Symphony on the Blue Danube
Kraków • Prague • Vienna • Budapest
aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT

September 30 to October 14, 2015
Dear Pioneer Family,

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 Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany, 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 Prague and Kraków 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 Prague and Kraków and in each port of call along the Danube. A University of Denver faculty member will also accompany you on this program in order to enhance your experience.

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.

Best Regards,

Deborah W. Fowlkes
Executive Director

For more information about this tour, call Thomas P. Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 and ask for the passenger services coordinator handling the program.
U.S./Budapest, Hungary Wednesday and Thursday, September 30 and October 1
Depart the U.S. for Budapest, “Pearl of the Danube.” On arrival, embark the deluxe m.s. AMADEUS BRILLIANT. Attend the Welcome Reception and, after dinner, a specially arranged local folklore performance on board. The ship overnights in Budapest.

Budapest Friday, October 2
Austrian-born, nevertheless the “most Hungarian Habsburg,” Archduke Joseph is credited with creating a Budapest 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. 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. 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. Depart Budapest this afternoon.

Bratislava, Slovakia Saturday, October 3
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 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. Depart Budapest this afternoon.

Vienna, Austria Sunday, October 4
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. 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 Monday, October 5
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs. It was here, in one of the grand salons decorated in a priceless collection of art and antiques, that a six-year-old Mozart first performed for the Empress Maria Theresa and her daughter, the future French queen Marie Antoinette. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits.

Dürnstein/Melk Tuesday, October 6
This morning, 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.

Cover photo: Budapest’s majestic Parliament Building is a classic example of Gothic Revival architecture and a proud symbol of Hungary’s national rebirth.

Photo this page: In Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” walk on the famous Charles Bridge, which links the medieval Old Town with the splendid baroque palaces of the Little Quarter, the city’s most intact historical district.
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.

This afternoon, 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.

Stroll through lovely Mirabell Gardens and along the charming Getreidegasse pedestrian thoroughfare to see Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

Drive through the breathtaking Austrian countryside featured in the classic movie, The Sound of Music, en route to the ship. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening and a private, specially arranged onboard concert of Haydn's and Schumann's works after dinner.

Passau, Germany/Prague, Czech Republic
Thursday, October 8
Disembark in Passau to 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. Have lunch in a historic, traditional German restaurant before traveling across the rolling hills and through the bucolic wooded German and Czech countryside to Prague. On arrival, check into the deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA, located near the historic Old Town.

Prague
Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10
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 architectural styles.
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. 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 to 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.

Prague/Brno/Kraków, Poland

Sunday, October 11

The scenic transfer to Kraków stops en route for lunch in Brno, a crossroads of ancient North and South European civilization trade routes for centuries. Upon arrival in Kraków, check into the centrally located, deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKOW HOTEL.

Kraków

Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13

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. And, visit the Oskar Schindler Factory, now a museum chronicling the history of Kraków under Nazi occupation.

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

During your stay in Kraków, you may choose to join the optional excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Attend the Farewell Reception in the hotel the evening before departure.

Kraków/U.S.

Wednesday, October 14

Continue on the Warsaw Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

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.
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.

Budapest Pre-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.

Warsaw Post-Program Option
Extend 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.

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

On board the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS BRILLIANT
◆ Seven-night cruise on the legendary Danube River from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany, with port calls at Bratislava, Slovakia; and Vienna, Dürnstein, Melk, and Linz for Salzburg, Austria.
◆ 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.
◆ Specially arranged, exclusive Hungarian folklore performance.
◆ 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.
◆ Guided tour of Bratislava's medieval Old Town.
◆ Tour of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a private performance of Mozart’s music.
◆ Tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein.
◆ Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a baroque masterpiece, featuring a brief organ recital.
◆ Excursion to Salzburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including lunch.
◆ Private onboard classical music performance.

Scenic transfer from Passau, Germany, to Prague, Czech Republic, including lunch and a walking tour of Passau featuring an exclusive recital on the world's largest cathedral pipe organ.

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.

In Kraków
◆ Three nights in the deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL with breakfast each morning and one dinner.
◆ Walking tour of historic Kraków, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the Wawel Hill complex, the Rynek Główny and the 14th-century Mariacki Church.
◆ Visits to the historic district of Kazimierz and Oskar Schindler’s Factory museum.
◆ Specially arranged, exclusive presentation about Chopin and a private recital in Florianka Hall.
◆ Farewell Reception in the hotel.

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.
◆ An optional excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau, 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 Florianka Hall.

The golden statue of Waltz King Johann Strauss immortalizes Vienna’s rich musical legacy.

Musical Legacy of the Habsburg Empire
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. $8995 $9995

Note: Singles are available in Category 2 at $11795 and in Category 1 at $12595 on or before March 26, 2015. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 26, 2015.

Taxes are an additional $360 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.

SYMPHONY ON THE BLUE DANUBE Reservation Form

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
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Questions? Please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Budapest Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Warsaw Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

If I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to: Visa MasterCard

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Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 26, 2015.
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**REGISTRATION:** CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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