

Cruise the Heart *of* Europe

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Dear Carolina alumni and friends,

Celebrated in art and song, Europe's great rivers carved borders, created trade routes and cultivated traditions and cultures that live on today. Unpack once and travel in comfort from Amsterdam to Budapest aboard a first-class ship. Enjoy an intimate look at five distinct countries: The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.

Create wonderful moments for your travel memoir while cruising along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, passing scenic banks steeped in centuries of human history. Indulge in regional foods and wines, and gaze at wonderfully preserved architecture in some of the world's grandest cities. Follow your heart's desire during ample free time. We've also included an extensive selection of excursions to personalize your journey in many ports, allowing you to fully experience this epic region of Europe.

During your voyage, you'll benefit from the value of group travel and enjoy preferred access to popular attractions that will deepen your understanding of Europe. Space is limited, and this popular program is sure to sell out quickly, so book this experience today!

Go Heels and travel the world,

Audrey, Catherine and Douglass

Audrey '13, Catherine '89 and Douglass '04
Carolina Alumni Travel Office

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Seventeenth-Century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam
2. Cologne Cathedral
3. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
4. Town of Bamberg
5. Old town of Regensburg
6. Würzburg Residence
7. Wachau Cultural Landscape
8. Historic Center of Vienna
9. Frontiers of the Roman Empire - The Danube Limes (Western Segment)
10. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube





A World of Discovery



This carefree cruising adventure showcases Europe's heartland! Gaze in delight at peaceful landscapes unfolding before you. Step off the ship to visit laid-back harbor towns, fabled medieval villages and illustrious cities steeped in legacies. Connect with day-to-day life while sampling regional foods and wines, and meet local musicians and performers who are eager to share their culture with you. It will be an epic journey filled with merriment and wonder!

Top: Dürnstein, Wachau Valley | Above: Spiral staircase, Melk Abbey

Cover: Danube River, Budapest

Mail panel: Strauss Monument, Vienna | Old town, Bratislava

Inspiring Moments



- Unravel centuries of history and culture in **Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.**
- Cruise along **Amsterdam's lovely canals**, passing traditional gabled houses and classic Dutch architecture.
- View the memorable **Loreley Rock and Wachau Valley** as you glide along the legendary Main, Rhine and Danube rivers.
- Wander along the cobblestones of **Bratislava's welcoming old town.**
- Linger inside **Melk Abbey**, perched on a rocky bluff above the Danube River.
- Sail through the **Main-Danube Canal**, a civil-engineering wonder.
- Feast your eyes on **Budapest's** twinkling landmarks during an evening cruise.
- Applaud the grace of talented dancers during a **Viennese waltz show.**
- Experience ten **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🌐

Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 and embark the ship.

Amsterdam's Canals. Hop aboard a canal cruiser to admire the city's ornate bridges, pretty islands and charming Dutch homes.

Day 3 | Amsterdam

Enrichment: *Contemporary Holland.*

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Rijksmuseum.** Join an audio tour of the Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other great artists.
- **Waterland Biking.** Stretch your legs during a cycling tour of scenic Waterland. *(Active)*
- **Canal District.** Delight in Amsterdam's canals during a walking tour of the Herengracht. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 4 | Cologne, Germany

Cologne Walking Tour. Explore the medieval quarter, stopping to visit the Gothic-style, 13th-century Kölner Dom cathedral.

Day 5 | Koblenz

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Koblenz.** Behold Koblenz! See the Town Hall, the Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more
- **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** A cable car whisks you to this battlement above the Rhine River. Take a tour and learn about its storied history. Glide by the Loreley Rock, and pass by castles and hills of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

Day 6 | Miltenberg

Settle in while cruising the Main River today.

Frühshoppen. Grab your friends and head to the sun deck for a German tradition. Sip beer and dig into pretzels, sausages and mustards.

Miltenberg. This romantic town brims with traditional half-timbered homes and taverns. Pass by the Town Hall and Germany's oldest inn with its storybook façade. Join a tasting of Franconian wines and delicious brandies.

Day 7 | Würzburg

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Würzburg Residenz & City Walk.** Visit one of Europe's finest baroque palaces, followed by a gentle stroll through the historic city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Traverse the Franconian heartland. Spend time in the well-preserved medieval city, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Day 8 | Bamberg

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Bamberg.** Explore this Bavarian town. See the Neptune Fountain and the fisherman's quarter.
- **Culinary Delights.** A gastronomic adventure awaits! Sample local specialties at a bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and more.

Day 9 | Nuremberg

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Nuremberg.** See the city's castle, the World War II courthouse, and lively old town.
- **History of Nazi Party Exhibit.** Visit a special Interim Exhibition that presents the history of the Nazi Party Rallies and the Rallie Grounds.



Budapest by night

- **Rural Life.** Experience the tranquil German countryside. Visit a family-run Franconian farm, chat with the family and have lunch.

Day 10 | Regensburg

Grab a spot on the sun deck and enjoy a morning of cruising to Regensburg.

Regensburg. Uncover the highlights of Regensburg, including the Porta Praetoria, St. Peter's Cathedral, the Stone Bridge and portions of the old Roman Tower. After, visit the Thurn und Taxis royal residence.

Enrichment: *The Main-Danube Canal.*

Day 11 | Passau

Discover Passau. Take a walk and witness the Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the former Niedernburg Abbey, the New Bishop's Residence and the Old Bishop's Residence.

