

40th Anniversary Danube Cruise

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Tuesday, Sept. 25, '18

Our long awaited 40th anniversary celebratory river cruise is here!

Ruth Vining picked us up at the house a little before noon and delivered us to Redeemer Lutheran to meet the rest of the group. A small chartered bus took us to M/S P.

We didn't notice our boarding passes were marked TSA pre-check so we waited in the general passengers line to get through security, about 45 minutes. We had plenty of time, though.

We boarded around 4:15. We had two seats, window and aisle, in the 2-4-2 layout. The plane left for Amsterdam around 5:00. We were ^{served} snacks, dinner, and a breakfast just before we landed at 8:00 am local time. We both tried to sleep but no success. I watched the Mr. Rogers documentary and an episode of Hawaii 5-0. Niel watched another passenger's Back to the Future.

Wed., Sept. 26, 2018

We had about 4 hours in Amsterdam airport. Folks wandered around the airport and then to our gate. We were the first to sit and others sat around us. I felt like we started to get to know the others in our group during this time.

The plane ride to Prague was only an hour but I conked ~~to~~ right out and slept the whole way. Niel had a short nap. We got our luggage and onto the bus, a bit late. Our Czech guide, Eva, joined ^{us}.

We were dropped off near the Jewish Quarter and began a walking tour. We walked through the Pinkas Synagogue which has the names with birth and death dates of 78,000 people killed by the Nazis. We then walked through the Jewish Cemetery. The gravestones were crowded together in strange angles. We also walked through a synagogue which housed ceremonial artifacts. We walked through Old Town Square, a large open plaza with lots of people.

During the bus ride and the walk we also saw the Eiffel Tower replica, 5X smaller but on a hill so it is higher. We saw the "metronome" sculpture which replaced the largest

statue of Stalin. The city of Prague started in 935 and has a current population of 1,300,000 in 22 districts.

We got to the hotel just in time to see our rooms and go down to a 7:00 dinner. We had Czech food of soup, potato dumplings, meat, and sweet pancakes for dessert.

We then went to our rooms and crashed. We had been up for about 30 hours.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018

We each got a good night's sleep and felt ready for another day of lots of walking. We ate breakfast at the hotel. It was buffet style with many choices.

We boarded the bus and rode to the largest castle complex in the world. We then walked with Eva guiding us. We first went through St. Vitus Cathedral, very ornate and large. It had beautiful stained glass windows. Outside, the same stone ranged from black-14th century to sort of dirty-16th century - 20th century creamy yellow. We then walked through the old royal palace. It had a large open room that could be used for jousting. The steps leading to it were large and gradual so horses could use them. We walked through Basilica of St. George built in 920. We also strolled through the gardens, Rosenberg Palace, and stairs.

After we left the castle complex we walked by the American Embassy. We walked across the Charles Bridge with its many statues and tourists. We then walked back to Old Town Square where we were on our own for a late lunch. Niel and I found an outdoor cafe that took credit

cards, as we did not have euros or crowns (Czech currency) We had sausage which was similar to a HyVee Polish sausage but with chunkier insides, pocket bread, and "flat" water.

We then met the rest of the group and walked on toward Wenceslas Square. Part of the group peeled off to go to the Harley Davidson store. I was disappointed when we arrived to find that the square was mostly a big shopping area. Some of us went back to the hotel by city transit and another group went to a book store before doing the same. When we left town the next day, we drove past the Wenceslas Square I had been expecting with the statue. It was at the very end of the shopping

We had a short break in the room and then onto the bus to go to a cultural meal and entertainment. We had Czech food which included wine served through a glass tube that could be almost thrown. The entertainment was singing, folk dancing, and a lot of audience participation. Instruments included a hammered dulcimer, bass violin, bagpipe variation, and a tall wooden woodwind

Friday, Sept. 28, 2018

We were up earlier this morning as we had to have our luggage outside the room by 7:15. We then ate another tasty buffet breakfast. We boarded the bus and headed out a little after 8:00.

The bus made its way through Prague and then out into the Czech countryside. It was mostly rural with some villages. At some point we crossed into Germany. It was a lot like I imagined it to be - green and prosperous. Again it was mostly rural with some villages and towns. We are in the Bavarian area. We had a bit of miscommunication as to where we were to meet the ship. We went to Passau and then had to backtrack to Vilshofen.

