DISCOVERY OF SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

ONBOARD MS AMADEUS NOVA

AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2027



Experience the extraordinary destinations of Eastern Europe on this Danube River cruise adventure through the Balkans. Begin your river cruise along the beautiful Danube River in Vienna, the capital city of Austria. Visit Slovakia's quaint town of Bratislava, take a fascinating guided tour of the Serbian capital of Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Visit the fortress Golubac and the ancient Bulgarian capital of Veliko Tarnovo. Cruise through the dramatic views of Iron Gates Gorge - a natural border between Serbia and Romania. Enjoy a thrilling ride through the Danube Delta by boat and immerse yourself in nature. After your cruise, spend one night in Bucharest exploring its old-world charm, tree-lined boulevards and witness its socialist architecture. Ending the program in Istanbul, explore a city where Europe and Asia meet. A vibrant metropolis known for its rich history, stunning architecture, and bustling markets. Walk through ancient streets once home to the Byzantine and Ottoman empires, marvel at sites like the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. We cross the Bosphorus Strait to literally go from one continent to another.

TOUR MAP





Budapest, Hungary

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 / SUN. AUG 29, 2027
DEPART CANADA

Depart for your flight to Vienna.

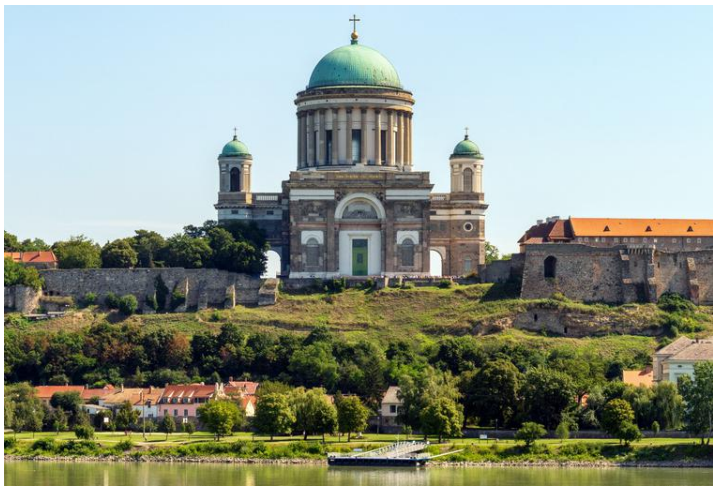
DAY 2 / MON, AUG 30, 2027
ARRIVE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA – EMBARKATION *(D)*

Upon arrival in Vienna airport, we meet our coach and assistant, and transfer to the pier for embarkation.
Here in one of Europe's finest Imperial cities is where your adventure begins aboard our luxury AMADEUS vessel. Join our Cruise Director for a Welcome Cocktail and raise your glass to celebrate new adventures. Our chef will spoil you with a lovingly created Welcome Dinner before your ship sets sail for Bratislava at night.

Accommodation: onboard MS Amadeus Nova or similar (8 nights)



Bratislava, Slovakia



Esztergom, Hungary

DAY 3 / TUE, AUG 31, 2027 VIENNA – BRATISLAVA
(B, L, D)

A new memory for your travel diary: As the sun rises, we arrive in the Slovakian capital. Located at the confluence of the Morava and Danube Rivers, Bratislava impresses with its Gothic and Baroque architecture.

During the morning we enjoy **Excursion: Bratislava – Beauty on the Danube**, get to know the capital of the young Slovakian Republic. The driving tour passes St. Martin's Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace and continues to the castle hill above the old town, where you will have a stunning, panoramic view of the city and surrounding areas. Afterwards a guided walking tour leads you through the old town. Take a leisurely stroll from Michael's Gate through the historic city center, admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings, as well as the Academia Istropolitana, the oldest university of the city, dating back to the 15th century. See the main square with the old City Hall, the Opera House and Maximilian Fountain. From the Main Square we continue to a cozy out of the way place to enjoy the famous Pressburger rolls with nut and poppy seed filling. We will end our walk at the historical Opera House in front of glorious Ganymede's Fountain. Afterwards, you are free to explore or walk the short distance back to the ship.
Back on board, enjoy a leisurely lunch before departing for the local wine region.
Before midnight, the ship weighs anchor for the next port, Esztergom.

