

# Cruise Holidays of Clarkson

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## **Classical Music Delights on the Danube**

Onboard MS Amadeus Royal  
15 Days • March 31–April 14, 2012

From only

**\$7,190**

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Special Departure  
Accompanied by Bill Anderson



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May I invite you to join me for Danube Delights, a very special journey for listeners to Classical 96.3 and 103.1 FM.

In Budapest, we'll thrill to Wagner's opera "Parsifal". In Prague, we'll savour the fabulous "Don Quixote" ballet by Ludwig Minkus. In Vienna, the cradle of classical music, we'll spend an evening enjoying the orchestral wonders of Mozart and Strauss.

Come along and discover an amazing new destination, Slovenia. Surrounded by Italy, Austria, Hungary, Croatia... and a little bit of the Adriatic Sea...this uncrowded jewel offers the charming capital city of Ljubljana, shorelines and mountains, fairy-tale castles, avant-garde designer goods and a surreal 13 mile cave. We'll not only explore this underground world, we'll attend a classical concert deep inside.

One full week of our trip will be spent on a luxurious riverboat cruising the Danube. On board, all our meals (including complimentary wine with dinner) are included and there'll be a chamber music ensemble to entertain us. We'll embark on excursions to historic palaces, cathedrals and other architectural marvels. We'll stroll through magnificent gardens and vineyards...and you can be certain we'll sample some of the vintages.

Come along with me on this exciting European adventure. These musical voyages sell out quickly so I hope you'll soon decide to join our group of happy travelers.

**Bill Anderson**

On-Air Program Host  
Classical 96.3 and 103.1 FM



# Timeless Music Stunning Venues 10 Included Concerts



Golden Hall at Vienna's Musikverein where most of Vienna Mozart Orchestra Concerts are being held.



# Classical Music Delights on the Danube



## **DAY 1/Sat Mar 31 DEPART TORONTO**

Board your overnight flight to Ljubljana, Slovenia.

## **DAY 2/Sun Apr 1 ARRIVE IN LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA (D)**

Welcome to Ljubljana, a medium-sized European city with a harmonious blend of Roman, Medieval, Baroque, Art Nouveau, and Modern architectural style, influenced by the unique design of local architect Joze Plecnik.

Upon arrival, we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel. The group gets together for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant. *Accommodation: 5★ Hotel Lev or 4★ Grand Hotel Union Executive (3 nights)*

## **DAY 3/Mon Apr 2 LJUBLJANA-POSTOJNA-LJUBLJANA (B/L)**

After breakfast, we will join our guides for a walking tour of Preseren Square, the Three Bridges and the Farmer's Market; we will then take a cable car to Ljubljana Castle, the city's most striking landmark, for a breathtaking view of the city and the Alpine peaks that surround it.

We will have lunch at Ljubljana Castle, and in the early afternoon, we will proceed to Postojna Caves, just outside Ljubljana, famous for its unique underground world with beautiful formations of stalactites and stalagmites. We will return to Ljubljana in the late afternoon.

*Musical Event* Classical music concert in the caves.



## **DAY 4 /Tue Apr 3 LJUBLJANA-BLED-LJUBLJANA (B/L)**

After breakfast, we will enjoy some free time before we proceed on our guided excursion to the town of Bled, the Alpine pearl of Slovenia. This picturesque town was once the preferred vacation spot for the Austro Hungarian Empire's elite. Its many charms include a medieval castle perched high on a rocky cliff, a scenic lake studded by a tiny island in the middle, and the Alpine splendor of the nearby Triglav National Park. This is a natural wonderland of glacial valleys, glittering peaks, flowered meadows, pretty hamlets and cascading waterfalls.

Lunch will be served at Vila Preseren, a traditional 19th century building located below the cliffs of Bled Castle, right on the shore of Lake Bled.

In the afternoon, we will sail to Bled Island, where we will visit St. Mary's church and ring the "bell of wishes" from the legend of the Sunken Bell. We will return to Ljubljana in the late afternoon.

## **DAY 5/Wed Apr 4 LJUBLJANA-PASSAU**

**(EMBARKATION) (B/D)** After breakfast, we will transfer from Ljubljana to Passau to embark on the ship. The ship leaves port in the afternoon and takes us through a lovely stretch of the Danube known as the Schloegener Schlinge. After our initial impressions of the Danube, our cruise director will welcome us with a cocktail and welcome dinner.



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**Musical Event** A musical welcome onboard with pieces by Haydn and Schumann.

Accommodation: MS Amadeus Royal or similar (7 nights)

## DAY 6/Thu Apr 5 BRATISLAVA (B/L/D)

In the afternoon, the ship moors in the city of Bratislava, which was founded over 2,000 years ago. Now the capital of Slovakia, it was also the capital of Hungary during the late Middle Ages. This is an excellent illustration of how the checkered histories of central European countries are inter-related. Our guided tour reveals the city's major sights; from the 13th-century Bratislava Castle, we will enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Slovakia, Austria and Hungary.

