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THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE

The Netherlands - Germany - France - Switzerland

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5 STAR/DELUXE "M/S AMADEUS SILVER III"

OCTOBER 11-19/ 2021



The iconic waterways of Europe are calling on this enchanting river cruise! Enjoy an exceptional voyage along "Old Father Rhine", one of Europe's most captivating waterways, from Amsterdam at the North Sea to Basel, gateway to the Swiss Alps. Join us as we travel through four of Europe's most picturesque countries – The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. Explore their magnificent cities including Amsterdam, Cologne, Strasbourg, Heidelberg and beyond. Take in their diverse landscapes and impressive waterways, featuring a cruise across The Netherlands' IJsselmeer and along the Lorelei stretch of the Rhine with its splendid wealth of mythological associations.

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WORLD**

THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE

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9 Days/7 Nights

from **\$4,299** air & cruise

(7) Cruise - Amsterdam to Basel

CRUISE PROGRAM



THE RIVERBOAT

The Amadeus Silver III is the third vessel in the Amadeus Silver line offering continued success of its sister ships while implementing a new concept of modern elegance, spaciousness, and attractive comforts. Public areas include the classic "Café Vienna", outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace", Amadeus Club, Panorama Deck, Sun Deck with Lido Bar, Fitness Room, Hair Salon and Massage Room. 12 luxurious suites feature walk-out balconies and 72 standard cabins are equipped with luxurious bathrooms and walk-in closets. Majority of the cabins have automatically lowerable panoramic windows, offering a spectacular view of the passing scenery. The restaurant seats all passengers in one sitting and the experienced chefs serve both regional and international cuisines with a focus on fresh, local ingredients. The elegant Amadeus Silver III combines the luxuries of a deluxe hotel with innovative design and the first-class service provided by its dedicated crew.



Heidelberg

TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from Billings, MT
- **DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS** - 7 nights on board the deluxe M/S Amadeus Silver III. All staterooms are equipped with private bathrooms, air-conditioning, direct-dial telephone and color TV with satellite channels
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - Superb dining with all meals included during your cruise (buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, and midnight snacks), coffee, tea, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch/dinner (including Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner)
- **WELCOME RECEPTION** - Welcome Captain's Cocktail Reception
- **DAILY ENTERTAINMENT** - Daily performances on board featuring folklore programs, music performances, lectures, and theme dinners
- **GREAT PORTS OF CALL** - We cruise to the fascinating and historic towns and cities of Amsterdam (overnight stay), Hoorn, Cologne, Cochem, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, and Basel
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - For your enjoyment, we have a city tour of Amsterdam with canal cruise, North Holland excursion, city walk of Cologne, Cochem (includes wine tasting), Rudesheim (including Music Museum), excursion to Heidelberg, and city tour of Strasbourg. Optional tours are available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as folklore shows, insightful and intriguing lectures, regional themed evenings and culinary demonstrations on board and visit to a local cheese farm to learn how Dutch cheese is made
- **PROFESSIONAL CRUISE DIRECTOR** - Assistance of an experienced cruise director onboard
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE** - Assistance of a professional local guide during transfers from airport/boat/airport
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport to the boat
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **PORT TAXES & FEES** - All ship port taxes and fees

OPTIONAL ZÜRICH EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 buffet breakfasts included
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAMS** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: A city tour of Zürich
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Pack and unpack only once • Deluxe accommodations • Gourmet cuisine • Riverboat experience • Hillside castles & storybook villages • Spectacular scenery & lush vineyards • Grand cathedrals, historic cities & medieval towns • Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Dutch ingenuity • Picture-perfect German riverside towns • Beautiful city of Amsterdam & canal cruise • Cologne, jewel of the Rhine • World famous Cologne Cathedral • Picturesque town of Cochem • Wine tasting • 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz • Idyllic Rudesheim, winemaking town • Siegfried's Music Museum • Romantic city of Heidelberg • Charming Speyer • Sophisticated & multicultural French town of Strasbourg • Vibrant Basel • Cultural & contemporary Zürich

Day 1 Depart USA Depart the US for Amsterdam, Holland. Meals and refreshments are served on board.

