



## Enchanting Melodies of the Romantic Danube

Seven Magical Nights Onboard the Intimate Amadeus Amara — Then Another Three in Prague!  
Sail the Blue Danube to Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany & Explore the Czech Republic

12 Day / 10 Night Cruise - Tour September 1 - 12, 2027

TRIPS is thrilled to announce our newest partnership with **AMADEUS**, an Austrian family-owned pioneer in European river travel for over 40 years! Your adventure begins in **Budapest** with the Danube dividing the city into hilly Buda and flat Pest and breathtaking views as the Amara glides along the waterfront. Spend a full day in **Vienna**, the “City of Music” famous for its Ringstrasse architecture, grand opera houses and legendary coffee houses. Wander through the charming Old Town of **Bratislava** to find the whimsical bronze statues giving this Slovakian capital its unique character. Cruise through the **Wachau Valley**, A UNESCO World Heritage site in Austria famous for rolling vineyards, medieval castle ruins and massive Melk Abbey. From **Linz**, perhaps take an optional full-day excursion to **Salzburg**, forever entwined with the magic of The Sound of Music. Last but far from least are three nights in Prague and a visit to the charming town of **Český Krumlov** in the Czech Republic!

### Join TRIPS and AMADEUS - Your next remarkable journey is waiting onboard the Amadeus Amara!

Step aboard one of the youngest and most innovative fleets in Europe, with state-of-the-art design - and the Amara is the newest, launching in 2025.

Whether relaxing in the indoor pool - with its retractable roof for sunny days - or enjoying a glass of Austrian Riesling on the Sun Deck, the Amara provides the perfect and most tranquil vantage point to watch the castles and cathedrals along the Danube drift by!

Carrying only 164 passengers and a crew of 46, the Amara's staterooms range from lavish suites with private walk-out balconies to cabins with full panoramic windows, some of which can be drop-down opened at the touch of a button. Most cabins even have expansive walk-in closets!

Free-flowing red & white wines along with beer & soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner, and hot coffee and tea are available throughout the day. You'll find a state-of-the-art fitness center open 24 hours a day, and on-board bicycles with bicycle helmets available.

Shipboard staff and crew gratuities are included as well as all port charges and local taxes.

### Itinerary

#### September 1, 2027 - From the U.S. to Budapest!

Your journey to the heart of Europe begins today, whisking you across the Atlantic to the "Queen of the Danube," **Budapest**.

#### September 2, 2027 - Magic of Budapest: An Enchanting Start!

On arrival, you'll depart for the **AMADEUS Amara** with embarkation starting at **4pm**. Once on board, **toast to the journey ahead with a welcome cocktail** followed by a **Welcome Dinner!** As night falls, settle in for a radiant **evening cruising past Budapest's illuminated landmarks**. Later, enjoy a lively **on-board folklore show**. With the Amara **docked in Budapest overnight**, you'll have the perfect opportunity to soak in the city's midnight glow at your own pace! (D)

#### September 3, 2027 - The Splendor of the Danube Bend!

Awaken in Budapest with her grand imperial architecture, then spend your morning at leisure or perhaps choose an optional excursion through the **historic highlights of both Buda and Pest**. For those seeking the spirit of the countryside, there's an optional afternoon tour of the breathtaking **Danube Bend**. Discover the colorful artist village of **Szentendre**, stand atop the hilltop fortress of **Visegrád**, or marvel at the magnificent **Esztergom Basilica**. Your ship will meet you in this historic bishop's town at **6:30pm**, sailing onward at **8pm**. (B/L/D)

#### September 4, 2027 - Bratislava & Beyond: Coronations & Castles!

Wake up to the charms of **Bratislava**, the historic **coronation city of Slovakia!** You might choose to explore majestic **St. Martin's Cathedral** and elegant **Grassalkovich Palace**, before ascending to **Bratislava Castle** for sweeping views over the city. Alternatively, a stroll through Old Town reveals the **Primatial Palace** and **Academia Istropolitana**. In afternoon, the rolling hills of the **Rača wine region** beckon. You might visit a family-run vineyard for a tasting to discover

the rich heritage of Slovakian viticulture. Back on board the Amara, the evening takes a musical turn with a **professional waltz lesson!** You'll be in Bratislava from **8am to 11pm**. (B/L/D)

