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# Carolina Alumni

## Dear Carolina alumni and friends,

We invite your whole family to join fellow Tar Heels and friends on this enriching, seven-night adventure along the Rhine and Moselle rivers, cruising from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Unpack once aboard your first-class ship, designed specifically for river cruising, and enjoy more time to experience the cultural riches of great river cities and towns.

To ensure the river journey is fun, enlightening and relaxing for the entire family, two Youth Directors are on board. Younger travelers will enjoy onboard games and activities while the ship is cruising.

Throughout your voyage, delight in many highlights: float along Amsterdam's charming canals, marvel at UNESCO World Heritage cathedrals in Cologne and Speyer and sail through the Rhine Gorge. Tailor your experience with a choice of included, family-oriented excursions and gain meaningful historical and cultural insights from expert local guides and lecturers.

You'll also enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and feel the thrill of making your own discoveries. Space on this popular cruise fills quickly so we encourage you to reserve your spot today!

Go Heels and travel the world,

*Audrey, Catherine and Douglas*

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

*Participation in this tour is a Carolina Alumni member benefit. Join or renew today at [alumni.unc.edu/join](http://alumni.unc.edu/join). (\$50 for individuals, \$60 for couples). The Carolina Alumni Travel Office may be reached at 877-962-3980 or [enrichment@unc.edu](mailto:enrichment@unc.edu).*

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt**, France
2. **Speyer Cathedral**, Germany
3. **Upper Middle Rhine Valley**, Germany
4. **Cologne Cathedral**, Germany
5. **The 17th-century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht**, Netherlands





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# A World of Discovery



Imagine the memories you'll create with your loved ones as you explore France, Germany and the Netherlands together! Embark on a carefree, seven-night river cruise that reveals the historic riches of Old World cities and towns along storied rivers. Tailor your journey with a choice of included, family-friendly excursions in Strasbourg, Speyer, Heidelberg, Rudesheim, Cologne and Amsterdam. Plus, the young people will have activities geared to their interests!

Top: Upper Middle Rhine Valley | Above: Strasbourg  
Cover: Reichsburg Castle above Cochem  
Mail panel: Amsterdam | Family enjoying their travels

## Inspiring Moments



- **Share your love of travel with family** and create cherished memories.
- Revel in **Amsterdam's wonderful ambiance** as you float along its picturesque Golden Age canals.
- Feel enveloped in the **Rhine Valley's enchanting scenery** of hilltop castles, vine-laced slopes and medieval towns.
- Delight in the Alsatian flavor of Grande île, **Strasbourg's historic heart**.
- Be awed by the Gothic grandeur of **Cologne Cathedral**.
- Take in the **serene Moselle river valley** from the castle high above Cochem.
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

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Strasbourg

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🌐

### Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Basel

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 to Basel and embark the ship to begin your adventure.

Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Throughout the journey, young travelers will participate in fun, engaging activities organized by the Youth Directors while cruising!

### Day 3 | Strasbourg, France

The ship moors in the Alsace region's capital.

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Strasbourg Panorama.** See the city's blend of German and French influences on a guided walking tour, and visit Notre Dame Cathedral.
- **Strasbourg Canal Cruise & Petite France Walking Tour.** Discover this picturesque quarter by boat, with a special youth focus, and on foot to visit Notre Dame Cathedral.
- **Culinary Strasbourg.** Sample authentic Alsatian dishes and wines in *winstubs*, small wine pubs, and other shops, and visit Notre Dame Cathedral along the way.

**Free Time:** This afternoon, take advantage of a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center to craft your own plans in Strasbourg!

The ship departs Strasbourg and cruises overnight to Speyer.

### Day 4 | Speyer, Germany | Mannheim | Heidelberg

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Speyer Walking Tour.** See the Romanesque

cathedral, the 13th-century Old Gate and other sites in one of Germany's oldest cities.

- **Speyer Technik Museum.** Explore cool exhibits including a submarine, space shuttle and jumbo jet, plus vintage cars, trucks and thousands of other exhibits. *(Active)*

Return to the ship for lunch on board and cruise to Mannheim.

