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2022
Dear Carolina Alumni & Friends,

We invite you to travel with the General Alumni Association’s Tar Heel Travel program and AHI. For over 40 years we’ve partnered with AHI to bring a wide variety of travel opportunities to our Carolina alumni and friends. These educational group tours offer exceptional quality and value, with many trips filling up as soon as they are announced.

Our travelers greatly enjoy the small groups, in-depth learning, and the exceptionally knowledgeable, resourceful, and attentive AHI travel directors. As you can see from the testimonials provided throughout this catalogue, our travelers share their highest reviews on every trip we have offered.

The following pages provide details on the GAA-sponsored AHI programs departing in 2022. You’ll see favorites, such as Journey to South Africa and Dutch Waterways, plus trips to some of the most frequently requested destinations, like Italy, France, and England.

More details about these itineraries and our entire travel program are available on our website at alumni.unc.edu/travel. If you’d like to get in touch with us, Douglass Payne ’04 and Catherine Nichols ’89 can be reached toll-free at (877) 962-3980. You’re also welcome to email us at enrichment@unc.edu.

As we look to explore the world again, know that travel safety and peace of mind remain the highest priorities for the GAA and AHI.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard a Tar Heel Travel tour when you are again comfortable traveling.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

Discovery begins here.

From the beginning of your travel experience to the very end, you’ll be treated with kindness, competency and respect and will be provided nothing less than excellence. AHI promises you personal attention, innovative itineraries and stress-less travel that educates, inspires and adds another great chapter to the rich story of your life.
Our AHI Travel Collection

**LAND JOURNEYS**

Africa
Journey to Southern Africa

Europe
Croatia
Slovenia, Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast

England
Heart of Britain | Featuring Yorkshire, Lake District & Wales

France
Normandy

Greece
Greece | Athens & Kalamata

Ireland
Coastal Gems of the Emerald Isle | Featuring the Wild Atlantic Way

Italy
Florence | Serene Season | Art, Culture & People

Spain
Spain | Andalucía | In a Parador

Switzerland
Majestic Switzerland | Interlaken & Vevey

Switzerland, Germany & Austria | Featuring the Passion Play in Oberammergau

Middle East
United Arab Emirates | Featuring the Dubai Expo

RIVER JOURNEYS

Cruise the Heart of Europe
Cruise the Rhine & Mosel Rivers | A Family Journey
Dutch Waterways | Featuring Floriade
Grand Danube Passage
Holiday Markets Cruise | The Festive Rhine River
Romance of the Douro River

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Cruise Pricing & Deck Plans
Extend Your Stay
2023 Sneak Peek
AHI FlexAir Program
A Pledge from AHI Travel

Please contact us for further options regarding departure dates.

Please note that this catalog was valid at the time of printing and is subject to change.
Personalized Group Travel

Experience the world while enjoying the value and convenience of group travel.

Creativity. Value. Integrity. Excellence. These are the values that animate AHI’s travel programs as they connect you to the people, places and cultures of the world.

AHI knows you have questions about group travel:

Who else will be on the trip? You will explore with travelers who have interests similar to yours. AHI often sees travelers become friends and even take future trips together.

Do I have time to explore independently? AHI’s expertly planned itineraries balance group excursions and leisure time.

What makes this program a great value? AHI delivers fantastic rates due to their longstanding travel partnerships around the world. From the time of booking to your return home, you have a team of travel experts continuously working to give you optimal value, a bonus not available to the individual traveler.

AHI’s programs feature:

- Multifaceted itineraries crafted with inspiring moments
- Outstanding hotels in the best locations and authentic, regional cuisine
- Preferred access to popular sites and hidden gems
- A cultural enrichment program, out of reach to the casual traveler, featuring local experts from all walks of life
- Flexibility to personalize your journey on most trips
- Free time to pursue your passions
- Assistance with independent travel arrangements before and after your trip

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, AHI’s dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, AHI has fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- Included AHI Travel Assurance covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI’s health and safety protocols.
- A global network of partners rigorously following health and safety procedures and protocols.
- Enhanced sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer available for guest use.
Travel Expertise

One of the greatest things about traveling with AHI is the people who bring your journey to life. From your Passenger Service Representative to the Travel Director and lecturers for your program, AHI Travel employs the best people in the industry.

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 creates a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

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

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the community.

From your reservation to your return home, AHI is here to help you make memories that last a lifetime.

The Travel Director gave us 100% of his time, attention and enthusiasm. He had such personality and communication skills and paid so much attention to every detail that we knew we were in capable hands. The most impressive tour director I’ve ever seen.”

– Tar Heel Traveler
Amalfi Coast | 2019

**Before you go:**

**Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

**Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Information** | Before your journey, AHI’s team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

**Once you arrive:**

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders’ perspective. AHI’s dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

**Travel Director** | AHI’s multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you’ll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

**Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? AHI has specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they’re ready to share their passion for their country with you.

**Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, AHI’s entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.
Meet some of AHI’s experts

AHI’s seasoned experts bring your destination to life with firsthand knowledge that reveals the uniqueness of each and every place you visit.

“Ivan Gavran | Travel Director

Ivana Gavran was born in Zagreb, Croatia. She was raised in the picturesque countryside, where she developed a love for the outdoors and healthful, locally produced food. After high school, she decided to study languages and literature at the University of Zagreb, and she also worked as a part-time guide and tour manager. She earned a M.A. in Italian and Polish, and she also speaks English. When she has free time, Ivana likes exploring and learning about the world, regardless of the means: reading a book, trekking in the nearby mountains in Croatia or traveling abroad.

Martine Freeley | Travel Director

Born in County Mayo on the beautiful west coast of Ireland, Martine Freeley grew up in the hospitality industry as her grandparents owned and operated a lovely hotel in the area. Fluent in French, Martine received her training as a tour guide, translator and interpreter on the island of Corsica. She traveled extensively and worked in France, Italy and the United Kingdom. Now settled back home in Ireland as a certified national tour guide, Martine has a passion for sharing the best of Irish culture with international travelers. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cycling, hiking and horseback riding. She loves cooking, baking and organizing dinner parties for family and friends.

“On all the trips I have taken, Nani is the best director I have ever seen. She is organized, clear in her directions, professional, kind, knowledgeable, patient, and the entire trip ran like clockwork. I was so impressed with her in every respect and would love to travel with her again.”

– Tar Heel Traveler
Swiss Alps & The Italian Lakes | 2019

Above: Giant’s Causeway, Northern Ireland
Featured Expert

Ashraf Masoud
Travel Director

Born and raised in Egypt, Ashraf has extensive experience as a guide and travel director. He has also managed operations and logistics for corporate board meetings and conferences, including the Global Peace Initiative meeting of People to People International. His passion for people and strong attention to detail placed him in the top 10 of Wanderlust Magazine's 2018 World Guide Awards. Ashraf has earned a bachelor's degree in history from Cairo's Ain Shams University; tour management certification from San Francisco's Tour Management Institute; and a tourist guidance diploma from Cairo's Helwan University. He is fluent in Arabic, English and Spanish and is studying American Sign Language (ASL). Ashraf enjoys basketball, yoga, tai chi, reading, hiking and cooking and looks forward to working as a dive guide with his new diving certificate.

What did you do during isolation?
A. I took this time to learn, advance my skills and have fun. I got my diving certification; a challenge as I did not even know how to swim. I took courses in ASL, which opened my eyes to the beautiful world of the deaf; English writing and grammar; photography; and cooking.

What first sparked your interest to travel?
A. Growing up, my mother instilled in me the love of people and showed me that helping others can improve their lives and mine as well. I was also fascinated by the ancient Egyptians, foreign languages and cuisines. This fueled my interest in traveling and immersing myself in other cultures.

