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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Williams".

James E. Williams (B.S.'84/GPA; M.S.'96/GPA)
President, VCU Alumni

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HOSTS AND LECTURERS: Advertised hosts and lecturers (if applicable) are subject to availability and may be contingent on a minimum number of travelers; therefore, they cannot be guaranteed.

NOTICES: Any complaints or claims against GN must be made in writing and received by GN within 90 days after scheduled termination of the trip. Any action or suit against GN must be commenced within 1 (one) year after scheduled termination of the trip or be forever barred.

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INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ONLY: International travel involves stringent identification and documentation requirements. Be sure you are familiar with them sufficiently in advance and early in your planning.

ADVISORY: When you are traveling outside of the United States, please be aware that significantly different health, safety and legal standards may prevail. You should plan and act accordingly and exercise good personal judgment for your own health and safety at all times when abroad. If you have special medical or physical requirements, you should investigate your destination(s) beforehand and ensure the care and conditions you need will be available.

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Land & Cruise Program Cancellation Fees:

200 days or more = \$350 per person

199-120 days = \$1,900 per person

119-75 days = 50% of total fare

74-45 days = 75% of total fare

44-0 days = 100% of total fare, no refund

Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 21 days after the cancellation.

AGE: Travelers less than 18 years of age on the departure date must be accompanied by and share a cabin with an adult. Children less than 12 years of age on the departure date are not accepted.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

THESE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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May 14-24, 2018

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CORRESPONDENCE PREFERENCE: Email Mail

RESERVATION SELECTION:

CRUISE PROGRAM WITH AIRFARE

Please indicate preferred departure city: _____

CRUISE PROGRAM WITHOUT AIRFARE

Suite category request: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bed request: Twin (2 beds) Queen

Single accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least six months beyond their return date.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your passport)

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Email Address

Mailing Address

City State ZIP

Main Phone Alternate Phone

Roommate (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FROM EACH PERSON TRAVELING, INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR TRAVELING MINORS: I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$950 per person is due with your reservation application. A secondary deposit of \$1,500 per person is due October 26, 2017. Deposits may be made by check or credit card; all major credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to **Go Next**.

Full payment by check is required by January 24, 2018. Enclosed is a deposit for \$ _____

I authorize Go Next Inc. to charge my credit card for the reservation deposit of \$950 per person and for the secondary deposit of \$1,500 per person.

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- 15 Freechoice activity options, 1 exclusive Enrich experience, 1 Sundowner event, and daily Tailormade tour options
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- In-suite minibar, restocked daily
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- Wi-Fi throughout the cruise
- E-bikes (electronically assisted bicycles), standard bicycles, and Nordic® walking poles



Butler

Each Scenic butler has been trained at the International Butler Academy. Whichever suite you choose, your butler will make sure you'll never be without complimentary refreshments and a stocked minibar.



Suites

Depending on the class of suite you opt for, you'll enjoy a wealth of luxurious features, including Scenic Sun Lounge touch-of-a-button balconies, downy pillows, Egyptian cotton sheets, and plush bathrobes.



Fine Dining

Six Scenic dining options cater to every craving, from light breakfasts and picnics ashore, to extravagant buffets and sumptuous five-course meals paired perfectly with regional wines.



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May 14

DEPART FOR THE CZECH REPUBLIC

May 15

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Check in for a two-night stay at a first-class hotel.

May 16

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Join your knowledgeable local guide on a fascinating walk through Prague and view the Old Town Hall and Astronomical Clock. Afterward, venture across the world-famous Charles Bridge. *Meals: B*

May 17

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC TO NUREMBERG, GERMANY

Journey by coach to the fascinating city of Nuremberg where you will embark on your luxury cruise aboard the *Scenic Amber*. Toast to the start of an incredible adventure at the evening's welcome reception. *Meals: B, D*

May 18

NUREMBERG, GERMANY 🍷

Freechoice: Visit historic WWII sites, or partake in the Taste of Nuremberg to indulge in fares such as bratwurst, beer, and gingerbread. *Meals: B, L, D*

May 19

REGENSBURG, GERMANY 🍷

Freechoice: Take a walking tour of Regensburg, or journey by ferry across the Danube Gorge to Weltenburg Abbey where you can sample beer from one of the oldest monastic breweries in the world. If you'd rather explore alone, e-bike to the Walhalla monument using a Tailormade device for directions and commentary. *Meals: B, L, D*

River Cruise Guarantee

On every Scenic river cruise you'll be automatically covered once you commence your cruise for certain delays or cancellations that occur due to adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, mechanical breakdowns, or strikes.

