Great Journey through Europe: The Rhine River and Switzerland on AMADEUS SILVER III
July 17-27, 2020
with Christie McDonald
This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake, and mountain travel including five nights aboard the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III. Journey through the western heart of the Continent through the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland, cruising the fabled Rhine River. Specially arranged guided excursions feature five great UNESCO World Heritage sites—explore Amsterdam’s storybook canals, visit Cologne’s Gothic cathedral, cruise through the heart of the Middle Rhine Valley, tour the Alsatian city of Strasbourg and walk through Bern’s Old Town. Also visit Germany’s medieval Rüdesheim and 13th-century Heidelberg Castle. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne, Switzerland. Ride aboard three legendary railways—the Gornergrat Bahn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Andermatt and the Pilatus Railway—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. This is the program of a lifetime at an exceptional value! Complement your journey with the two-night Amsterdam Pre-Program Option.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
Many of the cities and towns being visited were founded centuries ago, and the terrain is rugged. Therefore, a fair amount of walking along narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors or uneven and/or slippery terrain and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions often cover distances of at least one mile/1.6 km and are approximately three hours in length.

Please note: Mount Pilatus (6,995 ft./2132 m), the Gornergrat Bahn (10,275 ft./3132 m), and the surrounding Alps are located at high altitudes. The Gornergrat is a day excursion, and participants will have the option of getting off the train at various altitudes and returning to the hotel at their leisure. Participants with heart or lung conditions may want to consult their physician before departure. To minimize the effects of the higher elevation, avoid cigarettes, alcohol, and heavy foods; drink plenty of water, and get plenty of rest.
Schedule by Day

FRIDAY, JULY 17 AND SATURDAY, JULY 18

U.S. / Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam. On arrival, enjoy a private cruise along the city’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated canals, lined with distinctively Dutch 16th- and 17th-century canal houses. Then, embark the deluxe AMADEUS SILEVER III.

Join your travel companions for the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner on July 18. (r,d)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Cologne, Germany

Arrive in one of Germany’s most ancient cities, founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C. Since Charlemagne, Cologne has flourished as the Rhinelan’s foremost mercantile and religious center, and it is the birthplace of the world-famous original Eau de Cologne perfume.

Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral). The nation’s finest example of High Gothic architecture, the Kölner Dom took six centuries to complete. Admire the cathedral’s lauded treasures, including the crisp Klosterberg. Stop in Rüdesheim, the medieval heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the whimsical Winzerexpress mini-train, while traveling through bucolic vineyards en route to a private wine tasting, which highlights local Rieslings, including the crisp Klosterberg.

Reboard the ship and cruise through the dramatic UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley, where with nearly each bend in the river, terraced vineyards rise on steep slopes, medieval castles crown remote crags and tranquil villages emerge along peaceful banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Visit medieval Heidelberg Castle overlooking Alte Brücke and Heidelberg’s Old Town, where Mark Twain once lived.

Here, Germany’s Roman past dates to 9 B.C., during Augustus Caesar’s reign. From the landmark Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, the former residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier, across the Rhine River, and see the twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, showcasing the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

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To many on the historic “Grand Tour” of Europe, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of Romanticism.

On the walking tour, see the preservation of Heidelberg’s authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, manifested in sites such as the eight remaining arches of its famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge). Visit the stately ruins of Heidelberg Castle, the 13th-century embodiment of the city’s medieval past perched above the river. (b,l,d)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Strasbourg, France

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses Old and New Europe with French and German influence. In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old City, cobblestone lanes weave around medieval houses, and the 13th-century Ponts Couverts, bridges flanked by watchtowers, span idyllic canals.

In Strasbourg, John Calvin first established a reformed parish; view remnants of the Reformation in St-Pierre-le-Vieux, a simultaneum used by Protestant and Catholic parishioners. See the Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, whose graceful sandstone exterior, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

The Petite France district evokes a fairy tale, with its historic miller, tanner and fishermen’s quarter of half-timbered houses along the Ill River. Nearby, member nations of the European Union engage in the daily discourse of the European Parliament. Enjoy a Reception and the Captain’s Farewell Dinner this evening onboard the ship. (b,l,d)

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THURSDAY, JULY 23
Basel, Switzerland / Bern / Zermatt
Disembark the ship in Basel.
Transfer across the bucolic Swiss countryside to Switzerland’s capital, Bern. Tour its beautifully preserved Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site framed by its signature 15th-century arcades and the Aare River.
Enjoy lunch in an 18th-century High Baroque-style granary, today a traditional Bernese restaurant.
Journey from the Bernese Oberland to admire the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Jungfrau, an imposing summit known as the “Top of Europe.” En route to Zermatt, admire the soaring Alps, Switzerland’s stunning archetype of snowcapped peaks, crystal clear glacial lakes, and densely wooded forests. Upon arrival in Zermatt, check into the deluxe Hotel Schweizerhof Zermatt, located beneath the dramatic pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. (b,l)

