

Our First European River Tour was

“The Enchanting Rhine”

Spring Break, April 7-15, 2017

From Amsterdam to Basel

Unforgettable, Inspiring, Beautiful Singing,

Exceptional Accommodations and

Dining... cue the DVD!!!!

Mira Costa Festival Choir Tour

Here we go again!

“THE ROMANTIC DANUBE”

Spring Break, March 28 – April 5, 2019

Introducing Mary Crowley of Cruise
One. She is our cruise specialist.
She lives in Caribou, Maine!

Itinerary: Budapest, Hungary to Vilshofen, Germany





The Romantic Danube on the AmaLea !
The Amalea will debut in 2018!

Our amazing NEW ship.... the Amalea

This is unlike any hotel you have ever stayed in for vacation. Because we are a full charter it is the Mira Costa Family from beginning to end...! We unpack once and we cruise upriver, experience 5-star accommodations, dining and views and of course amazing performances!!!!

<https://www.amawaterways.com/ships/amalea-river-cruise-ship>

Our Itinerary

Day 1 Depart from Los Angeles

Day 2 ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARKATION TRANSFER TO SHIP

Arrive in Budapest and board your luxurious river cruise ship. Meet your fellow travelers tonight at the Welcome Dinner.

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY Experience Budapest in one of two ways: on a city tour or a hike. Your city tour begins with a visit to the vibrant Great Market Hall brimming with vendors selling everything from food to souvenirs. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the river. As an alternative, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. Spend your last evening on board cruising around the famed Parliament Building as Budapest turns on all her dazzling lights. In Budapest we will be performing in a venue to be determined.

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Day 3-4 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The “City of Waltzes” offers a treasure trove of gems and you have three ways to discover them. Join a city tour showcasing its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the former Imperial Palace of the Hapsburgs before concluding in Vienna’s historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, you can enjoy leisure time or pedal your way to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a guided cycling tour. Overnight in Vienna. Here we will be performing in venues to be determined.

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Day 5 WEISSENKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA

Cruise to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein located in the heart of the Wachau Valley. Once here, you can choose to join a walking tour in Dürnstein along its cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, Dürnstein's famed church tower, and then visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. For the more active adventurer, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held. As an alternative excursion, visit a local apricot grower, where you'll enjoy the region's finest apricot treats. Later in the evening, enjoy a special wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen. We are planning a performance at the Melk Abbey with the resident High School choir.

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Day 6 LINZ, AUSTRIA The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, and Residenz. In Salzburg we will be performing in a venue to be determined. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in "The Sound of Music." Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House; or go on a guided bike tour along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, you have three more options of excursions. Choose a half-day in Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located near Czech-Austrian border. You will not want to miss the concert in Salzburg given by the Mira Costa Festival Choir. Just wait!!!!

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Day 7 VILSHOFEN – PASSAU, GERMANY

Explore Vilshofen's beautiful old town before cruising to Passau, known as the "City of Three Rivers." Join a walking tour or if you prefer to be more active, hike high into the hills for a visit to the "Vesta Oberhaus," Passau's Castle Hill. Overnight in Vilshofen.

Romantic Danube Itinerary continued

Day 8 Fly home to Los Angeles!!! We arrive back on Friday which gives everyone two full days to rest and get back on west coast time!

Included Features of the cruise

7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom

Life enriching tours and excursions daily

Entertainment on demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed Internet access,

Hit Hollywood movies, extensive music library and English language TV stations

Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board

Terry bathrobes and white-on-white plush bedding

Fine dining with all meals included during your cruise, including the Chef's Table option

Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily

Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner

Included Features of the cruise...continued

Special highlights including lectures, cooking demonstration, onboard music performances and piano music

Bicycles to explore on your own & guided bicycle tours

Services of professional Cruise Manager

All English language on board in a non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)

Transfers between hotel and ship are included with the purchase of cruise and land package; airport transfers are included with the purchase of airfare from AmaWaterways

All local taxes, tips for local guides and bus drivers

All the camaraderie of the Mira Costa Festival Choir, our friends and family and the amazing AMA staff

Announcing...A guest artist to join us for the cruise!

The Danube is home to two of the most famous musical cities in the world, Vienna and Salzburg. From Salzburg came one of the most beloved movies of all time, “The Sound of Music” which is the story of Maria von Trapp and the von Trapp family singers . We are excited to announce that Elisabeth Von Trapp will be joining us for the week-long cruise aboard the AmaLea. She will be performing in a concert with us in Salzburg and will also be offering several performances and appearances on the ship. You won’t want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and experience a member of the Von Trapp Family.

