# Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd.

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### "PRAGUE AND THE ROMANTIC DANUBE"

13 days, from Monday, October 9 to Saturday, October 21, 2017

Tour cost from Toronto INCLUDING airport taxes and based on double occupancy: \$6,075 in Cabin AA category. (other cabin categories available)

Pamper yourself on this 13-day tour and cruise through five of Europe's most enchanting countries. In-depth explorations of Prague and Budapest as well as a luxurious 7-night cruise on the Danube River aboard the Viking Var including sightseeing and most meals with beverages during meals. Minimal packing and unpacking, great visits and accommodation as well as the services of your tour escorts Vince and Jan Sacilotto, make this an opportunity not to be missed.

## **Proposed itinerary**

## Day 1 – Monday, October 9: Overnight flight

Evening departure from Toronto on Air Canada service to Prague via Frankfurt. Full inflight services including dinner, entertainment and a hot snack onboard.

# Day 2 - Tuesday, October 10: Prague (D)

Arrival in Prague and transfer to the centrally located Hotel Rott. Time to settle in before being met by your private guide for a walking orientation tour of the area around the hotel including the Municipal House, the Old Town Square and, of course, the Charles Bridge. Welcome cocktail followed by a group dinner at a local restaurant.

# Day 3 – Wednesday, October 11: Prague (B, D)

This morning transfer by public transit (fare included) to the Castle district of Prague for a guided walking tour including a visit to the Strahov Monastery, the Loretto and Saint Vitus Cathedral. Following the tour you are free to stay and enjoy a leisurely lunch or take in more of the sites such as the Lubkowitz Palace with its amazing collection of art, furniture and china, St. George's Basilica or the Golden Lane. Dinner tonight will be typical Czech specialties at a local beer hall complete with oom-pah-pah music.

## Day 4 – Thursday October 12: Prague (B)

Today after breakfast you are joined by your guide for a walk through the Jewish Quarter of Prague. Balance of the day free for individual activities. No group dinner tonight.

# Day 5 – Friday, October 13: Prague to Nuremburg (B, D)

Transfer from our hotel to our ship, Viking Var, in Nuremburg, the second largest city in Bavaria. After boarding, free time to explore the ship or join our "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and start getting oriented. Dinner on board.

# Day 6 – Saturday, October 14: Nuremburg (B, L, D)

Your morning tour of Nuremberg includes the ruins of Zeppelin Field, the Nazi parade grounds of the 1930s, and the Palace of Justice, the venerable vestige of the Nuremberg Trials. You have a

brief stop at the main courthouse before walking from the imperial palace grounds, past the Albrecht Dürer House and on to the Main Market Square of Old Town, enclosed within ancient city walls.

After lunch aboard your ship, join a lively and entertaining discussion of the European Union as you sail through the locks that comprise the Main–Danube Canal. An engineering marvel, the canal stretches 106 miles from Bamberg on the Main River to Kelheim on the Danube, enabling river travel from the North Sea to the Black Sea. Dinner is served aboard while we cruise through the night.

## Day 7 – Sunday, October 15: Regensburg (B, L, D)

This morning, meet your guide dockside for a walking tour through the scenic town of Regensburg, considered one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. See one of the largest groupings of 13th- and 14th-century church spires, towers and patrician houses north of the Alps. You also encounter the 12th-century Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and a number of idyllic courtyards. Take time to stroll the streets or to shop. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time.

This afternoon, spend more time in Regensburg, perhaps visiting Germany's oldest restaurant, the Alte Würstküche. Or, choose an optional excursion to Kelheim at the southernmost point of the Main–Danube Canal. Travel by road to Kelheim, and then cast off on a ferryboat ride to explore the 400-foot chalk cliffs and dramatic scenery of the Danube Narrows. You also visit the renowned Weltenburg Abbey\*, famous for its dark ale, brewed here by monks since 1050. Rejoin your ship for dinner and cruise through the night.

## Day 8 – Monday, October 16: Passau

(B, L, D)

Arrive this morning in Passau, at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Your guided walk along the town's narrow streets takes you through Old Town and past traditional patrician houses. You'll see the New Bishop's Residence and visit the impressive baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral with its ornate interior. Inside, you are treated to a special concert played on the 17,000-pipe organ, considered Europe's largest church organ. Enjoy lunch aboard your ship, and return to the city for further exploration on your own before departing. We cruise through the night.

