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Deluxe M.S. **AMADEUS ELEGANT**

September 18 to 30, 2013



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Dear Alumni & Friends of McMaster University,

We invite you to join **Dr. Alvin Lee, President & Vice-Chancellor Emeritus**, on this exclusive journey to the cultural centres 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 travellers 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 has been custom designed to showcase the musical heritage of Europe's accomplished composers, including Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, and carefully planned to allow ample time to explore six UNESCO World Heritage treasures and more. Cruise the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, Deluxe M.S. *AMADEUS ELEGANT*, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe, often docking right in the heart of the cities, and spend three nights each in historic Prague and Kraków in deluxe, centrally located hotels.

Your experience will be enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged expert lectures, classical music performances on shore and aboard ship, and guided excursions.

This exceptional program is sure to strike a chord with both new and repeat travellers as it taps into the heart and soul of the region, as well as its great composers, art and architectural masterpieces, and it's a great value.

Warmest regards,



Karen McQuigge '90
Director, Alumni Advancement

Join us on Wednesday, February 27th for Dr. Lee's pre-trip lecture, *The Waltz, A Dance in ¾ Time*.

Visit alumni.mcmaster.ca for more details.



Most of Dr. Lee's professional life has been spent at McMaster University. He has an international reputation as one of the world's most accomplished scholar/critics in the study of Old English poetry, especially the heroic epic *Beowulf*. He is numbered among those few scholars most expert in the life and writings of the literary critic and cultural philosopher Northrop Frye. From 1960 until 1992, Lee was a member of the Department of English, served as McMaster's President & Vice-Chancellor from 1980 to 1990 and is now professor and President Emeritus.

Lee has had a lifelong amateur involvement in music, mainly the classical repertoire of European composers. He studied piano as a boy and regularly attends performances of opera and chamber music in his travels all over the world.





Canada/Kraków, Poland Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 and 19

Depart Canada for Kraków.

On arrival, check into the
Deluxe, centrally located

RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL.

Attend the Welcome Reception.

Kraków Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21

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 unscathed, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose 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. Stanisław 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 while Archbishop of Kraków.

Tour the Oskar Schindler Factory, now an evocative museum precisely presenting the history of Kraków and its people under Nazi occupation from 1939 to 1945. Continue to the historic Kazimierz district and see the impressive landmarks of this former medieval town, known for its vibrant Jewish community from the 14th century until World War II.

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 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.*

On Friday evening, attend a presentation on Frédéric Chopin, then enjoy the Master's works during a specially arranged, private performance in Florianka Hall.

During your stay in Kraków, you can choose to join optional excursions to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site and marvel at "The Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland," carved entirely from rock salt; and Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Kraków/ Brno, Czech Republic/Prague Sunday, September 22

The scenic transfer to Prague stops en route in Brno in time for lunch.

This crossroads of ancient trade routes has joined North and South European civilizations for centuries. Upon arrival in Prague, check into the centrally located, Deluxe HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA.

Prague Monday and Tuesday, September 23 and 24

A guided tour showcases the diverse cultural legacy of Prague, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the "City of a Thousand Spires" of Gothic, Renaissance and 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 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, and visit Europe's oldest Jewish house of worship, the Gothic Old-New Synagogue; walk among the moss-covered, 15th-century headstones of the Jewish Cemetery; and conclude at the famous Charles Bridge, adorned with 17th- and 18th-century statues of saints.

Tour the fascinating Hradčany complex of castles, churches and museums, the former residence of Bohemian royalty, which dominates the city skyline.





Admire the rococo grandeur of Schönbrunn playground of Habsburg royalty from Marie

See St. Vitus Cathedral; view original Beethoven manuscripts in Lobkowitz Palace in Prague Castle and enjoy a specially arranged, private string quartet concert of the composer's works; then, walk through the "Golden Lane," a street formerly lined with goldsmiths that today is known for its small houses built in the Mannerist style at the end of the 16th century.

Prague/Passau, Germany Wednesday, September 25

Travel across the rolling hills and through the wooded Czech and German countryside to Passau. Enjoy lunch in a historic, typical German restaurant in Passau before continuing on a tour to admire the graceful cobblestone streets, and see and hear the largest cathedral organ in the world, with 17,774 pipes, during a specially arranged recital in the magnificent Baroque Cathedral of St. Stephan.

This afternoon, embark the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT and attend the Welcome Reception and dinner this evening.

