Passage Along the Blue Danube
Vienna to Bucharest

Craig Wright
Henry L. and Lucy G. Moses Professor Emeritus of Music

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From the dawn of civilization, the Danube River has ranked among the world’s most storied waterways. Over the course of the past two millennia, it has seen the passage of Roman legions and crusading knights, the indomitable Janissaries of the Ottomans, and the proud Hussars of the Habsburgs. A channel for commerce, culture, and conquest since its banks were first settled, the Danube links the heartlands of Central Europe with the nations of the Black Sea and the East beyond. Join us for an extraordinary cruise along nearly the entire length of this fabled river, from the Habsburgs’ imperial capital of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the dark pearl-blue Black Sea.

This exceptional travel program features seven countries and the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley, a mystical, seldom-visited region steeped in natural beauty that remains virtually untouched and unknown to American travelers. Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AmADEUS SILVER III, launched in 2016, and spend two nights in Romania’s elegant capital of Bucharest, whose splendid architecture earned the city its nickname, “Little Paris.”

A rich mosaic of medieval cities, charming villages, rugged countryside, and centuries-old tales and traditions awaits you—traverse the ancient lands of Bulgaria, the relatively young territories of Serbia and eastern Croatia, the spectacular Carpathian Mountains, Hungary’s fabled Puszta (plains), and the glittering, UNESCO World Heritage-designated palaces of Budapest. Admire a masterful display of traditional horsemanship in the Hungarian heartland, cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains—the last natural barrier on the Danube River, where no fewer than six languages are spoken—and experience the fascinating Slavic heritage of medieval Belgrade.

This outstanding small group expedition is a great value and sells out quickly. We encourage you to register at www.yaleedtravel.org/danube18. If you have any questions or need additional information please call 203-432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Weili Cheng ’77,
Executive Director, Association of Yale Alumni

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Highlights

Visit the Hungarian Puszta (plains), for a demonstration of horsemanship and lunch at a traditional restaurant.

Taste local wine and honey in the Zivanovic Wine Cellar and Museum of Beekeeping in Sremski Karlovci.

Tour Serbia’s historic capital of Belgrade, featuring the medieval city center, Kalemegdan Fortress, and the Josip Broz Tito memorial.

Cruise through the dramatic, naturally carved Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

See the Roman Tropaeum Traiani monument in Adamclisi.
Craig Wright studied piano and music history at the Eastman School of Music (1962-1966) and went on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. in musicology at Harvard (1966-1972). While at Harvard he played chess with pianist Robert Levin (still a close friend), and, as a teaching assistant, taught composer John Adams.

After a year teaching at the University of Kentucky in Lexington (1972-1973), Wright moved to Yale, serving as chair of the Department of Music from 1986-1992 and becoming the Henry L. and Lucy G. Moses Professor of Music in 2006. At the undergraduate level he teaches a basic music appreciation course (one of Yale’s largest) and the music history course required of majors in Medieval and Renaissance music. His music appreciation course, “Listening to Music” is currently the fourth most popular online course in China. At Yale, Wright has also developed an interdisciplinary course, “Exploring the Nature of Genius,” which has attracted a strong following in Yale’s Humanities program. Recently, he has turned his professional research away from early music to Mozart and the concept of genius.

Wright’s writing in music history began with a rigorously primary-source approach – the firsthand study in situ of the music manuscripts and archival documents of Western Europe as they pertain to early music. He has expanded his view to a broadly interdisciplinary one, as the title of his most recent book suggests: The Maze and the Warrior: Symbols in Architecture, Theology, and Music. His interests have also extended chronologically, and his publications now range from studies of the music of Leoninus (died ca. 1200) to Bach. He is one of the few individuals to be awarded the Dent medal (RMA), the Einstein prize (AMS), and the Kinkeldey award (AMS). He also has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an NEH Fellowship. In 2004 Wright was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Chicago, and in 2010 he was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
WELCOME PHONE CALL  
Tuesday, October 2
Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Yale Professor Craig Wright to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./VIENNA, AUSTRIA  
Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14
Depart the U.S. and arrive in Vienna. Embark the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III and attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner this evening. (R/D)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA  
Monday, October 15
Dock in Slovakia's capital in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. Enjoy a walking tour of Bratislava's Staré Mesto (Old Town); its architecture is among the finest in central Europe. Visit the Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primatial Palace, and see St. Michael's Gate, the city's oldest preserved medieval fortification, originally built in 1300. (B/L/D)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
Tuesday, October 16
The embankments of the twin cities of Buda and Pest and the famous Buda Castle Quarter are a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin your tour in Pest to see the iconic Parliament Building. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments to the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Drive along Andrássy Avenue and see the neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House, one of the most beautiful performing arts venues in the world.