What attracted you to AHI Travel?
A. What makes AHI different is their commitment to delivering a life-changing experience to their guests. Recognizing that their success is a team effort, AHI is very supportive and treats their employees like family.

What is your professional philosophy?
A. Care. Care. Care. A good Travel Director cares deeply about their guests and their comfort and safety. I make sure I am patient when answering questions, listen carefully and respond to their needs. I pride myself in my ability to anticipate and address potential problems while also being flexible to opportunities that will make the guests’ experience extraordinary.

Tell us about challenges and successes.
A. I enjoy a challenge. I look at challenges as blessings because they test my resourcefulness. Number one in my experience is a guest losing their passport. I appreciate being recognized by Wanderlust Magazine two years in a row. But I must say, I consider myself the most successful when AHI receives a request from a guest who wants to travel with me on another tour.

Can you share some inspiring moments?
A. I love nature, and observing the animal kingdom has opened my eyes to an astounding world. Leading tours in Africa and seeing the Big 5 is an incredible experience. On a personal trip, I traveled to 40 U.S. states, visiting the major national parks and also searching for the best buffalo wings. (Red Hot & Blue won!) That trip made a profound impact on me. My introduction to the underwater world on my first SCUBA dive was mind-blowing and made me hungry for more.

Helena Baltazar | Lecturer

Helena Baltazar hold degrees in Tourism and Art History as well as a master’s degree in Museology. She has been working as licensed national guide since 1992 leading Portuguese-, French- and English-speaking groups throughout Portugal. Additionally, she works as an educator teaching a number of courses on tourism.

John Toomey | Lecturer

John Toomey is the author of three novels, Sleepwalker, Huddleston Road and Slipping. He grew up in Dublin but went to university in London, where he lived for five years. He now lives in Dublin and teaches at Clonkeen College. His most recent novel, Slipping, was published by Dalkey Archive in March 2017. Slipping is also the 2017 winner of the International Rubery Book Award for Fiction, the longest-established award in the United Kingdom for books by independent publishers about Slovakia for numerous media outlets.

“Our first AHI experience and it was amazing. I struggle to find anything negative to say about this trip. Food, people, culture, scenery, excursions, hospitality, and travel arrangements were all top notch.”

– Tar Heel Traveler
Greece | 2019
UNC Faculty Lecturers

UNC faculty are at the forefront of their fields, and leading you on your journey of discovery.

Ritchie Kendall
Coastal Gems of Ireland | May 29 – June 10, 2022

Ritchie Kendall retired as an Emeritus Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literatures in 2018 after 39 years at Carolina. He taught a wide range of courses to both undergraduates and graduates in Shakespeare and Renaissance drama, early modern English literature and culture, economics and literature and the history of London. The winner of a Tanner award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, in the fall of 1989, Dr. Kendall led the first-ever Honors Carolina semester abroad in London and returned in 2013, 2015 and 2017 to again lead the program. In the last fifteen years of his career, he served as Assistant Dean for Honors Carolina overseeing the admissions process and the academic curriculum. Previously, he served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Graduate Studies and Assistant Chair in the English Department. Dr. Kendall is the author of *The Drama of Dissent: The Radical Poetics of English Nonconformity* and is finishing work on *Funny Business: Telling Stories of Economic Innovation and Change*. This latter study looks at how literature imagines and tries to accommodate key shifts in how wealth is produced and consumed, from early English drama to Restoration and Victorian novels to modern day cinema, detailing the emergence of retail and commodity trading to foreign investment and speculation to junk bonds and mergers and acquisitions. Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*, Defoe’s *Roxana*, Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* and Oliver Stone’s *Wall Street* are among the works he explores.

*Please note: Professor Kendall will accompany the Coast Gems of Ireland tour (see page 26) with a minimum of 10 Tar Heel travelers.*

*Please note: Every effort is made to secure the lecturer’s participation. By signing up for this tour, you acknowledge your travel plans will remain in place even if the lecturer is unable to join the tour.*
Kevin Stewart
Majestic Switzerland | August 10-19, 2022

Kevin Stewart is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill. He received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and his research is focused on the evolution of mountain belts, including the Rocky Mountains of Montana and Wyoming, the Apennines of Italy, and the Appalachians. Stewart’s research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society, and the U.S. Geological Survey. He has won the James M. Johnston Teaching Excellence Award, the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, a Chapman Fellowship for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Walter H. Wheeler Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is also the co-author of Exploring the Geology of the Carolinas from UNC Press. He has served as UNC enrichment lecturer on previous alumni tours to Alaska, Iceland, Norway, the Galapagos, and national parks of the western United States.

*Please note: Professor Stewart will accompany the Majestic Switzerland tour (see page 32) with a minimum of 10 Tar Heel travelers.

Peter Coclanis
Romance of the Douro River | Sept. 2-23, 2022

Peter A. Coclanis is Albert R. Newsome Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Global Research Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a native of Chicago and took his Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1984, joining the History Department at UNC that same year. He is a specialist in the field of economic history and has published extensively in that area. He was formerly Chair of the History Department at UNC and from 2003 through 2009 Associate Provost for International Affairs. In addition to teaching at UNC, he has held visiting appointments at Columbia, Harvard, and the National University of Singapore. Over the years he has lectured on a number of GAA tours, including trips to Spain, Russia, the Baltic, Southeast Asia, and China. He is the proud father of two UNC grads.

*Please note: Professor Coclanis will accompany the Romance of Douro River tour (see page 48) with a minimum of 10 Tar Heel travelers.

Monument to the Discoveries, Lisbon, Portugal

Lauterbrunnen Valley, Switzerland
AHI is committed to you

AHI’s passion for authentic, responsible and life-changing travel experiences shapes every program.

AHI Travel is a creative travel company recognized around the world for deluxe, personalized group travel programs. Richard and Arlene Small, two travel industry pioneers, founded the company in 1962, when they launched the first alumni travel programs at universities across the United States. Soon after, they introduced AHI in Canada. They quickly earned an outstanding reputation for quality, service and value, which AHI continues to deliver today to alumni and individual travelers alike.

Personal involvement shapes every aspect of AHI’s tours. In fact, AHI leaders Brian, Joe and Rick Small help plan every program. And long before they finalize a program, their team of experienced travel experts stays in the hotels, eats in the restaurants and visits every site. AHI’s detail to the things that matter most (like the number of cathedral steps you must climb or restaurants with the best food and views!) to travelers.

In collaboration with their international suppliers, their team has put into action updated protocols for health, safety and cleanliness. These include more rigorous sanitizing regimens for river cruise ships, hotels and motor coaches; physical distancing in motor coaches and restaurants; widely available hand sanitizer; and many other protective tactics. With these proactive initiatives in place, you can rest easy and simply focus on enjoying the people and treasures of the destination.

AHI’s aim is to please you, period. By consistently meeting travelers’ high expectations over the decades, AHI appeals to educated, cultured and experienced travelers — people like you. Many clients have been so pleased with their programs that they boast of taking 15, 20, even 30 trips with AHI!

You have many travel options and probably as many questions. Please call the Tar Heel Travel Office at (877) 962-3980 for help with these questions and planning your trip.

Right: Musician, Westport, Ireland
Far right: Angkor Thom, Cambodia
A World of Discovery

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 trip itself was incredibly informative, meaningful and emotional and we’ll not forget the images of the places we visited, including the Veterans we crossed paths with along the way. Looking back, the opportunity to experience Normandy, being based in beautiful Honfleur and meeting/forming friendships with so many genuinely nice Tar Heels make this trip one we’ll always remember warmly.”