Melk, Austria/ Dürnstein/Vienna Thursday, September 26

This morning, visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey where you will enjoy a brief organ recital in the abbey's beautiful

Stiftskirche (church), which features the striking 16th-century altarpiece by "Danube School" master Jörg Breu the Elder. This abbey is a showcase of impressive Austrian Baroque architecture, priceless relics and stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. It was a prestigious centre of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages and its library today is a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

The charming medieval village of Dürnstein sits below the hilltop ruins of Castle Kuenringer, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner after the Third Crusade. Walk through the tiny, picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church. Then, 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.

This evening, cruise to Vienna. Enjoy an exclusive presentation on classical music's Great Masters and a specially arranged performance of their works on board the ship.

Vienna Friday, September 27

The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna's historic centre is an open-air museum of Baroque architecture,

The charming hamlet of Dürnstein is nestled within the rolling Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that contains traces of millennia of civilization, including medieval villages, castles and monasteries.





Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, residence and Antoinette to Emperor Franz Josef.



The highest and lowest tones played by the pipe organ in St. Stephan's Cathedral are nearly inaudible to humans.

designated 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 to showcase the city's finest landmarks—the impressive Vienna Opera House and the lavish Hofburg Palace. Visit Gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephan's Cathedral) followed by a performance of Mozart's music in a premier venue.

This afternoon is at leisure to further explore the cultural treasures of Vienna at your own pace.

Tonight, you may choose to experience an authentic Viennese tradition and attend an optional opera or classical music performance.

Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia Saturday, September 28

This morning, visit the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the Habsburgs' summer residence.

This afternoon, 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 life amid its 1000-year-old history. Enjoy a walking

tour of Bratislava's Old Town; its medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture is among the finest in central Europe. See the Romanesque 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin, visit the elaborate Primatial Palace and marvel at the beauty of the magnificent Slovak National Theatre, one of Europe's finest 19th-century opera houses. The 14th-century St. Michael's Gate is the only remaining portion of the city's medieval fortifications. The ship departs Bratislava this evening.

Budapest, Hungary Sunday, September 29

Austrian-born Habsburg Archduke Joseph, the "most Hungarian Habsburg," is credited with creating a Budapest that rivaled Vienna as an imperial capital. The twin cities of Buda and Pest have faced each other across the Danube River for centuries, and today the Danube embankments and the Buda Castle Quarter are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin your tour in Pest, where the elegant limestone Parliament Building towers over the river. Pass through Heroes' Square and admire its monuments to the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Visit the State Opera House, built in neo-Renaissance style in 1884. The grand staircase and auditorium are decorated with frescoes painted by some of Hungary's eminent artists of the time.

After lunch onboard the ship, continue your tour on the hillier Buda side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the covered marketplace and the Gothic Matthias Church, built in the 1200s and renovated in the 17th and 19th centuries, and continue on to visit the neo-Romanesque Fisherman's Bastion, which commands a panoramic view of the city.

This evening, enjoy the Farewell Dinner and a specially arranged local folklore performance on board the ship.

Budapest/Canada Monday, September 30

Disembark the ship and continue on the Budapest Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to Canada.

Founded in 1089, the Austrian Benedictine Abbey of Melk houses a world-renowned monastic library.





M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT

The elegance and romance of native son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT, which set new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a floating Deluxe hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 76 air-conditioned, stylishly appointed River-View Staterooms (from 15 square metres) and Suites (up to 22 square metres), 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 (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 and four-course dinner. Live piano music is played during afternoon tea, and complimentary wine is served with 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 Sun Deck with deck chairs and golf putting green. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary Quietvox audio system available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT 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.



Cabin Category 2



Panorama Restaurant

Warsaw Pre-Program Option

Begin your journey in Warsaw, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Poland's vibrant political and cultural capital. Enjoy a specially arranged, private Chopin recital and see Warsaw's Old Town. Visit Czestochowa to view the famous Black Madonna icon. Accommodations are for two nights in the Deluxe LE MÉRIDIEN BRISTOL WARSAW HOTEL.

Budapest Post-Program Option

A showcase of the wonderfully preserved Habsburg Empire's influence, Budapest remains one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Extend your travel program with a tour of the stately Parliament Building and an excursion into Hungary's fabled Puszta. Accommodations are for two nights in the Deluxe KEMPINSKI CORVINUS HOTEL, located in the heart of the city.

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

Warsaw City Centre.



