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Destination and Foreign Policy Lectures by Jeffrey Morton, Ph.D.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW DEPARTURE JUNE 25, 2019

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

DAY 2-4 • PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Included Tour Prague

Optional Tour Optional Folk Show & Dinner

DAY 5 • PRAGUE • CESKY KRUMLOV • LINZ, AUSTRIA

Embark Ship

Included Tour Cesky Krumlov

DAY 6 • LINZ

Included Tours Linz • Mautausen

DAY 7-8 • KREMS

Included Tours Wachau Valley • Krems • Gottweig Abbey

DAY 9-10 • VIENNA

Included Tour Vienna

Optional Tours Musical Vienna • Schoenbrunn Palace

DAY 11-12 • BRATISLAVA

Included Tour Bratislava

DAY 13-14 • BUDAPEST

Included Tour Budapest

Optional Tour Hospital in the Rock

DAY 15 • BUDAPEST •

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers

Pacing

- 14 days, with 10 nights aboard a private river ship and 1 three-night hotel stay
- Return flights often require departing in early morning hours
- Air travel time will be 9-18 hours and will have at least one connection.

Physical Requirements

- Walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones

- Travel by 140- to 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 58-82°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Prague, Czech Republic

Arriving in Prague, you'll be met at the airport by a Grand Circle representative and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time and hotel check-in policy, you may not be able to check into your hotel immediately upon arrival. Your Program Director will advise you of your check-in status and activity schedule for the day when you arrive.

You have the balance of the day to relax after your overseas flight. You may want to join your Program Director for an orientation walk to get better acquainted with the area around your hotel.

Celebrate your arrival in Prague and beginning of your Danube River Cruise Tour with a Welcome Drink and a short orientation briefing, and get acquainted with your traveling companions and your Program Director. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own.

D—River Ship

DAY 3 Prague

After breakfast, set out to explore Prague. During the reign of Charles

IV, King of Bohemia and Moravia, Prague was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire. Later, it was the vital center of the Habsburgs. While other European capitals were leveled during World War II, Prague survived virtually intact.

Visit *Staré Město*, the Old Town, with its many wonderful Gothic and Baroque buildings, and see the famous 15th-century Astronomical Clock at the Old Town Hall. Every hour, crowds assemble below to watch Christ and the twelve Apostles appear at two little windows above the clock face, followed by the skeleton of Death tolling the bell. Stroll across the city's famed Charles Bridge, a 15th-century structure spanning the Vltava River that functions as a makeshift performance and gallery space for musicians, artists, dancers, and more.

The rest of the day is yours in Prague to spend as you please. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a Welcome Dinner.

B,D—River Ship

DAY 4 Prague • Optional Jewish Prague tour

Enjoy a free day exploring this beautiful city independently. As it was during the zenith of the Bohemian kingdom, Prague still ranks as the thriving center of the country, with an artistic community reminiscent of Paris in the 1920s. It boasts one of Europe's most notable Jewish quarters, world-class museums and cathedrals, architectural masterpieces that span a thousand years—and mighty Prague Castle. Perched regally over the Vltava River and offering stunning views of the city, Prague Castle is more than 1,000 years old and features residential quarters, chapels, galleries, gardens, and the bustling Castle District surrounding it.

The city also boasts a variety of restaurants featuring elevated local favorites, international fare, and fresh locally-sourced ingredients. You may decide to visit one or two of Prague's eclectic eateries for your independent lunch and dinner.

Or, you can choose to join an optional Jewish Prague tour during which you



will learn about the city's 1,000 years of Jewish cultural history.

B—River Ship

DAY 5 Prague • Cesky Krumlov • Linz, Austria • Embark ship

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Linz, Austria. Along the way, and prior to crossing the border into Austria, enjoy a walking tour of Cesky Krumlov—a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site—followed by an included lunch at a local restaurant.

Embark your ship in Linz late this afternoon. Then, gather to mingle with your fellow travelers. Throughout your Central European River Cruise, you'll be invited to nightly Port Talks, during which your Program Director will describe the approaching port area and town prior to arrival so you can prepare for the next day's tour, and so you'll be able to make the best use of your free time at the next day's port of call.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 6 Linz • Mauthausen • Captain's Welcome Dinner

Bestriding the Danube, Linz is the capital of Upper Austria—one of the country's nine states. Disembark after breakfast to discover the city on a walking tour, followed by a bit of free time to further explore on your own.

This afternoon, visit the Mauthausen concentration camp with a local guide. This complex was one of the Nazi's first large-scale concentration camps—and the last to be liberated. High-profile Jewish prisoners and captive Russian soldiers were brought to the camp to work as free labor for the local stone quarry, harvesting and hauling granite slabs.

