COLUMBIA Alumni ASSOCIATION presents

Danube River and Habsburg Empire

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MAJESTIC IMPERATOR

TRAiN DE LUXE

Featuring Columbia Professor
Ivan Sanders

June 15 to 25, 2007

Hungary ♦ Austria
Germany ♦ Czech Republic ♦ Poland
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Join Columbia Professor Ivan Sanders, fellow alumni, family and friends on a journey through the heart of Central Europe, once the realm of Habsburg Emperors. Here, in a land of both man-made and natural beauty, soaring Gothic cathedrals tower above medieval cities, ornate Baroque churches look out over peaceful country towns, and the Danube and Vltava rivers carve their way through lush hills, valleys, vineyards and forests.

Our program begins in the cosmopolitan city of Budapest, renowned for its legendary vitality and joie de vivre. Embark the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe, for a four-night cruise on the magical “Blue Danube” through the vineyard-and bluff-lined Wachau Valley. We’ll pass the pristine storybook villages of the scenic Austrian countryside on our way to the imperial Vienna of Maria Theresa and Franz Josef.

A highlight of this itinerary is experiencing the opulence and aura of a bygone era as you travel aboard the carefully restored 19th-century vintage carriages of the Majestic Imperator Train de Luxe. A daylight journey takes you across the rolling hills and woodlands of the Czech Republic and Poland. Our program also features the well-preserved medieval gems of Prague, Český Krumlov and Kraków—virtual open-air museums of Central European history and architecture.

Among the many included features of this program are deluxe accommodations, travel aboard the Majestic Imperator, most meals and a comprehensive schedule of exclusive guided excursions, featuring visits to five UNESCO World Heritage sites. You have the option of extending your Danube River and Habsburg Empire experience with a two-night pre-program in historic Budapest and/or a two-night post-program in Warsaw, Poland’s vibrant capital.

Traveling through the heartland of Europe has never been easier or more appealing. This itinerary provides a fresh perspective on a region of wonderful cultural riches and diversity for repeat and new travelers. We are pleased to be joined by alumni from the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University and Syracuse University. This popular program will sell out as quickly as it did in 2005 and 2006, so we encourage you to make your reservations today.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda ’94TC
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Columbia Guest Lecturer

Born at the height of World War II in Budapest, Professor Ivan Sanders escaped with his family from Communist Hungary in 1956. He is Adjunct Professor at Columbia’s East Central European Center, where he teaches Central European drama and cinema, as well as courses on modern Hungarian literature, and Professor Emeritus of English at Suffolk College, SUNY. Professor Sanders is the prize-winning translator of works by such prominent Hungarian authors as Péter Nádas, George Konrád and Nobel-laureate Imre Kertész. His articles and studies on Central European culture and arts have appeared in The New York Times Book Review, The New Republic, The Nation, The Wilson Quarterly, and The Hungarian Quarterly. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the City University of New York and his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from New York University. Professor Sanders looks forward to sharing his knowledge and insights with alumni on this program.

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.

The Charles Bridge links Prague’s medieval Old Town with its Baroque Little Quarter.
U.S./BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart from the U.S. for Budapest. Arrive in Budapest and embark the M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL, which remains in port overnight. Join your traveling companions for a private welcome toast and dinner this evening.

BUDAPEST
Day 3
For centuries, the twin cities of Buda and Pest have faced one another across the Danube River. When the Habsburg Archduke Joseph, son of Emperor Leopold II, became Palatine of Budapest in 1797, he undertook a building program on an unprecedented scale. By the time this “most Hungarian Habsburg” died in 1847, Budapest rivaled Vienna as an imperial capital of the first rank. Begin your morning tour of the “Pearl of the Danube” in Pest, whose elegant limestone Parliament Building rises beside the river. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire its monuments to the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking low-lying Pest to the hillier Buda side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the Gothic Matthias Church, built in the 1200s and renovated in the 17th and 19th centuries, and the neo-Romanesque Fishermen’s Bastion, which commands a panoramic view of the city.

