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The Great Journey through Europe

June 28 to July 9, 2023

with **Christie McDonald**




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La Petite France in Strasbourg lined with cobblestone lanes.

Traverse four countries and the western heart of the continent on this Great Journey through Europe, cruising the Moselle and Rhine rivers. Experience three of the world's great railway journeys—the panoramic **GLACIER EXPRESS**, the scenic **GÖRNERGRAT BAHN**, and the dramatic **PILATUS RAILWAY**—and delight in the opportunity to experience six UNESCO World Heritage sites. Spend two nights in the five-star **HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUCERNE**, ideally located on the shores of Lake Lucerne. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe **AMADEUS IMPERIAL**, one of the finest boats to ply the waters of Europe, from Amsterdam to Basel. Port calls in Germany include Cologne, Cochem, and Mannheim for Heidelberg—a highlight of historical “Grand Tours” of Europe. Also visit the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Activity Level 3: 

Busy pacing may include multiple hotel changes plus internal flights or long drives. May involve exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and walking up to two hours.

Study Leaders



Christie McDonald

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

and Literatures and Research 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, were faculty deans of Mather House at Harvard from 2010 to 2017. A literary historian, as well as cultural critic and theorist, Recently, she is the author *The Life and Art of Anne Eisner: An American Artist between Cultures* (2020) as well as a major chapter on 18th century French women writers (1715-1793) in the French publication *Femmes, littérature. Une histoire Culturelle* (Gallimard, 2020). As co-editor she has published Proust and the Arts (2015), *Rousseau and Freedom* (2010), and *French Global: A New Approach to French Literary History* (2010). Among other honors, McDonald is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and was named Commandeur in the French Palmes Académiques. She divides her time between Cambridge, Massachusetts, and northern Vermont.

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Schedule by Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28
AND THURSDAY, JUNE 29

U.S./Amsterdam, The Netherlands/ Embark the river boat

Depart the U.S. and cruise along Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage site canals, lined with distinctly Dutch 16th- and 17th-century canal houses. Embark the AMADEUS IMPERIAL and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception. (R,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Cologne, Germany

Explore Cologne's Old Town and see the UNESCO World Heritage-designated *Kölner Dom*. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Cochem

Enjoy a walking tour of charming

Cochem with a visit to the Imperial Reichsburg castle. Cruise the narrow Moselle River Valley, known for its abundance

Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley to see Lorelei Rock, stop in the heart of the Rudesheim wine country, and enjoy



Enjoy the impressive view from the castle of the Moselle valley with its dreamy mixed forests and vineyards.

of vineyards clinging to the steep sides. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Koblenz/ Rudesheim

Dock in Koblenz, positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, for a walking tour. Cruise through the UNESCO World

a trip aboard the whimsical WINZEREXPRESS mini-train ending your tour with a tasting at the Wine Cellar. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 3

Mannheim for Heidelberg

Travel to Heidelberg, a highlight of the historical "Grand Tours" of Europe.



Take in the stunning views of Rudesheim while enjoying a trip on the WINZEREXPRESS.

Discover the city's Renaissance-Baroque ambiance and visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Strasbourg, France

Walk through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated La Petite France in Strasbourg, where medieval houses line cobblestone lanes and 13th-century bridges span idyllic canals. Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception on board the boat this evening. (B,L,R,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Basel, Switzerland/ Disembark river boat/Bern/ Zermatt

Disembark and travel to Switzerland's capital, Bern. Tour its beautifully preserved,

UNESCO-inscribed Old Town and admire Interlaken en route to Zermatt. This evening, check into the Alpine resort of Zermatt, SCHWEIZERHOF ZERMATT, located beneath the

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



Explore the ruins around the Heidelberg Castle.

pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Zermatt

Ascend through pine and larch forests aboard

serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm, the Dufourspitze mountains, and the vast Gorner Glacier extend beyond your periphery. (B)



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Step 3: Look for an **email confirmation** from Harvard Alumni Travels.

All bookings are conducted online only.

Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip web page (link above).

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Zermatt/Lucerne

Board the GLACIER EXPRESS, “the world’s slowest express train”, to Andermatt for lunch. Then, enjoy a scenic transfer to Lucerne and check into the five-star SCHWEIZERHOF HOTEL. (B,L)

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Lucerne

Begin your walking tour in the Weinmarkt and

the Chapel Bridge, then see the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives during the French Revolution. Reach Mount Pilatus’ 7,000-foot summit by panoramic gondola for a 360-degree vista. Board the PILATUS RAILWAY to ascend nearly 5,400 feet in less than three miles. Cruise across the lake to Lucerne.

This evening, enjoy the farewell reception and dinner with your fellow travelers at the hotel.

(B,L,R)

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Lucerne/Zurich/Return to home city

After breakfast, transfer to Zurich for your return flight to your home city.

(B)

Enjoy a cruise around Lake Lucerne.



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Experience the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible perspectives on the panoramic GLACIER EXPRESS.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMSTERDAM PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

The historic heart of Amsterdam—laced with stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses—is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect introduction to your Great Journey through Europe. Take in the stunning sights as you cruise around Amsterdam’s tree-shaded trees. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and historic Hoorn, one of the great seafaring towns of the Golden Age. Enjoy a full-day excursion to quaint Edam, world famous for its cheese, and visit the town hall, Speeltoren (tower), the 15th Century Grotekerk, and tour the Old Town. During your tour of Edam, enjoy lunch at the L’AUGERGE DAMHOTEL RESTAURANT. Accommodations are for two nights in a deluxe hotel.

Double Pricing: \$995 Single Pricing: \$1,295



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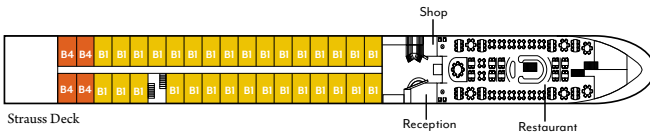
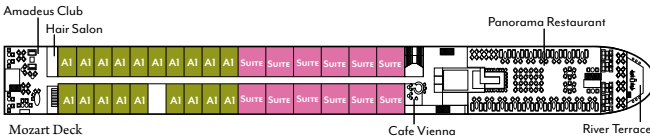
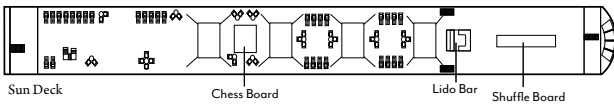
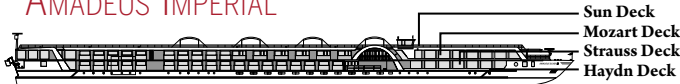
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AMADEUS IMPERIAL



Rates Per Person

CATEGORY/DECK

C4 \$4,340

Stateroom with small panoramic window.
Haydn Deck, midship.

C1 \$4,740

Stateroom with small panoramic window.
Haydn Deck, midship.

B4 \$5,440

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

B1 \$5,940

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

A1 \$6,540

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

SUITE \$7,140

Suite with **private balcony** (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa, and bath robes. **Mozart Deck, midship.**



The elegant and meticulously crafted AMADEUS IMPERIAL 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.

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