After your tour of the camp, return to the ship. Lunch is onboard followed by free time to explore Linz.

Gather with your fellow travelers for this evening's Port Talk, and Captain's Welcome Dinner.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 7 Wachau Valley • Krems

Cruise along one of the most beautiful parts of the Danube—the Wachau Valley—this morning on your way to Krems, taking in the stunning landscape of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river that comprise this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Following your afternoon arrival and lunch onboard, discover Krems an der Donau on a walking tour. This charming town, set at the confluence of the Danube and Krems rivers, is known as a center for art and literature. Its Art Mile offers a variety of galleries to peruse, music venues to visit, and coffee shops to enjoy.

Striking terraced vineyards, synonymous with the region, provide a fitting backdrop as your tour continues on to the famed Winzer Krems. During your tasting, you'll learn about the area's wine heritage, and this acclaimed producer's Chardonnay, Neuberger, and Pinot Blanc varietals.

Tonight, begin cruising to Vienna.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 8 Krems • Gottweig Abbey • Vienna

Disembark in Krems this morning after breakfast and set off for an included tour of the Gottweig Abbey.

In some form or another, the still-active monastery has been sitting on a hilltop overlooking the unspoiled Wachau Valley below since 1072. In the 470 years after its formal dedication in 1083, the abbey developed into a center of spiritual learning followed by a decade of near abandonment. Two major fires and several abbots later, the monastery was rebuilt in the grandiose style of the 18th century. The centerpiece of this Baroque gem is the *Kaiserstiege*, one of Europe's largest and most striking imperial staircases. Ornate carvings and the busts of famous artists line this large, white structure. Above, a pastel-hued ceiling fresco depicts the Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI as a Greek god. In addition to its cosmetic treasures, the Benedictine monastery's library is filled with more than 130,000 books, illustrated manuscripts, and religious engravings.

Following the tour, you'll have free time to explore the abbey on your own. After returning to the ship for lunch onboard, the remainder of the day is at your leisure to unwind on the ship or to explore Krems on your own.

The evening is at your leisure with dinner onboard.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 9 Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour

Explore Vienna, Austria, this morning, starting at the *Ringstrasse*—Vienna's grand main boulevard—one of the many achievements of the Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, the Emperor ordered the demolition of the ancient city walls, which were no longer needed as fortifications and were impeding the growth of the city. In their place was constructed an elegant 2.5 mile-long boulevard, encircling the city center. The buildings that line the *Ringstrasse* bring together all the greatest architectural styles in an exuberant celebration of

all that seemed possible during the Industrial Revolution. Continue on along the city sidewalks, passing by the well-known Imperial Palace, home to many generations of the Habsburg family, and the renowned Spanish Riding School.

You'll have time to pursue your own interests before and after lunch at a local restaurant. You may want to head to the old Jewish Quarter to see the only Viennese synagogue to have survived the 1938 *Kristallnacht*. Or perhaps explore Austria's capital aboard a *fiaker*. These horse-drawn carriages have been in business since the 17th century, and drivers are happy to show you the sights and delight you with Viennese anecdotes. You'll also find out for yourself whether or not it's true that drivers whistle strains of Mozart's beloved *Magic Flute* as they conduct passengers through the city.

After an early dinner onboard, enjoy an evening at leisure. Or, perhaps you'll experience our *Musical Vienna* optional tour to one of the city's famed concert halls to attend an enchanting performance of the classical Austrian music of Strauss and Mozart.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 10 Vienna • Optional Schoenbrunn Palace tour • Naschmarkt visit

This morning, explore more of Vienna at your leisure. Or, join us for an optional tour of the expansive summer estate of Habsburg royalty, Schoenbrunn Palace (whose name means "beautiful spring"). Featuring 1,400 rooms, meticulously maintained gardens, and an architectural legacy that stretches back to the 17th century, the palace is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your visit includes a tour of palace highlights and free time to spend exploring the palace's stunning park and gardens.

Rejoin the group for an onboard lunch this afternoon, then head over to Vienna's bustling Naschmarkt. You'll peruse the more than 100 permanent stalls of this centuries-old outdoor market, sampling local products—like

candy apple red olives and fresh vegetables—along the way.

After dinner tonight onboard, relax with your fellow travelers as your ship cruises toward Bratislava.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 11 Bratislava, Slovakia • Home-Hosted Visit • Student roundtable discussion

Arrive in Bratislava this early morning, and after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Slovakia's capital known for its picturesque setting at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains.