We boarded AMA Viola, got our rooms, and had orientation. The ship is much smaller than an ocean cruise ship but very nice. Our room is small but efficiently arranged. We have a queen-sized bed, 2 chairs which can face into the room (bed can be used as footstool) or turned outward to face full length window which can be opened (French window).

There is a small built in desk ab with TV, a closet, and a bathroom (small but has all the essentials)

There was a beer party, Oktoberfest type event in a tent just onshore from the boat. Lots of beer and a big pretzel were the edibles along with singing, dancing, and camp music.

We then quickly got ready for our sit-down dinner. Marilyn, our trip leader, sat with us. A couple from Toronto sat at the table next to us so there was some conversation with them also. They are on a bike tour which is tied in with the cruise.

After dinner we returned to the room. We finished unpacking and sent some emails. I forgot to write about our lunch stop which was the highlight of the day for me. We stopped in the town of Prachatické, population 16,000. This is the birthplace of the first U.S. saint, Newman (Newman Centers?) It had a town square that we walked around before and after lunch. Buildings around the square included the new

Prachatické is in Czech Republic.

city hall - 1881 and the old city hall - 1570.
The town was founded in 1323! They had
special displays set up commemorating 100
years of since Czechoslovakia was formed at end
of WWI. There were soldiers dressed in different
era uniforms, weapons, motorcycles from 1932 ^{side} ~~camp~~
1939 (moped), 1942, and 1946. We ate in the basement
of a restaurant just off the square. It had stone
walls, low ceiling, and stone steps. We all had
wiener schnitzel.

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Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018

I enjoyed 9 hours of sleep, Niel somewhat less. We got down to the restaurant for the tail end of the buffet breakfast. We sat with Karen and Harlan. The restaurant is $\frac{1}{2}$ level lower than our room so the water is not too much lower than where we are sitting.

After we were all ready for the day we took a walk around the area of Vilshofen near the boat. Niel had already explored and gotten euros at the ATM while I was sleeping.

We sat up on the top outdoor deck and enjoyed a beautiful morning. It was a good place to observe the small planes coming and going from an airport across the river and watch the preparations for leaving.

Shortly after we were underway, it was time for a meeting to go over all the shore excursions for the week. Next was a buffet lunch. We did go through one lock.

We docked at Passau, Germany. We both had walking tours with local guides. I took the gentle walk and Niel took the

regular pace. We saw some of the same things - St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Town Hall and Square. Niel also saw the peninsula park and the spot where three rivers converge, Inn and Ilz coming into Danube. It was interesting to compare notes as each guide covered somewhat different facts. Some of the basics include fire in the 1600's destroyed most of the Gothic architecture and was rebuilt in Italian Baroque. The cathedral has beautiful painted ceilings and largest pipe organ in a Catholic cathedral in the world $\approx$ 18,000 pipes. I saw two wedding parties

After the tours we had time for writing in this journal and relaxing a bit. We skyped with Jim and Ann. The audio was quite good and we did just a little video to show we were on the ship.

Next was dinner. No one joined our table but we had a nice meal anyway. Next was a musical show of the sounds of Austria. First half was Mozart and second half was Sound of Music. We were not able to skype with Kenny and Thea. To bed at 11:00. Ship is traveling overnight.

Linz is 3rd largest city at 200,000. Mozart wrote the Linz Symphony in 3 days while visiting the city.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

I woke up during the night and couldn't get back to sleep. I got up and watched us cruising in the moonlight, I got another day caught up in the journal and watched part of the process of going through a lock before heading back to bed.

After breakfast with Kate and Kristie we went on a walking tour of Linz, Austria. It was another beautiful day. We walked up from the ship past a couple of modern buildings towards the old town. We went to the old town hall on the main square. There is a large aerial view photograph spread over two rooms so the guide could point out various features. Linz used to be an industrial city but has diversified and has a more balanced economy and is very prosperous. Linz is the town in which Hitler grew up and the guide talked about dealing with that difficult legacy. Hitler had grand plans for Linz including building a large museum for all the art works he stole. They did get one bridge. Post WWII the city was divided between US and USSR.

We ate brunch and were ready to go for our afternoon tour at 11:30. We went on the Austrian Lake District tour. There were only 12 of us but we were treated to outstanding scenery and had a superb guide.

