



Beautiful Blue Danube in the Fall

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Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards, and medieval castles, the Danube River has captivated musicians, artists and poets throughout the centuries. Travel to legendary destinations beginning with a 2-night stay in majestic Prague followed by 7 nights cruising from Vilshofen to Budapest on the AmaSonata.

October 22, 2019 - November 1, 2019

October 22, 2019 - Leaving on a Jet Plane

We board our flight today and travel to Europe!

October 23, 2019 - Prague, Czech Republic

You will arrive in Prague today and be assisted with your transfer to your hotel. The balance of the day will be at your leisure to explore this beautiful city! Dinner is on your own in one of the area's wonderful local restaurants.

October 24, 2019 - Explore Prague

Today is yours to explore the Prague you want to see! From the thousand-year-old Hradcany Castle to beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral, you'll find getting around easy and the sights a delight! Don't miss iconic Charles Bridge where King Charles IV personally laid the first foundation stone in 1357! And be sure to see Old Town Hall with its spectacular astronomical clock installed in 1410 and running ever since. As you stroll along the banks of the Vltava River, you'll find plenty of quaint shops with local hand-crafts and delightful restaurants. As you explore Prague this evening, you'll notice the unique system used to illuminate monuments. It starts with the oldest monument to the youngest starting at dusk and completing just before midnight!

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Blue Danube Cruise, cont.

October 25, 2019 – Prague to Vilshofen, Germany

You'll check out of your Prague hotel this morning and travel through the beautiful Bavarian countryside bound for the charming 1,200-year-old town of Vilshofen. On arrival in Vilshofen, you'll board your luxurious ship, the AmaSonata to begin your Danube River cruise! Later this afternoon, join your fellow passengers at a private "Oktoberfest" celebration in Vilshofen, with traditional beers and Bavarian folk music and dancing. Return to the ship for a festive Welcome Dinner.

October 26, 2019 – Vilshofen to Passau, Germany

Explore Vilshofen's beautiful old town on your own before cruising to Passau. On arrival this afternoon, you will enjoy a walking tour of this 2,000-year-old city, noted for its Italian Baroque architecture, cobblestoned streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to one of the world's largest pipe organs.

October 27, 2019 – Linz to Gmunden, Austria

The AmaSonata arrives in Linz this morning for a guided walking tour of Austria's second largest city known for its vibrant art and music scene. Then, choose from three other excursions. The first is visit to the Austrian Lake District, the scenic Salzkammergut region. The second option is an excursion to the Czech town of Cesky Krumlov, a wonderfully preserved town nestled in the hills just over the Austrian-Czech border. The third choice is an excursion to Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, where you will take a walking tour of the historic center made famous by the "Sound of Music."

October 28, 2019 – Melk to Krems, Austria

You'll enjoy a scenic cruise through the narrow Strudengau this morning en route to Melk. On arrival, a guided tour will take you to Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's



largest Baroque monasteries and the inspiration for the novel *The Name of the Rose*. You'll re-board the AmaSonata and continue cruising through the beautiful Wachau Valley to Krems where you will take a motor coach ride to Dürnstein. On your walking tour of this picturesque old town, see the magnificent blue façade of the local abbey church and the ruins of a castle where Richard the Lionheart was once imprisoned. Tonight, after dinner on board, enjoy a wine tasting at a local winery.

October 29, 2019 – Vienna, Austria

This morning you wake up in Vienna, the city of music! After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Vienna, where you will see the famous Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is free to stroll through the historic city center and enjoy this city of Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Brahms! The Viennese love *Gemütlichkeit* (relaxation) so you might just choose to indulge in a Sacher Torte and a Brauner (espresso with milk) as you explore! The AmaSonata remains moored in Vienna overnight for those who might want to enjoy an evening stroll along the Danube!

October 30, 2019 – Bratislava, Slovakia

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Bratislava where you will set out on a walking tour that includes the Old Town Hall, Mirbach Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral. With one of the smallest historical centers, the charm of Bratislava is undeniable with cobblestoned streets, pedestrian plazas and pastel 18th-century rococo buildings. As an alternative, you might want to take a "Communist" tour that includes such architectural landmarks as the Radio Building, Liberty Square and Soviet War Memorial. Prior to the fall of communism in 1989, Slovakia and the Czech Republic formed the former Czechoslovakia and you'll hear about its history. After your tours, you'll have the remainder of your day free to enjoy Bratislava on your own.

October 31, 2019 – Budapest, Hungary

This morning, your sightseeing tour takes you to the historic Buda Castle, which offers a splendid view of the river and the twin cities of Buda and Pest. Your tour also features the Fisherman's Bastion, Royal Palace, St. Stephen's Basilica, and Heroes' Square. After dinner, the ship will sail a special "Illuminations Cruise" past the beautifully illuminated river front of Budapest.

