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CRUISE OF THE MONTH

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A river of wine, art and music

AmaWaterways' offers a cruise along this fabled river that's perfect for first-time and experienced river cruisers alike.

Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards, and medieval castles, the Danube River has captivated musicians, artists and poets throughout the centuries. Travel to legendary destinations on a 7-night cruise from Vilshofen to Budapest. Explore a 2,000 year-old city, savor Wachau Valley wines, and experience the timeless beauty and fascinating history of Vienna and Budapest.

DAY 1

EMBARKATION – VILSHOFEN, GERMANY

Embark your cruise in Vilshofen. This evening you'll meet your fellow passengers and friendly crew on board.

DAY 2

VILSHOFEN – PASSAU

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 Veste Oberhaus, Passau's Castle Hill.

DAY 3

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, Residenz Square and the Old Market. 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 of Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border.

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FAST FACTS

Length: 7 Days

Embark: Vilshofen, Germany

Debar: Budapest, Hungary

Countries Visited: (4) Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia

Cruise Line: AmaWaterways

Ship: Depends on sail dates which depend on when offer is good

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ROMANTIC DANUBE

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\$200 ONBOARD CREDIT***

2018 AmaWaterways

7 NIGHTS BUDAPEST TO NUREMBERG
OCT 28

DAY 4

WEISSENKIRCHEN

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 regions finest apricot treats. Later in the evening, enjoy a special wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen.

DAY 5

VIENNA

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 Habsburgs 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.

DAY 6

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536

and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "Coronation City of Kings" as you'll discover during your walking tour. Or join a culinary host to sample traditional Slovakian specialties, as well as learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli with an opportunity to taste your own creation. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, which offers magnificent views of the city.

DAY 7

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 choice, 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 the city turns on all her dazzling lights.

DAY 8

BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship as you prepare for your flight home.

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FEATURED DESTINATION

salzburg

Life after the Sound of Music

The city that was the home for the exterior scenes of the classic movie *The Sound of Music* was also home to the real Von Trapp Family, immortalized on stage and silver screen.

Located on the northern boundary of the Alps along the serene Salzach River which meanders through the center of town, Salzburg is a feast of the senses. It's small enough in size that you can walk almost anywhere if you have a strong constitution and its winding medieval streets are full of surprising boutiques, galleries and cafes.

You'll find locals friendly if you take the time to say "hello" as you pass by. Be sure to sample a plate of schnitzel or some warmed gühlwein during the colder months. And don't miss the birthplace of Mozart. It's located right in the center of Old Town.

Because of its association with the Sound of Music and location near the Lakes District of Austria, Salzburg is often a day excursion on a Danube cruise or easily included as a pre- or post-cruise stay along with nearby Munich.

Peppered with baroque towers and watched over by an imposing hilltop fortress, Salzburg is so much more than just the Sound of Music locales (although if you don't hop from bench to bench in the fabled gazebo from the movie while whistling "Sixteen Going On Seventeen," you're really missing out). Following on the next pages you'll find a few of our favorites, courtesy of salzburg.info.



FAVORITE TOUR

SOUND OF MUSIC

Visit all of the original film settings and just imagine being Julie Andrews, the main character in the film, playing Maria von Trapp. Learn about the historical and architectural landmarks of Salzburg as well as the Lake District while enjoying the highlights of the movie. Relax and listen to the Original Sound of Music soundtrack and of course feel free to sing-along Edelweiss and many more.

PANORAMA TOURS | CORNER OF MIRABELLPLATZ AND HUBERT-SATTLER-GASSE 1 | 4 HOURS | TICKETS €45

DON'T MISS RESTAURANT | GABLERBRÄU

Enjoy hearty old-style Austrian dishes blended with contemporary flair. Hostess Julia Weindl is utterly charming and the staff is nimble and gracious. The unique atmosphere is as beautiful as a church and as enchanting as a museum with colorful glass paintings and neo-Gothic parlor with medieval carvings. Enjoy oxtail in red wine juice, the in-house beer or classics like Schnitzel, goulash or Märzen.

