop to indulge in coffee and cake. (*Active*)

•**Wachau Winery.** Travel into the center of Dürnstein to visit a local winery in a beautiful old building. Learn about the winery’s most popular vintages and sample a few of the wines.

Day 7 | Vienna

Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.



Head of Decebalus, Iron Gate Gorge

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Imperial Vienna.** Explore the Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace, and drive along the Ringstrasse, one of the world’s most magnificent boulevards. See the University, the Houses of Parliament and the Opera House.

•**Klosterneuburg Monastery and Wine.**

The 12th-century Klosterneuburg Monastery is home to the gilded copper Verdun Altar. Witness an art collection and taste local wines from the cellar.

•**Schönbrunn Palace.** Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Imperial family. See the luxurious State Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors and the estate’s vast gardens.

Free Time: During leisure time, try Viennese coffee or *Sacher Torte*, a tasty Austrian cake. A shuttle will be provided for your convenience.

 **AHI Connects: Viennese Waltz.** Watch professional dancers perform the Viennese waltz. Then learn the steps of this classic dance!



Pécs

Day 8 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: *The Velvet Revolution and the Making of Slovakia.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Old Town and Café.** Discover Bratislava's rich past. See St. Martin's Cathedral, the Slovak National Theatre, St. Michael's Gate and Primate's Palace, where Hungarian archbishops spend their winters, and sample pastry at a café.

•**Old Town and Music.** Explore the cobbled streets of charming Old Town, viewing many of Bratislava's most iconic sights, and revel in a performance by a talented young musician.

•**Iron Curtain Bike Tour.** Join a leisurely bike tour along the Danube to explore the Slovak-Austrian border, once part of the Iron Curtain. Delight in vistas of the marvelous Bratislava Castle, see a pre-WWII bunker and learn about the area's urban transformation. *(Active)*

Day 9 | Budapest, Hungary

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Highlights of Budapest.** Enjoy a panoramic tour, passing Heroes' Square, the Opera House, the Gothic-style Parliament and Fisherman's Bastion, an iconic viewpoint in Budapest.

•**Living Local.** Browse food and craft stalls in the Great Market Hall, enjoy a strudel demonstration and taste the local schnapps.

•**Budapest's Jewish Quarter.** Explore the Jewish Quarter, viewing the Great Synagogue and the poignant Shoes on the Danube memorial. Visit the Holocaust Memorial Center inside the Pava Street Synagogue.



Cycling along the Danube

Discovery: *Budapest by Night.* Relish an illuminated cityscape as the ship departs.

Day 10 | Pécs | Osijek, Croatia | Vukovar

Discovery: *Pécs.* Discover Pécs, known for its Roman ruins and Ottoman mosques. Savor regional flavors during a wine tasting.

🌐AH Connects: *Rural Croatia.* Begin your outing in Croatia's Slavonia region with a visit to Rural House, located in a small village. Sample Slavonian foods and learn about local traditions while viewing a short video.

Discovery: *Osijek and Vukovar.* Take a walking tour through Osijek, passing baroque buildings, military complexes and university facilities. This village, which hugs the River Drava, has 17 parks and an impressive historic neighborhood. Continue to Vukovar for a panoramic tour through the historic city center. Rejoin the ship in Mohács and sail to Belgrade.

Day 11 | Belgrade, Serbia

Enrichment: *Modern Serbia.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Highlights of Belgrade.** This fourth-century capital is a hub of architecture and culture.



Marvel at the ornate Orthodox cathedral, and step into St. Sava, a shining feature of Belgrade.

•**Eating Like a Local.** Take a sensory journey of Serbian gastronomy. Taste creamy *kajmak*, a local cheese, plus other treats with delicious spices and flavors. Along the way, learn about Serbia's customs and traditions.

•**Science and Scientist Tour.** At the Nikola Tesla Museum, discover how this 19th-century inventor left his imprint on wireless technology while exploring interactive exhibits, original documents and short films.

Free Time: Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. A shuttle will be available for your convenience.

Discovery: Folk Show. After dinner, delight in a lively, colorful Serbian folk show on the ship.

Day 12 | Iron Gate Gorge

Sail past the cliffs of the Carpathian Mountains. Enter the Iron Gate Gorge, one of Europe's most magnificent natural wonders, which serves as the boundary between Romania and Serbia. Watching the Danube thunder through the gap is a thrilling sight!