Depart Budapest early this afternoon and cruise up the historic Danube River.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Day 4
Seat of the Habsburg Empire and an open-air museum of Baroque architecture, Vienna owes its present appearance to the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who demolished the city’s defense walls in order to create the Ringstrasse, a ring road that showcases some of the city’s finest landmarks—the Austrian National Opera, the University, the Burgtheater and the Town Hall—all of which you will see during a city tour. The focal point of Vienna is the Stephansdom, the great 13th-century cathedral renowned for the dazzling zigzagged tiles that adorn its roof. Late this evening cruise upstream to Melk.

MELK
Day 5
Rising above a bend of the Danube River, Melk Abbey glows in mustard-yellow hues from the top of a high granite bluff. The original monastery, founded by an Irish monk, dates from 1089. In the 18th century, local architect Jakob Prandtauer was commissioned to create the present structure, a repository for valuable relics, 100,000 medieval volumes, and magnificent artwork by the 16th-century “Danube School” masters Paul Troger, Albrecht Dürer and Lucas Cranach. Tour the abbey and note the intricate Baroque decor of its marble hall, library and spiral staircase.

Resume your cruise after lunch. This evening attend the captain’s farewell dinner.

PASSAU, GERMANY/ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC/PRAGUE
Day 6
Disembark in Passau and travel across the rolling, wooded German and Czech countryside, with the spires and onion domes of village churches appearing in the distance. Enjoy lunch and free time in Český Krumlov, the best-preserved medieval city in the Czech Republic. Built around a 13th-century castle overlooking the Vltava River, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. After lunch in Český Krumlov, continue to Prague and check into the deluxe Hotel Le Palais. Enjoy dinner at the restaurant Plzenska in downtown Prague.
**PRAGUE**

*Day 7*

The Czech Republic’s Velvet Revolution of 1989 heralded the end of the Soviet era and the resurgence of Prague, with its streets once again filled with life, and its Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings restored to their former splendor. Stroll down the narrow streets and lanes of Prague’s *Staré Mesto* (Old Town), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and view the *Orloj*, the ornate 15th-century Astronomical Clock on the tower of the town hall. Continue through the historic *Josefov* (Jewish) Quarter to visit the Gothic Old-New Synagogue, Europe’s oldest Jewish house of worship, and see the Moorish-styled Spanish Synagogue, famed for its gilded interior. Then walk among the moss-covered headstones of the Jewish Cemetery.

You have the afternoon free for independent exploration; lunch and dinner are on your own.

**PRAGUE**

*Day 8*

Drive to the Hradˇcany Quarter for a guided tour of majestic Prague Castle. For more than 1,100 years this vast complex of palaces, churches, halls and towers—once the residence of Bohemian royalty—has dominated a hilltop on the left bank of the Vltava River. Walk through the castle’s courtyards; visit stately St. Vitus Cathedral, a masterpiece of Late Gothic architecture; and stroll past the picturesque cottages of the Golden Lane, where jewelers and goldsmiths once lived and worked.

Your afternoon is at leisure; lunch and dinner are on your own.

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**PRAGUE/KRAKÓW, POLAND**

*Day 9*

Board the *Majestic Imperator Train de Luxe* after breakfast and relax in an atmosphere of 19th-century elegance as you enjoy a scenic passage across the northern Czech Republic and southern Poland. Arrive in Kraków late this afternoon and transfer to the first-class, centrally located *Andel’s Hotel* for dinner on your own and an evening at leisure.

**KRAKÓW**

*Day 10*

For more than one thousand years, Kraków has been the cultural and spiritual capital of Poland, serving as the country’s seat of government from 1038 to 1596. Kraków is the only major Polish city to have emerged from World War II unscathed, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose treasures remain undiminished through the centuries.

For 900 years, Austria’s Melk Abbey has stood as a beacon of faith and learning.
Begin your walking tour in the old Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz, where Jewish life following World War II has undergone a reawakening, and 16th-century synagogues have been restored to approach their former magnificence. Continue to the complex of Wawel Hill, which includes the Royal Castle and the Cathedral of Sts. Stanislaus and Wacław. The cathedral, dating from the 14th century, is a sanctuary of national history — all of Poland’s kings were crowned here and lie in the crypt below the church. The castle, the seat of the monarchy for 500 years, blends 16th-century Florentine architecture with Polish motifs, thanks to the tastes of an Italian queen who married into the Polish royal house, and houses the state art collection. A highlight is the Great Courtyard. Walk in the Rynek Glówny, or “Main Market Square,” an enormous plaza surrounded by ornate houses and towering spires, and view the 14th-century Mariacki Church (St. Mary’s), one of the finest Gothic structures in Poland. From the church’s tower a lone trumpeter sounds a haunting call every hour on the hour, in commemoration of a warning of an impending attack by the Tatars in medieval times; the trumpet stops in mid-note, signaling the death of the watchman by an enemy arrow. En route to the hotel, pass by the residence of John Paul II while he was Archbishop of Kraków.

