

CRUISE THE RHINE RIVER

from AMSTERDAM TO BASEL



A trip overseas with family broadens your world, provides time together and cultivates a host of treasured memories. Unpack once and cruise aboard the new Amadeus Silver III through the heartland of Europe. This journey includes

all meals and a choice of excursions and activities that showcase Holland, Germany and France. An energetic Youth Director will coordinate several onboard activities. In Amsterdam, explore picturesque canals and discover remarkable museums. Marvel at the renowned cathedral in Cologne, and sail through the fabled Rhine Gorge. Visit Germany's most charming river towns in the Black Forest region and end in Basel, Switzerland, before returning home with fond family memories.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Designed with **families** in mind. Open to passengers 7-years-old and up, traveling with an adult. Includes children's program onboard the cruise.
- Explore cruise ports in **Holland, Germany and France** aboard the exclusively chartered **MS Amadeus Silver III**, new in 2016.
- Experience **four fascinating UNESCO World Heritage sites**: the 17th-century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht; Cologne Cathedral; Upper Middle Rhine Valley; and the historic center of Strasbourg.
- Cruise through the fascinating canals of **Amsterdam**, and sail past the famous **Anne Frank House**.
- Discover the famous **cathedral in Cologne** and cruise through the **storied Rhine Gorge**.
- **Personalize your cruise** with a choice of engaging shore tours and activities in historic ports.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Seven nights** aboard the new **MS Amadeus Silver III**. With families in mind, some cabins have connecting doors.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Captain's **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for the Captain's **Farewell Reception and Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, six lunches and seven dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- A dedicated **Youth Director** will coordinate an engaging onboard children's program.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

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JOURNEY
WITH
FAMILY!
OPEN TO
AGES 7+

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Amsterdam, the Netherlands.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ AMSTERDAM

Upon arrival, transfer† to the pier and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

Excursion: Canals of Amsterdam.

Glide through the canals of Amsterdam this evening to see historic highlights, including the Anne Frank House.

DAY 3 ~ AMSTERDAM

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Amsterdam. See the Royal Palace, Mint Tower and the Portuguese Synagogue. Visit the Rijksmuseum, showcasing treasures by Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Vermeer.

Excursion: Canal District Walking Tour. Discover the Herengracht canal district and its interactive museum.

Excursion: Waterland Bike Ride.

Bicycle through historic villages. Enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 4 ~ COLOGNE

Excursion: Cologne. Explore the Old Town and Gothic cathedral. Afterward, explore on your own.

DAY 5 ~ RHINE GORGE/ OBERWESEL

Sail through the Rhine Gorge, where castles overlook the river. Pass the Loreley Rock and learn about the fabled siren that lured sailors to disaster.

Choose from two excursions:

Excursion: Wines of the Rhine.

Visit a local winery, and enjoy a sampling of the region's fine wines.

Excursion: Walking Tour of

Oberwesel. Explore ancient defensive fortifications, and see the half-timbered houses and charming shops.

DAY 6 ~ SPEYER

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Speyer Walking Tour.

See the Romanesque Cathedral and the the 13th-century Old Gate, or Altportel.

Excursion: Heidelberg Castle and

Town. Enjoy views of this university town, its castle and the Neckar River.

Excursion: Heidelberg "Hike" on

Philosopher's Way. Gather for a hike from Heidelberg's center to the Karl-Theodor Bridge spanning the Neckar River, and on Philosopher's Way

for magnificent views of Heidelberg Castle and the Old Town.

DAY 7 ~ STRASBOURG

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Strasbourg. See the highlights, including Notre Dame Cathedral, Palais Rohan and St. Thomas Church before a walking tour.

Excursion: Petite France. Discover the 16th- and 17th-century heritage of Petite France during a canal cruise and walking tour.

Excursion: Culinary Strasbourg.

Discover the winstubs, the local wine pubs, and Strasbourg's cuisine. Along the way, sample typical food and wine.

DAY 8 ~ BREISACH/BASEL

Choose from three excursions:

Excursion: Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace. Visit and take a walking tour of this charming French town. Enjoy a wine tasting.

Excursion: Breisach and Freiburg.

In Breisach, see one of the largest wine cellars in Europe. Explore the Augustinerplatz in Freiburg, and visit the city's historic Gothic cathedral.

Excursion: Black Forest

Adventure. Visit the Black Forest, famous for fairy tales and fables.

Explore Lake Titisee or take a swim.

Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Disembark the ship in Basel.

Transfer to the Zürich airport for the return to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Some events on this program involve moderate walking and stairs.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Amsterdam. Prior to your cruise, extend your journey with a two-night stay in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Amsterdam Centraal Station.

Castle Dinner. During your cruise on Day 5, enjoy a traditional German dinner in a medieval castle above the Rhine River.

Interlaken. After your cruise, extend your journey with a two-night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland, at the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa.

ACCOMMODATIONS



MS AMADEUS SILVER III

New in 2016, the MS Amadeus Silver III and its crew provide the highest levels of service and comfort. Specially built for cruising Europe's rivers, this elegant vessel is the sister ship to the award-winning Silver and Silver II of the Lüftner Cruises fleet. Designed in a contemporary style, the elegance of its public rooms is carried through into passenger cabins and suites. Bars and lounges have large windows that offer remarkable panoramic views. The elegant Panorama Restaurant serves three meals each day that frequently feature local specialties. Local wines are included with lunch and dinner daily. Relax on the Sun Deck that offers lounge chairs and delightful open space. In the evening, return to your cabin or suite, which has satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower. In some cabins, connecting doors will be available. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available, but access may be limited.



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