Included Features

In Kraków

- ◆ Three nights in the Deluxe RADISSON BLU KRAKÓW HOTEL with breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Walking tour of historic Kraków, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the Wawel Hill complex, the Rynek Główny and the 14th-century Mariacki Church.
- ◆ Excursion to Oskar Schindler's Factory Museum and the historic district of Kazimierz.
- ◆ Specially arranged, exclusive presentation about Chopin and a recital in Florianka Hall.
- ◆ Welcome Reception.

Scenic transfer from Kraków, Poland, to Prague, Czech Republic, including lunch in the city of Brno.

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).
- ◆ Private tour of the Estates Theatre with a brief performance of Mozart's compositions.
- ◆ Walking tour of Josefov (Old Jewish Quarter) with a visit to the Old-New Synagogue and a walk through the solemn Jewish Cemetery.
- ◆ Half-day city tour, highlighted by the Hradčany Castle and featuring a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral.
- ◆ Specially arranged guided tour of Lobkowitz Palace with private concert of Ludwig van Beethoven's music.

Full-day scenic transfer from Prague to Passau, Germany, including lunch in Passau.

On board the Deluxe m.s. AMADEUS ELEGANT

- ◆ Five-night cruise on the scenic Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with port calls at Melk, Dürnstein and Vienna, Austria; and Bratislava, Slovakia.
- ◆ Deluxe, air-conditioned River-View Stateroom or Suite, each with a private bathroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner.
- ◆ All Meals served at single seatings—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-evening snack—featuring continental cuisine.
- ◆ Complimentary wine is served with dinner.
- ◆ Live music performances nightly.
- ◆ Passau walking tour and exclusive recital on the world's largest organ, including lunch.
- ◆ Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a Baroque masterpiece, featuring a brief organ recital.
- ◆ Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein.
- ◆ Exclusive Classical Music presentation accompanied by a specially arranged ensemble performance.
- ◆ Tour of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a private performance of Mozart's music.
- ◆ Visit to Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Guided tour of Bratislava's medieval Old Town.
- ◆ Tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a visit to the Gothic Matthias Church.
- ◆ Specially arranged Hungarian folklore performance.



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 above led by experienced English-speaking local guides.
- ◆ A program of optional excursions, as outlined in the itinerary, are available at additional cost.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotels.
- ◆ Experienced team of Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure material.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Overture of the GREAT COMPOSERS



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 showcases the musical traditions of Great Masters and their enduring vitality. Enjoy a private concert of Chopin's music in Kraków's leading Florianka Hall and, by special arrangement, view a collection of Beethoven's original manuscripts and attend a private performance of his compositions in Lobkowitz Palace. See the very same stage of 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. Listen to the melodies that emanate from the world's largest pipe organ in Passau's Cathedral of St. Stephan and enjoy a short organ recital within the ancient walls of Melk Abbey.

Stroll through the old Vienna of Beethoven and Brahms and see the city's famous Opera House.

The golden statue of Waltz King Johann Strauss pays tribute to Vienna's rich musical legacy.



M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT



Land/Cruise Tariff (in U.S. Dollars per person, based on double occupancy)

Stateroom Category*	Description- All Staterooms are outside with two twin beds convertible to one queen bed, private bathroom facilities with shower, air conditioning, telephone, television, radio, safe, writing desk and hair dryer.	Early Booking Price through March 7, 2013	Regular Price after March 7, 2013
6	Small window. Haydn Deck, aft. (limited availability)	\$4230	\$5230
5	Small window. Haydn Deck, forward.	\$4960	\$5960
4	Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with French balcony. Strauss Deck, aft.	\$5480	\$6480
3	Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with French balcony. Strauss Deck, forward.	\$5900	\$6900
2	Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with French balcony. Strauss Deck, midship.	\$6520	\$7520
1	Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with French balcony. Mozart Deck.	\$7040	\$8040
Junior Suite	Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with French balcony, tub/shower, lounge area and minibar. Mozart Deck.	\$7670	\$8670

♦ Singles are available in category 2 at \$9650 USD and in category 1 at \$10480 USD on or before March 7, 2013. Add \$1000 USD for reservations made after March 7, 2013.

♦ Taxes are an additional \$250 USD per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT 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.

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I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$_____ to:
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Signature as it appears on credit card

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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- Double at \$620 USD per person.
 - Single at \$920 USD per person.
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- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



Budapest's State Opera House is considered one of architect Miklós Ybl's masterpieces and its acoustics are still among the best in the world.

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