DAY 4 / WED, SEPT 01, 2027
ESZTERGOM – BUDAPEST *(B, L, D)*

A sight as if created by angels: The Basilica of Esztergom is Hungary's largest and perhaps most beautiful church. Its splendor unfolds in the morning with **Excursion: Esztergom, Visegrád castle and Szentendre**, The tour departs from Budapest and takes you to the artists' village of Szentendre, home to many generations of Hungarian artists since the early 20th century. Many museums and contemporary galleries represent the rich traditions of the visual arts in this town. Works of the ceramist Margit Kovács (1902–77) are displayed in a famous, eponymous Museum. The focal point of Szentendre is Foetér, the main square, lined with eateries, cafes, and souvenir stores. Continue to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrád, where you have a glorious view of the famous "Danube Bend". The next highlight of this excursion is Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop. Visit the imposing domed basilica — the largest cathedral in Hungary. Built in the early 19th century, it incorporates an ornate red marble chapel from an earlier church.

Meanwhile, the vessel glides towards Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube".

Enjoy an afternoon **Excursion: Taste the Flavours of Budapest**, beginning with a visit to the Market Hall.

Built in 1896, Budapest's oldest and largest indoor market offers a variety of Hungarian specialties, including Tokaj wine, langos, and paprika. Travel by bus to City Park to admire the romantic Vajdahunyad Castle and the magnificent Széchenyi Baths, one of Europe's largest and most popular thermal baths. Take a ride on Europe's second oldest metro back to the city center and stop at a local pastry shop to enjoy a slice of fluffy cake and a cup of coffee, before marveling at the stunning St. Stephen's Basilica. In the evening, experience Budapest illuminated on a scenic cruise, accompanied by a lively folklore show of music, dance, and local artistry.



Illuminated Budapest

DAY 5 / THUR, SEPT 02, 2027
VUKOVAR *(B, L, D)*

In eastern Croatia, **your Excursion: Vukovar, Osijek and Kopački Rit** begins in baroque Vukovar, home to the largest cargo port in the former Yugoslavia. Drive past elegant mansions and pre-war factory sites before heading to Kopački Rit, the largest nature park in the region, while learning about everyday Croatian life.

Take a boat tour through the stunning wetlands and marshes, then visit Kopačevo's Rural House to see traditional fishing tools and hear humorous stories from local fishermen, with tastings of Croatian specialties like fruit brandy, local wine, smoked sausage, ajvar, and homemade cakes. Continue to Osijek to explore the old town and its 18th-century baroque fortress, including the Church of the Raising of the Holy Cross, fortress walls, the "Watergate," and the main square with Croatia's largest baroque statue, museums, galleries, schools, and pubs. Return to Vukovar via a scenic drive past Croatia's first brewery, then board the ship for a leisurely dinner as you cruise toward Belgrade.



Serbian Traditional Dances

DAY 6 / FRI, SEPT 03, 2027
BELGRADE *(B, L, D)*

In the morning, we introduce you to the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. On our **Excurion: Dynamic Belgrade & Kalemegdan Fortress**, the Kalemegdan Fortress tells the story of a tumultuous past. First, the tour takes you to the Kalemegdan fortress, where you'll have an impressive panoramic view over the Danube and the Sava Rivers. Afterwards, you can see the National Museum, the parliament, the Terazije square and the palace of princess Ljubica. Another highlight is the St. Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox church in the world. After a refreshment break at a local restaurant, our tour ends with a visit to the pedestrian zone where you will find many shops and art galleries.

In the evening, enjoy a bus **Excursion: Bohemian quarter Skadarlija & Serbian folklore**. A coach takes you through Belgrade by night to a hotel in the city center, where you will enjoy a splendid folklore show. The ensemble will invite you for a glass of wine and will perform dances from all parts of the country. The costumes are very colorful and various pieces of Serbian folk music will be performed. Then you will drive to Skadarlija, the famous artists' quarter, also known as the Montmartre of Belgrade. Stroll through the narrow cobbled streets and end the day in one of the many restaurants or pubs.



