

Cruise the Rhine River

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM



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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

From the Rhine's romantic myths to its lush slopes dotted with captivating medieval towns, hilltop castles and vineyards, embrace the cultural delights on this wonderful, carefree river voyage!

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Float along **leafy canals in Amsterdam**, past enchanting gabled houses of the Dutch Golden Age.
- ▶ Witness the awe-inspiring **Cologne Cathedral**, a true Gothic masterpiece.
- ▶ Sail through the **spellbinding Rhine Valley** with its forested hills crowned by castles.
- ▶ Delight in charming Grande-Île, the historic heart of **Strasbourg**.
- ▶ Cast your eyes across sweeping river views from atop **Oberwesel's fortified medieval walls**.
- ▶ Savor the natural beauty along the shores of Lake Titisee in the fabled **Black Forest region**.

Above: Cruising the Rhine Valley |

Cover photo: MS Amadeus Silver III sailing the Rhine River



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends and embark on an exciting, seven-night adventure from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam. Unpack once on the stylish MS Amadeus Silver III, designed specifically for river cruising, and have more time and freedom to take in the sights of Europe's great river cities.

You'll spend time in four countries: Switzerland, Germany, France and the Netherlands. Throughout your voyage you'll delight in many highlights, such as sailing through the beautiful Rhine Gorge; exploring Cologne's splendid Gothic cathedral built over seven centuries; and floating along Amsterdam's charming canals. Enjoy an intimate view of European history as you glide along this ancient trading route and lose yourself in an old-world river lifestyle rich with medieval sites.

Travel experts have incorporated exclusive educational lectures by expert local speakers that deliver meaningful insights about the people and the cultures you will encounter. You'll also enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and feel the thrill of making your own discoveries. This popular cruise fills quickly, so we encourage you to book your experience today!

Yours at Carolina,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Douglas S. Dibbert '70

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Cologne Cathedral and Hohenzollern Bridge





Anne Frank House, Prinsengracht Canal

Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland.✈

Day Two

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Zürich, Switzerland | Basel

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to the pier in Basel and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

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

Day Three

B | L | D

Basel | Breisach, Germany

🌐 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

•Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.

Explore this exquisite Alsatian medieval village, set in a small valley near the Vosges mountains, and stop to sample some of its fabulous wines.

•**Breisach and Freiburg.** Enjoy a walking tour of beautiful Breisach, full of pastel-colored houses and cobbled lanes. Continue to Freiburg, a university town known for its sunny, warm climate, and see the red sandstone Gothic cathedral and the bustling Augustinerplatz.



Waterland

•**Black Forest Adventure.** Immerse yourself in the natural setting of the fabled Black Forest and lovely Lake Titisee. Meander along the lakeshore, go for a refreshing swim or visit the nearby town.

Free Time: Enjoy an afternoon in Breisach.

Day Four

B | L | D

Breisach | Strasbourg, France

The ship docks in Strasbourg this morning.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Loreley Rock



Oberwesel



Strasbourg

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

• **Strasbourg Panorama.** Appreciate the city's German and French influences as you behold its historic gems, including the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral. Pass by the legislative buildings of the European Union. Then relish the old-world charm of the historic center on a guided stroll.

• **Petite France.** Discover the rich heritage of this delightful and picturesque district during a canal cruise and walking tour. Fishermen, tanners and millers once lived in the many half-timbered houses along the waterways.

• **Culinary Strasbourg.** Try authentic Alsatian dishes and wines on a guided tour that takes you to the city's winstubs (small wine pubs) and other local establishments.

Free Time: Pursue your own interests this afternoon in Strasbourg.

Day Five

B | L | D

Strasbourg | Speyer, Germany

This morning, enjoy the onboard amenities while the ship cruises to Speyer.

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

• **Speyer Walking Tour.** With a guide, see the

town's highlights, including the Romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

• **Heidelberg Castle and Town.** Explore this red-walled castle set on the Königstuhl hillside, noted for its giant 18th-century wine cask. Take in dramatic views of the Neckar Valley and town below, then walk within the romantic old quarter.

• **Hike Up Philosopher's Way.** Begin in the old quarter of Heidelberg, cross the Old Bridge over the Neckar River, and follow this famous winding path. Relax in the Philosopher's Garden. (*Active*)

Day Six

B | L | D

Oberwesel | Rhine Gorge

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

• **Wines of the Rhine.** In Oberwesel, walk to a local winery and taste the region's crisp vintages.

• **A Walk in Time.** Traverse the town's medieval stone walls and towers, which offer excellent vantage points to admire the expansive terrain. Then spend free time exploring this pretty town.