ADDRESS: LINZER GASSE 9 | PRICES: UNDER €20



Information on this page courtesy of the official travel guide to Salzburg at salzburg.info

SHOPPING PICK

GETREIDEGASSE

Salzburg's Old City is a vibrant place teeming with one memorable encounter after another. It's a place where people live and work. Many traditional manufacturers are based on and along the Getreidegasse, including master bakers and furriers, liqueur producers and weavers, confectioners and tailors. They all play their own unique role in invigorating the narrow streets. Many of these traditional workshops, due to their long tradition, are tourism attractions in their own right, such as the 600-year-old Schlosserei Wieber metalworking shop in the Getreidegasse or Stiftsbäckerei St. Peter, a bakery that dates all the way back to the 12th century.



PERFECT ATTRACTION

HOHENSALZBURG CASTLE

You can't miss Hohensalzburg Castle, which looms over the city and is one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in Europe. Located atop a mountain known as Festungsberg, it can be accessed either by a cobblestone path or a gondola system. Inside, you'll find architecture dating from the 1000s to the 1800s, amazingly preserved carvings and some impressive suits of armor.

ADDRESS: MOENCHSBERG 34 | TICKETS: €10
OPEN DAILY, 9:30AM TO 5:00PM

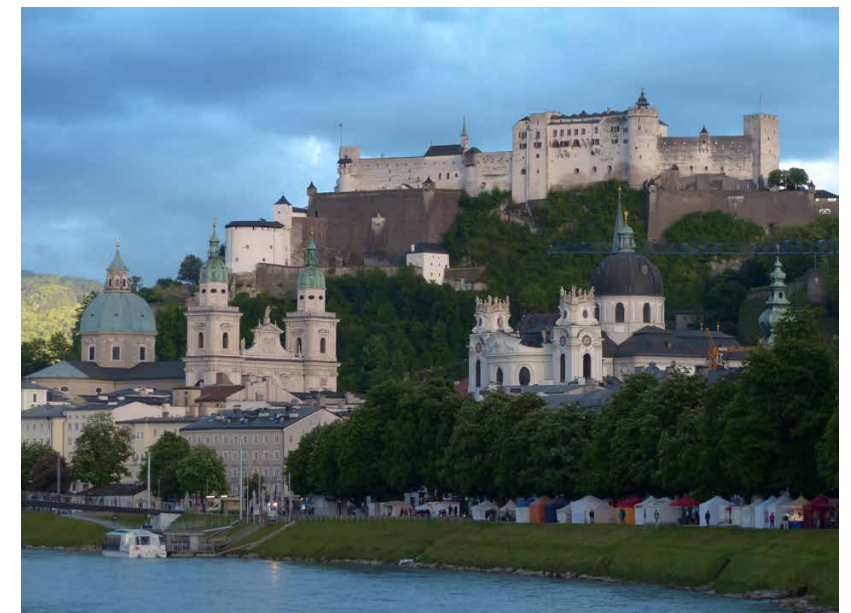


TOP MUSEUM

MUSEUM DER MODERNE

The striking Museum der Moderne is a sleek glass and white building located atop a ridge running along the same mountain as Hohensalzburg Castle. The museum features a variety of striking artworks and always seems to have a fascinating exhibition running. For example, Photography 1970-2000, a presentation organized in collaboration with the Albertina in Vienna, is now running and later this year an excellent collection of Japanese photographs from between 1960 and 1970 will be on display. Perhaps the only thing more inspiring than the works of art is the panoramic view of Salzburg laid out at your feet.