– Tar Heel Traveler
Normandy | 2019

AHI Connects
From intimate dinners to behind-the-scenes visits to hands-on lessons, AHI’s team curates unique events that instill a deeper appreciation for your destination. Learn to make rice noodles with a Cambodian family, experience a lively samba workshop in Rio or witness a fascinating, centuries-old craft on the island of Brač. Come away with memorable, immersive experiences that also support the communities we visit!

Above clockwise: Winery visit | Stonemasonry school, Brač | Olive farm | Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-ser-Mur, France | Maasai men and women, Tanzania
Accommodations

AHI personally selects hotels and ships for quality, location, value and character.

For almost 60 years, AHI has traveled the world to evaluate hundreds of hotels for their programs. As travelers themselves, AHI values high-quality, ideally located accommodations imbued with local charm and style. Their meticulous selection process promises that you’ll return each evening to a well-appointed room with the comforts and amenities you expect. Many of the properties offer thoughtful amenities such as room service, restaurants, a salon and fitness facilities and a pool.

When you’re on the move during an AHI program, your comfort is paramount. Across land or water, AHI selects the finest river cruisers and luxury trains for the most pleasurable experience.

While the accommodations you stay in during your journey may not define the trip, they certainly complete a wonderful travel experience. Quality lodging is a crucial aspect of AHI programs.

Hand-picked Hotels

- **Luxury hotels** offer the ultimate in comfort and service. Marvel at the singular attention to detail and sumptuously appointed rooms in sleek, modern hotels like The Peninsula Bangkok and the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore.

- **Deluxe hotels** range from legendary establishments, such as the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town to Thornybush Game Lodge, an upscale safari lodge. Historic architecture, contemporary design and extensive amenities distinguish these hotels.

- **First-class hotels**, often a distinctive boutique property or a welcoming family-owned hotel, offer satisfying comforts at the end of an exciting day. Watch a sunset from the Hotel La Palma or sip a glass of Chianti on the terrace of your Tuscan villa.
Select Ships & Trains

▶ River ships, built specifically for river journeys, bring you closer to both remote villages and grand cities for intimate views of local life. From gracious service and well-appointed cabins to gourmet cuisine and onboard cultural activities, savor the unique experience of your floating hotel.

▶ Elegant trains transport you back to a golden age when the way you traveled was just as significant as the destination. Wind through the heartland in vintage train cars, impeccably restored to their glory days, and relish the sweeping views. Indulge in afternoon tea service or cocktails in the observation car.
AHI Programs

A rich tradition of innovative land and cruise programs

Knowing that educated travelers are looking for a variety of travel destinations, AHI offers intriguing programs in dozens of countries on five continents.

Land Journeys

Journey to captivating, far-flung corners of the world. AHI takes you from cosmopolitan Cape Town to the Cliffs of Moher and the inspiring landmarks of Israel to the dazzling Iguassu Falls. Traverse golden African plains on a luxury train journey. Venture into unique neighborhoods during weeklong stays in storybook Budapest or exhilarating London. Thrill to Morocco’s colorful fabric of culture and intricate architecture. Bask in Bavaria’s sublime beauty or Bath’s magical ambience. The options are many. The choice is yours.

AHI’s specialized travel brands:

Alumni Campus Abroad® | Enhance your appreciation of your destination through exclusive educational content. Local lecturers provide a broader context for what you will experience and enlighten you with new perspectives.

Art, Culture & People | Become more familiar with the world’s greatest cities and examine the personalities of diverse neighborhoods on these in-depth explorations.

Catering to your preferences and needs:

Small Group | You’ll travel with an intimate group, limited to 24 guests, sized just right for a more individual experience, and filled with camaraderie.

Active Travel | Designed for people who are in good health and can participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. Itineraries may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending upon the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Solo Travelers | Because AHI values their solo travelers, many of their trips are specially priced with no single supplement.

“This was a wonderful trip. I’m not sure what I was expecting but this simply could not have been a better experience. Extremely well organized and scheduled. The excursions were great and the added free time was a plus...”

— Tar Heel Traveler
Rhine River Cruise | 2019

Photos clockwise: Jaguar, The Pantanal, Brazil | Stradun, Dubrovnik, Croatia | Bike riding along the Rhine River
River Journeys

Experience multifaceted cultures and unforgettable vistas on the world's illustrious waterways. A pioneer in river cruising, AHI proudly offers customized itineraries on exclusively chartered ships in partnership with the best cruise lines. Simply unpack once and sail along the scenic Danube, Seine, Rhône, Rhine and Mosel rivers. Cruise on the Douro and Nile rivers and in the Amazon Basin, and also stay on land to explore cities like Porto and Prague and landmarks such as Giza's astounding pyramids and lofty Machu Picchu.

AHI Sustainability Promise

AHI places great emphasis on sustainable tourism, cultural preservation and economic sustainability. They strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities they visit, whenever possible. This commitment to sustainability extends to environmental, social and economic platforms. AHI’s Sustainability Promise outlines their commitment to preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places they travel.

- Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic and paper waste.
- Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.
- Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, “shoulder seasons.”

Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That’s why AHI designs itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

- Personalize Your Journey | PYJ | Included
  Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.

- Elective Experiences | At an additional cost
  Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itineraries for more details. AHI has done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.

A Note About Activity Levels

AHI has rated all of their excursions with activity levels to help you assess the physical expectations of their programs. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion’s rating and your ability to meet the tour’s physical demands. Please note, excursions on their programs require: walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains.

- Mild: Walk under 1 mile on mainly flat terrain; navigate under 50 stairs; stand under 1 hour
- Moderate: Walk 1-3 miles on flat/uneven terrain; navigate 50-100 stairs; stand 1-2 hours
- Active: Walk 2+ miles on flat/uneven terrain, including up and down inclines; navigate 100+ stairs; stand 3+ hours

Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about activity levels on AHI programs.
Days 1 & 2 | In Transit | London, England
Depart for Cape Town, South Africa. Depending on the route you select, you may depart on Day 2 or have a layover with a day room provided by AHI.

Day 3 | Cape Town, South Africa
Transfer to the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 4 | Cape Town
**Discovery: Cape Peninsula.** Explore a landscape with alabaster beaches and sleepy fishing villages. Take a scenic drive to Cape Peninsula, passing the buttresses of the Twelve Apostles. At Boulders Beach, see a colony of African penguins. Enjoy the flavors of local cuisine during lunch.

Enrichment: **South African History.**

Day 5 | Cape Town | Robben Island
**Discovery: Cape Town.** Discover the highlights of South Africa’s Mother City. Drive through the Company’s Garden district, see the Castle of Good Hope and stroll along a bustling harbor. Take a ferry ride to Robben Island and tour the jail where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. Your guide, a former prisoner of Robben Island, offers first-hand insight.

Day 6 | Hoedspruit | Thornybush Nature Reserve
Fly to Hoedspruit and transfer to the Thornybush Game Lodge.

**Safari:** Thornybush covers more than 53 square miles and is home to 147 species of mammals. Meet your ranger and tracker, and begin your quest to spot the marvelous Big Five: Cape buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino.

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**Inspiring Moments**
- Experience the thrill of safari and marvel at incredible wildlife in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.
- Delight in the awe-inspiring power and grand cascades of Victoria Falls.
- Surround yourself in classic luxury and stirring scenery aboard Rovos Rail.
- Walk in the historic footsteps of Nelson Mandela on Robben Island.
- Meet the young people involved in projects at a Soweto youth center.
- Immerse yourself in the easygoing lifestyle of Cape Town, South Africa’s oldest city.
- Experience three UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Experience an extraordinary land of contrasts, from exotic wildlife to vivacious Cape Town, thundering Victoria Falls to legendary wildlife reserves and welcoming communities to history-steeped landmarks. Plus, journey through grassy plains on the elegant Rovos Rail. The people and wild nature of this wondrous destination are waiting for you!