Belgrade

DAY 7 / SAT, SEPT 04, 2027
GOLUBAC - DONJI MILANOVAC *(B, L, D)*

This morning we enjoy **Excursion: Visit of the fortress Golubac**, a medieval town and fortress complex. Imposing stone walls and towers are impressive reminders of the tumultuous history of this strategic fortress. Originally a Roman settlement, it has been fought over for thousands of years, and is famous for successfully withstanding over 120 direct attacks. From atop the towering ramparts, soak in the history and the stunning views of the natural landscapes of the mighty Danube, before strolling back to your waiting ship.

Rejoin the ship in Donji Milanovac and spend the afternoon on board for a truly impressive natural spectacle. Take a seat on the sun deck and relax as we cruise through one of the most impressive gorges in Europe which also marks the border between Serbia and Romania. One section of the Cazan Gorge near the town of Orşova, the Danube narrows to a scant 200 meters wide and 80 meters deep. The majestic views of the Carpathian and Balkan mountains paint a memorable scene. As we cruise, be sure to look for the small monastery church of Mraconia and the enormous 40-meter rock sculpture of the Dacian King Decebalus near Dubova.

DAY 8 / SUN, SEPT 05, 2027
SVISHTOV – ROUSSE – GIURGIU *(B, L, D)*

At lunchtime you arrive in the Bulgarian town of Svisthov, the southernmost point on the Danube. The afternoon **Excursion: Veliko Tarnovo and the Tsarevets Fortress**, takes you towards Veliko Tarnovo in a comfortable coach. Picturesquely located on the steep banks of the river Yantra at the foot of the Balkan Mountains, the houses of this medieval town were built on narrow terraces along the steep, rocky slopes. Pass by the fortress Zarewez, where 22 tsars made history in the 2nd Bulgarian empire. You will also visit the 13th-century church St. Peter and Paul, which is one of the few medieval churches which had been kept intact and used for worship since the beginning of the 13th century until the earthquake in 1913. At the end of the tour you will have time to enjoy and shop for local arts and crafts before returning to the ship which docks in Giurgiu for the evening.



Bucharest, Romania

DAY 9 / MON, SEPT 06, 2027 HARSOVA *(B, L, D)*

Today's **Excursion: Constanta & Murfatlar: A Black Sea Journey with Wine Tasting**. Dive into the rich history and explore the most renowned wine region of Romania on this full-day excursion. Begin with a scenic drive to Constanța, where a guided panoramic tour and walking visit showcase the city's historic landmarks. Discover Romania's cultural heritage at the Folk Art Museum before continuing to the famous Murfatlar wine region. At Murfatlar, enjoy a traditional welcome, a wine tasting, and a light lunch with live folk music. End the day with a relaxing drive back to the ship.



Constanta, Romania

DAY 10 / TUE, SEPT 7, 2027
FETESTI – DISEMBARKATION – BUCHAREST
(B, L, D)

Disembark in Festeşti after breakfast - but your journey does not end there. A transfer will take you to another adventure on land: Bucharest. Get ready to explore the capital city of Romania, which has developed its very own charm with a lively cityscape and colourful mix of buildings from different eras. Spend an afternoon sightseeing in this vibrant metropolis of two million people. After a typical local lunch, you will check into a centrally located hotel, before joining us for a farewell dinner.

Accommodation: InterContinental Anthenee Palace Bucharest or similar (1 night)

DAY 11 / WED SEPT 8, 2027
BUCHAREST – ISTANBUL, TURKEY *(B, D)*

Enjoy breakfast in your luxury hotel before a private transfer to Otopeni Airport.
Transportation: Turkish Air
Tentative schedule: TK 1040 / Bucharest – Istanbul / depart 3:55pm / arrive 5:30pm

Welcome to Turkey! Upon arrival in Istanbul, meet your local guide and coach and transfer to hotel in Istanbul. Dinner included at hotel.