TUES - SUN: 10AM TO 6PM | WED: 10AM TO 8PM | MON: CLOSED
TICKETS: REGULAR €12 AND SENIORS €8



SHIP OF THE MONTH american queen

Though thoroughly modern, an authentic steamboat of this size and grandeur likely will never be built again. Return to the world of Mark Twain and sail into yesteryear.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY



The largest and most opulent authentic paddlewheel steamboat ever built, the *American Queen* is nothing short of stunning. The attention to detail in the recreation of the décor, style and overall feel of a 19th-century riverboat is truly extraordinary. The rich mahogany woods of the Mark Twain gallery and its cozy seating are like a big Southern hug, the Grand Saloon where lectures and production shows take place is a dead ringer for a turn-of-the 20th century opera house in a small river town, and the J.M. White Dining Room's two deck windows and ornate fretwork are akin to a grand Victorian

ROYALTY ON THE RIVER

James Lida, CEO of Select Waterways, has a particular affinity for the *American Queen* since he worked for its first owner, Delta Queen Steamboat Company, and then later when the ship passed to the American Queen Steamboat Company, he helped launch the new brand as a consultant. Clearly, we have a lot of reasons to love the *American Queen*, but perhaps none is greater than the joy of sitting on deck in a rocking chair sipping a sweet tea or mint julep and watching that bright red paddlewheel churn its way from the present into the past.



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AMERICAN QUEEN

Operated by: American Queen Steamboat Company

Capacity: 436 guests

Length: 418 feet

Size: 3,707 tons

Built: 1994

Cruising Regions: Mississippi and Ohio rivers in the United States of America

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At least once during your cruise, be sure to sit in one of the large white rocking chairs on a deck called The Front Porch of America, and enjoy a traditional glass of Southern sweet tea, a warm bowl of corn and crab chowder with a flaky biscuit, and watch the world pass by. It is one of the most sublime and exquisitely relaxing experiences we've ever had aboard a river vessel.

ALL PHOTOS ON SPREAD COURTESY OF AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT



VIKING RIVER CRUISES

LUCKY SEVEN FOR VIKING

Viking River Cruises has ordered seven new ships for 2019. The new build order includes six additional award-winning Viking Longships®, which will sail the company's most popular itineraries on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers, and one additional vessel, inspired by the Longships and specifically designed for Portugal's Douro River. The Douro ship is smaller, but features many of the same popular features – including an Aquavit Terrace, a wide variety of stateroom choices, an organic herb garden, as well as Viking's signature Scandinavian design aesthetic.

AMAWATERWAYS | AMALEA ENTERS SERVICE

Just launched last month onto Rhine and Danube river cruises, AmaWaterways' *AmaLea* is inspired by luxury yachts, providing a distinctive river cruise experience. Relax in spacious, elegantly appointed staterooms, most with twin balconies, both a French and outside balcony. On the Sun Deck, enjoy a dip in the heated pool, as well as a drink at the swim-up bar. Relish in a variety of dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, featuring an exquisite tasting menu.



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CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES

SHORTER TRIPS IN 2019

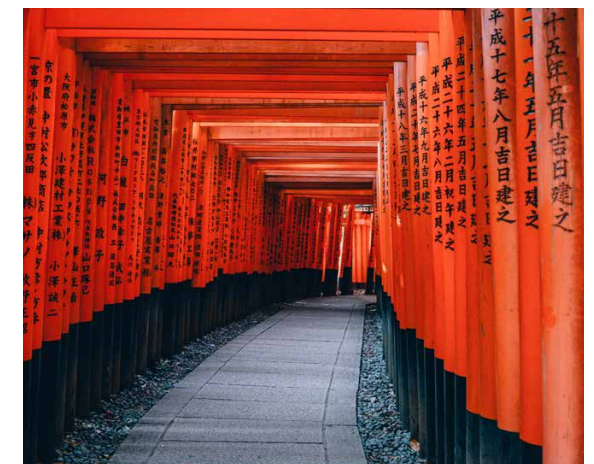
Crystal River Cruises has enhanced its 2019 voyages, with more seven-day options in addition to the traditional 10-, 11-, 14- and 16-day routes. The itineraries span the most beautiful waterways in Europe, with each of the five-ship ship offering varied routes focusing on the Rhine and Danube rivers, with sojourns along the Moselle and Main Rivers incorporated into select sailings. Each itinerary has been carefully crafted to showcase not only the medieval and modern towns along the rivers' shorelines, but the tranquility, intimacy and beauty of river cruising itself. Crystal sailings offer more extended and overnight stays in port, Complimentary Crystal Adventures shore excursions in every port, and a host of world-class culinary and cultural pursuits to enhance the journey.



