Danube River Vienna to Istanbul
Austria · Hungary · Serbia
Bulgaria · Romania · Turkey
Featuring the deluxe m.s. Amadeus Royal

August 2 to 12, 2009
Dear alumnae, alumni, parents and friends:

From the dawn of civilization, the Danube River has ranked among the world’s most storied waterways. Over the course of the past two millennia it has seen the passage of Roman legions, hosts of crusading knights, the indomitable Janissaries of the Ottomans and the proud Hussars of the Habsburgs. Today, the river serves as a corridor for the exchange of commerce and ideas, linking the heartlands of Central Europe with the nations of the Black Sea and the Orient beyond.

Join this custom-designed travel program through the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley, a region shrouded in mystique and steeped in natural beauty that remains virtually unknown to American travelers. Aboard the prestigious M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL, cruise from the Habsburg’s imperial capital of Vienna through the tranquil foothills of the Carpathian Mountains in Slovakia and Hungary’s fabled *puszta* (plains) to the ancient lands of Serbia and Romania, where a rich mosaic of medieval cities, charming villages and rugged countryside awaits discovery. From the glittering palaces of Budapest and the fin de siècle elegance of Bucharest to the Byzantine and Ottoman splendors of Istanbul, experience some of Europe’s greatest cultural and natural treasures, including four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Immerse yourself in the rich Slavic heritage of medieval Belgrade; admire a masterful display of traditional horsemanship in the Hungarian heartland; and witness Eastern Europe’s spectacular scenery, including the lush wetlands of the Danube Delta, on your Danube cruise aboard the M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL, a deluxe vessel renowned for its world-class service, finely appointed accommodations and superior amenities. Also, enjoy exceptional hotel accommodations in the famous *Athénée Palace Hilton Hotel*, a historical landmark property in the heart of Bucharest, and in the centrally located, five-star *Ceylan InterContinental Istanbul Hotel*, a sanctuary of luxury overlooking the magnificent Bosphorus Straits. You are also invited to join the special two-night Vienna Pre-Program option and the exclusive Post-Program Option in Cappadocia, Turkey.

We anticipate that this popular travel program will sell out quickly, and we encourage you to make your reservations today, while Early Booking Savings are available.

Peace and blessings,

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U.S./VIENNA, AUSTRIA  
**Sunday, August 2, and Monday, August 3**  
Depart the U.S. for Vienna, Austria. Upon arrival in Vienna, transfer to the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL. Join fellow tour participants this evening for the welcome toast and dinner. The ship departs for Budapest tonight.

**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**  
**Tuesday, August 4**  
The Danube River divides this stately city into two halves—Buda on the hilly west bank and Pest on the lower-lying east bank. This morning, the city orientation tour begins in Pest. View the neo-Gothic Parliament building, the magnificent Town Hall and Heroes’ Square, constructed in 1896 to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the Hungarian conquest. Cross the historic Chain Bridge to Buda and visit the Matthias Church, noted for its ornate interior, and the Fishermen’s Bastion, which offers exquisite panoramic views of the city. After an afternoon pursuing individual interests, bask in the beauty of Budapest at sunset during the evening river cruise.

**KALOCSA**  
**Wednesday, August 5**  
Dock in Kalocsa and set out across the *puszta*, the sweeping plains celebrated in Hungarian song and folklore. Visit a *csarda*, an authentic working farm, and observe a commanding display of horsemanship. Return to Kalocsa, a town known for its creation of finely worked embroidery and the cultivation of paprika, the fabled spice that adds zest to Hungarian cuisine. Attend the organ recital in the town cathedral, followed by visits to a traditional Hungarian house and to the Paprika Museum, the only one of its kind in the world.

**BELGRADE, SERBIA**  
**Thursday, August 6**  
One of the oldest cities in southeastern Europe, Belgrade traces its origins from the Stone Age; in later centuries Romans, Byzantines, Serbs, Turks and Austrians each left lasting impressions. Visit the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, overlooking the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers, the Military Museum and Turkish baths. Drive past Terazije Square, the Palace of Prince Milos and the imposing Church of St. Sava, Serbia’s patron saint. The afternoon is free in Belgrade. The ship cruises late this evening.

**DANUBE RIVER/IRON GATES**  
**Friday, August 7**  
Today, relax aboard ship as you continue cruising toward the Black Sea through some of southeastern Europe’s most impressive scenery—the legendary Iron Gates, a canyon carved by the Danube River in the course of its passage through the Transylvanian Alps.

Gaze upon the Ottoman splendors of Istanbul, including the famous Blue Mosque, whose cascading domes and soaring minarets represent the zenith of Ottoman architectural achievement.