**ACTIVE TRAVEL**
**Excursions on this program require:**
- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped
- climbing in/out of safari vehicles

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Above: Sunset on a herd of elephants, Chobe National Park
Day 7 | Thornybush Nature Reserve
Each morning on safari starts with a wake-up call from your ranger at dawn. Meet on the deck for coffee before climbing into your safari vehicle.

Safari: It may seem quiet as the sun starts its journey across the sky, but there is plenty of animal activity. Many animals are just waking up and preparing to search for breakfast! Others are winding down after a night on the prowl and looking for a place to sleep during the day. See how many of the Big Five you can spot this morning. During each morning game drive, stop to stretch your legs and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

Free Time: Spend the rest of the morning at your leisure. Perhaps visit the spa or relax with a book.

Enrichment: The Animals of Thornybush.
Afternoon tea is served before the afternoon drive.

Safari: Get a different perspective as you see diurnal animals settling down for the evening and nocturnal animals beginning theirs. As the sun sets, celebrate your day with a round of sundowners, drinks enjoyed at sunset.

Day 8 | Thornybush Nature Reserve
Safari: Each game drive is a unique experience forged by the time of day, the weather and the locale. Your tracker and ranger are experts in finding animals on the reserve. They know the thickets where giraffes nibble at the treetops, the open veld where zebra graze and much more.

Free Time: The morning and afternoon are at leisure. Gather for conversation at the bar, lounge by the pool or enjoy a spa treatment.

Safari: Your ranger and tracker are knowledgeable about both the wildlife and plants in the park. Today, you may scout out popular watering holes, where four-legged and feathered residents gather.

Day 9 | Hoedspruit | Johannesburg
Transfer to Hoedspruit and fly to Johannesburg.

AHI Connects: Soweto. Visit the townships of Soweto, and see the homes of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In Kliptown, learn about a youth program that offers tutoring and options to play sports and participate in the arts. Meet some of the youth and enjoy a dance performance.

Day 10 | Pretoria | Rovos Rail | Zimbabwe
This morning, depart for the train station in Pretoria to board the luxurious Rovos Rail.

Travel to Musina (formerly Messina) to cross the border into the Zimbabwean town of Beitbridge.

Day 11 | Zimbabwe
Travel through Rutenga and Somabula on your way to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe’s second-largest city. Take in scenes of daily life as you continue through the city, and gather for afternoon tea on your journey to Mpopoma, where the train overnights.

Day 12 | Zimbabwe
Depart Mpopoma and travel through one of the longest stretches of straight track in the world.

Safari: After disembarking in Kennedy Siding, go on a game drive at The Hide, a private concession in Hwange National Park. This park, known for its natural beauty, is home to more than 100 mammal and 400 bird species. Visit one of the most popular watering holes to see some of the local residents!

Day 13 | Victoria Falls
Disembark the train in Victoria Falls and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel.

Discovery: Victoria Falls. Feel the cool mist as you revel in the planet’s largest curtain of water.

Day 14 | Chobe National Park, Botswana
Safari: Chobe is a spectacular destination for bird-watchers and the Chobe River gives life to the many animals, birds and reptiles that call the park home. Watch birds swooping down to catch a fish, hippos swimming and elephants playing in the water.

Celebrate your journey at a festive Farewell Dinner.

Day 15 | In Transit
The Land Program ends today in Victoria Falls. AHI FlexAir passengers are transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for their flight to Johannesburg.

Day 16 | In Transit
Arrive in your gateway city.

EXTEND YOUR STAY in Cape Town | 2 Nights
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Slovenia, Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast

Inspiring Moments

► Witness the sun-soaked Dalmatian Coast, a stretch of milk-white sands, sleepy harbors and azure seascapes.
► Discover Ljubljana, Slovenia’s trendy capital, host to an emerald river and fabled bridges.
► Be captivated by beautiful Lake Bled with its storybook isle and hilltop castle.
► Stand amid the imposing Roman ruins of Diocletian’s Palace.
► Soak up Dubrovnik’s ubiquitous vistas: terracotta roofs, aqua seas and ancient walls.
► Explore the unique landscape of Plitvice Lakes National Park.
► Witness master craftsmen perform masonry traditions on the island of Brač.
► Sip flavorful Slovenian and Croatian grape varietals during winery visits.
► Experience three UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Indulge in the boundless treasures of Slovenia and Croatia, from elegant capitals to ancient seaside towns, rolling vineyards to sundrenched coasts, and tranquil lakes to breathtaking harbors. Experience the unique pulse of Ljubljana and Zagreb, and bask in the enchanting splendors of Lake Bled, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Brač Island. More wonders await in Split, a showcase of medieval ruins, and Dubrovnik, the darling of the Adriatic Sea. Along the way, marvel at opulent architecture, sip premier wines and let gentle sea breezes tickle your face. This classic journey unveils the region’s diverse cultural layers and fascinating Roman, Mediterranean and Venetian influences.

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Day 2 | Ljubljana, Slovenia
Transfer to the InterContinental Ljubljana. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Ljubljana
Enrichment: Yugoslavia and the Republic of Slovenia.
Discovery: Slovenia’s Capital. Ljubljana brims with life, from its colorful baroque architecture to the meandering emerald river. On an informative walking tour, see the famous Dragon, Triple and Cobbler’s bridges, and visit an outdoor market and Prešeren Square, a popular spot for socializing. Step into the green-domed Ljubljana Cathedral; then take in more highlights while cruising the Ljubljanica River, lined with weeping willows and blossoming flowers.

Day 4 | Lake Bled
Discovery: Lake Bled. Glorious Lake Bled is framed by the majestic Julian Alps and a mighty hilltop fortress. Ride aboard a pletna to Bled Island, home to the Church of the Assumption of Mary. Visit a nearby apiary to learn about Slovenia’s thriving api-tourism industry and taste local honey. Look inside Bled Castle, built on a precipice above the city.

Day 5 | Slovenske Konjice | Zagreb, Croatia
Discovery: Zlati Grić Winery. Traverse the sunny hills of northeastern Slovenia, a prominent wine region steeped in centuries of viniculture. Settle in for a wine tasting and lunch at a countryside winery. In Croatia, check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

Top: Church of the Assumption of Mary and Bled Castle, Lake Bled
Day 6 | Zagreb
Enrichment: Contemporary Croatia.
Discovery: Zagreb. A panoramic tour reveals the sights of Zagreb’s modern Lower Town, followed by a visit to Mirogoj Cemetery, designed by Hermann Bollé. Walk through the Upper Town, including a visit to St. Mark’s Church with its tiled mosaic roof.
Free Time: Explore Zagreb at your own pace.

AHI Connects: Peka Dinner. Experience an authentic Croatian feast, a dinner of vegetables and meat that is traditionally roasted under a bell-like lid.

Day 7 | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Split
Discovery: Plitvice Lakes. With 16 crystal lakes and a bevy of shimmering cascades, this natural wonder is a retreat for the soul. Soak up the scenes and a bevy of shimmering cascades, this natural

Day 9
Free Time: Enjoy a picturesque ride to one of Europe's oldest-working pharmacies.

Day 10 | Split | Dubrovnik
Discovery: The Dalmatian Coast. Drink in views of tiny villages, turquoise bays and rolling hills along the Dalmatian Coast while driving to Dubrovnik. Check in to the Grand Villa Argentina.