WINDSTAR CRUISES

RETURN TO ASIA

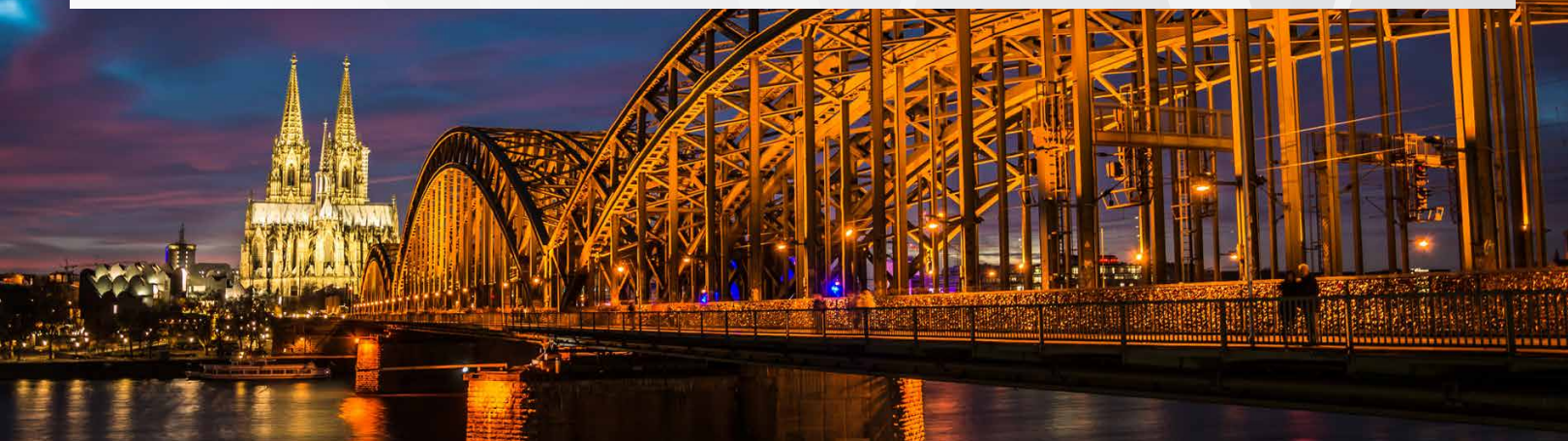
Windstar Cruises' 212-passenger *Star Legend* returns to Asia in 2018/19 with bring four new cruises. Windstar has increased departures for popular Japan cruises timed with its famous cherry blossom season and spectacular fall foliage. New Asia itineraries include a comprehensive exploration of greater China; an Asian "pop culture" journey from Tokyo to South Korea and Beijing; a Thailand and Malaysia cruise big on beaches and big cities; and a new itinerary discovering Indonesia, including magical Bali.



UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER COLLECTION

NEW-LOOK BEATRICE

On the April 4, 2018 Highlights of Eastern Europe sailing, the *Beatrice* will made her much-anticipated debut. After going an extensive bow-to-stern renovation, the *Beatrice* re-emerges with a fresh, sleek look and graceful bow, redesigned lounge, an elegant grand staircase, two new Royal Suites, an additional Owner's Suite and several connecting rooms ideal for families traveling together. She truly rivals her sister ship, the *Joie de Vivre*. Experience the magic of river cruising along Europe's dazzling waterways on some of Europe's most beloved itineraries.