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Heidelberg Castle & Town.** Visit the grand, hillside castle overlooking the Neckar Valley, and take a walk in the romantic old town.
- **Hike Heidelberg's Philosopher's Way.** Hike up the path to the Philosopher's Garden and relish gorgeous views and snacks. *(Active)*

The ship departs Mannheim and cruises overnight to Rudesheim.

### Day 5 | Rudesheim | Rhine Gorge | Koblenz

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Wines of the Rhine.** Ride a tram among the vineyards near Rudesheim and along the bustling Drosselgasse in the old town. Then, sample fine wines at a local vintner.
- **A Musical Walk in Time.** Ride a tram among the vineyards near Rudesheim and along the bustling Drosselgasse in the old town. Then, visit a captivating museum of self-playing self-playing musical instruments.

Have your camera ready this afternoon as the ship sails through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a splendid, gently curving stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

**Enrichment: Castles & Legends of the Rhine.**



The ship arrives in Koblenz, docking overnight.

**Koblenz.** See the Church of Our Lady and more on a guided walk in this storied town set where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet.

#### Day 6 | Moselle River | Cochem

After sailing through a narrow portion of the Moselle River flanked by colorful villages and tiered vineyards, the ship docks in Cochem.

**German Lunch.** On board the ship, delight in a traditional meal, featuring beer, fresh pretzels, sausages and mustards.

**Cochem & the Reichsburg Castle.** Hear about Cochem's rich folklore and see its half-timbered houses on a guided walk, then explore the castle with a special ghost tour! Late this evening, the ship cruises to Cologne.

#### Day 7 | Cologne

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

- **Cologne Walking Tour.** Stroll through the old town to marvel at the majestic 13th-century Gothic cathedral and other historic gems. Afterward, there will be free time to visit local shops or stop at a café.
- **Cologne Chocolate Museum.** Learn about

Above: Speyer | Below: Waterland bicycle ride



Jordaan District, Amsterdam

the history of this scrumptious treat, see the landmark chocolate fountain—at 3 meters high and filled with 400 pounds of warm, liquid chocolate—and enjoy a tasting.

Depart Cologne and cruise to the Netherlands.

This evening, share stories of your adventures with your fellow travelers at a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner, highlighted by a special program for the young travelers.

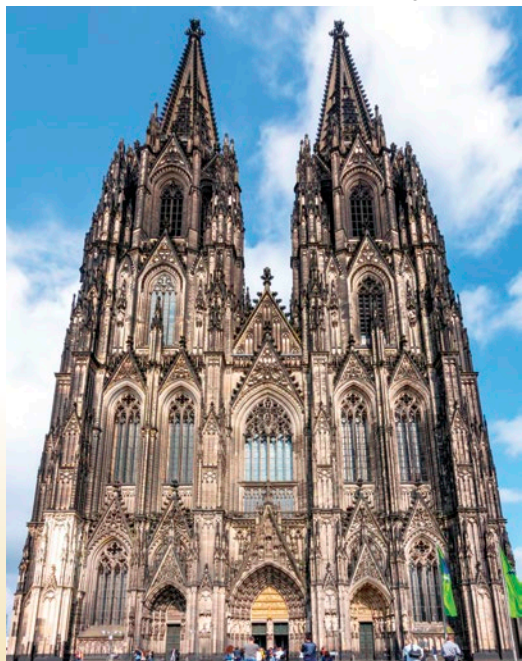
The ship cruises overnight to Amsterdam.

#### Day 8 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

- **Rijksmuseum.** Enjoy the scenery on a ride through Amsterdam en route to Netherlands' national museum. Here, view the outstanding art collection representing 800 years of Dutch

Cologne Cathedral





history, including national treasures by great Dutch masters including Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh, Hals and others.

- **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Take a guided ride to embrace the Dutch cycling culture as you pedal through lush Waterland dotted with historic fishing villages. Stop in Broek for a coffee and pastry break. *(Active)*
- **Jordaan District Walking and Food Tour.** Pop into shops in this trendy district to try Dutch treats along the way, like sweet *poffertjes*, *kibbeling* and fresh cheeses.