November 1, 2019 – Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

Your cruise comes to an end today. Travel home with memories of the Blue Danube and Prague that will last a lifetime!

Blue Danube River Cruise : Starting at \$5,798 per person/double occupancy*

Single supplement is an additional 75%. An initial \$750 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a space on this tour. Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and recommended. See Diana Elliott for more details or call (573) 368-4666.

Final payment is due on or before June 13, 2019.

*window and balcony cabins also available

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FUN FACT: For centuries, the cry "Tattoo!" echoed throughout Europe as a call to innkeepers to "turn off the taps!" so soldiers would return to their barracks.

Outer Banks, International Tattoo & Mustangs

APRIL 25, 2019 – MAY 1, 2019 • \$2,998/PERSON* for 7 Days

April 25, 2019 – Your Journey Begins

On arrival in Norfolk, Virginia this afternoon, your TRIPS guide will meet you and assist with your hotel transfer. After checking in with some time to refresh, depart for a specially arranged TRIPS Welcome Dinner.

April 26, 2019 – Parade, Passports and Battleships

After breakfast, depart for The Parade of Nations. You'll see floats from 28 NATO Member Nations, visiting International Military Bands, the Virginia International Tattoo as well visiting bands. We'll tour Nauticus, The National Maritime Center, and the Battleship USS Wisconsin. Later this afternoon, tour the Douglas MacArthur Memorial. Tonight's dinner is on your own.

April 27, 2019 – Tattoo and Hullballo

Today, we'll tour the Norfolk Naval Station (home to more than 80 ships) and the Chrysler Museum of Art before seeing the Virginia International Tattoo. This awe inspiring spectacle features more than 1,500 military and civilian performers in a Red, White and Blue extravaganza that will amaze you. We have reserved seats for every moment. You will love the inspirational music, majestic pipes and drums, showstopping drill team maneuvers, international bands, dancers and more!

Price \$2,998 per person/double occupancy

*Additional \$998 for single occupancy.

Final payment is due on or January 16, 2019.

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April 28, 2019 – Flying Planes and Black Pelicans

This morning, we'll depart to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Your tram ride around the 155-acre garden takes you to the Colonial Herb Garden, Presidential Garden, and more. We'll also tour of the Wright Brothers National Memorial. Located in the heart of the Outer Banks, it was a flight that made Wilbur and Orville a household name and ushered in the era of airplane travel.

April 29, 2019 – Lighthouse and Elizabethan Gardens

As you head for Fort Raleigh, you'll stop at historic Bodie Island Lighthouse. The current lighthouse, completed in 1872, remains operational and stands an impressive 156 feet! After lunch, we'll tour the Elizabethan Gardens, established as a permanent memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colonists. They feature an antique statuary, period furniture, herbs and roses in a 16th Century formal garden theme. We'll enjoy a dinner with panoramic water views and the antics of the resident ospreys!

April 30, 2019 – Mustangs and ATVs

Feel the ocean breeze as you tour the Outer Banks beaches in guided, open air Humvees - searching for Mustangs! These wild mustangs are the ancestors of Spanish stock brought to the Outer Banks 500 years ago! Next, tour the Whalehead, a beautifully restored 1920s era Art Nouveau style mansion. Then, visit the Currituck Beach Lighthouse, first put into service in 1875 and still aiding sailors as they navigating these rocky shores. Enjoy the Duck Town Boardwalk, along with time to do some shopping.

May 1, 2019 – Return Home

Travel with memories of this beautiful and inspirational trip.



CALGARY & THE MAGNIFICENT CANADIAN ROCKIES

JULY 7, 2019 - JULY 14, 2019 • \$3,698.00/PERSON FOR 8 DAYS

The Calgary Stampede is no ordinary rodeo - it's 100 year old heritage strives to promote and preserve the western heritage of working cowboys - and yes, cowgirls. Thrill to the chuckwagon races and barrel racing along with the midway where you can try deep-fried Kool Aid! After your days at the Stampede, it's time to enjoy the magnificence of the Canadian Rockies! Travel to Banff and Jasper surrounded by mountains and of national parks. Ride a Sky-Tram with spectacular views of Jasper and marvel at the canyons as you raft down a river. The beauty of Alberta is undeniable and you'll be right in the heart of it! As the locals say: Don't Forget to Breathe - it's that magnificent!



July 7, 2019 - Your Adventure Begins!