#### September 5, 2027 - Vienna: The Imperial Symphony!

If you've visited before, enjoy the freedom of the **City Shuttle**, with handy stops at **Schwedenplatz**, the **Opera House**, and magnificent **Schönbrunn Palace**. For a guided experience, your options showcase the **Ringstrasse**, State Opera, Parliament, and City Hall. Perhaps take a scenic walk through **Hofburg Palace** and over to **St. Stephen's Cathedral**. Or enjoy a Viennese coffee paired with a decadent **Sachertorte**. The day's crescendo may be a melodic “**Sound of Vienna**” optional concert, performed by world-class musicians! (B/L/D)

#### September 6, 2027 - Wachau Valley: Vineyards and Valleys!

Begin your morning marveling at blue-spired **Dürnstein Abbey**, nestled in a timeless town. You're here from **8am to noon**, then sail off enjoying a cruise through the **UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley**, a breathtaking landscape of vineyard-covered hills and romantic castle ruins. At **3pm** after docking in **Emmersdorf**, discover magnificent **Melk Abbey** on an optional guided tour. This golden Baroque masterpiece dominates the riverbank and houses a legendary **100,000-volume library**. (B/L/D)

#### September 7, 2027 - Linz & Salzburg: Musical & Baroque Heritage!

Wake to an early arrival in **Linz**, a city where Renaissance villas line the **Old Town**. Your morning discovery might include the city's magnificent cathedral and a visit to the **Pilgrimage Basilica** for a panoramic view. No visit to Linz is complete without savoring a slice of **Linzzer Torte** and coffee! Alternatively, you might take a full-day optional excursion to **Salzburg**, the birthplace of **Mozart**. See the historic Mozart House with a stop at the crystal-clear waters of the **Mondsee** featured in “**The Sound of Music!**” You'll be here from **7am to 11pm**. (B/L/D)

#### September 8, 2027 - Passau: A Culinary and Fortress Feast!

After breakfast, embark on a journey through **Passau**. Wander the charming **Old Town**, and savor **creamy Obatzda cheese** or **hand-crafted pralines**. For some adventure, you might opt for a scenic hike to the imposing **Veste Oberhaus** to take in its **breathtaking views** of the city. The day concludes back **on the Amara** with the **Captain's Gala Farewell Dinner** featuring festive music, local treats, and traditional decor! You arrive in Passau at **8am** and remain here overnight. (B/L/D)



**September 9, 2027 - Picturesque Český Krumlov!**  
Disembark the Amara and set out for Prague, stopping along the way in **Český Krumlov**, an impeccably well preserved **medieval town**. One of the most visited destinations in the Czech Republic, its **fairy-tale atmosphere** and dramatic setting will enchant you on this guided tour. Arrive in **Prague** later to check in to your hotel with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Prague (B)

**September 10, 2027 - Prague: A Symphony in Stone!**  
Set out on a walking tour of the "**City of a Hundred Spires!**" In **Old Town Square**, see the world's oldest working **Astronomical Clock** perform its hourly mechanical dance. Cross the **Vltava River** on the 14th-century **Charles Bridge** and find the hidden nooks of the **Jewish Quarter**. See the world's largest ancient castle complex and historic **St. Vitus Cathedral**. You'll have the afternoon and evening on your own.

Overnight: Prague (B)

**September 11, 2027 - Na Zdravi - To Your Health!**  
Wander pedestrian-friendly **Old Town** today, ditching maps and **letting the spires guide you!** Discover hidden nooks and passageways with courtyards that offer a peaceful escape. Let your nose lead you to the perfect pub to indulge in traditional **fried cheese** or **Czech Goulash**. Wet your whistle with a **Budweiser Budvar** - the state-owned lager called **Czechvar** in the U.S. - but the Budweiser name originated here!