FRIDAY, JULY 24
Zermatt
Ascend through pine and larch forests, crossing meadows ablaze with wildflowers and passing distant peaks blanketed by snow, aboard the highest cog railway in Europe, the Gornergrat Bahn. Sweeping vistas of breathtaking Alpine scenery unfold from atop the 10,100-foot summit, where the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and the Dufourspitze mountains and the vast Gorner Glacier extend beyond your periphery. Return to Zermatt at your leisure; enjoy stops including Riffelberg, featuring a panoramic view of the Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn. (e)

SATURDAY, JULY 25
Zermatt / Andermatt / Lucerne
Wind through the heart of the Alps to Andermatt aboard the fabled Glacier Express, “the world’s slowest express train,” and delight in the surrounding natural beauty through panoramic windows along this ingenious rail route.
Enjoy lunch in Andermatt before continuing to the five-star Bürgenstock Resort’s Waldhotel. (b,l)

SUNDAY, JULY 26
Lucerne
The rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi reflected in a deep blue lake make Lucerne a long-favored travel destination. Begin your walking tour amid historic burggers’ houses in the Weinmarkt (wine market); then, see the Hofkirche (Court Church), an exceptional example of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Walk underneath tableaus of Swiss history and mythology painted on the arched roof of the 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, Lucerne’s most famous landmark, spanning the Reuss River.
Reach Mount Pilatus’s 7,000-foot summit by panoramic gondola for a 360-degree vista of central Switzerland’s unforgettable topography and lunch in a summit restaurant. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, and descend nearly 5,400 feet in less than three miles to Lake Lucerne. Cruise along its placid waters—the glistening namesake of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata,” surrounded by the magnificent Swiss Alps.
Enjoy the Farewell Reception this evening in the hotel. (b,l,r)

MONDAY, JULY 27
Lucerne / Zurich / U.S.
Following breakfast, transfer to Zurich for your return flight to the U.S. (b)

What is Included:
• Expert insights from Harvard Study Leader Christie McDonald
• Five-night cruise aboard the AMADEUS Silver III
• Air-conditioned, river-view suite or stateroom
• Complimentary wine and beer served at lunch and dinner throughout the cruise
• Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting)
• All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
• Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom board your ship and on included excursions
• Services of a program manager throughout the program
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
• $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Silver III features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The 84 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower; most have a minibar.

The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi (conditions permitting), beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio and Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has been earned the important “Green Globe Certificate” of environmental sustainability.

Rates Per Person

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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.
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Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral).

Trip Sampling

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

The Golden Age of Amsterdam

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

$1,045 per person, double occupancy
$1,495 per person, single occupancy

The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect prelude to your Great Journey. Enjoy a private cruise along romantic waterways lined with distinctly Dutch gabled grachtenpanden (canal houses) and visit the world-class Rijksmuseum to see masterworks by Rembrandt, Vermeer and van Gogh as well as an exquisite collection of Delftware, the celebrated Dutch blue and white pottery. Enjoy a full-day excursion to quaint Edam, world famous for its cheese, to visit the elegant Carillon Tower and 15th-century Great Church, and historic Hoorn, one of the great seafaring towns of the Golden Age. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe AmsterdAm reNAisaNce Hotel.

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Journey in Greece for Students & Alumni
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Keith Stone
Moroccan Discovery
MAY 8-20, 2020
Kay Shelemay
Village Life in Dordogne
MAY 14-22, 2020
Susan Rubin Suleiman

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Expedition To Antarctica on Le Boreal
JAN 15-28, 2020
James Salzman
Scottish Isles & Norway’s Fjords on Le Champlain
MAY 30-JUN 7, 2020
Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

RIVERS & LAKES

Southern Africa Adventure on Zambezi Queen
MAR 12-28, 2020
Leeanne Alonso & Alfonso Alonso
Springtime In Provence & Burgundy (Lyon to Lyon) on Amadeus Provence
MAY 6-14, 2020
Richard Thomas

European Coastal Civilizations: Lisbon to London’s Tower Bridge on Le Dumont-D’Urville
APR 27-May 6, 2020
John Stewart
Ancient Empires: Rome To Malta on Le Bougainville
MAY 24 – JUN 1, 2020
Daniel Donoghue
Danube River: Vienna To The Black Sea on Amadeus Queen
OCT 4–16, 2020
Thomas Forrest Kelly

FAMILY ADVENTURES

Greece Family Odyssey: The Peloponnesse on Running On Waves
JUN 18–27, 2020
James Simpson
Japan Family Adventure (Tokyo, Kyoto & Hiroshima)
JUN 27–JUL 8, 2020
Ted Gilman
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