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AVALON UNVEILS LEGACY DEPARTURES FOR 2016, INCLUDING A NEW HABSBURG-THEMED CRUISE

LITTLETON, Colorado – May 27, 2015 – Passion travel isn't limited to arts- or culinary-focused itineraries. Travelers are also inspired by their roots: Everything from heritage to historical happenings. In 2016, Avalon Waterways is inviting travelers to sail through history with four (4), legacy-inspired cruises, including a **NEW Habsburg History Cruise**, **hosted by Carlos Felipe von Habsburg** – a descendant of the famous royal house.

NEW! Habsburg History River Cruise:

The Holy Roman Empire was continuously occupied by the Habsburgs from 1438 to 1740. On this cruise, travelers will learn the stories behind one of Europe's most important royal houses. Even better? Carlos Felipe von Habsburg will sail with Avalon's guests, providing an insider's point-of-view into his family's long, royal dynasty.

• Danube Dreams (10 days from Prague to Budapest) – April 13, 2016 departure

World War I Cruise:

On this special interest departure, travelers will learn the stories behind the first World War (100 years after it began) and significant historical sites.

Enchanting Belgium (9 days from Amsterdam to Namur) – April 4, 2016 departure

Jewish Heritage Cruise:

Travelers will discover Europe's monuments, museums and traditions significant to Jewish history on this special departure. They will also spend time in the Jewish ghetto of Terezin, where tens of thousands of innocent people died during the Nazi occupation.

• Danube Dreams (12 days from Budapest to Prague) – April 6, 2016 departure



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European History & Politics Cruise:

Get ready for an in-depth look at the politics that shaped Europe's history, including learning the story's behind some of the world's most historical sites.

Blue Danube to the Black Sea River Cruise (14 days from Bucharest to Vienna) – April 24 and April
27, 2016 departures

<u>DEAL ALERT</u>: Those booking their 2016 cruise early can save **SAVE 10% on all Europe cruises.** For details, click <u>here</u>. For more information, visit <u>AvalonWaterways.com</u> and "like" us on <u>Facebook</u>. Agents should visit <u>GlobusFamilyPartner.com</u> for booking details and promotions.

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ABOUT AVALON WATERWAYS

Since we launched our very first ship in 2004, Avalon Waterways has invited you – our traveler – to be our muse. Thanks to you, we let imagination and a relentless desire to create a smart use of space, be our guide. The result? An incomparable river cruise experience, including one-of-a-kind Panorama SuitesSM – with innovative Open-Air Balconies® and beds facing the views – on the industry's only Suite Ships®: Unequaled vessels that feature two full decks of 200- and 300-square-foot suites. And on the spectacular ships of Avalon, "included" is one of our favorite words. Spacious outside staterooms with plenty of room to relax – included. Special touches like regional wines and beer at every onboard dinner – included. Complimentary Wi-Fi – included. The most shore excursions, led by Certified Local Guides – included. VIP entrance into must-see sites – included. Unique Local FavoritesSM designed to bring your destination to life – included. In addition to everything that is included, we also give you the freedom of Avalon Choice® – a different approach to river cruising that invites travelers to personalize their trip.

Whether you're looking for a romantic mini-break, an in-depth 24-day exploration or something in between, with Avalon Waterways, you can choose the river cruise that reveals the very best of Europe, Asia or South America—your way!

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