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Dear William & Mary 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 aboard your first-class, exclusively chartered river ship and travel in comfort from Budapest to Amsterdam. You'll gain an intimate appreciation of five distinct countries: Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands.

Cultivate unforgettable moments for your travel memoir while cruising along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, passing scenic banks steeped in centuries of history and authentic culture. Indulge in regional foods and wines, delight in special cruises in twinkling Budapest and on Amsterdam's canals, and admire wonderfully preserved architecture in some of the world's grandest cities! We've also included ample free time and an extensive selection of Personalize Your Journey excursions, allowing you to customize your experience in many ports

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

Sincerely,

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This program is rated MODERATE.

UNESCO World Heritage

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





Discovery begins here



This epic cruising adventure showcases the breathtaking beauty, profound history and rich culture along Europe's most storied rivers! Step off the ship in five countries to explore charming harbor towns, fabled medieval villages and illustrious cities steeped in legacies. Gaze at picturesque vineyards, dramatic landscapes, imposing castles and charming villages as they unfold before you. Plus, immerse yourself in local culture and savor wine and cuisine!

Top: Dürnstein, Wachau Valley | Above: Hofburg, Vienna

Cover: Sailing near the Parliament Building, Budapest

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

Inspiring Moments



- Unravel centuries-old history and culture in **Budapest, Bratislava** and **Vienna**.
- Delight in the twinkling landmarks of **Budapest on an evening cruise**.
- Linger inside Dürnstein's **Melk Abbey**, perched high above the Danube River.
- Stroll through **enchanted old towns** in Passau, Regensburg and Miltenberg.
- View the legendary **Loreley Rock** and glide through the **Main-Danube Canal**.
- Delve into facets of **historic Nuremberg**, romantic Würzburg and quaint Bamberg.
- Visit the famed **Cologne Cathedral** to see the Shrine of the Three Kings.
- Cruise **Amsterdam's iconic canals!**
- Savor a German **Frühshoppen** tasting of beer, pretzels and sausages!
- Experience ten **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Amsterdam

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Budapest, Hungary. 🌐

Day 2 | Budapest, Hungary

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 and embark the ship. Enjoy tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Budapest

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Panoramic Tour.** See notable sites, including Heroes' Square and the Opera House.
- **Local Culture.** Peruse the Great Market Hall and stop for strudel and palinka schnapps.
- **Jewish Quarter.** Visit the Holocaust Memorial Center, the Great Synagogue and more.

Budapest by Night. Marvel at an illuminated Budapest during a delightful evening cruise!

Day 4 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: *The Velvet Revolution.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Old Town Walk.** See St. Martin's Cathedral, the Primate's Palace, and stop for a pastry.
- **Old Town & Music.** Discover Bratislava's storied musical history on a walking tour.
- **Bratislava's Hidden Vines.** See whimsical villages, rolling vineyards and visit a winery.

Day 5 | Vienna, Austria

Enrichment: *Timeless Vienna.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Imperial Vienna.** Visit the Hofburg Palace and relish a drive along the leafy Ringstrasse.

- **Vienna Woods.** Take a walk in Austria's lush, forested hills and stop at a local café. *(Active)*
- **Schönbrunn Palace.** Tour this opulent royal residence and stroll through the gardens.

Free Time: Relish extra time around Vienna!

🌐AHI Connects | **Viennese Waltz.** Applaud the grace of talented dancers as they waltz.

Day 6 | Dürnstein | Melk

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Dürnstein Walking Tour.** Admire vineyard landscapes and the iconic blue abbey tower.
- **Danube Cycling.** Pedal along the scenic Danube Cycle Trail with a guide. *(Active)*
- **Wachau Valley Winery.** Visit a local winery to learn about and taste the famed wines.

Melk Abbey. Visit the famed Benedictine abbey to witness its opulent interiors, stunning library and spectacular views from the terrace.

Day 7 | Passau, Germany

Discover Passau. Stroll the enchanting old town's cobblestone streets to see Renaissance



Right: *The Milkmaid, Johannes Vermeer, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam*



Nuremberg

and baroque architecture, the Niedernberg Monastery, the Old/New Bishops' Residences. Visit the breathtaking St. Stephen's Cathedral to witness its famous 18,000-pipe organ.