Enjoy lunch and time at leisure on the ship.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Europe.** A local expert explains the European Union and touches upon the current state of affairs in Europe.

**Canals of Amsterdam.** Take a guided cruise this evening to admire this beguiling city from the water. Pass through tree-lined canals to see the tall narrow homes lining the water, its famous Skinny Bridge and dozens of islands.

## Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, disembark the ship and 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

## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Cara.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner for the adults.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- Two dedicated **Youth Directors** to manage an onboard program for the younger travelers.
- 👤 **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- 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.

View of Heidelberg from Philosopher's Way



## **EXTEND YOUR STAY**



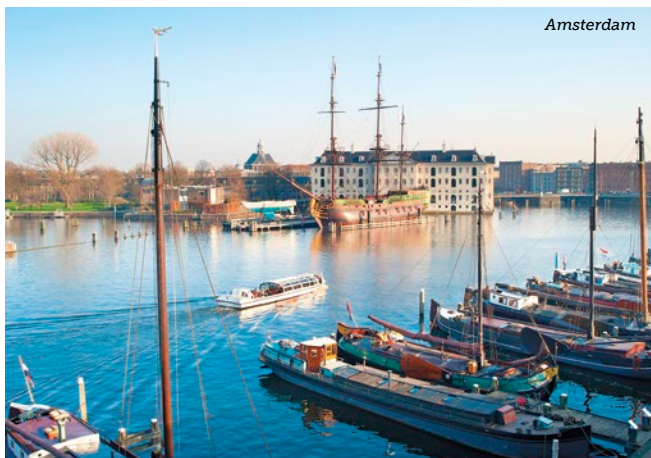
*Interlaken*

### **Interlaken** | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Experience the incredible natural beauty of Switzerland during a two-night stay in the heart of the Bernese Oberland! This extension includes two nights at the deluxe Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa; a guided tour of Bern; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and Hospitality desk; guide and driver gratuities; transfer and baggage handling from the hotel to the ship; and all taxes and service charges.

**\$1,195 per person, double occupancy | \$1,490 single occupancy**



*Amsterdam*

### **Amsterdam** | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore 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 at the National Maritime Museum in the Old Harbor; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; transfer and baggage handling from the ship to the hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

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

# Reserve your trip today!

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## Program Dates

### Travel dates †

**June 21-29, 2024**

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

### Tour dates\*

**June 22-29, 2024**

\* 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	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$4,045	<b>\$3,795</b>
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$4,245	<b>\$3,995</b>
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$4,745	<b>\$4,495</b>
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$4,945	<b>\$4,695</b>
A-Mozart	\$5,445	<b>\$5,195</b>
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$5,945	<b>\$5,695</b>

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

**\*Special Price includes \$250 special savings. Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.**

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

**Price for Child, Ages 7-16:** \$1,000 credit.

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/1813A?schoold=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.



# MS Amadeus Cara



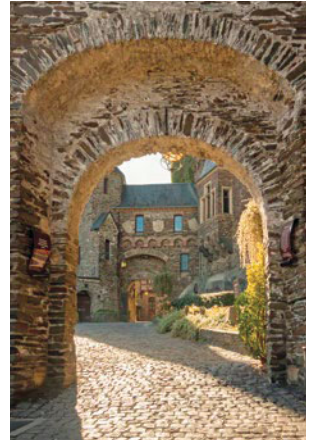
Step aboard the sophisticated, recently debuted MS Amadeus Cara, evocative of a grand European hotel, where your comfort and enjoyment are the highest priority. The seasoned crew of the MS Amadeus Cara is dedicated to taking care of each traveler with genuine hospitality and personalized attention. In addition to stellar service, the MS Amadeus Cara has a distinctly timeless ambience. From the beautifully appointed surroundings to fine, gourmet dining and generous, inviting public spaces, your floating luxury hotel provides a carefree stay as you discover Europe's most stunning rivers.

## AHI FlexAir

### 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 without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Reichsburg Castle, Cochem

## 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.

**Passenger Service Representative** offers 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.



Market Square, Koblenz



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