Vienna, Munich & Oktoberfest
by River Ship
10 DAYS OF BEER, BRATS & BAVARIA
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Dear fellow alumnae/i and friends,

Please join us on a ten-day journey—including five nights sailing the storied Danube River—from Austria’s colorful capital of Vienna, through the historic towns of Dürnstein, Melk, and Grein before heading into Germany. We’ll stop at remarkable museums, pass by spectacular castles, and delight in the variety and quality of Europe’s richest brewing tradition along the way. For a grand finish, we’ll enjoy a special visit to the world-renowned celebration of Bavarian beer and fellowship, the Munich Oktoberfest. I’m particularly thrilled to accompany you on this trip as my own passion for German culture and cuisine blossomed while I was a student at Vassar College and enriches my life to this day.

This voyage features the premium amenities of the 138-passenger Avalon Luminary, the added benefit of a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director, and several unique excursions included for our group. Cabin availability is limited. To take advantage of Vassar alumnae/i savings of more than $800 per couple (family and friends are also eligible), please reserve today by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

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Gary Hohenberger ’97
Director, Corporate, Foundation & Government Relations
Vassar College

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Special Guest Lecturer:
Robin Shepard PhD’93

Joining us as Guest Lecturer on our journey is Robin Shepard, an associate professor of life sciences communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Shepard has spent three years traveling Wisconsin in search of the “perfect pint” and is the author of three books about the best brewpubs and breweries in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. The North American Guild of Beer Writers honored him in 2002 with its top book prize for his work Wisconsin’s Best Breweries and Brewpubs. Formerly an award-winning journalist, Shepard received his PhD in land resources from the UW’s Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. He is the executive director for the North Central Cooperative Extension Association, an organization comprising 13 universities in 12 states. He has served in a number of positions with the University of Wisconsin, including interim provost and vice chancellor of the UW-Extension, as well as the state program leader for the Community, Natural Resources, and Economic Development program of UW Cooperative Extension.

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by January 29, 2016 and receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Sail the Danube River
Revel in dynamic history and ancient architecture before enjoying the merry tradition of Oktoberfest in Munich.

Join us for a festive river ship cruise on the Danube—a historical waterway distinguished with more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other in Europe.

Satisfy your palate during this grand journey from Vienna to Munich—stopping at charming cities and quaint villages to glimpse fairytale castles, panoramic landscapes, and visit landmark breweries. Special added inclusions for our guests, such as on-board beer tastings and a visit to Oktoberfest, uniquely define this remarkable adventure.
Your 10-Day Itinerary  (Subject to change)

**Days 1-2:**  
*En Route from U.S. /  
Arrive Vienna, Austria (D)  
Embarkation, welcome dinner  
Overnight: Avalon Luminary*

**Day 3:**  
*Vienna (B,L,D)  
Guided panoramic sightseeing:  
Imperial Palace and Ring Boulevard,  
optional Walzer and Operetta concert  
Overnight: Avalon Luminary*

**Day 4:**  
*Dürnstein / Melk (B,L,D)  
Guided sightseeing, Benedictine Abbey of Melk or Schallaburg Castle  
Overnight: Avalon Luminary*

**Day 5:**  
*Grein / Linz (B,L,D)  
Visit the historical Stadthäusler Grein,  
optional excursions: Cesky Krumlov or Salzamperk Lake District  
Overnight: Avalon Luminary*

**Day 6:**  
*Linz / Passau (B,L,D)  
Guided walk through Passau’s picturesque Old Town  
Overnight: Avalon Luminary*

**Day 7:**  
*Passau / Munich (B)  
Disembarkation, transfer to Munich,  
guided panoramic sightseeing:  
Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz,  
or optional Salzburg excursion  
Overnight: Sofitel Bayerpost*

**Day 8:**  
*Munich (B)  
Morning at leisure, Kuchlbauer’s Bierwelt,  
Deutsches Hopfenmuseum  
Overnight: Sofitel Bayerpost*

**Day 9:**  
*Munich (B)  
Enjoy Oktoberfest!  
Overnight: Sofitel Bayerpost*

**Day 10:**  
*Munich / Depart for U.S. (B)  
Optional Extension: Days 10-12 in Munich*

**Program Highlights**

- Settle in and unwind during a five-night cruise from picturesque Vienna to Passau, continuing to festive Munich.
- Spend a full day exploring Vienna during a guided panoramic tour, and take in an optional evening concert.
- Explore abbeys, castles and medieval squares in villages and towns dotting the Danube.
- Visit Ottakringer brewery in Vienna, Kuchlbauer’s Bierwelt in Abensberg, and Deutsches Hopfenmuseum in Wolnzach.
- Partake in exclusive on-board food and beer pairings and tastings with an expert.
- Spend three nights exploring vibrant Munich, including a visit to the world-renowned celebration of Oktoberfest.