We took the highway (autobahn) and then started into the lakes region at Attersee. We drove around the edge of the lake and could see the edge of the Alps in the distance. The region has been inhabited for 5000 years. The guide's grandmother had owned property on Attersee and Barbara had grown up in the area and still lives quite close so had personal insights and stories.

We next went along Mondsee and stopped at the town of Mondsee. We walked through the town and went into the church where the wedding in S. of M. was filmed. This minor basilica was another church with skeletons visible at the bottom of the altar. We saw an inset panel of stone which dated from 700.

As we drove along we were on the road where the bicycle scene was filmed and also the row of trees where the kids were hanging out of the trees. Most of the trip looked like it could have

been in S. of M. even though it wasn't. The lakes were beautiful shades of blue and green surrounded by mountains. The homes were built in the Swiss chalet style with flower filled window boxes. Some homes were for "summer refreshment" for the rich of Vienna.

Next lake was Wolfgangsee and we stopped at the town of St. Wolfgang. We went in the church where we saw an altar from the late 1400's. The transition from Gothic to Renaissance was seen and the tops of the pews were scarred from candles that had been placed there. We saw the White Horse Inn which was location for a famous German play and movie. We also had some time for shopping.

We drove through Bad Ischl and on to Traunsee. We stopped at Traunkirchen and walked around the peninsula. Saw views of a mountain across the lake with cross memorial and an old nunnery(?).

We had a 2 hour dinner with 2 couples from Detroit area. We had a lovely phone call with Kenny and Yhea in the evening. 13

Monday, Oct. 1, 2018

We had breakfast with a couple from Indianapolis and one from Stillwater Forest Lake. We had been cruising since early in the a.m. We went through a lock during breakfast.

We went up on the top deck to watch the scenery. We soon entered the Wachau Valley and we received commentary on the P.A. system. One of the first sights we saw was a 900 year old castle. Some of the homes we passed were hundred of years old. We saw a place where a chapel was attached to a pleasure house. The sailors would go into the chapel first to pray they wouldn't get any diseases when they went to the pleasure house. The main industries are wine, apricots, and tourism.

We ate light lunch in the lounge and got ready for our afternoon guided walking tour. We had arrival in Weissenkirchen. We took buses and backtracked to the small town of Durnstein. We had a walking tour and some free time. I got a few more souvenirs. The main claim to fame is the crumbling castle above the town. This is where Richard the Poor Clare nunnery was abandoned in 1500's. There was a monastery where 12-14 Augustinian monks live.

Blue and White church in Durnstein looked rather like Wedgewood

Lionhearted was imprisoned until a ransom could be paid. He was a brave fighter but not a good diplomat.

We then reboarded the buses and drove 30 minutes to the Melk Abbey. This large abbey has been there for 900 years. It could accommodate 100 monks and 30 live there now. They either teach at the on site school or work in administration of the property. One large wing of the abbey was just ^{for} visiting nobility, especially the Habsburgs. A modern museum presents the story through the various time periods. A big remodel was during the Baroque era. All the fanciness, gold, and jewels were to show the people what heaven was like and hopefully bring them back to the church. We saw one of the library rooms (7 in all) The books had been re-covered during the remodel so they would all look alike. Very impressive.

We then returned to Weissenkirchen and heard some about it. The church there was fortified with towers, walls, and used to have a moat and drawbridge. This was so the townspeople could gather in the

church for protection in case of attack. This area was on the Eastern front to guard against the Huns and the Turks.

We went to the Chef's Table for dinner tonight. This^{is} the one specialty restaurant on the ship. It can seat 22 and one has to make reservations. We were seated with a congenial couple from Hanover, New Hampshire, Bob and Lynn. There were no choices in food. For each course we were served long rectangular plates that might have 3 samples of food items beautifully presented. We were also served 2 kinds of wine and the whole dinner took 2 hours.

We decided to skip the wine tasting event and just finished the evening with writing, reading, and relaxing.

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

We had breakfast with some of the Rochester group and decided to sign up for the optional ^{palace} castle tour.

We had traveled through the night and were docked in Vienna. We had to walk through two other AMA ships to get to shore for our Vienna city tour. We boarded buses to drive into the heart of Vienna hearing commentary on the way. 8.8 million people live in Austria with about 1.9 million in Vienna. In Austria the city is called Wien named after the river in the center. Vienna has lots of green space and a good quality of life. We drove through parts of the Ringstrasse, the old city walls demolished by Franz Joseph and replaced by buildings. We went by Vienna University founded in 1365. We saw the house where Johann Strauss lived. We also saw the imperial palace for the Habsburg rulers.