Day 11 | Dubrovnik
Discovery: Dubrovnik. Inside the formidable stone walls of Croatia's crowning jewel is a warren of medieval treasures, fountains and marble-paved streets. Encounter unforgettable sights, including the baroque cathedral, Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace and the Franciscan Monastery, home to one of Europe's oldest-working pharmacies.

Day 12 | Dubrovnik
Free Time: Embark on your own adventure today. Perhaps walk along the old walls to witness dreamy Dubrovnik unfurl below you. Later, raise a toast with your fellow travelers and enjoy a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | In Transit
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 3 nights in Ljubljana, Slovenia, at the deluxe InterContinental Ljubljana.
- 2 nights in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.
- 3 nights in Split at the first-class Cornaro Hotel.
- 3 nights in Dubrovnik at the first-class Grand Villa Argentina.

Transfers (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
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April 30 – May 12, 2022

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Heart of Britain
featuring Yorkshire, the Lake District & Wales

**Inspiring Moments**

- Marvel at the **breathtaking natural grandeur within Britain’s premier parks**, including Yorkshire Dales National Park, the English Lake District and Snowdonia National Park.
- Take in sublime vistas of the **Fountains Abbey ruins** nestled within a spectacular, 18th-century water garden.
- Explore **historic, walled York**, built by the Romans, captured by the Vikings and packed with medieval treasures.
- Immerse yourself in Welsh history inside the mighty **castles of Conwy and Caernarfon**.
- Connect with local traditions over a traditional **English afternoon tea** and a stirring session of **Welsh folk music**.
- Luxuriate in the refined comforts and beautifully landscaped grounds of a **Welsh country manor**.

Traverse the heart of Great Britain on this enriching, 11-night journey to northern England and Wales! Be nourished by soul-stirring natural beauty and behold architectural wonders that resonate with dramatic, complex history. You’ll enjoy a carefully crafted itinerary that takes you to Britain’s most picturesque national parks, awe-inspiring Welsh castles, atmospheric ruins and one of England’s greatest churches. Throughout your travels, delve into fascinating historical and cultural topics during engaging excursions and informative talks. Plus, delight in wonderful local customs like an English afternoon tea and lively Welsh folk music!
Georgian water garden. Delight in their exquisite beauty on a stroll. Then enter beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park, graced with rolling hills and lush valleys lined with stone walls. As you explore, see Aysgarth Falls and visit pretty Grassington.

Arrive in the Lake District and check in to the Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa. Dine tonight at the hotel.

Day 6 | English Lake District
Discovery: Northern Lake District. Revel in the wondrous scenery of wild fells, peaceful dales and mirror-like lakes on a scenic tour. Stop in charming Grasmere and later enjoy lunch and a spirits tasting

Day 7 | English Lake District
Enrichment: The History of the English Lakes. Discovery: Authors Day. See more of the Lake District’s inspiring beauty on a day devoted to its former literary denizens. Tour William Wordsworth’s home and listen to a poetry reading in his garden.

Visit the home of the eminent Victorian writer John Ruskin and Hill Top, Beatrix Potter’s beloved retreat. Tour William Wordsworth’s former literary denizens. Tour William Wordsworth’s

Day 8 | Chester | Deganwy, Wales
This morning, depart for Wales and stop in Chester.

Discovery: Chester. Walk on the old town’s Roman walls with your guide and break for lunch afterward. Continue to Deganwy and the Quay Hotel & Spa.

*AHI Connects: Welsh Music Traditions. Learn about the Land of Song at an entertaining, interactive session with local musicians.

Day 9 | Conwy Castle | Bodnant Gardens | Llandudno
Discovery: Conwy Castle, Bodnant Gardens & Llandudno. Strategically set on a rocky outcrop, imposing Conwy Castle was built in just four years by English King Edward I in the 13th century. With your guide, explore the grounds which include eight huge towers and a high curtain wall. Then take in Bodnant Gardens’ flower-filled terraces and visit Llandudno, a captivating seaside resort town.

Day 10 | Caernarfon Castle
Enrichment: Wales, Past & Present.
Discovery: Caernarfon Castle. Gaze in awe at another of Edward’s formidable fortresses born out of his bitter wars with the Welsh princes. After your guided tour, savor a lunch of Welsh specialties.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Conwy.

Day 11 | Snowdonia National Park | Llyswen
Check out of the hotel and travel toward Llyswen.

Discovery: Snowdonia National Park. Prepare to be dazzled by this vast park’s rugged mountains, serene lakes and deep valleys on a panoramic tour. Visit a museum about the Welsh slate industry and Betws y Coed, a cozy village in Gwydyr Forest. Relish more of South Wales’ enchanting scenery on the way to your elegant country house hotel.

Day 12 | Llyswen
Free Time: On your final day, relax and enjoy the hotel’s tranquil rural setting or explore in the area. Share in a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 13 | In Transit
Transfer to the airport in Birmingham for the return flight to your gateway city.

**Included Features**
- **Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - 3 nights in York, England, at the first-class Hotel Indigo York.
  - 3 nights in Windermere at the first-class Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa.
  - 3 nights in Deganwy (Conwy), Wales, at The Quay Hotel & Spa, a first-class property.
  - 2 nights in Llyswen at the first-class Llangoed Hall.

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**June 9-21, 2022**

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From Normandy's cliff-lined coast to its breathtaking countryside, discover proud traditions, dramatic history, culinary delicacies and alluring beauty on this seven-night exploration! Take an emotional journey to Omaha Beach, the Normandy American Cemetery and related sites as you contemplate the impact of D-Day and World War II. Admire some of France's greatest treasures including majestic Mont-Saint-Michel, the finely stitched Bayeux Tapestry and fabulous impressionist art. This unforgettable, well-rounded adventure also features a delectable lunch at a castle and a Calvados tasting on an estate.

Inspiring Moments

- Marvel at stunning Mont-Saint-Michel rising spectacularly over the tidal waters.
- Contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces as you walk along the beaches of Normandy.
- View luminous impressionist paintings by the movement's great masters.
- Explore the impact of World War II at the Caen Memorial Museum.
- Savor a wonderfully prepared lunch at a stately, 10th-century castle.
- Delight in the local color and delicious cuisine along Honfleur’s picturesque harbor.
- Follow the epic story embroidered into the acclaimed Bayeux Tapestry.
- Sip Calvados, Normandy’s celebrated cider brandy, on an estate.

Above: Arromanches

"The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves," Normandy American Cemetery
bravery of the Allied landing forces who valiantly advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops. Pay a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery, which contains 9,385 graves of Americans who died in the invasion and ensuing battles, and a memorial garden honoring those missing in action. At Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers courageously scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy enemy artillery, hear about this treacherous mission from your guide and examine a German defensive emplacement.

**Day 5 | Château du Bec | Le Havre**

**Free Time:** Enjoy the morning at leisure.

**Discovery: Château du Bec and the Musée Malraux of Modern Art.** Cross the elegant cable-stayed Pont de Normandie that spans the Seine on your way to Château du Bec, a beautiful, privately owned, 10th-century castle. Meet one of the owners as you walk through the lovely grounds in a wooded park. Then learn about regional cooking traditions from the chef, who will prepare a special lunch for you inspired by the recipe books of Claude Monet. After lunch, journey to Le Havre to visit the Musée Malraux of Modern Art, or MuMa. In its bright, airy galleries, admire one of France’s largest collections of impressionist paintings, featuring works by Monet, Degas, Renoir, Pissarro, Boudin and other masters.