Accommodation: Nippon Hotel Istanbul or similar (3 nights)

DAY 12 / THUR SEPT 9, 2027
ISTANBUL CITY TOUR *(B, L)*

Depart your hotel for an enriching guided full day city tour, during which you will explore the Hagia Sophia, formerly a church before becoming a mosque and finally a museum. A beautiful example of Old-World architecture, this museum showcases lovely Christian murals and Islamic symbols throughout. After the Hagia Sophia, visit Istanbul's similarly beautiful Blue Mosque, named for the Blue İznik tiles that cover its interior. For those who are interested, be guided to the lively Grand Bazaar and venture through the market before returning to your hotel. Lunch included at local restaurant. Evening and dinner on your own.



Istanbul, Turkey

DAY 13 / FRI SEPT 10, 2027 TOPKAPI PALACE & HAREM *(B, D)*

Admire the grandeur of the spectacular Ottoman Sultans' Grand Palace of Topkapi, home to every Sultan from the 15th-19th centuries. During your tour, marvel at the private chambers of the Sultans, the Harem (women's quarters) and the Imperial Treasury's vast collection, including the jewel-encrusted Topkapi Dagger and the stunning 86-carat Spoonmaker's Diamond. Free time for lunch on your own.

Farewell dinner night at a local restaurant and enjoy a local folklore performance before returning to your hotel.

DAY 14 / SAT, SEPT 11, 2027 DEPART ISTANBUL *(B)*

After breakfast bid farewell to Istanbul as you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Toronto.

*******END OF TOUR*******

B – breakfast / L – lunch / D – dinner

For navigational safety reasons, the cruise company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

CRUISE INFO

LÜFTNER CRUISES

AMADEUS Nova

Introducing AMADEUS Nova - our vessel that joined us in spring 2024, and is a home away from home for up to 158 guests. Impeccably designed down to the last detail, this vessel introduced the latest green technologies, reflecting our commitment to respect the nature of the remarkable destinations we visit.

The technology you don't see—hybrid engines, solar panels, and cutting-edge energy conservation—is as important as what you do see. Around each corner, discover elegant spaces to roam, multiple dining venues, a heated swimming pool, and unparalleled views from every suite. Our signature palette of warm colors complements the sleek modern design that brings the natural world right to your doorstep. Step into the future as you glide past the captivating landscapes along the Rhine and Danube rivers.



STATEROOM AMENITIES

- Suites (26,4 mÇ/284 sq.ft.) on Mozart Deck with comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom and walk-out exterior balcony
- Staterooms (17,5 mÇ/188 sq.ft.) on Strauss and Mozart Deck with drop-down panoramic windows
- Staterooms (16 mÇ/172 sq.ft.) on Haydn Deck with smaller panoramic windows (cannot be opened)
- Cabins with connecting doors are available on Strauss Deck on request
- Mini-Bar
- Walk-in wardrobe
- Choice of bed configuration: double or twin bed
- Flat-screen television
- Individual climate control
- Bathrooms with walk-in shower
- Bathrobe in Suites
- Hair dryer
- Direct dial telephone
- In-room safe

ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama-Restaurant
- Panorama-Bar and Lounge
- AMADEUS Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese coffee specialities
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Heated pool
- Sun Deck with Sun Deck Lounge, lounge chairs, shade awnings, Golf Putting Green, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room, Massage Room
- Gift Shop, Laundry Service
- Complimentary bicycles on board
- Free Wi-Fi available
- Elevator (Mozart & Strauss Deck)