Key



Freechoice

Freechoice is a diverse selection of exciting included activities for guests to choose from.



Enrich

Enrich activities offer exclusive opportunities to experience the culture, heritage, and folklore of a region.



Sundowners

Sundowners are exclusive cocktail receptions hosted at some of Europe's most majestic locations.

Meals

Breakfast: B, Lunch: L, Dinner: D

May 20

PASSAU, GERMANY TO LINZ, AUSTRIA

Freechoice: Take an excursion to the medieval Czech town of Ceský Krumlov and discover its UNESCO World Heritage Site, or journey to Salzburg and explore the birthplace of Mozart and the city backdrop for the film *The Sound of Music*. *Meals: B, L, D*

May 21

MELK/DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

Freechoice: Experience Melk's magnificent 18th-century Benedictine abbey on a guided tour. Alternatively, embark on a guided-bike ride along the river to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the region.

Sundowner: As the day ends, enjoy a fine view at the breathtakingly beautiful Wachau Valley. *Meals: B, L, D*

May 22

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Freechoice: Take a guided tour of Bratislava Castle or Schönbrunn Palace and witness the sheer opulence of the Habsburg Empire. Alternatively, visit the world-renowned Spanish Riding School to tour the stables or to see the famous Lipizzaner Stallions perfecting their skills during their morning-exercise program, or taste your way around the local market with your onboard chef during Shop with a Chef.

Enrich: Breathe in the luxury of Palais Liechtenstein while enjoying a glass of fine Austrian Sekt. Enjoy an enchanting private evening concert featuring the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart. *Meals: B, L, D*

May 23

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Freechoice: Take a guided tour of Budapest, relax and unwind at a thermal bath and spa, or choose to experience the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum. *Meals: B, L, D*

May 24

BUDAPEST

Depart after breakfast. *Meals: B*



Deluxe Balcony Suite

CABIN TYPE	DECK	SUITE TYPE	PRICE
E	Jewel (Deck 1)	Standard	\$4,699
D	Jewel	Standard	\$4,999
C	Sapphire (Deck 2)	Balcony	\$5,699
BA	Sapphire	Balcony	\$5,899
BB	Sapphire	Balcony	\$5,999
BD	Sapphire	Deluxe Balcony	\$6,099
B1J	Sapphire	Junior	\$6,199
BJ	Sapphire	Junior	\$6,399
A	Diamond (Deck 3)	Balcony	\$5,999
PA	Diamond	Balcony	\$6,099
PP	Diamond	Balcony	\$6,199
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if booked by August 15, 2017

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- San Diego (SAN)
- San Francisco (SFO)
- Seattle (SEA)
- St. Louis (STL)
- Tampa (TPA)
- Washington, D.C. (IAD)
- Wichita (ICT)

Business Class, Premium Economy, and additional airfare cities are available for an added fee. Call for details.



Explore

Get around on Scenic e-bikes, utilizing electronic assistance for easy pedaling and leisurely sightseeing. Standard bicycles and Nordic® walking poles are also available to see each destination whichever way you prefer.

Tailormade Devices

These GPS locators alert travelers of nearby attractions, provide directions to and from the ship, and can serve as a listening aid during tours.

ENRICHMENT LECTURES

Gain new insights and discover fascinating perspectives on the places you'll explore from engaging guest lecturers. These educational opportunities will enhance your travel experience and provide you with a deeper understanding of the region's rich history and cultural heritage.