**Day 6 | Le Mont-Saint-Michel**

**Discovery: Mont-Saint-Michel.** With one glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel’s singular silhouette looming above the surrounding flat sands, you’ll know why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered a wonder of the Western world. On a guided tour, explore this fascinating island and visit the serene abbey and church that have drawn pilgrims for centuries. If you’d like, watch the tides from the ramparts and enjoy the panoramic vistas.

**Day 7 | Caen | Bayeux**

**Discovery: Le Mémorial de Caen.** Expand your understanding of World War II, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy as you explore the engaging exhibits at this award-winning museum.

**AHI Connects: Calvados.** Normandy’s apple cider brandy is among the world’s finest brandies. Visit an estate that distills Calvados from the apples grown on its 42 acres of orchards and learn about the process. Relax over lunch at the estate and enjoy a glass of smooth Calvados.

**Discovery: Bayeux.** View the renowned Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered masterpiece nearly 230 feet long with more than 50 scenes related to the 11th-century Norman conquest of England. Later, admire Bayeux’s Notre Dame Cathedral.

**Enrichment: The French Resistance.** Delve into the origins of the Resistance, its leaders and the heroic efforts of the French patriots who fought to liberate their country.

**Day 8 | Deauville**

**Free Time:** The day is yours to plan! Take a leisurely stroll on the boardwalk or dig into a tasty bowl of moules marinières at a waterfront café. Tonight, celebrate your time together in Normandy at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Day 9 | In Transit**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Paris for the return flight to your gateway city.

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**DEPARTURES & PRICING**

**June 3-11, 2022**

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**Included Features**

- Accommodations (with baggage handling)
  - 7 nights in Deauville, France, at the first-class Mercure Deauville Hotel.
- Extensive Meal Program
  - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
  - Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
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Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Athens, Greece.

Day 2 | Athens, Greece
Transfer to the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel. Gather for tonight’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Athens
Discovery: Athens City Tour. Get acquainted with legendary Athens, the birthplace of democracy and Western philosophy, theater and architecture. On a scenic tour, see highlights including the Academy of Athens, the University of Athens and the National Library. Then journey to the resplendent Acropolis, the hilltop sanctuary of monuments built by ancient Greece’s finest architects, sculptors and artists in the fifth century B.C. Take in the Parthenon’s classical lines and the sweeping views over Athens. At the Acropolis Museum, view stunning artifacts from the Acropolis’ slopes and look through the glass floor to see the ruins of an ancient neighborhood. (Active)

Free Time: The rest of the day is yours to plan.

Day 4 | Mycenae | Kalamata
This morning, depart Athens and travel toward Kalamata on the Peloponnese’s southern coast. Discovery: Mycenae and Greek Wine. Explore the impressive ruins of Mycenae, one of the great centers of the Mycenaean civilization which thrived during the second millennium B.C. According to Greek mythology, it was home to Agamemnon, the king who conquered Troy. Imagine this fortified city in all its glory as you walk under the imposing Lion’s Gate! Afterward, sample fine Greek wines with lunch at a nearby winery. (Active)
Continue to Kalamata and check in to the hotel.

**Enrichment: Greek History.**
As a special welcome to Kalamata, enjoy a cocktail and a buffet dinner with your group this evening.

**Day 5 | Kalamata | Messene**

**Discovery: Kalamata’s History and Cuisine.**
On a guided stroll in the charming Old Town, learn about Kalamata’s tumultuous past and stop along your walk to taste classic foods like their world-famous, fruity, sharp olives and fresh seafood.

Try more specialties over lunch in the Old Town.

**Discovery: Messene.**
This afternoon, visit the vast, splendid ruins of Messene, built around 369 B.C., an under-the-radar gem in a serene mountain valley. Unlike other sites, this ancient city was largely untouched by later settlements so its remains are remarkably intact. Marvel at the elegant temples, monasteries, chapels and churches adorned with frescoes. Break for a relaxing lunch afterward. Next, travel to Sparta for a guided walk amid the ruins for a delightful sunset cruise on the Messenian Gulf.

**Day 6 | Sparta | Mystras**

**Enrichment: Classical Greece.**

**Discovery: Mystras, the Greek Olive and Sparta.**
Tour the ruins of the medieval Byzantine city of Mystras, dramatically set on a mountainside over the Laconian plain. Hear about Mystras’ significance in Byzantine culture from your guide and admire monasteries, chapels and churches adorned with frescoes. Break for a relaxing lunch afterward. Next, travel to Sparta for a guided walk amid the ruins of one of Greece’s greatest city-states. Visit Sparta’s informative and interesting Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, which details why the olive is so prized by the Greeks. (Active)

**Day 7 | Ancient Olympia**

**Discovery: Ancient Olympia.** This sacred site dedicated to Zeus was the celebrated birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, which were first played in his honor in 776 B.C. As you explore, discover what the earliest Olympic games were like and stand at the runners’ original starting line in the stadium!

See the Temples of Zeus and Hera, then visit the Archaeological Museum to see beautiful sculptures from the temples, bronze artifacts and other finds.

In Kalamata this evening, join your fellow travelers for a delightful sunset cruise on the Messenian Gulf.

**Day 8 | Kalamata**

**Enrichment: Contemporary Greece.**

**Free Time:** Unwind on the hotel’s beach, savor a drink and lovely views at the rooftop lounge, take an optional cooking lesson or explore on your own.

**AHI Connects: Greek Night.** Join hands for a joyful Kalamatianos folk dance at a fun-filled farewell celebration featuring food, wine and live music!

**Day 9 | Corinth | Athens**

This morning, depart Kalamata for Athens and stop in Corinth during your journey.

**Discovery: Corinth Canal.** First opened in 1893, this deep channel separates the Peloponnese from the mainland. Enjoy a cruise and lunch in the area. Head on to Athens and the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.

**Free Time:** Pursue your own interests during your final afternoon and evening in Athens.

**Day 10 | In Transit**

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

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**INCLUDED FEATURES**

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Coastal Gems of the Emerald Isle featuring the Wild Atlantic Way

**Inspiring Moments**
- Witness the Wild Atlantic Way’s sensational beauty at The Burren and Cliffs of Moher, a UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Savor the majesty of the Slieve League sea cliffs and Giant’s Causeway’s unusual basalt columns formed by nature.
- Tap your toes to an Irish music and dance performance.
- Taste the best of Irish contemporary and traditional cuisine on a Donegal food tour.
- Explore Derry-Londonderry, a walled city and one of the most historic in Northern Ireland.
- Visit Kylemore Abbey and Glenveagh Castle, two 19th-century castles.
- Admire the craggy Atlantic Coast, shaped by crashing waves, on a cruise around Arranmore Island.
- Marvel at talented dogs during a herding demonstration at a family farm.

The Emerald Isle’s spectacular beauty awaits you on this heartwarming, culture-filled journey that includes less explored County Donegal and Northern Ireland! Feast your eyes on the awe-inspiring Wild Atlantic Way and discover the ruggedly beautiful islands of Inishmore, Achill and Arranmore. Gaze across Connemara’s glacier-carved landscapes, stand at the top of Ireland’s highest sea cliffs and wonder at the intriguing Giant’s Causeway. You’ll also relish the warm, welcoming ambience of small towns and bustling cities like Galway and Derry-Londonderry. Along the way, listen to a storyteller, sample classic dishes and watch border collies corral sheep!

**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Shannon, Republic of Ireland.

Day 2 | Shannon, Republic of Ireland | Ennis
Transfer to the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis. Later, join your Travel Director for a short stroll in the area. Gather for tonight’s Welcome Reception and Dinner featuring local dancers and musicians.