Cover: A view of Budapest’s majestic Parliament Building overlooking the Danube is one of the most dramatic sights in all of Europe.
Svistov, Bulgaria/Veliko Turnovo/Rousse
Saturday, August 8
Following your arrival in Svistov, drive to the medieval city of Veliko Turnovo, historic capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire between the 12th and 14th centuries. Explore the centuries-old treasures of the hilltop castle of Tzarevetz, including the King’s Palace and the Patriarchal Church. Learn why this powerful center of commerce and culture, which had a prestige often compared to that of great capitals like Constantinople and Rome, was known as the “City of the Czars.” The excursion also includes the town’s 13th-century “New Town” quarters along the banks of the Yantra River and a visit to the Holy Peter and Pavel Church, renowned for its exquisite murals painted in the unique style of the Turnovo Artistic School, which flourished during the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries. Reboard the ship in Rousse this afternoon. The ship departs late tonight.

Oltenita, Romania/Bucharest
Sunday, August 9
Disembark the m.s. Amadeus Royal in Oltenita and transfer to Bucharest, Romania’s ancient capital. The city is in the midst of a vibrant cultural renaissance after the lifting of five decades of Communist rule. On the full-day tour in Bucharest, visit the National History Museum, which houses Romania’s finest and most extensive collection of historic and artistic treasures. Following lunch in a nearby restaurant, the city tour along Bucharest’s grand boulevards highlights its most important landmarks and features visits to the Patriarchal Cathedral, seat of the Romanian Orthodox Church; the opulent 19th-century Cotroceni Palace, now the residence of the president of Romania; Stavropoleos Church, renowned for its 18th-century icons and woodwork; and the open-air Village Museum, where traditional Romanian farmhouses from various regions of the country have been reassembled and restored.

Check into the historic deluxe Hilton Athénée Palace Hotel.

Bucharest/Istanbul, Turkey
Monday, August 10
This morning, fly from Bucharest to Istanbul. Transfer to and check into the deluxe Ceylan InterContinental Istanbul, which overlooks the Bosphorus Strait and the Old City.

Set out to survey this city of Byzantine emperors and Ottoman sultans on the special guided afternoon tour. Marvel at the beauty and grandeur of the Hagia Sophia,

The Ottomans, Hungarians, Austrians and Serbians battle Fortress of Golubac in Serbia, strategically located at the

Join the Vienna Pre-Program Option and discover the imperial treasures of the city’s Habsburg past, including the Hofburg Palace, now the official residence of Austria’s president.
the crowning achievement of Byzantine architecture, consecrated as a basilica in A.D. 537 during the reign of Justinian. Later converted into a mosque, it is widely considered the finest Byzantine monument in the world. Stop in the spectacular Blue Mosque, a classic example of 17th-century Ottoman architecture. One of the few mosques in the world with six minarets—a symbol of the the Ottoman sultan’s vaunted power and prestige—it was so named for the lustrous blue Iznik tiles that adorn its interior. At the site of the Byzantine-era Hippodrome, see where crowds cheered on chariot racers in the most prestigious arena in the Byzantine world.

The evening is free to enjoy dinner on your own in one of Istanbul’s many fine restaurants.

**ISTANBUL**

*Tuesday, August 11*

Spend an enriching morning exploring the riches of Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottomans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. A city in itself, it once accommodated 50,000 courtiers and administrators, as well as the many wives and concubines of the Sultan’s harem. During the tour, view the exquisite imperial collection, from finely woven royal costumes and priceless royal jewels to a magnificent collection of the finest Chinese and Japanese porcelain. After lunch on your own, walk through the bustling Kapali Carsı (Covered Bazaar), a vast and historic market where merchants and shoppers haggle over an array of wares from gold and oriental carpets to finely crafted wooden goods and sumptuous Turkish delight.

Enjoy a special farewell reception this evening aboard the private cruise on the Bosphorus, one of the world’s most famous and scenic waterways.

**ISTANBUL/U.S.**

*Wednesday, August 12*

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Visit Bucharest’s open-air Village Museum and view this traditional thatched-roof farmhouse from Alba County in rural Romania.
**M. S. AMADEUS ROYAL**

Launched in 2005, the deluxe *M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL* is one of the newest ships to ply the waterways of Europe. Specifically designed for cruising European waterways while meeting the needs of the most discerning travelers, its deluxe accommodations and personalized service are perfectly complemented by stylish design, impeccable construction and state-of-the-art technology.

Its 72 outside staterooms are tastefully appointed in a classic style and feature 160 square feet, more spacious than those typically found on river ships. Each stateroom is furnished with one double bed (convertible to two twin beds), private bathroom facilities with shower, individually controlled air conditioning, telephone, television and writing desk. The Mozart Deck has floor-to-ceiling glass sliding doors with fench balconies. The ship’s four suites are larger and feature a sitting area with a sofa bed and minibar.