Day 2 Arrive to Amsterdam Today you arrive in Amsterdam, the capital of The Netherlands and after clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by your Aventura World tour representative. Enjoy the scenery as Amsterdam's vivid history and modern allure come to life. Known for its winding canals, Amsterdam's center is made up of approximately 90 islands connected by some 400 bridges. Upon arrival you will travel to your riverboat – this will be your floating vacation home for the next seven nights. Enjoy some leisure time to explore and get to know the deluxe vessel...stroll along the sun deck, relax with a treatment in the spa, visit the onboard hair salon or make new friends over a cocktail at the bar. This evening you will be treated to a Welcome Cocktail Reception before your Welcome Dinner with beautiful views of the Rhine River. (D)

Day 3 Amsterdam – City Tour with Canal Cruise – Holland Waterland – Hoorn Join in a city tour and canal cruise showing you some of Amsterdam's highlights from a local's perspective. With a knowledgeable private guide by your side, visit the "Dam", Amsterdam's central market square, dominated by the Royal Palace, as well as the famous Museum District. You will also see the Albert Cuyp Market, the beautiful buildings along the canal and the windmill on the Amstel. This is followed by a one-hour boat trip on Amsterdam's famous canals, during which you will see many famous sights of Amsterdam from the water. Later, a scenic bus ride takes you to the pretty little Dutch village of Volendam in the northern part of Holland. It was a major fishing port before the construction of the IJsselmeer dike in 1932. Today the main street is lined with cafés and shops where many of the staff still wear traditional costumes, making for an authentic and exciting experience. Next, we head out to visit a local cheese farm and learn firsthand how acclaimed Dutch cheese is made. Rejoin your vessel at Hoorn for a sail along the IJsselmeer, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Holland. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Cologne – City Walk Enjoy the breathtaking views as we cruise along towards the great city of Cologne where we will arrive this afternoon – our ship will dock in a location that is within easy reach of the city center. Here, your city tour will take you to explore Cologne's most important sights, strolling along its quaint cobblestone corridors, and getting a true feel for daily life as you delve into the central old quarter. See the famous Cologne cathedral with its impressive spires that dominate the skyline situated in the splendid Roncalliplatz Square, and discover the hay market and the old market. Board the ship again as we continue towards Cochem. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Cochem – City Walk with Wine Tasting This blissful morning takes you on a scenic cruise along the Moselle River to Cochem, a quaint small-town beckoning for you to explore on today's featured walking tour where you will take-in, among other sights, Reichsburg Castle, perched on a rock high above the town and Moselle Valley, dotted with vineyards and lush landscapes. Legend and folklore come to life as you make your way through its interwoven streets lined with charming cottages to reach the town square where half-timbered houses set the stage for discovering Cochem's beauty at its best. Today's romantic adventure continues with a tasting of Moselle wines to close out this glorious day in Cochem. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Koblenz /Rüdesheim - City Walk Today begins in the charming town of Koblenz, which stands at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle. Spend a morning at leisure or take an optional tour of Koblenz, one of the oldest and most beautiful towns in Germany, with over 2,000 years of history. Your insightful guide reveals the treasures of this town to you at every turn. From its old quarter that was rebuilt after suffering severe damage in WWII to the romantic streets between the Liebfrauenkirche (Church of Our Beloved Lady) and the St. Castor Basilica. From there, discover Emperor Wilhelm Memorial at the famous German Corner and the town's landmark the Schängel Fountain at the town hall. In the afternoon, enjoy the scenic cruising through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley as the ship skirts around the 132-meter Lorelei Rock, and then we visit the famed wine town of Rüdesheim. Board the fun winemakers express passing the picturesque streets, alleys, and vineyards of Rüdesheim to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum, featuring beautiful automated instruments and pianos including one of the largest collections of mechanical music boxes, made from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Take some time to explore the town's long narrow street, the Drosselgasse, lined on both sides with wine taverns selling the local vintages. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Mannheim – Tour of Heidelberg/Speyer A morning of adventuring awaits today. From Mannheim this morning, we travel on a deluxe motorcoach to one of Germany's most beautiful cities, Heidelberg. Towering over the town is Heidelberger Schloss, a magnificent red sandstone ruin that once protected the city. A walking tour of the Old Town conveys the spirit that once lured writers and artists: Mark Twain, Victor Hugo and Robert Schumann, among others. The town is home to the country's oldest university, founded in 1386. Our guided tour includes a special visit to the city's imposing castle, a red sandstone ruin overlooking the Neckar River. On from there, we head to the enchanting old town to Karl-Theodor Bridge with its imposing two-tower bridge gate. Next, we visit the Holy Ghost Church of the Late-Gothic period as well as the town hall