Day 3 | Ennis
Enrichment: Irish Seanchaí. Ireland’s premier folklorist/seanchaí, Eddie Lenihan, tells classic tales of folk heroes, myths and the supernatural.

Discovery: The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher. Revel in the Wild Atlantic Way’s majestic scenery of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. In the Burren, take an exclusive guided walk across the striking karstic limestone plateau as local expert Tony Kirby shares fascinating insights. After lunch, see the iconic portal tomb, Poulnabrone, and marvel at the stunning Cliffs of Moher rising 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 4 | Aran Islands
Discovery: Aran Island of Inishmore. Take a ferry across Galway Bay to explore this picturesque island where Gaelic is the first language. Stop at a family-run business that hand-harvests edible seaweeds and sample this ancient food source. Then visit Dun Aengus, a Bronze Age stone fort, and enjoy lunch.

Day 5 | Galway | Westport
After breakfast this morning, depart for Westport. Discovery: Galway. Delight in this spirited city’s colorful, medieval lanes buzzing with music and street performers on a guided stroll. Check in to the Westport Plaza Hotel.
Day 6 | Achill Island

Discovery: Achill Island. Achill’s untamed beauty has inspired writers and artists for centuries. See the deserted village of Slievemore dotted with the ruins of nearly 100 stone cottages. Later, after lunch in Keel, learn how to make an authentic Irish coffee.

Day 7 | Connemara

Discovery: Connemara. Witness brooding scenery of rugged mountains and windswept bogs, and stand at the base of Croagh Patrick, where St. Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days in the fifth century. Continue to romantic Kylemore Abbey, a 19th-century castle overlooking a serene lake, for a guided tour.

AHI Connects: Glen Keen Farm. Watch border collies herding a flock on a family-owned farm and chat with a family member about sheep farming.

Day 8 | County Sligo | Donegal | Slieve League | Rathmullan

Discovery: County Sligo. In “Yeats’ Country,” see the stirring vistas beloved by poet William Butler Yeats, and visit his grave at Drumcliffe Cemetery.

Free Time: Find a spot for lunch in lively Donegal.

Discovery: Slieve League. At Europe’s highest accessible sea cliffs, take in breathtaking panoramic views of Donegal Bay on a guided walk. Check in to the Rathmullan House in Rathmullan.

Day 9 | Arranmore Island | Donegal

Discovery: Arranmore Island Sea Safari. Learn about coastal Donegal on an engaging boat tour.

Day 10 | Glenveagh National Park

Discovery: Donegal Food Tour. In quaint towns and villages, savor the exciting food scene driven by up-and-coming, innovative chefs.

Discovery: Glenveagh National Park. In this wild, remote park, tour stately Glenveagh Castle. Break for lunch on-site and free time in the lush gardens.

Discovery: Glebe House & Gallery. Visit the former home of a renowned artist filled with eclectic art.

Discovery: Leo’s Tavern. Relax at this famous pub owned by present and former members of the band Clannad, including Enya and Moya Brennan.

Day 11 | Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland | Giant’s Causeway | Glaslough, Republic of Ireland

This morning, check out of the hotel in Rathmullan.

Discovery: Derry-Londonderry and Giant’s Causeway. Delve into the rich history of this vibrant city in Northern Ireland on a walking tour and enjoy lunch. Head next to Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to see this natural wonder. Continue to Glaslough and The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate, set on 1,000 acres of countryside.

Day 12 | Glaslough

Free Time: Enjoy the estate and its amenities. Share in a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 13 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Dublin for the return flight to your gateway city.

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 3 nights in Ennis, County Clare, at the first-class Old Ground Hotel.
- 3 nights in Westport, County Mayo, at the first-class Westport Plaza Hotel.
- 3 nights in Rathmullan, County Donegal, at the first-class Rathmullan House.
- 2 nights in Glaslough, County Monaghan, at The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate, a first-class property.

Transfers (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
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Florence in the Serene Season
Art, Culture & People

**Inspiring Moments**

- Experience the true essence of enchanting Florence during a quieter time of year.
- Stroll through the city’s intimate streets and beautiful piazzas, a veritable outdoor museum of Renaissance glories.
- Marvel at the breathtaking Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, clad in white, pink and green marble and topped by Brunelleschi’s magnificent dome.
- Take more time to enjoy Michelangelo’s David and the centuries of priceless art in the Uffizi during this tranquil season.
- Relax with the locals and treat yourself to irresistible Italian specialties, from handmade pasta to heavenly gelato.
- Revel in the medieval brilliance of Tuscan towns San Gimignano and Siena.
- Sip Italy’s iconic wine in the romantic Chianti countryside.
- Enjoy three UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Delve into glorious Florence more intimately at an off-peak time of year on this seven-night stay! Italy’s city of art shines with Renaissance jewels, from Michelangelo’s David and the towering Duomo to stately palazzi and the Uffizi’s masterpieces. Venture into rural Tuscany to medieval Tuscan hill towns San Gimignano, Colle di Val d’Elsa and Siena. At one of Florence’s oldest cafés, discover the social rituals behind Italy’s passion for coffee. Taste Chianti at its birthplace, plus watch and learn as a local chef whips up an authentic Tuscan lunch. Simply unpack once at your deluxe hotel and savor la dolce vita!

**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**Day 1 | In Transit**
Depart for Florence, Italy.

**Day 2 | Florence, Italy**
Transfer to the Sina Villa Medici. After settling in, join your Travel Director for a short walk to get acquainted with the neighborhood.
Gather for tonight’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**Day 3 | Florence**
**Discovery: Florence Walk.** On a guided stroll, take in the splendor of the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Gaze up at the stupendous Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Brunelleschi’s red-tiled dome. See Giotto’s 14th-century bell tower and the octagonal Baptistery with bronze doors by Ghiberti. Head to the Arno River and cross the iconic Ponte Vecchio. Then linger in Piazza della Signoria, the city’s political heart since the 14th century. Conclude your walking tour with a refreshing lunch.

**Free Time:** Strike off on your own to explore. Find time to indulge in Florence’s handmade gelato! Dig into traditional favorites like hazelnut and chocolate-flaked stracciatella, or try innovative flavors such as lavender, Black Forest cake and salted caramel.

**Day 4 | San Gimignano | Chianti**
**Discovery: San Gimignano.** Travel today to this picturesque hill town with a skyline of 14 wonderfully preserved medieval tower-houses. Feuding noble families built them for defensive purposes but also to show off their wealth and power. As you walk with your guide through the old town, imagine what it must have looked like with its original 72 towers!
At lunch today, watch and learn as a local chef demonstrates how to cook Tuscan-style.

**Discovery: Chianti.** Journey to the captivating Chianti region, a vision of quiet back roads, hillside towns, woodlands and, of course, vineyards. At the Castello di Monsanto, an elegant winery built in 1750, sample wines produced from handpicked Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other grapes.

**Free Time:** Enjoy time at leisure in Florence.

**Day 5 | Florence**

**Enrichment: Renaissance Art.** Learn how Italian painting and sculpture evolved during this period of cultural blossoming that revived classical traditions.

**Discovery: Accademia Gallery.** Tour this famed museum, where Michelangelo’s 17-foot-tall statue of David takes center stage. View impressive Italian paintings and sculptures, as well as an important collection of musical instruments, including finely crafted pieces by Antonio Stradivari, one of the world’s greatest luthiers, and Bartolomeo Cristofori, the inventor of the piano.

**Free Time:** The rest of the day is yours to plan.

**Day 6 | Florence**

**Discovery: Uffizi Gallery,** Visit one of Florence’s most celebrated museums containing incomparable art amassed by Medici rulers and princes, who were prolific collectors. Trace the fascinating development of Italian art across the centuries.