**Musical Event** Evening concert in Clarisse Church.

## DAY 7/Fri Apr 6 BUDAPEST (B/L/D)

After lunch, we reach Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Budapest is a city made up of two parts: Buda and Pest, built on the opposite banks of the Danube. Buda is the older and more graceful part, with its cobbled streets and medieval architecture. Pest is the administrative and commercial centre, with wide avenues and impressive 19th-century public buildings. Our city tour will take us to Gellert Hill for great views of the city, the Old Town, The Royal Palace and the Parliament Buildings.

**Musical Event** Opera performance at the State Opera House.

## DAY 8/Sat Apr 7 BUDAPEST-ESZTERGOM-STUROVO (B/L/D)

In the morning, we explore the city on our own. After lunch the ship leaves Budapest. We will leave the vessel for an excursion to Szentendre and Esztergom. In the meantime, the ship cruises to Esztergom. Departing from Budapest, we drive along the Danube to the small artists' village of Szentendre. We will continue to the imposing ruins of Visegrad, from where we have a marvelous view of the Danube "knee". Our next stop is Esztergom, the highlight of this tour. The city is dominated by the largest neo-classical Basilica in the country. Built in 1820, it is one of the largest churches in Europe. Following the visit of the Basilica, we will be treated to a delicious wine-tasting session before we board our ship in Esztergom.

**Musical Event** Classical music concert on board.

## DAY 9/Sun Apr 8 VIENNA (B/L/D)

At midday, our ship pulls into port in Vienna. The afternoon is at our disposal to explore this elegant city on the Danube, the city of music and 'joie de vivre' where sachertorte and Heuriger are just as famous as St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Imperial Palace.

**Musical Event** Mozart Orchestra Concert

## DAY 10/Mon Apr 9 VIENNA (B/L/D)

In the morning, we will experience 'Vienna of the Great Masters' at a matinée in the Vienesse Palais. After







#### Prices per person in Canadian Dollars

Category	Double	Single
C4	\$7,190	\$8,680
C1	\$7,290	\$8,880
B4	\$7,690	\$9,480
B1	\$7,790	\$9,580
A1	\$7,990	N/A
Suite	\$8,290	N/A

#### Payment Schedule

Deposit: \$1,100 pp • Final Payment: January 5, 2012

#### Cancellation Fees:

Up to January 4, 2012:	\$200 pp
January 5 to February 15, 2012:	50% of tour cost
February 16 to departure:	100% of tour cost
Air Credit:	\$1,200 pp

lunch onboard we will take an excursion to Schonbrunn Palace, one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings. Here, we will visit the ceremonial rooms and we will take a walk in the beautifully designed gardens of the palace.

*Musical Event* Classical music concert onboard.

#### DAY 11/Tue Apr 10 WEISSENKIRCHEN - MELK (B/L/D)

In the morning, we will dock in Weissenkirchen in the Wachau. Here, we will listen to traditional music of the Wachau- "Schrammel-Musik" over delicious wine tasting in Teisenhoferhof. After lunch onboard, we will join an excursion through the Wachau, including a city walk of Dürnstein and a visit to the famous Melk Abbey. We return to the ship in Emmersdorf in the late afternoon. On the last evening of our Danube journey, we join the ship captain for the Captain's Gala Dinner.

*Musical Event* Farewell Concert onboard.

#### DAY 12/Wed Apr 11 PASSAU-PRAGUE

##### (DISEMBARKATION) (B/D)

The ship arrives at Passau, the city of three rivers. After disembarking, we transfer to Prague with a stop in Plazen. We will have some free time in Plazen to explore the town on our own. We will arrive in Prague in the afternoon and will check in at our hotel. Accommodation: Prague President Hotel (3 nights)

*Musical Event* Folklore Dinner-and-Dance with unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks.

#### DAY 13/Thu Apr 12 PRAGUE (B/L)

Our morning sightseeing tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most beautiful cities. We will visit the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle courtyard, St. Vitus and then walk over Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square. Lunch will be served at Pushkin Restaurant. The afternoon is free for us to explore the city on our own.

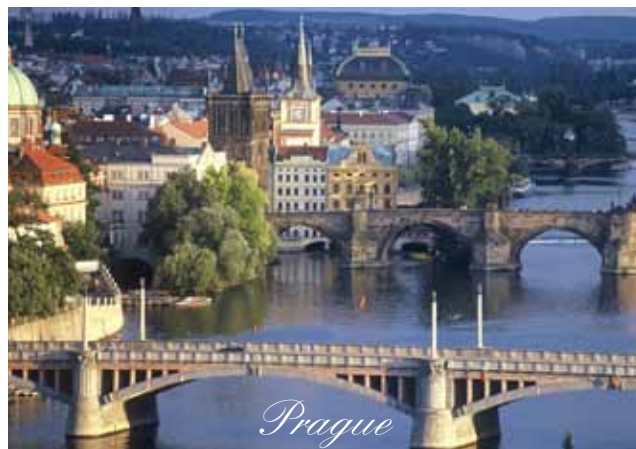
*Musical Event* Ballet performance at the State Opera House.