CAPTIVATING RHINE

SAVE UP TO \$1,500 PER STATEROOM PLUS \$200 ONBOARD CREDIT*

2018 AmaWaterways | Contoured by vineyard-clad hills and castles from yesteryear, the legendary Rhine captivates. From Amsterdam's colorful canals to the majestic Swiss Alps, journey into the heart of the destinations you visit.

7 NIGHTS AMSTERDAM TO BASEL | OCT 27 | OCT 28 | NOV 2 | NOV 3 | NOV 4 | NOV 16 | NOV 17 | NOV 18



TASTE OF BORDEAUX

SAVE UP TO \$1,000 PER STATEROOM PLUS \$200 ONBOARD CREDIT*

2018 AmaWaterways | View iconic châteaux and timeless vineyards as you enjoy delicious wine tastings during your visits to Cadillac, Pauillac, Saint-Émilion, Libourne and Bourg.

7 NIGHTS ROUNDTRIP BORDEAUX | NOV 15



GEMS OF NORTHERN ITALY

SAVE UP TO 30% PER STATEROOM PLUS \$150 ONBOARD CREDIT*

2018 Uniworld Boutique River Collection | Relish this odyssey through Northern Italy that begins in Milan, home to Da Vinci's The Last Supper, and ends in legendary Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic."

9 NIGHTS ROUNDTRIP BORDEAUX | JUN 29 | JUL 6



HEARTLAND HERITAGE

FARES AS LOW AS \$1,999 PER PERSON*

2018 American Queen Steamboat Company | Celebrate the last days of summer with a timeless journey through the scenic beauty of the Upper Mississippi River region and tap into the sense of wonder that caused early pioneers to call the heartland home.

8 NIGHTS ROUNDTRIP RED WING (MINNEAPOLIS) | SEP 9



VINEYARDS & VISTAS

SAVE UP TO \$1,200 PER STATEROOM PLUS \$250 PER PERSON SHORE EXCURSION CREDIT*

2018 Crystal Cruises | Savor three enchanting days in Bordeaux plus captivating overnights in Lisbon, Barcelona and Monte Carlo, gateway to the Cote d'Azur.

13 NIGHTS LONDON TO MONTECARLO | JUL 29



DREAMS OF TAHITI

SAVE UP TO 50% PER STATEROOM PLUS FREE AIR FROM LAX & FREE HOTEL STAY*

2018 Windstar Cruises | A graceful sailing yacht is the perfect way to experience the true wonder of Tahiti. We'll let the trade winds fill our sails as we visit one legendary island after another.

9 NIGHTS ROUNDTRIP PAPEETE | JUL 26 | AUG 2 | AUG 30 | OCT 25 | NOV 1 | DEC 6 | DEC 20 | DEC 27

*Offers available on select cruises only, and may be changed or withdrawn at any time. Additional taxes and fees may apply. Terms and conditions apply. Please contact us for more details and availability.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

sacher torte



Chocolate lovers everywhere, rejoice!

And set your sights on Vienna, that glittering city of kaffehaus culture and scrumptious cakes. The crème-de-la-crème of cake wizardry here is the iconic Sachertorte, available at the renowned Hotel Sacher. Rich dark chocolate, apricot jam and utter

deliciousness will send your taste buds spiraling into sensory overload. Always served with a side-dollop of schlag, aka whipped cream, this cake promises to indulge your most delightful champagne wishes and decadent dreams.

INGREDIENTS

- 4.5 oz. butter, softened
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate, melted
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 7 egg yolks
- 7 egg whites, whipped
- 7 oz. flour
- 2 tbsp. apricot Jam

GANACHE

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate
- 1 stick butter

PREPARATION METHOD

Mix butter, sugar, and egg yolks together until creamy. Fold the melted chocolate into the mixture. In a separate bowl, fold the whipped egg whites and flour together. Combine with the egg yolk and chocolate mixture. Pour into a greased 9" round cake pan. Bake for approximately 45 min. at 370 F°. Let the cake cool and remove from pan. When fully cooled, cut the cake in half horizontally. Fill with apricot jam and glaze top of cake with the ganache.