**What’s Included:** 8 nights accommodations; 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners with beer and wine; full assistance of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to the ship’s Cruise Director and local experts; on-board lectures and activities; all excursion transportation and entry fees to included sites; all gratuities; and transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking and be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces and stairs.
The *Avalon Luminary* is intimate, elegant, and perfectly relaxing for sailing.

### Royal Deck (Top)

### Sapphire Deck (Middle)

### Indigo Deck (Lower)

### Cabin Category

- **E, F**
  - Queen bed, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, vanity, two upper windows, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe. 172 sq. ft.

- **A, B, P**
  - Queen bed, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, vanity, floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass door with French balcony, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe. 172 sq. ft.

- **Suite**
  - Queen bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, sofa, vanity, floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass door with French balcony, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe. 258 sq. ft.

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**Sofitel Bayerpost**

For three nights after disembarkation, enjoy the five-star comforts of Sofitel Bayerpost, located in the heart of Munich. Formerly a Bavarian Royal Post Office, the property features a blend of avant-garde architecture and French-inspired design. Enjoy the sights from the bar terrace or take a dip in the luxurious indoor pool.
Optional Extension

**Munich**
Extend your stay in marvelous Munich—the Bavarian metropolis of colorful lederhosen and iconic beer steins.

**Extension Itinerary** (Subject to change)

**Day 10:** Munich (B)
Guided city tour, Bavarian town of Tegernsee and beer tasting

**Day 11:** Munich (B)
Day on your own at Oktoberfest, or day at leisure in Munich

**Day 12:** Depart for U.S.
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home (B)

*For your information, the Oktoberfest breweries require a minimum consumption guaranteed per person (still to be advised for 2016).*

**What’s Included**

- Two nights accommodations at the Sofitel Bayerpost (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Guided city tour
- Special excursion to Tegernsee and beer tasting
- Scheduled transportation to and from Oktoberfest on Day 11
- Access to a local host to provide advice and assistance arranging activities
- All gratuities
- Transfers at select times

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**Early Reservation Bonus:**
See reverse for details.
Vienna, Munich & Oktoberfest by River Ship

SEPTEMBER 9-18, 2016

Munich Extension: Sept. 18-20, 2016

Option 1: Call (866) 639-0079 to complete your reservation.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year __________

Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year __________

Address:

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: __________ Cell Phone: __________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice __________ 2nd choice __________

Deposit:

(#) _____ guests joining program ($850/person) +

(#) _____ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ __________

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed  ☐ Online Check/ACH  ☐ MasterCard/Visa  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

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Category F | $4,399 | $3,995 | Category P | $6,699 | $6,495
Category E | $4,699 | $4,495 | Suite | $7,999 | $7,495
Category B | $5,399 | $5,993 | Single (Category F) | $6,599 | $5,993
Category A | $6,199 | $5,795 | Single (Category E) | $7,349 | $6,743

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For single reservations, a 50% supplement is added to the applicable stateroom category’s discounted rate; availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

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Vassar Host:
**Gary F. Hohenberger '97**

Gary F. Hohenberger’s discovery of his German heritage began in earnest during his undergraduate years at Vassar College, where German language drills, music and history courses led to a formative post-baccalaureate year in Germany as a fellow of the Congress-Bundestag Exchange for Young Professionals. Thereafter, he settled in New York City to work for the renowned international cultural institution Lincoln Center. In 2008, he returned to Vassar in a professional capacity and is today director for the College’s Corporate, Foundation & Government Relations. A serious home cook, Hohenberger’s culinary passion is the comparatively unsung, authentic cuisine of the German-speaking lands—and the beers, wines and other special beverages that come from them. While his ongoing quest for the perfect homemade pretzel started nearly 20 years ago, more recently Hohenberger began to co-host exclusive “pop-up” dining events in New York's Hudson River Valley.