Free Time: Discover more of Passau at leisure.

Day 8 | Regensburg

Enrichment: *The Main-Danube Canal.*

Regensburg & Thurn und Taxis. Enjoy a guided walk of the old town to see the ancient Porta Praetoria gateway and Roman tower, the bright yellow Old Town Hall and St. Peter's beautiful stained-glass windows. Then, visit the stunning Thurn und Taxis royal residence.

Day 9 | Nuremberg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Nuremberg.** On a panoramic tour, see the hilltop castle, the Hauptmarkt's famed Gothic fountain and the World War II courthouse.
- **History of Nazi Party Exhibit.** Uncover the history of the Nazi Party Rallies and Grounds.
- **Franconian Countryside.** Relish visits to a museum, an abbey and a schnapps distillery.

Free Time: Explore Nuremberg on your own.



Miltenberg



Melk Abbey

Day 10 | Bamberg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Bamberg.** Visit this Bavarian town to see the Neptune Fountain and Fishermen's Quarter.
- **Culinary Delights.** Stroll as you sample local specialties at a bakery, butcher shop and deli.

Day 11 | Würzburg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Würzburg Residenz & City Walk.** Visit this fine baroque palace and stroll the city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Discover the Franconian heartland and Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Free Time: Encounter Würzburg at leisure!

Day 12 | Miltenberg

Frühschoppen! Join the fun German tradition of tasting beer, pretzels and sausages.

Miltenberg. Stroll this romantic town to view traditional half-timbered homes, the old Town Hall and Germany's oldest fairy-tale inn. Taste Franconian wines and delicious brandies.

Day 13 | Koblenz

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Koblenz City Walk.** See the Town Hall, the



Passau



Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more.

• **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** Take a cable car to tour this battlement above the Rhine River.

Free Time: Enjoy the evening in Koblenz!

Day 14 | Cologne

Cologne & Kölner Dom. Tour the picturesque medieval quarter to see grand Romanesque churches. Then, visit the majestic, Gothic-style Kölner Dom, six centuries in the making.

Join tonight's Farewell Reception and Dinner!

Day 15 | Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Enrichment: Contemporary Holland.

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

- **Rijksmuseum.** Witness masterpieces by Vermeer, Rembrandt and other great artists.
- **Waterland Cycling.** Behold idyllic scenery during a guided Waterland bike ride. *(Active)*
- **Canal District.** Take a walking tour of the Herengracht along Amsterdam's canals.

Amsterdam Cruise! Board a canal cruiser to appreciate the city's ornate bridges, gabled houses and quintessential Dutch architecture.

Day 16 | In Transit

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

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

• Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

• PYJ experiences are included.

Activity Level

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 sail for **14 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Amara.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Cruise Program.

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.

Budapest at night



EXTEND YOUR STAY



Szentendre

Budapest | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-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.

\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,390 single occupancy

EXTEND YOUR STAY



Amsterdam

Amsterdam | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-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.

\$1,095 per person, double occupancy | \$1,540 single occupancy

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † **October 13-28, 2026**

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

Tour dates* **October 14-28, 2026**

* 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 Savings Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$7,045	\$6,295
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$7,245	\$6,495
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$8,045	\$7,295
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$8,245	\$7,495
A-Mozart (Aft)	\$8,745	\$7,995
Suite-Mozart	\$9,545	\$8,795

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

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

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

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://wmtrav.ahitravel.com/destinations/1938A?schoolId=196>.

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 before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

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

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

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

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



MS Amadeus Amara

Debuting in 2025 within the premium Amadeus fleet, the luxurious 82-cabin MS Amadeus Amara sets a new standard of sustainability in river cruising. Step aboard timeless elegance and embark on a cruise where your enjoyment and comfort are the highest priority. The ship's beautifully appointed surroundings, bathed in natural light, allow you to relax and soak up scenic river views from spacious outdoor settings or intimate nooks. Relish gourmet and international dining and on-board entertainment as the attentive crew attends to your every need, ensuring a memorable European river journey.



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