Day 12 | Melk, Austria | Dürnstein

Melk Abbey. Tour this baroque sensation, from its opulent church to the gorgeous library.

Cruise the Wachau Valley where whimsical villages and castles peek from emerald hills.

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Dürnstein.** Admire baroque architecture and visit the Stiftskirche, known for its blue tower.

Half-timbered homes, Miltenberg



- **Danube Cycling.** Pedal through villages and vineyards while exploring part of the Danube Cycle Trail with a guide. (Active)

- **Wachau Winery.** Stop in at a winery for a tour and tasting of Wachau Valley wines.

Day 13 | Vienna

Enrichment: *Timeless Vienna.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Imperial Vienna.** Step inside Hofburg Palace to visit the Imperial Apartments. Then, enjoy a drive along the leafy Ringstrasse.

- **Vienna Woods.** Explore the hills and forests of Austria. Pause at a viewpoint and stop at a local café for refreshments. (Active)

- **Schönbrunn Palace.** Tour this opulent royal residence that was the summer home of the Habsburgs, and walk through the gardens.

🌐AHI Connects | **Viennese Waltz.** Watch dancers perform the Viennese waltz.

Day 14 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: *The Velvet Revolution.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Old Town & Café.** See the Slovak National Theater, St. Martin's Cathedral, St. Michael's Gate and Primate's Palace.

Waltz performance, Vienna



Included Features



- **Old Town & Music.** Explore venues associated with Beethoven and other artists, followed by a show by a young musician.
- **Hidden Vines of Bratislava.** Escape the city to see whimsical villages and vineyards. Visit a winery and enjoy a tasting of local wines. Celebrate your exciting journey with a special Farewell Reception and Dinner.



Day 15 | Budapest, Hungary

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:



- **Budapest.** On a panoramic tour, see Heroes' Square, the Hungarian State Opera House, the Parliament and Fisherman's Bastion.
- **Living Local.** Browse food and craft stalls in the Great Market Hall. Visit a coffee house for strudel and *palinka*, the local schnapps.
- **Jewish Quarter.** Witness Budapest's Great Synagogue and the poignant Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial.


Budapest by Night. Tonight, you'll be treated to the awe-inspiring sight of an illuminated Budapest during an evening cruise!


Day 16 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 PYJ experiences are included.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

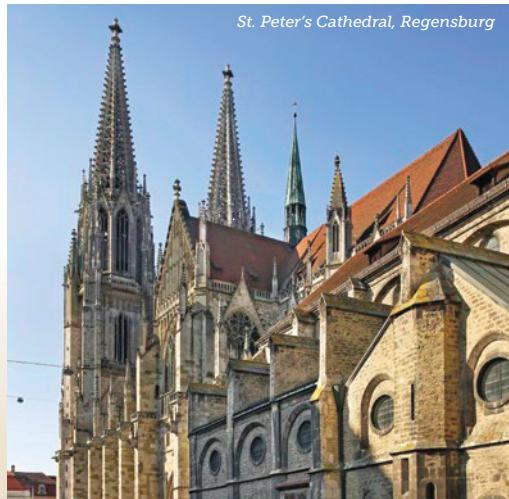
- **Unpack once** and sail for **14 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Imperial.

Extensive Meal Program

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 5 countries** during this program.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



St. Peter's Cathedral, Regensburg

EXTEND YOUR STAY



Amsterdam | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Get to know alluring Amsterdam's lively districts and world-class museums! This extension includes two nights at the centrally located, first-class Amsterdam Marriott; a guided visit to the National Maritime Museum in the Old Harbor; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,470 single occupancy



Budapest | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore more of outstanding Budapest, plus an included tour of Szentendre! This extension includes two nights at the first-class InterContinental Budapest; daily breakfasts and one lunch; a tour of Szentendre and its Ceramics Museum; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

\$895 per person, double occupancy | \$1,245 single occupancy

Reserve your trip today!

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Program Dates

Travel dates †

May 6-21, 2025

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

May 7-21, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$6,740	\$5,990
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$6,940	\$6,190
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$7,740	\$6,990
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$7,940	\$7,190
A-Mozart	\$8,740	\$7,990
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$9,240	\$8,490

Early Booking Special Price includes \$750 special savings.

*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by date on address panel and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person.

Suite category features a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a panoramic window.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT & Port Charges in the amount of \$495 per person is included in the above prices.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://norcar.ahitravel.com/destinations/1859A?schoolId=114>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

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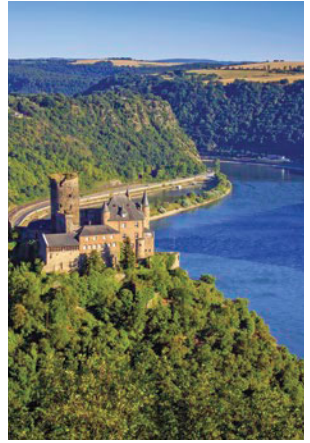
Step aboard this elegant, 84-cabin ship, reminiscent of a grand European hotel. Cruise in exceptional comfort and style while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its seasoned crew. Savor delectable breakfast and luncheon buffets and delight in sophisticated, regionally inspired dinner menus. Wine, beer and soft drinks complement both lunch and dinner. Onboard amenities include a sun deck, fitness center and massage room. Each evening, relax in your cabin or suite, which features satellite TV and a private bathroom with a shower. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Upper Middle Rhine Valley

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators each offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Cologne Cathedral



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