We did a walking tour of the old city center. We went to the Spanish riding school and saw several Lippizzan stallions being

led to their training spot. We also walked into St. Stephen's Cathedral, another ornate church. The outside is continually being cleaned as the sandstone absorbs the pollutants. We had some free time and we went to a café and treated ourselves. Niel had hot chocolate and cream cake. I had coffee and apple strudel.

We returned to the boat for light lunch and then took the excursion to the Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer palace. We were able to go through a number of rooms with rich furnishings, the large heaters, paintings of many of the important family members. We learned many interesting facts but it would take all day to list them. We then went to an outer building where the carriages are displayed. There were many different ornate carriages for daily use, coronations, hearses, sleighs, and even toy carriages for children that were pulled by dogs or sheep. Our last stop was the gardens. While not at its peak in terms of blooming flowers, the size was amazing, over 400 acres. Most was open to the public but Sisi had her own private garden. It was then back to the boat and an early

dinner. One of the Ed-Ventures' group, Dave, had a birthday so we all ate together at a cluster of tables. The waiters brought out a birthday cake. Part of the group went to Strauss/Mozart concert but we stayed on board.

We went to Chef's Table area to use the tables to write postcards. When Niel had finished his, he got on the internet to check email. We were stunned to find out from Jim that Ann had a moderate stroke yesterday! After emails and a phone call we got a clearer picture of the situation. She is in the hospital and will begin rehab in the next few days. We will finish out our trip but I will go to Stevens Point as soon as we return. Niel is in bed and I will turn in and hopefully get a good night's sleep.

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018

Neither one of us slept well as we each spent time worrying about Ann. However morning came anyway. We each had breakfast and were just about ready for the disembarkation briefing when it was announced there was a medical emergency and we would be making a stop. The ship backtracked to a good place to "pull over". Medical personnel came on board and treated the woman with a cut leg that kept bleeding. It was determined that she did not need to go to the hospital. The medical folk left and we were soon back to cruising. We had our briefing about disembarking. ~~It~~

We then moved up to the top until it started drizzling and then down a level but still outside. We watched the scenery and listened to commentary by the cruise director. We saw another old fortress from the 9th century that robber barons used for extracting tolls from the river traffic. We crossed the old iron curtain and saw a monument and rusty heart to the 4000 people who died trying to cross the border. Martin lived in Bratislava as a child and told experiences

from her childhood. For example, the only western TV show on their TV was Dallas and there would be a commentator pointing out how everyone was unhappy, alcoholic, cheating etc. Martina was 14 when the curtain fell. As we came into Bratislava she pointed out a large complex of the Soviet concrete apartment buildings - the Soviet ghettos. She said opinion on communism/capitalism was divided by age ^{of comm} older more in favor.

We then ate a quick lunch in the lounge to be ready for the afternoon tours. I did the city walking tour and Niel took the Castle hike.

My tour left right from the dock and we toured the old town. Bratislava is much smaller than Prague or Vienna so it felt like we covered much of the old section. We saw churches, government buildings, park areas, quaint narrow streets, and heard interesting facts. After the tour I roamed around with Kristie and Kate before returning to the boat.

Niel's group hiked up to the castle and had

good panoramic views. They got an abbreviated city tour on their way back through. It rained on and off during both our tours.

At 6:30 we all gathered in the lounge for appetizers and champagne. All the crew paraded through and farewell speeches were made. Everyone dressed up as much as they had. We then moved to the dining room for the farewell dinner.

After dinner we returned to our room for journal writing, organizing for the end of the trip, and talking with Jim. We are glad to hear Ann is starting therapy, showing some improvement and they are working on the heart issues which may have precipitated the stroke.

As we went to bed, the ship was starting through the final and biggest lock on the trip.

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018

After breakfast, it was time for our bus and walking tour of Budapest. The city has close to 2 million people in a country of 9.8 million. The 2nd biggest place in Hungary is only 200,000. In 1873 the two cities of Buda - smaller, hillier, more exclusive and Pest - larger and flat 'united'. The area was first settled in the 9th C.