and the "Zum Ritter" Renaissance building. This afternoon we cruise along to Speyer, an old imperial city on the Rhine with a rich and turbulent past. Religious architecture steeped in history, impressive facades of various styles, winding alleys and romantic squares characterize it. Today's optional guided walk includes a visit to the city's impressive and spiritual cathedral. Tonight, we will join together and celebrate at the included Captain's Gala dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Strasbourg – City Tour Today you arrive in Strasbourg, France, the ancient capital of Alsace and one of Europe's most well-known and beautiful cities. Enjoy breakfast and then take a guided tour of the city. You will see the European Parliament building and tour the inside of the vast and famous cathedral, which features carvings as delicate as lacework. The richness and sheer density of Strasbourg's historic buildings have led to the entire city center being adopted as a UNESCO World Heritage site. A riverboat takes you to discover the medieval charm of the Petite France quarter, a former mill and tanner district. View the area's iconic half-timbered houses, the Ponts Couverts, and the Palais de Rohan, before we cast off towards Basel in Switzerland. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Basel to USA or extend your stay with an optional Zürich extension After breakfast onboard, you'll disembark in Basel, Switzerland. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL ZÜRICH EXTENSION

Day 9 Basel – Zürich Upon arrival to port in Basel and after your breakfast onboard, you will be met and transferred to Zürich. Along the way, you will experience beautiful Swiss scenery before arriving at your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Zürich is known as one of the world's most livable cities. Recognized as a savvy, hard-working financial center, Switzerland's largest and wealthiest metropolis has also appeared in the 21st century as one of central Europe's trendiest destinations. Much of the ancient center, with its winding lanes and tall church steeples, has been kept lovingly intact. Yet Zürich has also enthusiastically embraced modern trends. Welcome and enjoy! (B)

Day 10 Zürich – City Tour After breakfast at your hotel you will explore Zürich on a half-day sightseeing tour of the city. Visit the Swiss National Museum, view the Zürich Opera House and the Old Town and then take to the water for a scenic ferry crossing of Lake Zürich. Then ride uphill by cogwheel train for panoramic views over the city, before taking a short cruise on Lake Zürich. What could be more Swiss than to top off the day with a stop at Lindt & Sprüngli chocolate shop? This afternoon enjoy some free time to shop and explore. (B)

Day 11 Zürich to USA After breakfast at your hotel, you will board the coach to Zürich airport for your homebound flight. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ACTIVE

TOUR PRICE

The Cruise Tour price is from **\$4,299** per person, double occupancy based on category C4. See registration form for further pricing.

Single Supplement: Cat C4 \$799, Cat B4 \$999 (Limited availability)

Fuel surcharges of \$536 and taxes of \$150 per person are included in the price and are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotelships and adjust itineraries at guide's/captain's discretion due to local conditions.

OPTIONAL ZÜRICH EXTENSION:

Zürich Extension: \$699 Double Occupancy or \$898 Single