This petite city—the smallest of the four capitals you'll visit on this itinerary—is full of irresistible charm and personality, and was once the seat of power for neighboring Hungary. As you stroll through Old Town, Bratislava's historic heart, take in the beautiful St. Martin's Cathedral, built in the 14th and 15th centuries. Walk along the pedestrian zone, and you'll find Michael's Gate with its 15th-century tower, offering excellent views of the city, including the massive Bratislava Castle. Despite, the its historical depths—with settlements dating back to Celtic and Roman times—whimsical public art installations, such as the photo-favorite "The Watcher" sculpture, serve as visual reminders of Bratislava's eyes towards the future.

Following lunch onboard, join a local family for coffee, cake, and a glimpse of everyday life in this enchanting Danube city during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** Home-Hosted Visit.

This evening, partake in an onboard **Exclusive Discovery Series** roundtable discussion about Bratislava's next generation.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 12 Bratislava • School visit

Disembark your river ship after breakfast, and start your day with an Exclusive Discovery Series visit to a local school supported by the Grand Circle Foundation.

Please note: The school visit is not possible on weekends or during the summer and national holidays when school is not in session.

Return to the ship for lunch, and take in an afternoon of scenic cruising towards Budapest. Arrive in the Hungarian capital this evening before dinner onboard.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 13 Danube Bend • Budapest, Hungary

Disembarking after breakfast for a tour of Hungary's lovely capital, situated on both sides of the magnificent Danube River. In *Buda*, on the western bank of the Danube, you'll see Castle Hill, encircled by ramparts that protect the massive castle complex. Destroyed during World War II, the palace has been restored, approximating its original splendor, and it is now a vast museum complex, where remains of the original structure are displayed. Cross the Danube and see Heroes' Square, with its Millennial Column set off by equestrian statues of historic ninth-century Magyar conquerors. The adjoining colonnade displays more statues of kings, dukes of Transylvania, and liberty fighters who influenced the history of Hungary.

After lunch onboard, spend the afternoon as you please. Perhaps you'll visit the Museum of Applied Arts, or stroll through Nagycsarnok, the city's largest market, known for its fresh produce and Hungarian handicrafts.

Return to the ship for dinner onboard.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 14 Budapest • Optional Hospital in the Rock tour • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy today at leisure to continue exploring Budapest. Perhaps you'll visit the Church of Our Lady, formerly used for the coronations of Hungarian kings. Its popular name of Matthias is in recognition of the Renaissance king who ruled in the 15th century and whose heraldic sign—a raven—is displayed on one of the towers of the church. Dating back to the 13th century, the structure is an interesting mix of architectural



styles used during reconstruction of the building at different times in its history. Note that during the 150-year Turkish occupation of Hungary, the church served as *Eski Djami* (Old Mosque) for the Turks. Inside the church you can view art of Bertalan Szekely and Karoly Lotz, 19th-century Hungarian painters. Or choose to join an optional tour to the Hospital in the Rock. Connected to underground caves below Castle Hill in *Buda*, this hospital that tended to scores of sick and wounded during World War II, and again during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. During the Cold War era, it was outfitted as a nuclear fallout shelter. Today, it is a museum, with wax figures in period clothing and vintage medical equipment giving visitors a feel for the intensity of the work performed here.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a special Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 15 Budapest • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, continue your discoveries with our Budapest post-trip extension.

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PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

Berlin & Dresden, Germany

5 nights from **\$895**

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IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 3 nights in Berlin and 2 nights in Dresden

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Berlin, Germany

Arrive in Berlin and settle in at your hotel.
Maritim Hotel Berlin or similar

DAY 3 Berlin • Optional Potsdam tour with dinner

Today, see Berlin's highlights on an included city tour. Then, join an optional excursion to Potsdam or continue to explore Berlin on your own.

OPTIONAL TOUR: \$125 per person

B—Maritim Hotel Berlin or similar

DAY 4 Berlin

After breakfast, then continue to explore Berlin at your leisure.

B—Maritim Hotel Berlin or similar

DAY 5 Berlin • Wittenberg • Dresden

Depart for Dresden, stopping en route in Wittenberg for lunch on your own.

B—Westin Bellevue Dresden or similar

DAY 6 Dresden

Today, take a guided tour of city highlights. After lunch on your own, you'll have the whole afternoon to make your own discoveries in Dresden.

B—Westin Bellevue Dresden or similar

DAY 7 Pirna • Prague, Czech Republic

Travel overland to Prague, stopping in Pirna, Germany along the way. After an included lunch, begin your *Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague River Cruise Tour*.