We first drove in Pest to the Market Hall. On the way we passed the Economics University and the shopping street. We had 45 minutes to explore this large shopping building. We saw lots of produce, a souvenir floor, more exclusive shops, and the lower level (Niel + I didn't see) was sort of like Wal-Mart.

We also saw the outside of St. Steven's Basilica, the Opera House (under wraps), Main Square, Budapest Eye, Terror Museum - a gray building which had been Nazi Hdq. and the yellow Franz Liszt house on the way to Heroes' Square. There we got out to see this large open plaza with 2 curving rows of statues of national heroes with museums on both sides.

We then drove by a fancy skating club, a castle built for the Expo in the late 1800's, and some mixed areas where some buildings are renovated and others in bad shape, wars have taken their toll. We went by the Jewish Quarter but will see that in more detail in a couple of days.

We then drove to the Buda side crossing the Danube on the Chain Bridge, the oldest. We got close to the Matthias Church and then walked again. We went to the Fisherman's Bastion where we had a beautiful view looking over the Danube to Pest. We then went in the Matthias Church. This was where Franz Joseph and Sisi had their coronation. This church was a mosque for 150 years. The stained glass windows were taken down for safe keeping during WWII. When the communists put them back they didn't know the stories so they are in the wrong order.

We then got back on the bus to return to the ship. We learned about the extensive cave system under Buda. They've been used as WWII bunkers and Cold War bomb shelters.

We returned to the Alma Viola for a late lunch. At 3:00 we had a tour of the pilot house

from the captain and the engine room
from the head engineer. We had some
down time for journal writing, picture
sorting, and general organization.

For the evening meal, the whole
Ed-Ventures group went to the Chef's Table.
We sat with Harlan and Karen. The
menu was the same as when we
did this experience earlier but that was
fine. We had a nice view of the bridge
and the city lights coming on as it
got dark.

In the later evening, $\approx 9:00$, we
went up to the top deck for the
illumination cruise. The bridges and
buildings are lit and it makes for
a wonderful time slowly cruising
down the river. The Parliament
buildings right on the river's edge
was stunning. I felt like I was
in a fairy tale. As an added bonus
there was a fireworks display on
the river, of which we had a good view.

Friday, Oct. 5, 2018

We did our final packing and had breakfast on the ship before disembarking at 9:00. We boarded a bus with guide, Agnes.

We drove out of Budapest into an agricultural area, the Great Plain. Cattle is raised including the big gray beef cattle. These graze outside all year with ~~a~~ summer and winter grazing areas. People are more traditional than in the city. Wheat and cereals are grown along with fruit trees, especially apples.

This is the area where goulash was developed. People who were caring for cattle would cook outside and it could be prepared as either soup or stew.

Ranch buildings are arranged in a semi-circle to protect from the weather. The land we saw was flat.

Agnes also talked about Christmas and Easter customs. On Christmas Eve afternoon the children go to church in the afternoon while the parents fix treats, prepare gifts, and decorate the tree. All the Christmas celebrations take place Christmas Eve evening. The children are told that Baby Jesus brought the gifts. (no Santa Claus). At Easter a bunny brings the eggs and hunts are held outside.

On Easter Monday unmarried girls get a bucket of water poured on their heads and the girl then presents the boy with an egg.

We arrived at the home of the premier egg decorator in Hungary. This is in a town of about 20,000. We spent most of the time in the yard which had been set up to host groups. We were greeted with *polinka*, that very strong alcohol herb drink which is supposed to be good for the stomach (reminds me some of *aca vite*) wine, and a large pastry. We sat at tables and benches while *Zsigone Kati* introduced us to the art of egg decorating. Her husband was making *goulash* outside and their adult daughter and a friend helped also. *Zsigone* spent an awful lot of time telling us of the various awards she has won and TV shows in which she has appeared. We then went inside the house where one room has her egg display.

We then returned outside where two methods of decorating were presented. We also ate a meal of *goulash* soup, bread, and dessert.

It was good and very filling. We then decorated our own eggs just using paint. We had fun but they weren't real great. I dropped mine part way through and it broke. Niel's was one of the better ones. Then two traditional Hungarian cakes were served to Dave and Sandy, the two members of the group who had birthdays during the trip. Last, eggs were brought out for purchase. I got one for Ann and one for us as a souvenir.