Overnight: Prague (B)

**September 12, 2027 - Danube Memories!**  
After a breakfast, transfer to the airport and your flight home. **You'll carry with you a treasure trove of unforgettable memories!** (B)

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Please note river cruise itineraries are always subject to change.

## Danube Melodies

**\$7,798**

\$1,898 Single Supplement  
Haydn Deck C-4

**\$8,398**

\$2,398 Single Supplement  
Haydn Deck C-1

**\$8,798**

\$2,898 Single Supplement  
Strauss Deck B-4

**\$9,298**

\$3,698 Single Supplement  
Strauss Deck B-1

**\$9,698**

\$4,398 Single Supplement  
Mozart Deck A-1

**\$10,698**

\$6,998 Single Supplement  
Amadeus Suite

**Trip cancellation/  
interruption Travel  
Protection is available  
and recommended.**

Check with your club  
director for details.

### SPECIAL EARLY-BIRD OFFER DON'T DELAY!

**\$150 OFF per person AND  
\$100 in Shipboard Credit p/p!**

\*Offer is limited to availability on bookings by  
May 30, 2026 with double-occupancy only.\*

*Due to the intimate environment on river  
cruise vessels, once names and bookings  
are made, \$600.00 of your \$750.00  
deposit will be nonrefundable from the  
time of booking. However, you may elect  
to purchase trip cancellation and  
interruption Travel Protection for this  
smaller amount of deposit at time of  
deposit. This will protect your deposit in  
the event of cancellation for reasons  
deemed allowable under the terms of the  
trip cancellation/interruption policy (as  
per the insurance carrier) up until final  
payment should you have to cancel.*

### The Amadeus Difference!

Unlike other river cruises, when it comes to excursions, AMADEUS offers you the Freedom to Choose! With countless excursions available, you can decide exactly how to spend your time, selecting only the tours that interest you - or none at all, whenever you want to simply relax and enjoy the Amara's luxury and the beautiful scenery! The AMADEUS Difference is designed to let you strike the perfect balance between vibrant shipboard life and immersive exploration. It's your invitation to experience the blue Danube entirely on your own terms!

### Passports are required for this tour!

#### Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip international airfare to Budapest, Hungary and from Prague, Czech Republic (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers from airport to ship, ship to hotel and hotel to airport
- **3 nights post-cruise touring in Prague with breakfast daily!**
- 7 nights onboard **Amadeus Amara** in your selected stateroom category
- TRIPS Signature "Highlight" dinner onboard
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Farewell Dinner
- **Gourmet dining onboard** with multi-course lunches and dinners with menu choices, afternoon tea and late-night snack
- Experienced English speaking cruise director
- **Free-flowing red & white regional wines, beer & soft drinks** with lunch and dinner onboard.
- **Guided tours in Český Krumlov and Prague!**
- Nightly music performances, and live music every day in the bar
- Complimentary WiFi, and audio headsets for optional shore excursions
- 24-hour coffee station on deck, and bottled water in every stateroom
- All port charges and local taxes
- **All gratuities to shipboard staff and crew included**

### Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for "**Enchanting Melodies of the Romantic Danube**" are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

Optional Travel Protection is available and purchase is encouraged at time of initial trip deposit. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption and more. See Plan Document for full details. This deposit, minus \$600.00, is refundable up to April 16, 2027.

The balance of the full insurance premium is due at the time of your final payment.

**Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before April 16, 2027, as well as any balance due on the full insurance premium.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

100% of your elected cabin becomes non refundable for cancellations as of April 16, 2027.

Contact Laurie Baker at (419) 521-2712 or email lbaker@mymechanics.com

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Passport Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Compliant DL: \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio effective on October 1, 2020

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