Today, sail through the river's most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley region.



View of Heidelberg from the castle terrace



Above:
Freiburg

Right:
Speyer



Known as the Rhine Gorge, this gently curving, 40-mile stretch was named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its cultural landscape and beauty. Some 40 castles and fortress ruins line the banks, the most on any river in the world.

Enrichment: Castles and Legends of the Rhine. Your journey takes you past Loreley Rock, named after a mythical siren whose song bewitched sailors and caused ships to crash along the craggy shoreline. Gain insights about this fairy-tale locale from a cruise expert.

ELECTIVE | Castle Dinner. Dine tonight on classic German fare inside a medieval castle overlooking the Rhine River. *(Active)*

Day Seven

B | L | D

Cologne

On the way to Cologne, settle into a comfy seat at the ship's bow to watch life on the riverbanks.

Discovery: Frühschoppen. Onboard, savor this tasty German treat: a frothy beer, paired with fresh pretzels, sausages and mustards.

Discovery: Cologne. Topped by two ornately decorated spires, the city's magnificent cathedral was under construction for more than 630 years. During a guided old town walking tour, gaze up at the impressive exterior, then go inside to see its lofty vaulted ceiling and decorative details. Afterward, shop or linger in a lively café.

Share stories of your Rhine adventures during a Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening.

Day Eight

B | L | D

Amsterdam, Netherlands

PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

• **Rijksmuseum.** Study the fine details of famed masterpieces by artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals in this illustrious art museum.

• **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Embrace Holland's bicycle culture like a local and pedal through lush



MS Amadeus Silver III

The Amadeus fleet of fine river ships has defined the art of cruising on the great rivers of Europe. As you board the Amadeus Silver III, you'll sense an ambience evocative of a grand European hotel. This magnificent ship, with 84 staterooms and suites, offers exemplary service, comfort and safety. Travelers can relax on the River Terrace or unwind in the fitness center and massage room. Savor European specialties at the restaurant's breakfast and luncheon buffets and a choice of appetizing regional dishes at dinner. Beer, wine or soft drinks are available with lunch and dinner. Staterooms and suites include satellite TV and a private bathroom with a shower. Wi-Fi service is complimentary.



Waterland with its quaint fishing villages. *(Active)*

•**Anne Frank Walking Tour.** Learn what life was like during World War II, when Anne Frank and her family went into hiding. See the Anne Frank statue and the family's original residence, then visit the Anne Frank House, and step into the secret annex where she wrote her diary. *(Active)*

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

Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam. Tonight, glide past the city's gabled canal houses and the Anne Frank House aboard a canal cruiser.

Day Nine

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In Transit

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Amsterdam airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈



Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants*
 B|L|D *denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.*



| ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN INTERLAKEN

Experience the incredible natural beauty of stunning Switzerland during a two-night stay in Interlaken! Your deluxe hotel located in the heart of Switzerland's Bernese Oberland provides the ideal base for exploring the area's breathtaking mountains and lakes. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the capital city of Bern with its charming medieval city center. Includes two nights at the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa; two breakfasts; walking tour; and the services of an expert guide and an AHI Travel Director.

Price: \$795 per person, double occupancy; \$1,345 single occupancy



| ELECTIVE | POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Explore picturesque Amsterdam in greater depth during this two-night stay! From your centrally located first-class hotel, explore the city's lively neighborhood streets, tree-lined canals and world-class museums and attractions. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Harbor area and visit the fascinating National Maritime Museum, featuring a replica of a 17th-century, three-masted ship. Includes two nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station; two breakfasts; walking tour and museum visit; and the services of an expert guide and an AHI Travel Director.

Price: \$695 per person, double occupancy; \$1,190 single occupancy

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Single supplement applies on the pre- and post-trip extensions.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Zürich, Switzerland, with a return from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to depart from:

Departure City _____

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

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Air Program dates: July 4-12, 2018

Cruise Program dates: July 5-12, 2018

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Aft)	\$3,245	\$250	\$2,995
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Speyer Cathedral



Cologne Cathedral

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, France



Strasbourg – Grande-Île

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

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- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.



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- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
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 - Marvel at the majestic Cologne Cathedral and the city's old town.
 - Cruise the quaint canals of Amsterdam.



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excursions in these towns:

- Breisach** | Riquewihr Walking Tour/Wine Tasting | Breisach and Freiburg Tour | Black Forest Excursion
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- Speyer** | Speyer Walking Tour | Heidelberg Castle and Town | Hike Philosopher's Way
- Oberwesel** | Wine Tour | Walking Tour
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