Sun Deck, Pool



Restaurant



Panorama Bar / Lounge



AMADEUS Suite (26.4m²)
with walk-out exterior balcony



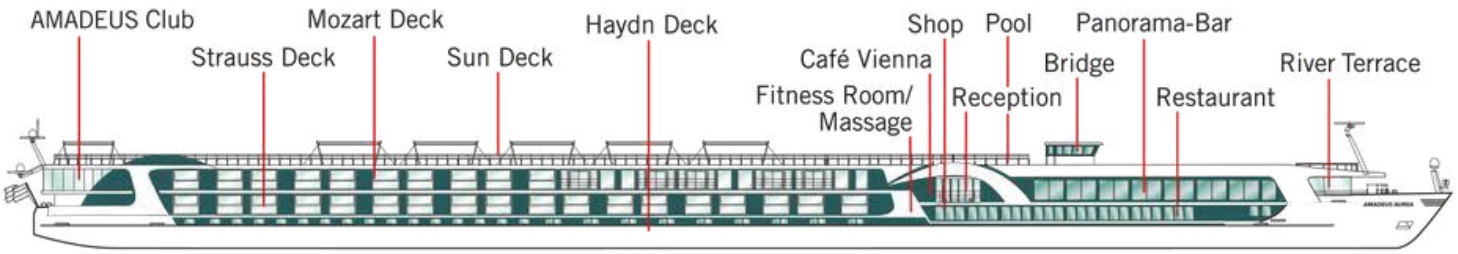
A-1 Cabin (17.5m²) with drop-down panoramic window
B-1 Cabin (17.5m²) with drop-down panoramic window
B-4 Cabin (17.5m²) with drop-down panoramic window

