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Great Journey through Europe: The Rhine River and Switzerland

on Amadeus Silver III July 17-27, 2020 with Christie McDonald





Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of Germany's legendary UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley.

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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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.

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Study Leaders



Christie McDonald is the Smith Professor of French Language and Literature in the Department of Romance Languages

and Literatures and professor of comparative literature at Harvard University. From 2000-2006, she served as Chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. She and her husband, Michael Rosengarten, are faculty deans of Mather House at Harvard.

Born and raised in New York City, McDonald's love for France and the French language began when she first traveled to the country when she was 16 years old. She studied abroad for a year at the Université de Paris before she graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1964. She later earned her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1969.

A literary historian, as well as cultural critic and theorist, McDonald has worked in her research and teaching on 18th and 19th to 21st-century French thought and literature in a comparative context. She has also published in the areas of literature and philosophy, anthropology, feminist theory, and the arts (music and painting).



Visit medieval Heidelberg Castle overlooking 18th-century Alte Brücke and Heidelberg's Old Town, where Mark Twain once lived.

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 distinctly Dutch 16th- and 17th-century canal houses. Then, embark the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER 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 Rhineland'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 medieval stained-glass windows, the bejeweled sarcophagus of the Shrine of Three Kings, the monumental, 10th-century Gero Crucifix, and richly carved 14th-century choir stalls. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 20

Koblenz / Rüdesheim

Dock in historic Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, for a walking tour. 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.

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 Rocklegend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

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 pastoral Rheingau, Germany's most famous wine-growing region. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 21 Mannheim for Heidelberg

This morning, transfer from Mannheim to Heidelberg. where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, the oldest in Germany, founded in 1386.

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.

AMSTERDAM

FRANCE

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BASEL

Matterhorn

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 Älte Brücke (Öld 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 III 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,R,D)

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GERMANY Rhine Valley RÜDESHEIM RÜDESHEIM MANNHEIM HEIDELBERG SWITZERLAND ZURICH LUCERNE ANDERMATT TÄSCH ITALY

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 SCHEWEIZERHOF 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



Walk across Strasbourg's Ponts Covverts in the enchanting Petite France district on the Grande Île (Big Island).

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. (B)

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 burghers' 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.

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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.

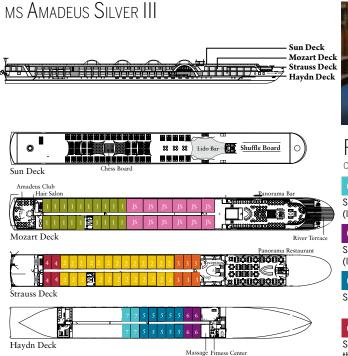
Following breakfast, transfer to Zurich for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

What is Included:

- Expert insights from Harvard Study Leader Christie McDonald
- Five-night cruise abord 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

CATEGORY 7 \$4,310

Stateroom with window. *Haydn Deck, aft.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 6 \$5,010

Stateroom with window. *Haydn Deck, forward*. (limited availability)

CATEGORY 5 \$5,810

Stateroom with window. *Haydn Deck, midship*. Single Pricing: \$9,610

CATEGORY 4

\$6,310

Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to **French-balcony** height; minibar. *Strauss Deck, aft*. (limited availability)

CATEGORY 3

\$6,610

Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to **French-balcony** height; minibar. **Strauss Deck, forward.** (limited availability)

CATEGORY 2 \$7,110

Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to **French-balcony** height; minibar. *Strauss Deck, aft and midship.*

Single Pricing: \$11,810

CATEGORY 1

\$7,910

Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to **French-balcony** height; minibar. *Mozart Deck, aft and midship.*

JUNIOR SUITE \$8,310

Suite with **private balcony** (sliding glass doors with railing), large sitting area with minibar. *Mozart Deck, midship and forward.*

Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.





ss the oldest wooden bridge in Switzerland, the beloved Chapel Bridge, built in 1333 and ed with paintings of historic Lucerne.

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 RENAISSANCE HOTEL.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Island Life: Greek Islands on Le Bougainville OCT 8-16, 2020 James Salzman

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Towering spires crown Cologne's majestic Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral).



European Coastal Civilizations: Lisbon to London's Tower Bridge on Le DUMONT-D'URVILLE APR 27-MAY 6, 2020 John Stewart

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