Discovery: Frühschoppen! All hands on deck for *Frühschoppen*, a German mid-morning tradition! Relax and enjoy a spread of warm pretzels, sausages, beer and more.

Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 13 | Vidin, Bulgaria | Sofia

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Vidin.

Discovery: Ancient Vidin. Tour one of Bulgaria's oldest towns, and see the Osman Pazvantoglu Library and Mosque, plus other intriguing highlights. Visit the 17th-century St. Panteleimon Church and the medieval Baba Vida Fortress.

Savor lunch and stunning views at The Rocks restaurant. Then continue to Sofia and check in to the Sofia Hotel Balkan.

Day 14 | Sofia

Enrichment: A Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.

Discovery: Sofia. Discover Bulgaria's capital. See the ancient ruins of Serdica, and admire St. George Rotunda, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Alexander Battenberg Square, home to the former Royal Palace.

Free Time: During leisure time, you may wish to explore Town Square or marvel at the beautiful icons and frescoes inside Sofia's churches.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 15 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈️ *Flights and* 🚗 *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats

ACCOMMODATIONS



INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE | 
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN | 
SOFIA, BULGARIA

Located near the Vltava River, the InterContinental Prague is an Old Town hotel nestled at the corner of the historic Jewish Quarter near boutiques, restaurants and galleries. Soak in the cityscape while dining from the rooftop venue. In Sofia, enjoy the centrally located Sofia Hotel Balkan, built as part of the President's Palace complex. The hotel's Stardust Restaurant offers Bulgarian dishes, and rooms are decorated in a traditional European style.



MS Amadeus Queen

Newly launched in 2018, the MS Amadeus Queen is specially designed for cruising Europe's rivers, and its seasoned crew provides the highest level of service. Its elegant bars and lounges feature large windows that offer you remarkable, broad views of the scenery. When you want to unwind, take a dip in the indoor pool, complete with a retractable roof. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's breakfast and lunch buffets, and delight in regional specialties served with wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner. In the evening, relax in your cabin or suite, and enjoy satellite TV and your private bathroom with shower. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

Reserve your Danube River cruise today!

Trip #: 7-25740W

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Please contact AHI Travel at **844-414-0369** with questions regarding this trip or to make reservations. You may also fax your completed reservation to **847-318-8981**.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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 Title First Middle Last Date of Birth
 Email: _____

 Graduation Year

2) _____
 Title First Middle Last Date of Birth
 Email: _____

 Graduation Year

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) _____ (2) _____

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Land | Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land | Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Prague, Czech Republic, with a return from Sofia, Bulgaria, to depart from:

Departure City _____

Land | Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **August 7, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

The EXPLORERS program is open to alumni of the University of Illinois, their families, and friends.

I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure, including the statement regarding Responsibilities, and submit my reservation(s) as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

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Expires _____ / _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: October 21 – November 4, 2020

Land | Cruise Program dates: October 22 – November 4, 2020

LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$5,245	\$250	\$4,995
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$5,445	\$250	\$5,195
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$5,745	\$250	\$5,495
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$5,845	\$250	\$5,595
A-Mozart (Aft)	\$6,045	\$250	\$5,795
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$6,545	\$250	\$6,295

Suites feature a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a window.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
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- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
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Melk Abbey

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Budapest, Hungary, 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. **Jewish Quarter, and Historic Center of Prague, Czech Republic**
5. **Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn, Austria**



Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn

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INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe InterContinental Prague.
- **8 nights** aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.
- **2 nights** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.

Transfers

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Experience the best of captivating Prague.
 - Uncover the highlights of beautiful Passau.
 - Marvel at Melk's Benedictine abbey.
 - Enjoy a city tour and wine tasting in Pécs.
 - Indulge in cultural activities that celebrate the cuisine and dance of the regions.
 - Discover Belgrade's historic sites.
 - Witness storied Croatian towns.
 - Take a panoramic tour of Vidin.
 - Admire Sofia's unique landmarks.

 **Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ excursions in these towns:**

Prague | Dürnstein | Vienna | Bratislava | Budapest | Belgrade

-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

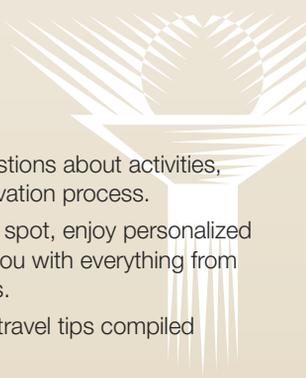
Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
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- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



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