Cross the imposing Chain Bridge, linking river-level Pest to the hills of Buda on the opposite side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit Fisherman’s Bastion on Castle Hill and Gothic-style St. Matthias Church, where Charles I, the last Habsburgian ruler, was coronated in 1916.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Budapest. (B/L/D)

KALOCSA  
Wednesday, October 17
Enjoy a scenic drive across Hungary’s protected Puszta, one of Europe’s largest expanses of rolling grassland plains. Visit a customary horse farm to see a performance of Hungarian horsemanship. Enjoy a traditional lunch in the farm’s restaurant.

BELGRADE  
Friday, October 19
Enjoy a walking tour of Belgrade featuring historic Terazije Square and the iconic domed Temple of St. Sava, Serbia’s patron saint.

Visit Kalemegdan Fortress, one of the world’s oldest fortifications, commissioned by Byzantine Emperor Justinian I in A.D. 535. Tour the “House of Flowers” memorial dedicated to former Yugoslavia’s longstanding leader, Josip Broz Tito. (B/L/D)

DONJI MILONAVAC/CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES  
Saturday, October 20
Steeped into the cliffs of the Danube, the dramatic Golubac Fortress is the guardian to the legendary Iron Gates, which were naturally carved by the Danube River in the course of its passage through the Transylvanian Alps.

Tour Lepenski Vir, home to an exceptional Paleolithic exhibit, Novi Sad is home to the 18th-century, hilltop Petrovaradin Fortress. Enjoy a walking tour through the Old Town, Stari Grad, and see the city’s most beautiful buildings – the neo-Renaissance Town Hall and the neo-Gothic Name of Mary Church. Continue to Sremski Karlovci to see the 19th-century Patriarchate Court and the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas. This Baroque village is acclaimed for its wine and honey production; savor these regional favorites with a tasting in the Zivanovic Wine Cellar and Museum of Beekeeping.

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In Kalocsa, known for its intricately patterned, brightly hued embroidery, visit the Folk Art House and Paprika Museum for insight into regional culture and customs and the traditional methods of cultivating paprika, known as “red gold.” (B/L/D)

VUKOVAR, CROATIA/NOVI SAD, SERBIA  
Thursday, October 18
Visit Vukovar to see the 18th-century Eltz Manor, the Church of St. Nicholas, the Church of Sts. Philip and James, and the iconic water tower.

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offering insight into the oldest urban settlement in Europe and spectacular views of the Danube Gorge in dramatic, autumnal glory.

Continue cruising through some of southeastern Europe’s most picturesque scenery. (B/L/D)

SVISHTOV, BULGARIA, for ARBANASI and VELIKO TÂRNIVO/RUSE Sunday, October 21

Dock in Svishtov and travel to the 12th-century hillside village of Arbanasi, where nearly 90 historical buildings are protected monuments.

See its distinctive stone houses, famous for their fortified Bulgarian architecture and richly decorated interiors. Learn more about the life of a 17th-century merchant in the perfectly preserved Konstantsaliev House and admire elaborate icons and frescoes in the 15th-century Birth of Christ Church.

Continue to the medieval town of Veliko Târnovo, historic capital of the Bulgarian Empire between the 12th and 14th centuries. Following lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy a brief walking tour featuring the historic town center and see the impressive 13th-century Tsarevets Fortress.

