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# Rhine & Moselle Rivers

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL



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## Dear Trojans,

We invite you to join us on this enriching, seven-night adventure along the Rhine and Moselle rivers, cruising from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland! Unpack once aboard your first-class ship, designed specifically for river cruising, and enjoy more time to relish the cultural riches of great river cities and towns in the Netherlands, Germany and France.

Throughout your voyage, delight in many highlights, such as floating along Amsterdam's charming canals; marveling at UNESCO World Heritage cathedrals in Cologne and Speyer; and sailing through the Rhine Gorge, a winding stretch renowned for its beauty. Plus, tailor your experience with a choice of included excursions, featuring cycling, hiking and culinary tours, in select ports.

On this engaging program, 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. For more information or to make a reservation, please call **800-323-7373** or visit **[usc.ahitravel.com](http://usc.ahitravel.com)**. Space on this exclusive journey is limited; our trips often sell out before the special booking date.

Fight on ... and Travel On!



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### UNESCO World Heritage

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



Enjoy an intimate view of European history on this enriching journey to the Netherlands, Germany and France! Embark on a seven-night cruise that reveals the cultural riches of Old World cities and towns along storied rivers. Relish the beauty along Amsterdam's vibrant, iconic canals, marvel at magnificent cathedrals in Cologne, Speyer and Strasbourg, and cruise through the legendary Rhine Gorge.

## Inspiring Moments



- 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.
- Be awed by the Gothic grandeur of **Cologne Cathedral**, more than 600 years in the making.
- Delight in the Alsatian flavor of Grande-Île, **Strasbourg's historic heart.**
- Take in the **serene Moselle river valley** from the castle high above Cochem.
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

*Top: Cologne Cathedral | Above: Upper Middle Rhine Valley  
Cover: Amadeus fleet sailing the Rhine River  
Mail panel: Wine tasting, Rüdesheim | Strasbourg*

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## Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🚢

## Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Transfer to the pier and embark the ship.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Europe.** Delve into current affairs and the European Union.

**Canals of Amsterdam.** Glide past Dutch Golden Age gabled houses and under the city's many charming bridges on a canal cruiser.

## Day 3 | Amsterdam

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

- **Rijksmuseum.** View fabulous art representing 800 years of Dutch history, including national treasures by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals.

- **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Embrace Holland's bicycle culture and pedal through lush Waterland dotted with fishing villages. (Active)

- **Canal District Walking Tour.** Enjoy a walking tour of the Herengracht canal and the fantastic exhibits at the Museum of the Canals.

After lunch on the ship, enjoy some free time.

The ship sails to Cologne late this afternoon.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

## Day 4 | Cologne, Germany

**Free Time:** Relax and enjoy the ship's amenities as you cruise along the Rhine River to Cologne.

**Cologne.** View the old town's historic landmarks and the cathedral's ornamented exterior. Step inside to see the stone columns soaring up to the vaulted ceiling. After your guided walk, shop or linger in a café.

The ship departs Cologne and cruises overnight.

## Day 5 | Moselle River | Cochem

Sail through a narrow portion of the Moselle River, flanked by colorful towns and vineyards.

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

**Cochem & the Reichsburg Castle.** Situated along a bend in the Moselle, Cochem charms with half-timbered houses, winding streets and the hilltop Reichsburg castle overlooking the town. Learn about local folklore and landmarks on a guided walk, then tour the castle and admire the views from above.

## Day 6 | Koblenz | Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim

The ship arrives early this morning in Koblenz.

Amsterdam







*Cochem & Reichsburg Castle on the Moselle River*

**Koblenz.** Koblenz, founded more than 2,000 years ago, sits at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine rivers. Take a guided walk along the old town's lanes and see the Church of Our Lady, the Jesuitenplatz and other highlights.

Sail amid stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch dotted with hilltop castles and fortress ruins.

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

Gain a deeper appreciation for this storied locale's legends from our cruise expert.

Cruise to Rüdesheim, where the ship will dock.

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

• **Wines of the Rhine.** Board a tram for a scenic tour of Rüdesheim, the area's Riesling vineyards, the Eagle Tower, and the town's main street, the Drosselgasse. Taste the region's fine vintages at a local winery.

• **A Musical Walk in Time.** Ride a tram to through Rüdesheim and the surrounding area, and visit a captivating museum of self-playing mechanical musical instruments.

*Koblenz, where the Rhine & Moselle Rivers meet*



The ship cruises overnight toward Mannheim.

**Day 7 | Mannheim | Heidelberg | Speyer**

Arrive in Mannheim early this morning.

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

• **Heidelberg Castle & Town.** Explore the red-walled castle set on the Königstuhl hillside. Take in dramatic views of the Neckar Valley and town, followed by a walk in the romantic historic quarter.

• **Hike Heidelberg's Philosopher's Way.**

Hike up this celebrated winding path. Relax in the Philosopher's Garden, take a snack break and relish the marvelous scenic views of the castle and old town. *(Active)*

Enjoy lunch on the ship and cruise to Speyer.

**Speyer Walking Tour.** Take a guided stroll in the historic area of one of Germany's oldest cities. Admire the stately Romanesque cathedral, the burial place of emperors for almost 300 years; the 13th-century Old Gate and other notable sites.

*View of Heidelberg from Philosopher's Way*





## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

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

### 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.

### 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.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **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.

## Day 8 | Strasbourg, France


This morning, the ship arrives in Strasbourg, the capital of France's Alsace region.

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



- **Strasbourg Panorama.** Discover the city's blend of German and French influences on a scenic walking tour and visit Notre Dame Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic art.
- **Strasbourg Canal Cruise & Petite France.** Enjoy a scenic cruise through delightful canals. Then, take a guided walk and visit Notre Dame Cathedral.
- **Culinary Strasbourg.** Sample authentic Alsatian dishes and wines in the city's *winstubs* (small wine pubs) and other cafés and shops. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral during your walk.


As the ship sails toward Basel, Switzerland, join your fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening.


## Day 9 | Basel, Switzerland | In Transit

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Basel and transfer  to the Zürich 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

Heidelberg Castle above the historic old town





## **EXTEND YOUR STAY**

*National Maritime Museum*



### **Amsterdam** | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore picturesque Amsterdam in greater depth during this two-night stay! This extension includes two nights at the first-class Amsterdam Marriott; a guided walk and visit to the National Maritime Museum; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; transfer and baggage handling from the hotel to the ship; and all taxes and service charges.

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

*Interlaken*



### **Interlaken** | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-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 ship to the hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

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

# Reserve your trip today!

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## Program Dates

### Travel dates †

**August 20-28, 2024**

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

### Tour dates\*

**August 21-28, 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.  
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://usc.ahitravel.com/destinations/1812A?schoolId=177>. 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 Queen



Cruise in exceptional comfort and style aboard the elegant MS Amadeus Queen while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its seasoned crew. Its cozy public spaces feature large windows that offer remarkable, broad views of the scenery. When you want to unwind, take a dip in the indoor pool outfitted with a retractable roof. Savor delectable breakfast buffets and relish regional and international specialties at lunch and dinner served with wine, beer and soft drinks. Each evening, relax in your cabin or suite, which features satellite TV.

## 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

## 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 Coordinator** 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.



Detail of "The Milkmaid,"  
Johannes Vermeer, Rijksmuseum



Notre Dame Cathedral, Strasbourg



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