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This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. Berlin & Dresden is a pre-trip extension on the Prague to Budapest itinerary and a post-trip extension on the Budapest to Prague itinerary.

POST-TRIP EXTENSION

Budapest, Hungary

3 nights from **\$595**

FREE Single Supplement

IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 3 nights

Daily breakfasts

Included tours with personal headsets: Hungarian Parliament Building • Szentendre

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 Budapest, Hungary • Optional *Hungarian Culinary Experience* tour

This morning, we'll visit Szentendre, a charming town on the Danube Bend that few Americans ever see. Return to Budapest by mid-afternoon to explore at your leisure. This evening you might enjoy an optional *Hungarian Culinary Experience* tour, featuring a dinner of traditional cuisine accompanied by regional wines.

OPTIONAL TOUR: **\$90 per person**

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DAY 2 Budapest

Today, set out with your Program Director and to discover Budapest via public transportation. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you'll browse one of the city's 23 museums. You might also enjoy returning to Castle Hill to visit Fishermen's Bastion.

B—Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center or similar

DAY 3 Budapest

This morning, set off for a morning tour of the Hungarian Parliament Building, which dominates the skyline on the banks of the Danube. The rest of the day is yours to explore Budapest on your own. Enjoy a Farewell Drink with your fellow travelers tonight.

B—Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center or similar

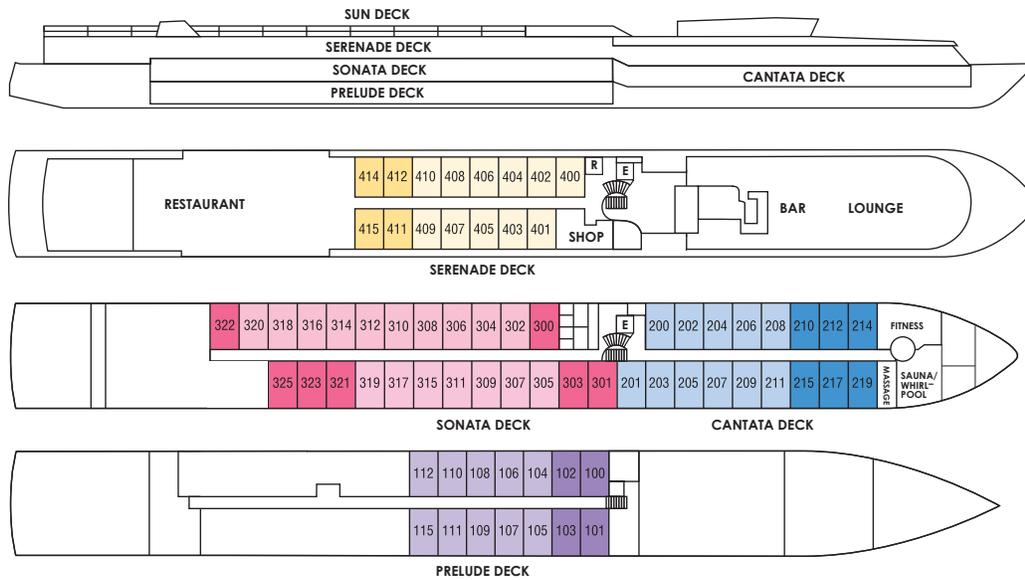
DAY 4 Budapest • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

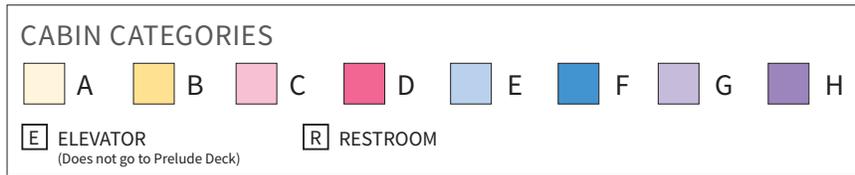
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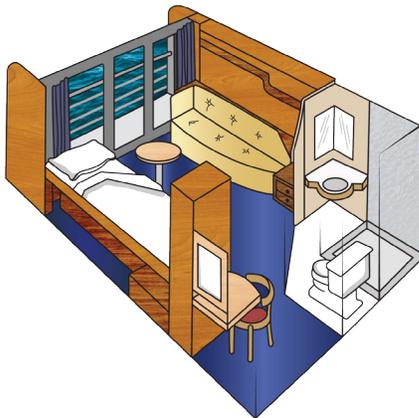
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Width: 38 ft.
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Number of cabins: 70—all outside
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TRIP ITINERARY



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Find out why Istvan Pinter thinks the Hospital in the Rock and Market Hall are must-sees when in Budapest.

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