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<u>Television Personality Debbie Travis And International Design Expert Tommy Smythe</u> Pair Up on Special Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours' Gems of the Danube Sailing in 2024

Vancouver, B.C., April 2023 – <u>Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours</u> is partnering with acclaimed television host and author Debbie Travis and international design expert Tommy Smythe for a special eightday <u>Gems of the Danube</u> sailing on May 9, 2024 aboard Scenic's luxury Space Ship, <u>Scenic Amber</u>. Fares start at CAD \$6,595 per person, double. Guests booking by June 30, 2023 can save with free or reduced economy airfare and savings of up to CAD \$900 per couple if paid in full within seven days of booking, depending on cabin category. Additional details can be found at <u>www.scenic.ca/debbieandtommy</u>.

A best-selling author with 11 books, mostly on design and decorating, and four-time Gemini Award winner for her television shows, Debbie launched a new home furnishings collection at Giant Tiger last year and her DT branded wines are available at <u>www.LCBO.com</u>. Her most recent project is *La Dolce Debbie*, is a six-part 30-minute series that documents her heartwarming and often hilarious story of restoring a 13th-century ruin in the heart of Tuscany, Italy. Now a luxury boutique hotel, Villa Reniella is where Debbie hosts retreats, classic car rallies and corporate events, sharing the wonders of Tuscany.

Tommy Smyth enjoys international acclaim and popularity. His contagious enthusiasm and funloving approach to decor and renovating has helped him bring messages of good, practical, and beautiful design to his many followers for nearly 20 years by way of television, print media, social media and popular speaking engagements. Known for his warm and personal mixture of fine art, vintage, antique and modern furnishings pulled together with a cutting-edge colour sense, Tommy never lets it all feel too serious.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Scenic to co-host this once in a lifetime river cruise on Europe's historic Danube," stated both Debbie and Tommy. "For those who have enjoyed joining us on our Instagram 'lives' for inspiration and warm chatter, this trip provides a unique opportunity to join in the conversation and explore design, wellness, historic architecture and delicious food and drink. We can't wait to share it all with you!"

Guests booking this special Gems of the Danube departure will have multiple opportunities to interact with and learn from Debbie and Tommy beginning with an evening welcome reception while docked in Budapest. Debbie and Tommy will each host their own special evening presentations as well as invite guests to listen in as they hold a joint conversation.

In addition to these special events, this itinerary offers an abundance of cultural, historical and culinary pursuits. Home to a remarkable array of European capitals and wonderful attractions, the Danube is

the second-largest waterway in Europe and one of the most popular amongst cruisers. In true Scenic fashion, guests can learn how to make traditional Hungarian Goulash in Budapest; hop aboard an e-bike for a guided tour to Danube Island, a recreational playground where locals come to enjoy bathing, boating, cycling and relaxing on its beaches and open spaces; meet the current owners of Artstetten Castle, outside Melk, which dates to the 13th century; and discover the 1,000-year history of Jewish heritage in Regensburg. Guests are invited to join Debbie and Tommy on a Scenic Enrich exclusive event - a classical evening concert in Vienna's luxuriously opulent Palais Liechtenstein.

The 5-star Scenic Space-Ships offer all-inclusive ultra-luxury experiences - from private butler service and unlimited complimentary beverages and spirits including mini-bar re-stocked daily, to six onboard dining options and a wellness area and fitness center. And guests will never have to reach for the wallet or purse as everything (except a haircut or massage) is included: tips and gratuities, expert local guides, all meals, all Scenic Freechoice activities that allow for a more personalized vacation, plus Scenic Enrich events which are exclusive to Scenic and its guests.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 37-year plus history to include award-winning river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land journeys that take guests to many of the world's most fascinating destinations. Since 2008, Scenic has set the benchmark for truly all-inclusive, five-star river cruises in Europe and Southeast Asia as well as luxury cruises on Egypt's Nile on board a private luxury charter. In 2019, Scenic introduced *Scenic Eclipse*, The World's First Discovery YachtTM, a 228-guest ultraluxury ship, and in 2023, unveiled its sister, *Scenic Eclipse II*, continuing Scenic's commitment to raising the cruise industry standards to new heights, offering several new features. Scenic is part of Scenic Group, which includes Emerald Cruises, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours.

Scenic can be found on Twitter at @ScenicLuxury, on Facebook as ScenicCruises and on Instagram as Scenic.luxurycruisestours.

Additional information on these and other cruises, brochures and reservations can be obtained via travel advisors or in Canada, for Scenic: <u>www.scenic.ca</u>, phone (866) 689-8611, or email: <u>info@scenic.ca</u>. Brochures can also be downloaded directly from the websites. Brochures can also be downloaded directly from the websites.

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