All meals are served at a single, open seating in the panoramic restaurant, where skilled chefs prepare Continental cuisine with local flavor, and guests view the passing landscape through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Guest amenities include two bars, a sun deck, small pool, hair salon, boutique, fitness center with massage and golf putting green.

The friendly, highly trained international crew provides guests with a high level of personalized, attentive service. The ship also meets the highest international environmental and safety standards.

*Step back 800 years in time during a visit to the enchanting ruins of Veliko Turnovo, medieval capital of Bulgaria whose wealth and prestige earned it the title, “City of the Czars.”*
 INCLUDED FEATURES

ABOARD THE DELUXE M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL
♦ Six-night cruise from Vienna, Austria, to Oltenita, Romania, with port calls in Budapest and Kalocsa, Hungary; Belgrade, Serbia; and Svistov and Rousse, Bulgaria.
♦ Comfortable accommodations in a tastefully appointed outside stateroom with private bathroom facilities.
♦ All meals served at a single unassigned seating—breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night snack—featuring Continental cuisine.
♦ Captain’s welcome toast.
♦ City tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring Heroes’ Square, Matthias Church, and the Fisherman’s Bastion.
♦ Excursion to the Hungarian pazta (plains) for a demonstration of Hungarian horsemanship at a csarda (farm).
♦ Specially arranged organ concert in Kalocsa and visits to a traditional Hungarian house and the unique Paprika Museum.
♦ Tour of Serbia’s historic capital of Belgrade, featuring the medieval city center and Kalemegdan Fortress and including the Military Museum and Turkish baths.
♦ Visit to the ancient Bulgarian capital of Veliko Turnovo, one of the most powerful cities in medieval Europe.

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ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced local guides.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
♦ Hospitality desk aboard the m.s. AMADEUS ROYAL and in the hotels.
♦ A Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

VIENNA PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
Immerse yourself in one of Europe’s most beautiful cities and vibrant cultural centers on this special two-night Pre-Program in Vienna, imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Accommodations are in the five-star Radisson SAS Hotel, ideally located in the city center within walking distance of St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the Vienna State Opera and the Hofburg Palace. This exclusive program includes the city walking tour highlighting Vienna’s most important landmarks and the guided tour of the Habsburgs’ extravagant summer estate at Schönbrunn Palace. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Step into an enchanting world like no other among the giant volcanic stone forests of Cappadocia.

CAPPADOCIA POST-PROGRAM OPTION
Join this exceptional three-night extension to the mesmerizing landscapes of Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of nature’s most captivating and unique treasures. Stay in the elegant Cappadocia Cave Resort and Spa in Göreme National Park. Discover ancient churches carved into the region’s famous volcanic rock formations, visit typical Cappadocian villages, tour a traditional winery and learn about the region’s distinctive culture, which traces its roots to Biblical times. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Its soaring spire and multi-colored tiled roof make St. Stephen’s Cathedral Vienna’s most beloved landmark.

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VIENNA PRE-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS
K Double at $695 per person.
K Single at $1015 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).

CAPPADOCIA POST-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS
K Double at $1430 per person.
K Single at $1990 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).

Program Air:
K Flights Minneapolis/Vienna with return Istanbul/Minneapolis. Airfare is available at an additional cost.‡
K Flights from ________________________________ (fill in departure city) to Vienna, Austria, with return from Istanbul, Turkey, at an additional cost to be advised.‡
Class: K Economy K Business K First
An Air Coordinator will contact you no later than four months prior to departure regarding your selections.
Please contact your travel agent or air carrier directly for any deviations to the above.
‡Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability, and is nonrefundable.
K I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

Enclosed is a check for $ __________ as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Vienna Pre-Program Option, and/or $200 per person Cappadocia Post-Program Option). Make check payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by April 29, 2009.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to:  K Visa  K MasterCard

Card No. __________________________________________ Exp. Date __________

Signature as it appears on credit card
The Ortakoy Mosque on the European side of the Bosphorous is a fitting symbol of the magnificence and decadence of the 19th-century Ottoman Empire.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, passport fees, visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/ship/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s), meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section, and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by January 16, 2009. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the full fare reservation and the cancelled reservation.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservations/cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure; 40% of the published full regular tariff; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure; 50% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure; 70% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeit of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

POST-PROGRAM AND POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation/cancellations are subject to a $30 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure; $200 per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure; 40% of the published full regular tariff; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure; 70% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure; 100% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeit of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, as well as damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring institution or association, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Gohagan"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of any third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, riot, fire, wind, flood, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of appropriate medical attention, overbookings or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Gohagan may cancel a trip for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. All fares, as well as trip schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Gohagan shall not be required to refund any portion of the fare or make any other compensation under these circumstances. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip, Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels or hotels of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the Responsibility Clause, to the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent.

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666. OSTR#: TA 0903.

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 him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.