Makes 8 servings.

RECIPE COURTESY OF AMAWATERWAYS



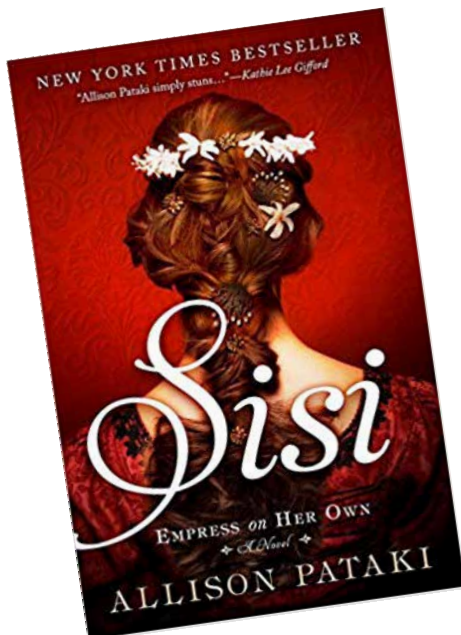
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WINE

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG WINERY AUSLESE GRÜNER VELTLINER

On a wine-themed cruise along the Danube, this family-owned winery, the oldest in the region with origins in the 12th century, just might be one of your stops. Sweet wine is one of the estate's specialties. Because of the Danube region's dry continental climate, large quantities of grapes infected with noble rot (Botrytis) are a rare occurrence indeed. But when there is enough of the sweetening Botrytis, the vintners select the affected berries and bunches from the vineyards very carefully, and then separate the grapes in a second selection process for Auslese wines. If possible, spring for 2007 or 2012 vintages, which are truly exceptional, with aromas of sweet pea, mandarin, honey, and a hint of smoke-distilled pit fruits and sweet green herbs. Pineapple, caramelized peach and persistently juicy citrus inform a satisfyingly long finish.

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TRAVEL BOOK PICK

SISI: EMPRESS ON HER OWN

Author: **Allison Pataki**

Best paired with: **Danube Cruises**

Married to Emperor Franz Joseph, Elisabeth—fondly known as Sisi—captures the hearts of her people as their “fairy queen,” but beneath that dazzling persona lives a far more complex figure. Featuring larger-than-life historic figures such as Bavaria’s “Mad King Ludwig” and the tragic Crown Prince Rudolf, and set against many of Europe’s grandest sites—from Germany’s storied Neuschwanstein Castle to England’s lush shires—Sisi brings to life an extraordinary woman and the romantic, volatile era over which she presided.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIP

THE RULE OF THIRDS

Ever wonder why a professional photographer’s photos always look better than yours? The lighting, location and subject matter can be the same, but you still rank a distant second place. Here’s one secret from the pros: The Rule of Thirds. Essentially, it means put the subject of our photo in the horizontal or vertical one-third area of the frame. An ocean shot with the horizon right across the middle is never as dramatic as if the horizon line is a third of the way from the top or bottom. When taking pictures of people, always put the faces in the top third of the photo. Suddenly professional photos are as easy as one, two, three!



FLYING TIP

HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE

You’ve made it to the airport, boarded your plane and have settled in ready for your flight to begin your vacation. You feel relaxed, happy and want to celebrate, right? If you can, curb the urge to raise a glass of bubbly or clink your cosmo. Alcohol is a diuretic, meaning it takes water from your system. Airplane cabins are notoriously dry, also leaving you dehydrated. That’s why you often arrive at a destination feeling out of sorts, nursing a headache or fighting jet lag. But all you have to do is drink plenty of water during your flight. Staying hydrated keeps your skin from drying out and itching, keeps headaches at bay and can even temper your jet lag. Forget an apple a day, just hydrate when flying. It couldn’t be easier.



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