You have the afternoon free for independent exploration. Alternatively, you may join the optional excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a poignant memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979.

This evening, enjoy the farewell reception and dinner in a restaurant on historic Wawel Hill.

**KRAKÓW/U.S.**
**Day 11**
Transfer to the airport to board your return flight to the U.S.
Launched in 2005, the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ROYAL is one of the newest ships to ply the waterways of Europe. Specifically designed for cruising European waterways while meeting the needs of the most discerning travelers, its deluxe accommodations and personalized service are perfectly complemented by stylish design, impeccable construction and state-of-the-art technology.

Its 72 tastefully appointed staterooms are outside and feature 160 square feet, more spacious than those typically found on river ships. Each stateroom is equipped with one double bed (convertible to two twins), individually controlled air conditioning, private bathroom facilities with shower, telephone, television and writing desk. The ship has four suites, featuring a sitting area with a sofa bed and minibar.

All meals are served at a single open seating in the panoramic restaurant, where a skilled chef prepares Continental cuisine with a local flavor, and guests view the passing landscape through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Guest facilities and services include two bars, a sun deck, small pool, hair salon, boutique, fitness center with massage and golf putting green.

The friendly, highly trained international crew provides guests with a high level of personalized, attentive service. The ship also meets the highest international environmental and safety standards.

BUDAPEST
PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
Begin your travel program with a two-night stay in cosmopolitan Budapest, one of Central Europe’s liveliest cities. This extension features accommodations in a deluxe, centrally located hotel; a walking tour of the vibrant Pest side of the city; and a specially arranged visit to the home of composer Béla Bartók, including a traditional Hungarian dance performance. Complete details will be sent with your reservation confirmation.

WARSAW/CZĘSTOCHOWA
POST-PROGRAM OPTION
Extend your journey with a special two-night stay to Warsaw, Poland’s thriving political and cultural capital. Visit Częstochowa, the most venerated Catholic shrine in Central Europe. In Warsaw, enjoy inviting accommodations in a deluxe hotel; walk through the beautifully restored streets and squares of its Old Town, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1980; visit the Royal Castle and Historical Museum; and view the Monuments to the Heroes of the Ghetto and the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. Complete details will be sent with your reservation confirmation.
The Habsburg Emperor Franz Josef was the longest-reigning monarch in European history, occupying the Austro-Hungarian throne for 68 years, from 1848 to 1916. He was immensely popular within Austria and presided over a sustained period of relative stability and prosperity throughout his realm.

The reign of Franz Josef coincided with the Great Age of Rail, when magnificent trains traversed the European countryside. With their classically designed carriages and luxurious decor, they came to embody the ultimate travel experience. Foremost among these elegant conveyances was the Majestic Imperator Train de Luxe, the imperial train of the Habsburgs, specially commissioned for Franz Josef and his consort, the Empress Elisabeth.

Today the Majestic Imperator Train de Luxe rolls once again through the heartland of Central Europe. Nearly a century after its inaugural service, these classic carriages have undergone meticulous restoration and reproduction based on the original train designs. Each vintage carriage evokes the grandeur of an age when luxury travel by train was a matter of course for European royalty. Traveling aboard this living piece of imperial rail history, savor local cuisine and delight in an elegant, exclusive journey, one truly designed for monarchs and emperors.
I/we have read and accept the Terms & Conditions in this brochure.

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- Double at $550 per person.
- Single at $850 per person.
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*Note: Airfare is approximate, subject to change and availability, and nonrefundable.*
**The Old Town Hall and the Church of Our Lady before Tyn rise above Prague’s Old Town Square.**

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