#### DAY 14/Fri Apr 13 PRAGUE (B/D)

Today is a free day for us to explore the city on our own. We meet again in the evening for our Farewell Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

#### DAY 15/Sat Apr 14 DEPART PRAGUE- TORONTO (B)

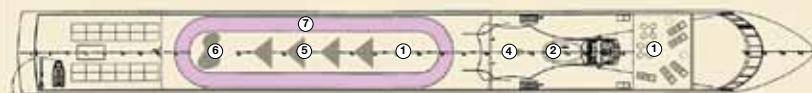
This morning, we transfer to the airport for our home-bound flight arriving the same day.



## MS AMADEUS ROYAL



SUN DECK



MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

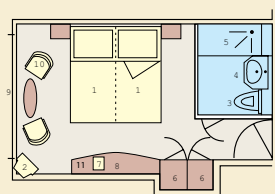


DECKPLAN: 1 Sun deck with deck-chairs - 2 Fun pool - 3 Navigation bridge - 4 Lido-Bar - 5 Chess board  
6 Golf putting green - 7 Walking track - 8 Panorama-Bar - 9 Amadeus-Club with Internet station - 10 Panorama-Café  
11 Restaurant - 12 Reception - 13 Ship's shop - 14 Vital-Club/Fitness room - 15 Hairdresser - 16 Massage

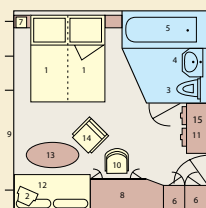
### CHOOSE YOUR CABIN

Deck	Category	Size	Window	to open
Mozart-Deck	4 Amadeus-Suites	236 Sq.ft.	Glass doors (French Balcony)	yes
	17 Cabins	161 Sq.ft.	Glass doors (French Balcony)	yes
Strauss-Deck	26 Cabins	161 Sq.ft.	Panorama Window	yes (besides B-4)
Haydn-Deck	25 Cabins	161 Sq.ft.	Window	no

- Amadeus-Suite - Mozart-Deck
- A-1 - Mozart-Deck
- B-1 - Strauss-Deck
- B-4 - Strauss-Deck
- C-1 - Haydn-Deck
- C-4 - Haydn-Deck



CABIN (161 Sq.ft.): 1 Bed - 2 TV - 3 Toilet  
4 Wash basin 5 Shower - 6 Cabinet  
7 Telephone - 8 Writing Desk  
9 Window - 10 Chair - 11 Safe



AMADEUS-SUITE (236 Sq.ft.):  
1 Bed - 2 TV - 3 Toilet  
4 Wash basin - 5 Bath-tub  
6 Cabinet - 7 Telephone  
8 Writing Desk - 9 French Balcony  
10 Chair - 11 Minibar - 12 Sofa bed  
13 Table - 14 Armchair - 15 Safe

### TECHNICAL DATA:

Built in: 2005  
Draught: 1,30 m  
Height above water: 5,85 m  
Length: 110 m  
Breadth: 11,40 m  
Speed: 25 km/h  
Tonnage: 1.566 t  
Crew members: ca. 40  
Cabins/Suites: 68/4



Amadeus-Suite Mozart-Deck



Cabin Mozart-Deck







## Tour Inclusions:

- Scheduled transatlantic flights and airport transfers
- 3 nights' deluxe accommodation in Ljubljana including daily ABF (American Style Breakfast)
- Welcome Dinner in Ljubljana
- Lunch at Ljubljana Castle
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Bled
- 7 night cruise with accommodation in an outside stateroom
- Superb dining with all meals during the cruise
- Quality red & white wines from Europe's wine regions with dinner on board the ship
- Free bottled water in your stateroom during the cruise
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner on board the ship
- Services of experienced, multilingual cruise director
- Modern wireless audio system (Quietvox) for all excursions during the cruise
- 3 nights' deluxe accommodation in Prague including daily ABF
- Ballet performance at the State Opera House in Prague
- Opera performance at the State Opera House in Budapest
- Mozart Orchestra Concert in Vienna
- Classical music concert in Postojna Caves
- Classical music concert at Clarisse Church in Bratislava
- Three classical music concerts on board the ship
- Lunch at Pushkin Restaurant in the old town in Prague
- Ethnic dinner-and-dance event in Prague
- Farewell Dinner in Prague
- Wine tasting in Esztergom, Hungary
- Wine tasting in Teisenhoferhof, Austria
- Daily guided sightseeing tours
- Prepaid gratuities for cruise director and cruise crew



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