Today you depart for Calgary and the Canadian Rockies! On arrival at the airport, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer and hotel check in. Take some time to settle in, then it's off to the Calgary Stampede! Over 100 years old, this is "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth!" This evening starts off with a blast and ends with a bang! That pounding of hooves and trembling of the ground can mean just one thing: the world's premier chuckwagon event has begun! Thirty six drivers and 216 horses race over the track competing in 9 heats of heart pounding excitement. When the last wagon thunders over the finish line, the Grandstand Show begins with song and dance, acrobatics and a spectacular fireworks finale!

July 8, 2019 - Calgary Stampede

Start your day with a light city tour of Calgary, home of the 1988 Winter Olympics. From Olympic Park to Calgary Tower, see the highlights of this city perched at the foothills of the Rockies. Then, it's back to the Stampede for the Rodeo! Cowboys and yes, Cowgirls face off in a furious display of skill and grit. From ladies barrel racing to steer wrestling and bull riding, you'll be on the edge of your seats! And of course, you'll have time to explore the midway with rides, food and shopping. Fresh squeezed lemonade and deep-fried bacon wrapped anything on a stick! It's part



of the Stampede Experience! If you're looking for a great pair of boots and a hat, this is the place to get 'em. Return to the hotel late this afternoon for the rest of the day at leisure. Your hotel is wonderfully located, just blocks from The Core shopping center. With great restaurants and lots of luxury shopping, it's the perfect place to spend the evening.

July 9, 2019 - Check in to Banff Hotel

After breakfast, board your private deluxe motor coach and travel to Banff, the garden spot of Alberta. Lunch today will be at the magnificent Banff Springs Hotel where you will experience timeless beauty set amidst a pristine wilderness. Styled after a Scottish baronial castle, its unique blend of opulence and seclusion has been a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. After lunch, you will delight in a sight-seeing tour of the area, including a view of the very popular Bow River where it thunders into Bow Falls. After enjoying your tour of the Banff area, you'll check into your hotel. With the spectacular Canadian Rockies as a backdrop, you'll enjoy your time in this charming mountain community! Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.

July 10, 2019 - Banff Hotel

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll set out for a visit to Moraine Lake (weather permitting) and Lake Louise. Moraine Lake is a crystal clear, blue-green lake located in a valley hemmed in by lofty mountain peaks and a hanging valley of larches beneath Mount Temple, the third highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies at 11,500 feet. This is the scene engraved on the back of Canada's old \$20 bill and it will be emblazoned into your

FUN FACT: Spirit Island is not an island most of the time. In the spring, it's possible for the water levels to be high enough to cut the island off from the shore. The rest of the year, it's connected to shore. Spirit Island sits in the heart of what's called a "box canyon" - a narrow canyon with a flat bottom and vertical walls.

memory forever. Next, you're off to lovely Lake Louise the setting for Chateau Lake Louise. This splendid chalet in surrounded by glistening glaciers, remote ice fields, snow-capped peaks, and crystal clear lakes and you'll have time on your own to enjoy the views. Then, depart for a cruise on Lake Minnewanka in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Today, you also visit the birthplace of Canada's national parks, the Cave and Basin Historic Site. Return to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Downtown Banff is a easy stroll from your hotel and is famous for its shopping, restaurants and Cows - not the mooing kind but what is possibly the best ice cream in Canada!

July 11, 2019 - Banff to Jasper Sawridge Inn

After breakfast, board your motor coach heading for Jasper. As you drive along the Icefields Parkway you might see elk, moose, goat, sheep, bear or caribou so keep your camera handy. You'll stop along the way at the Columbia Icefield. This is a true "continental divide," as melted water feeds rivers that empty into the Arctic, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans. You'll thrill to a ride on a Brewster Ice Explorer as you tour the icy slopes of Athabasca Glacier to the middle of the glacier, a 5 kilometer round trip journey. You have a chance to step out onto ice formed from snow falling as much as 400 years ago. Next, head to Athabasca Falls, the most breathtaking falls in the Rockies! Your adventure continues with a scenic rafting trip on the river a true Canadian outdoor experience and is one that you won't forget!

July 12, 2019 - Jasper Sawridge

Your adventures start this morning with a ride up Whistler Mountain on the Jasper Tram. This tramway is Canada's highest and here, high above the clouds, you'll marvel at the unsurpassed alpine views. A full day of sightseeing follows, including a gentle walk down Maligne Canyon, one of Jasper's most spectacular landmarks, where you will see how the Maligne River has carved spectacular crevices out of the mountain! You will also take a cruise on beautiful Maligne Lake and pass glacier studded mountain peaks. At Spirit Island, you disembark to see one of the most celebrated mountain views in the world.

July 13, 2019 - Jasper to Calgary!