We then returned to Budapest and went to our hotel. We had just a brief time in our rooms and it was back on the bus for our evening activity. We went to a lodge type place for a Hungarian meal and cultural presentation. It was a similar format to the one in Prague. Many tour groups sat at long tables for the meal and watched the program of music and dancing with lots of audience participation.

We left about 9:00 and the group was pretty tired! It had been a full day at near the end of a busy trip. Back at the hotel we had our nightly call with Jim to check on Ann. She continues to improve - though especially the arms and legs - walking. Communication issues are coming along at a slower rate.

Saturday, October 6, 2018

We gathered for our last morning of touring after having a buffet breakfast in a very crowded dining area. We sat at a table that hadn't been bussed just to have a spot. Someone quickly got it cleaned and ^{were} we done in time to meet the group.

We got on the bus with Agnes, our guide. We stopped at NY Palace the Dedica Anthology Hotel and Cafe. By some ranking it was rated as the most beautiful cafe in the world. Agnes had to talk our way in as they don't like tourists gawking. We had to walk by in small groups and look over the edge - very fancy.

We then went to the Jewish Quarter for a walking tour. The streets were narrow as were the sidewalks. We often had to walk in single file. Some of the places we saw were a market/cafe in a recycled factory, monuments to Raoul Wallenberg and Carl Lutz, Swiss diplomat and the Weeping Willow memorial. We saw the Dohány Street Synagogue which is Europe's largest. The outside looks

Eastern but the inside looks like a church. We couldn't go inside because it was Saturday. There is a mass grave by the synagogue. We also walked by an Orthodox Synagogue.

We then had the afternoon off. We did emails and a phone call to Jim in the room. We then went outside and ate a late lunch at a cafe across from the hotel. We sat outside as it was a beautiful afternoon. We had Hungarian burgers, fries, and cole slaw. It was good people watching. We saw a number of folks from our hotel wearing T-shirts for the Budapest Marathon. There was the guy at the bus stop who pulled down his pants to scratch his legs until the police moved him along.

We walked 2-3 blocks to a restaurant for our farewell dinner. This was part of the trip package and we had preordered our main dish (duck for both of us). We also had soup, bread, a side dish, or two, dessert, and wine. It was a nice way to wrap up the trip. After we walked back to the Mercure Hotel we did some packing and went to bed early.

Some of things we learned today —

- Buda is much older than Pest.
- One could buy a modest flat in Pest for 50,000 euros
One could buy a similar one in Buda for a minimum of 100,000 euros.
- We drove to the Citadel viewpoint in Buda. The panoramic view over to Pest was great, but smoggy.
- In Budapest there is an Eiffel Bridge, Eiffel Train Station, and Eiffel Palace.

Sunday, October 2, 2018

We received our wake up call at 3:00 am. We all gathered on time and took the bus to Liszt Airport. It took awhile to get through check in, passport check, etc. so it was good we had plenty of time.

We flew from Budapest to Amsterdam, had just enough time to do passport check and get to our gate for take-off to M/SP. Flight home was uneventful. We didn't ~~sleep~~ sleep but played games, watched movies, and TV. I saw the movie Oceans Eight.

We took the chartered small bus down to Rochester. Ruth Vining picked us up at Redeemer and brought us home. With that our Danube River Cruise was over. It was really great until we learned of Ann's stroke.

It will be a quick turn around as I will be headed to Stevens Point in the morning to be with Ann.

Food aboard AMA Viola

Friday, 9-28

appetizer - crab cake, soup - lobster bisque
main course - N sea bass, B quinoa stuffed cabbage
rolls, dessert - N ice cream, B fruit

Saturday 9-30/29

appetizer N goat cheese B fancy salad, soup - carrot
ginger with tangerines, main course - N salmon
B - turkey, dessert - white chocolate mousse

Sunday 9-30

appetizer N foie gras B fancy salad, soup - saffron
main course N chicken B lamb dessert - N ice cream B ^{chocolate} layered ^{bar}

Monday 10-1

Chef's Table several small tastings for each
course, beautifully presented, 2 kinds of wine.

Tuesday, 10-2

appetizer - salmon, soup - sweet potato, main course -
wrener schitzel, dessert - birthday cake (white & cream)

Wednesday, 10-3 Captain's Dinner

appetizer - B cherries, soup - porcini (mushrooms)
main course - steak and shrimp, dessert - N ice cream,
B - creme brulee

Thursday, 10-4

23 Chef's Table same food as Monday saved menu