# Day 9 – Tuesday, October 17: Krems and Vienna (B, L, D)

This morning, cruise leisurely through the captivating Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taste some local Austrian specialties as you spot attractive riverside towns and castle ruins along the way. After lunch, explore the time-honored town of Krems and see the Steiner Tor, the last remaining city gate. Visit Göttweig, a working Benedictine abbey that owns many of the vineyards along the Danube. The splendid ceiling fresco in the imperial stairwell is one of the largest in the world. Visit the church, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Rejoin your ship and continue cruising through the splendid Wachau Valley. Arrive in Vienna after dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening, or you may choose to attend an optional concert in the "City of Waltzes."

# Day 10 – Wednesday, October 18: Vienna (B, L, D)

Today we tour the Austrian capital of Vienna. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or you may take an optional tour to Schönbrunn Palace, the "Versailles of Vienna," erected in 1778 and graced by a number of formal gardens, Grecian statuary, the world's oldest zoo and Roman ruins. Dinner is served aboard.

## Day 11 – Thursday, October 19:

**Budapest** 

(B, L, D)

Arrive in Budapest, Hungary's vibrant capital divided by the Danube River. Take a panoramic city tour through the more modern Pest side of the city. Journey along Andrássy Avenue and see the 19th- and 20th-century mansions, National Opera House, Parliament Building and Chain Bridge. Stop in Heroes' Square to learn more about Hungarian history, then cross the Danube to Buda's Castle District. Walk up the hill to Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church; enjoy brilliant views of the city below. Return to your ship for lunch and the rest of the day is yours to explore both sides of the city.

## Day 12 - Friday, October 20:

**Budapest** 

(B, D)

After breakfast, we leave the ship and board our coach and transfer to the Parliament Buildings for a guided tour of the interior. Following our visit you continue to the Square of Heroes for a photo opportunity before transferring to the hotel. Tonight we have arranged for a dinner of local specialties at a restaurant not far from the hotel. Overnight.

### Day 13 – Saturday, October 21:

**Budapest** 

(B)

Early morning breakfast followed by transfer to the airport for our return flight to Toronto via Frankfurt.

#### WELCOME HOME!!

Tour Cost from Toronto \$6,075.00 per person based on two people sharing a category AA cabin. \$5,185.00 per person based on two people sharing a category A cabin (on request only) \$4,450.00 per person based on two people sharing a category E cabin \$4,395.00 per person based on two people sharing a category F cabin

Single supplement available upon request and subject to cabin category requested

\*\*Please note that no specific cabins can be held without deposit. Availability of any specific cabin type is to be determined at time of booking.

### *Included in the price:*

- Return airfare to Europe on Air Canada
- Transportation throughout
- 3 nights accommodation in Prague, 1 night in Budapest
- 7 night cruise in cabin type selected on the Viking Var
- Daily breakfast, 6 lunches & 7 dinners with beverages while on cruise, plus 3 additional dinners
- Sightseeing as per the program
- Fully escorted
- Cruise port charges
- Airport taxes and security fees approx. \$480.00, but subject to change
- Gratuities on cruise ship staff, local guides, drivers approximately 17 Euros per person, per day

### Not Included:

- Meals and beverages with meals not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance, rates available on request:

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

### **REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:**

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 121 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 120 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

120 days to 90 days before departure: 20% of tour cost 45% of tour cost 59 to 30 days before departure: 60% of tour cost Within 29 days before departure: 100% of tour cost 100% of tour cost

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

#### **AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Trans Atlantic economy flight by scheduled, IATA carriers, based on charter class fare. Other fares can also be used. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval.

## **APPLICATION FORM**

Please book seat(s) or	the "Prague and Romanti	c Danube" October	9 - 21, 2017.		
Enclosed is my/our deposit	t of (\$750 p	er person, <i>plus</i> insu	rance premium if taken.)		
Please indicate with an X	if you intend to travel on (	Group flights	_or Land only		
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Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to: PAUWELS TRAVEL BUREAU LTD.

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