Festival Choir Rehearsal Process

Because this tour is not curricular but extra curricular it is not possible to rehearse the music in class. Therefore what worked best for the previous tour was to use one of the office hours each week to rehearse the tour choir. This worked very successfully. We developed an *esprit de corps* that enabled the choir to learn music quickly and have fun in the process. Therefore we are going to do the same for this tour. We will begin rehearsals sometime in October or November up through the week of departure. Students understand that if they need to make up a test or see a teacher they do that and if time allows they come to rehearsal. Additionally, we have a Saturday retreat to also help learn the music and bond the choir. While these rehearsals are not required, the more a student can plan to attend them, and in the process balance their other studies, the more successful they will be.

The Financial Responsibility

Contract Issues... Who signs the contract?

Cabin Pricing, Rates Are Per Person

Student Cabins: 30 *cabins available*

Pricing: Category's E, D, CB and CA

Cruise \$2,199.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, **maximum**

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per Student: \$4,148.00

Family and Friends Cabins: 45 cabins

Pricing: Category BB French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft. – *13 cabins available.*

Cruise \$2,750.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities: \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, maximum

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per person: \$4,699.00

Pricing: Category BA French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft. – *12 cabins available.*

Cruise \$2,880.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities: \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, maximum

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per person: \$4,829.00

Pricing: Category AB French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft. – *10 cabins available.*

Cruise \$3,015.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities: \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, maximum

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per person: \$4,964.00

Pricing: Category AA French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft. – *7 cabins available.*

Cruise \$3,150.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities: \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, maximum

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per person: \$5,099.00

Pricing: Category SS Suites French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 350 sq. ft. – 3
suites available.

Cruise \$3,955.00

Taxes \$168.00

Gratuities: \$151.00

Group air from LAX \$1,400.00, maximum

Additional Trip Costs \$230.00

Total per person: \$5,904.00

Reservations

- All reservation requests must be received **via email only**. No phone calls allowed for reserving cabins. Emails will be time stamped as they are received.
- Send your email reservation to: Mary Crowley:
mcrowley@dreamvacations.com
- Reservations will open Tuesday, October 10 at 8:00 pm. Cabins will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Payments for this trip:

There will be Four separate payments

All payments must be made **by check** per Amawaterways. Check payments can be from personal checking accounts, or if you prefer, you can also use Credit Card checks for payment. **Once payment is made, there are no refunds with a ship charter.**

Payment #1: DEPOSIT

To secure your cabin, a deposit of \$1,250.00 per person **must be received within one week** of email reservation made payable to **Dream Vacations** and sent to:

**Dream Vacations c/o Mary Crowley,
P.O. Box 419
Caribou, ME 04736**

If your deposit is not received within one week of your email request, the reservation will be cancelled.

Payment #2: ADDITIONAL TRIP COSTS

Additional Trip Costs of \$230.00 per person also must be received within one week of email reservation. Additional Trip Costs include the charge for Elisabeth von Trapp.

Additional Trip Costs are payable to MBX, and payment for them may be made by check or by credit card online.

Payments by check should be made payable to "MBX Foundation" with "Choir - Europe Trip 2019" on the memo line, and they either can be dropped in the booster drop box in the choir room or mailed to choir booster treasurer, Brick Barrick, 4207 Crest Drive, MB, CA 90266.

Credit card payments can be made via the Choir page on the MBX website. Go to <http://www.mbxfoundation.org/booster-clubs/choir/> and click on the tab entitled "Europe Trip 2019 Additional Trip Costs." Then follow the prompts to make your payment online. If you pay online by credit card, there is a 4.1% additional online processing fee of \$10.38 for each \$230 payment.

Payment #3: REMAINING BALANCE FOR THE CRUISE (less airfare)

The remaining balance for the cruise (less airfare) must be received no later than March 16, 2018 in the Dream Vacation office. Non- receipt of payment will result in loss of cabin and loss of all payments made to date. There are no refunds with a charter. Full payment can also be made at that time with airfare included if you prefer to do so.

Payment #4: FULL PAYMENT FOR AIRFARE

Full payment for airfare in the amount of \$1,400.00 (or less) per person for **Economy LAX Group Air only** will be due by check on May 1, 2018. Check payment will be made payable to **Dream Vacations** and sent to travel agent Mary Crowley at her above address.

Please Be Advised

Once you commit to this trip there are no refunds. We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance that will offer coverage should you need to cancel based on the benefits offered by the policy you choose to purchase.

If we do not fill this ship prior to signing of the contract all monies except \$25 will be refunded after the contract deadline of March 30, 2018. The \$25 per person administrative fee is paid to Mary Crowley for all the work she has put into the planning of this trip. She and I began working on this in April. So she has put in 7 months work on this. This is a small amount to cover all her time and effort.

Who Signs the Contract?

Tour with the Mira Costa Festival Choir on

“The Romantic Danube”

**This is a trip of a lifetime, one you won't want to
miss!**