Reboard the ship in Ruse. (B/L/D)

FETEȘTI/BUCHAREST Tuesday, October 23

Disembark the ship in Fetești and drive through the rolling campii (plains) to the historic city of Bucharest. Drive along this capital city’s grand boulevard and visit the Palace of Parliament and the open-air National Village Museum, both testaments to Romania’s fascinating political and architectural history.

Check into the Five-Star Athénée Palace Hilton Bucharest. (B/L)

BUCHAREST Wednesday, October 24

Visit the National Art Museum in the 19th-century Royal Palace, housing Romania’s finest collection of artistic treasures. The afternoon is at leisure; the Farewell Reception is in the hotel. (B/R)

FETEȘTI, ROMANIA, for CONSTANTA Monday, October 22

Walk through Constanța’s historic Old Town to see the famous statue of the Roman poet Ovid in Ovidiu Square and the town’s stunning blend of architecture, including neo-Egyptian, classical, and neo-Moorish styles. Stop in Adamclisi, where the Tropaeum Traiani commemorates Roman Emperor Trajan’s victory over the Dacians in A.D. 102.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening. (B/L/R/D)

BUCHAREST/U.S. Thursday, October 25

After breakfast, continue on the Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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IMPERIAL VIENNA
Pre-Program Option October 11 - 14
$695 per person, double occupancy
$995 per person, single occupancy
The former seat of the Habsburg Empire and one of Europe’s most beautiful cities and vibrant cultural centers, Vienna showcases an open-air museum of Baroque architecture in its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the famous Ringstrasse to see the city’s most important landmarks and visit the Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral). Learn more about the Austrian Empire in the Habsburgs’ summer estate at Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Wien.

CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA
Post-Program Option October 25 - 28
$995 per person, double occupancy
$1,295 per person, single occupancy
Enjoy Transylvania and central Romania’s rich medieval heritage among the splendor of the Carpathian Mountains, an evocative backdrop where the Gothic narrative of Count Dracula is kept alive through local storytelling. Tour the beautiful, 19th-century fairy-tale Peleş Castle, and the 14th-century Bran Castle, known as “Dracula’s Castle.” Visit the Gothic Black Church in Brasov, and tour the UNESCO World Heritage town of Sighisoara, the birthplace of Vlad Tepes (Dracula). Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe Aro Palace in Brasov and one night in the Five-Star Athénée Palace Hilton Bucharest.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
What is Included:
- Program of lectures and discussions with Yale Professor Craig Wright.
- Accommodation on double occupancy basis as per the itinerary.
- Port taxes.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Services of Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with included lunches and dinners.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with scheduled group transfer(s).
- Complimentary bottled water and use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance.

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- Any insurance other than specified above.
- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
- International airfares.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.

Pricing is per person, based on double occupancy.

CATEGORIES

**CATEGORY 6**
Stateroom with window.
*Haydn Deck, aft. (limited availability)*
$4,760

**CATEGORY 5**
Stateroom with window.
*Haydn Deck, midship and forward.*
Single Pricing: $8,260

**CATEGORY 4**
Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to create a French balcony; minibar.
*Strauss Deck, aft.*
$5,960

**CATEGORY 3**
Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to create a French balcony; minibar.
*Strauss Deck, forward.*
$6,260

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Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to create a French balcony; minibar.
*Strauss Deck, aft and midship.*
$6,760

**CATEGORY 1**
Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to create a French balcony; minibar.
*Mozart Deck, aft.*
$7,260

**CATEGORY JUNIOR SUITE**
$7,960
Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), panoramic windows, large sitting area with minibar.
*Mozart Deck, midship and forward.*

Taxes are included.

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Travel Options

Vienna Pre-Program Option (per person)

- double $695
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Transylvania Post-Program Option (per person)

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Enjoy a city tour of Bucharest including a visit to the Palace of Parliament, Europe’s largest administrative building.

Take a guided tour of Bratislava’s well-preserved medieval Staré Mesto (Old Town).