Today, you travel through the splendid Canadian Rockies on some of the most scenic routes in the country. Once used during the fur trade era to access interior British Columbia, you'll marvel at the beauty of this area. Your first stop will be Sunwapta Falls in Jasper National Park. Later in the day, you will leave the beautiful Rocky Mountains behind as you travel through the countryside of Canada. After a full day of travel, you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner.

July 14, 2019 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!

Today, we fly home to Missouri. Your time spent in the splendid beauty of the Calgary Stampede and the Magnificent Canadian Rockies will surely last a lifetime.

Calgary and the Magnificent Canadian Rockies : \$3,698 per person/double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$998. An initial \$500 deposit is required to hold a space on this tour. Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and recommended. See Diana Elliott for more details or call (573) 368-4666.

Final payment is due on or before March 28, 2019.

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“Oklahoma” at Stages in October



OCTOBER 3, 2018 • Only \$89.00/person

Our St. Louis day-trip will start with browsing the many shops of West County Mall. This could be a great time to find Christmas gifts for family and friends. Lunch will be on your own at the Mall.

After our meal, it's showtime! The motorcoach will drive us to the award-winning musical “Oklahoma!” presented by Stages in St. Louis. At only \$89, the limited seating will fill fast!

FUN FACT: The movie version of “Oklahoma!” was actually filmed in Arizona. The real Oklahoma in 1955 was too heavily farmed to look like Oklahoma at the turn of the 20th century.

**St. Louis daytrip
\$89.00/person**

Call Diana Elliott
at (573) 368-4666.

**Final payment is due
on or before August 1, 2018**



St. Louis Holiday Mansions

DECEMBER 7, 2018 • Only \$99.00/person



This St. Louis Day Trip is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. We'll tour the stunning Stockstrum “Magic Chef” Mansion and enjoy lunch at Sweetie Pie's Upper Crust restaurant. Choose from a wide menu of meal choices plus corn-bread and cobbler for dessert!

Our afternoon will include a trip to Walter Knoll's Florist on Lasalle Street to see the poinsettias. The day will end with a tour of the beautiful DeMenil Mansion.

Christmas Trip \$99.00/person

Call Diana Elliott at (573) 368-4666.
**Final payment is due on or before
November 1, 2018.**

A Mystery Day Trip

NOVEMBER 1, 2018 • Only \$55.00/person

Diana has packed a lot of fun into this affordable trip! Here are your two “road” clues:

1. Who says artwork has to be in a gallery? These creations have “hit the road.”
2. Let's stay optimistic and take a walk on the sunny side of the street.



Enjoy this day trip for only \$55/person

Spaces will go quickly on this mystery day trip. Call Diana Elliott today at (573) 368-4666 to reserve.

Final payment is due on or before October 1, 2018.

“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling”



Our 2018 spring trip to Northern Ireland was filled with friendly welcomes, stunning landscapes and Irish tales around every corner.



RECIPE

Salted Caramel Cookies

After serving these cookies at a recent PC Bees event, we had a request to share the recipe. These cookies are easy to make and have the buttery goodness of caramel.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 36 caramels cut into eights

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line rimmed baking sheet with baking mat or parchment paper.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, cream together butter and sugars until light and creamy, about 3 minutes. Add in eggs one at a time, mixing until completely incorporated. Add in vanilla.

In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, salt and baking soda. Slowly incorporate the flour mixture into the butter and sugar mixture until well-combined.

Stir in caramel. Scoop 1 tablespoon of cookie dough and drop onto prepared baking pan. Bake



for 10-12 minutes, or until the cookies are lightly golden brown. Cool and enjoy!

Mark Your Calendar with these Events!

August 16, 2018

Dogwood Canyon Nature Park

September 8 – September 14, 2018

Gems of the Adirondacks

September 29 – October 7, 2018

Alaska: The Best of the Inside Passage

October 3, 2018

Stages Theatre to see “Oklahoma!”
RSVP before August 1, 2019

November 1, 2018

One Day Mystery Trip
RSVP by October 1, 2018

December 7, 2018

St. Louis Holiday Mansions
Final Payment by November 1, 2018

January 3 – January 18, 2019

Panama Canal Cruise

Final Payment by September 25, 2018

April 5 – May 1, 2019

Outer Banks, International Tattoo

Final Payment by January 16, 2019

July 7 – July 14, 2019

Calgary & the Canadian Rockies

Final Payment by March 28, 2019

October 22 – November 1, 2019

Blue Danube River Cruise

Final Payment by June 13, 2019

NOTE: We love to see our PC Bees! To visit with Diana, please ask in the downtown, Rolla lobby and we will assist you.

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