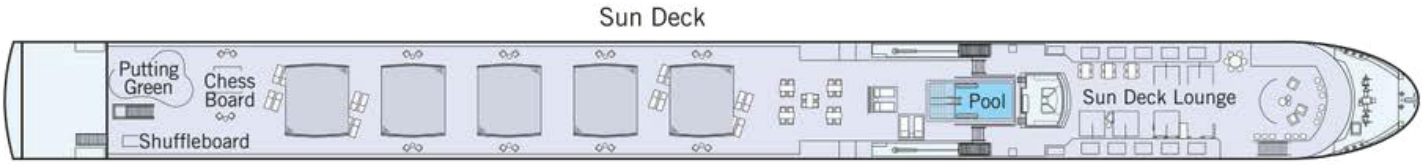


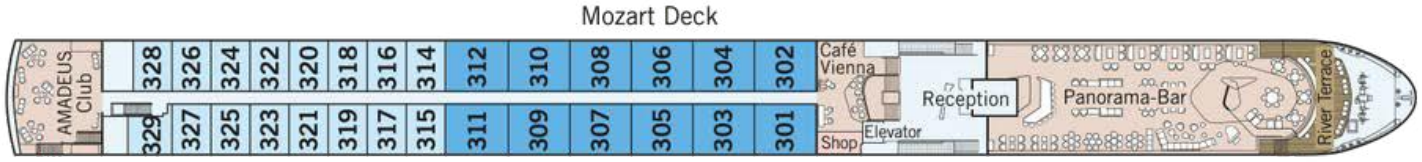
Amadeus Club

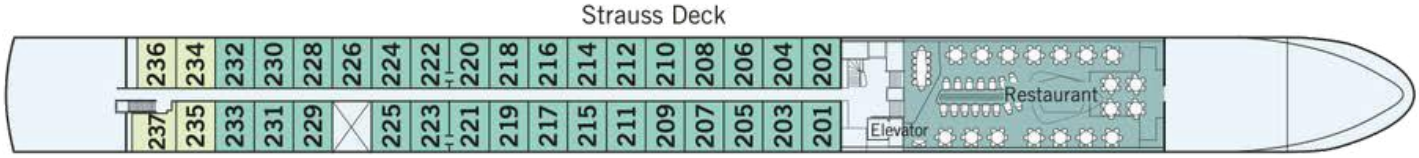
DECK PLAN

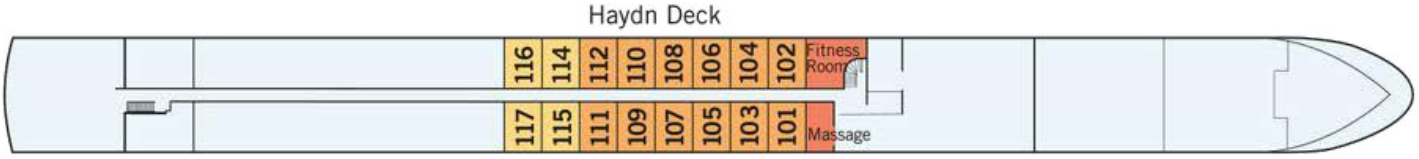
LÜFTNER CRUISES











Suite	A-1	B-1	B-4	C-1	C-4



AMADEUS Suite (26.4m²)
with walk-out exterior balcony



A-1 , B-1, B-4 Cabin (17.5m²)
with drop-down panoramic window



C-1, C-4 Cabin (16m²)
with panoramic window

TECHNICAL DATA

- Built: 2024
- Register: Germany
- Length: 135 m | 443 feet
- Width: 11,4 m | 37,5 feet
- Height above water: 6 m | 19,8 feet
- Speed: 25 km/h | 15,5 mph
- Decks: 4
- Staterooms / Suites: 67/12
- Max. passengers: 158
- Crew members: approx. 46

PRICING & TERMS

PACKAGE RATE (CAD$, PER PERSON):

Cabin Category	Deck	Twin/Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Category Suite	Mozart Deck	CAD$11,870 per person	N/A
Category A-1	Mozart Deck	CAD$10,830 per person	CAD$14,890 per person
Category B-1	Strauss Deck	CAD$10,310 per person	CAD$13,540 per person
Category B-4	Strauss Deck	CAD$9,900 per person	CAD$11,970 per person
Category C-1	Haydn Deck	CAD$9,230 per person	CAD$10,480 per person
Category C-4	Haydn Deck	CAD$8,650 per person	CAD$9,820 per person

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip home to Toronto airport and return limousine transfers (within the GTA area)
- 8 nights accommodation onboard MS Amadeus Nova or similar
- 4 nights accommodation at hotels as per itinerary
- Local flight from Bucharest to Istanbul
- Tours and transfers as per itinerary
- Cruise shore excursions included as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Porterage at hotels wherever available (1 piece of luggage per person)
- All gratuities for local guides, drivers, and included meals
- Escorted by an experienced Tour Design staff

CRUISE INCLUSIONS ONBOARD:

- Luxury accommodation in an outside river-view stateroom of your choice: Spacious Mozart Suites with a walk-out balcony, stateroom cabins on Mozart and Strauss Decks with drop-down Panorama Retractable Windows offering a wide-open view
- Gourmet dining featuring breakfast, multi-course lunches and dinners with menu choices (including vegetarian options), afternoon tea and late-night snack
- Free-flowing quality red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions with every dinner on board
- Coffee and tea available 24 hours a day in the AMADEUS Club
- Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and Gala Dinner
- Personalized service of an experienced, multilingual AMADEUS Cruise Director
- AMADEUS digital audio system for all guided excursions
- Immersive cultural or musical performances as part of the AMADEUS Experience, along with a diverse array of onboard enrichment programs, including fascinating lectures, cooking demonstrations, and music by our onboard musicians
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles for independent exploration
- All port taxes, embarkation, disembarkation and lock fees included in your cruise fare
- **Specially included for our group:**
  - Beverage package with both lunch and dinner in the main restaurant: a choice of mineral water, soft drinks, juices, regional quality wine, and draft beer
  - Free WIFI onboard

EXCLUSIONS:

- **International flights from Toronto to Vienna, and from Istanbul back to Toronto**
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Cruise shore excursions not mentioned as included
- Optional travel insurance

ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIR:

- Roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Vienna and return from Istanbul to Toronto including applicable air taxes and fees at approximately CAD 1,780 per person

Transportation: Air Canada / Lufthansa

Tentative Flight Schedule:

AC886 / Toronto – Vienna / depart 6:00pm /arrive 8:20am +1
LH1299 / Istanbul – Frankfurt / depart 1:50pm /arrive 4:00pm
AC843 / Frankfurt – Toronto / depart 5:05pm /arrive 7:45pm

- Roundtrip air will be booked on individual basis, price subject to change until time of payment and ticketing
- Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Names provided at time of booking MUST match exactly your passport
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it MUST be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:

At time of booking:	$1,000 per person
Final payment:	remaining balance due May 14, 2027

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Between time of booking & May 13, 2027:	$1,500 per person
Between May 14 & Jun 24, 2027:	50% of total cost
Between Jun 25, 2027 & date of departure:	100% of total cost

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