**AHI Connects: Italian Coffee and Café Culture.** From a morning cappuccino to a midday caffè, nothing defines Italian daily life more than coffee rituals. At one of Florence’s oldest cafés, learn how favorite choices are prepared during a special discussion, then relish a classic drink and pastry.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Italy and Life in Florence.** Find out more about everyday Italian life. Share the day’s highlights with your fellow travelers over a dinner of tasty Florentine fare.

**Day 7 | Colle di Val d’Elsa | Siena**

**Discovery: Colle di Val d’Elsa.** Begin your day in the Tuscan countryside in this hill town set above the Elsa River valley. Meander through the old town with your guide to see its charming medieval architecture. Afterward, savor lunch at a restaurant in the area.

**Discovery: Siena.** Bathed in a rose-pink glow, gorgeous Siena remains remarkably unchanged since the Middle Ages. Step into one of Europe’s finest piazzas, the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo dominated by the majestic Torre del Mangia, and see the Gaia fountain. Visit Siena’s beautiful Duomo, one of the best examples of the Italian Gothic style, featuring an ornate sculptural façade.

**Free Time:** Explore Siena more on your own.

**Day 8 | Florence**

**Free Time:** Enjoy your final day at leisure. Perhaps you’ll admire the artistic treasures inside Florence’s many churches, or visit Pitti Palace to see the grand Palatine Gallery and Royal Apartments, where the Medici, Lorraine and Savoy families once resided.

This evening, over an aperitif in the hotel’s garden, celebrate your wonderful sojourn in Florence, then share a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers.

**Day 9 | In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for the return flight.

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**DEPARTURES & PRICING**

**October 21-29, 2022**

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Spain
Andalucía | In a Parador

Experience romantic southern Spain on a seven-night journey in Andalucía. Stay in a modern parador in Antequera, and discover the history of Al-Andalus, as this region of Spain was known during eight centuries of Moorish control. Examine the influence of Muslim culture, along with Christian and Jewish influences, on the region’s art, architecture and cuisine while appreciating its contemporary culture. See the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada, the iconic arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla. From beautiful Ronda perched above the El Tajo Gorge to a spirited flamenco, embrace the best of Andalucía.

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Málaga, Spain.

Day 2 | Málaga, Spain | Antequera
Transfer to the Parador de Antequera. Tonight, at the parador, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Antequera
Discovery: Ancient Antequera. Witness Europe’s most striking megalithic monuments, the Menga and Viera dolmens, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Ponder the incredible labor and skill required to build these enormous stone burial chambers. Then take a guided walk in Antequera. Begin at the Alcazaba, the 14th-century Moorish fortress that once guarded the city, and admire sweeping vistas of Antequera. Visit El Carmen Church, and see other landmarks in the old town. Enjoy lunch in town.

Free Time: Set your own agenda this afternoon.

Enrichment: Andalucía and the Moorish Influence.

Day 4 | Granada
Discovery: Granada & Palace City. Today, visit the stunning Alhambra, the Moorish fortress and palace complex in Granada. It was built in the 13th and 14th centuries by the kings of the Nasrid dynasty who sought to create their own paradise on earth. In the Palacios Nazaríes, see the Court of the Myrtles, the Hall of the Ambassadors, the Court of the Lions, and more. Visit the castle, and stroll amid the gardens of Generalife. Within the Alhambra, relax over lunch at the Parador de Granada’s restaurant.

Inspiring Moments
- Ponder the influence of the Moors as you explore the entrancing Alhambra.
- Feel the passion in the soulful dancing and singing of a flamenco performance.
- Immerse yourself in the charm of Antequera, an off-the-beaten-path gem known for its religious architecture and its beautiful natural setting.
- Marvel at the breathtaking view of El Tajo Gorge in Ronda.
- Delight in the majestic architecture of the cathedral and Alcázar in Sevilla.
- Sip a glass of wine at an organic winery as you savor your adventure in Andalucía.
- Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Above: El Tajo Gorge, Ronda
Day 5 | Sevilla

**Discovery: Sevilla.** Journey to Sevilla, the cultural heart of southern Spain. On a panoramic/walking tour, visit the magnificent Plaza de España, adorned with colorful ceramics. Then step inside the grand Cathedral of Sevilla, the world’s largest Gothic building. Next, visit the splendid Real Alcázar, a 10th-century Moorish palace that later became a Spanish royal residence. See the centuries-old bullring and Torre del Oro, the Moorish watchtower near the Guadalquivir River. Finish with a walk through the charming Barrio de Santa Cruz.

**Free Time:** Find a nice spot for lunch on your own before returning to Antequera.

Day 6 | Ronda

**Discovery: Ronda.** Spectacularly set on the edge of El Tajo Gorge high above the open countryside, Ronda is a showstopper and the largest of the region’s **pueblos blancos**, or white towns. Visit the Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor. Then stand through the charming Barrio de Santa Cruz.

**Free Time:** Make your own plans for lunch at a restaurant in Antequera.

This evening, dine on traditional dishes at a restaurant in Antequera.

Day 7 | Córdoba

**Discovery: Córdoba.** Explore the great mosque, La Mezquita, containing the finest examples of Moorish architecture in Spain. After the city was recaptured by the Spanish, a cathedral was built inside the complex in the 16th century. Its most spellbinding feature is the superb hall with 856 columns made from marble, granite, jasper and onyx connected by striped arches. See the Roman bridge, and walk in the atmospheric Jewish quarter, filled with winding streets and whitewashed homes.

**Free Time:** Make your own plans for lunch and exploration in Córdoba.

Day 8 | Antequera

**Enrichment: Contemporary Spain.**

**Free Time:** Spend the day at leisure in Antequera, or join one of today’s activities.

**Elective | Torcal & Olive Oil Experience.**

Visit a family-owned olive oil mill and learn how olive oil is made. Savor a delicious brunch featuring the mill’s olive oil. Then drive through the unique limestone landscape of El Torcal Nature Reserve.

You can also opt to take a complimentary, round-trip shuttle to vibrant Málaga and explore on your own.

Tonight, celebrate your time in the south of Spain at a Farewell Reception and Dinner in the parador.

Day 9 | In Transit

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

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**Electives available at an additional cost.**

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**INCLUDED FEATURES**

- 7 nights in Antequera, Spain, at the first-class Parador de Antequera.
- **Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- **Extensive Meal Program**
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**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers**

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**Day 1 | In Transit**
Depart for Zürich, Switzerland.

**Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken**
Transfer to the Hotel Carlton-Europe in Interlaken.

**Discovery: Welcome to Interlaken!** The beauty and ambience of Interlaken immediately welcome you to Switzerland. Join your Travel Director for an introductory walk around this culture-rich town. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

**Day 3 | Kandersteg | Oeschinensee**

**Enrichment:** Mountaineering.

**Discovery:** Lake Oeschinensee. The enchanting Bernese Oberland — a portrait of shimmering lakes, cotton-ball clouds and impossibly tall mountains — surrounds you during a train journey to Kandersteg, followed by a gondola ride up to Lake Oeschinensee. Stretch your legs on a gentle hike to the glacial lake, passing meadows filled with grazing cows and sheep. Take in the glorious views before you as you inhale the sweet scent of wildflowers.

Back in Kandersteg, unwind over a hearty lunch; then travel via train to Interlaken.

**Day 4 | Brienz | Rothorn**

**Discovery:** Brienz and the Rothorn. Brienz is world-renowned for its enchanting backdrop, charming wooden chalets and centuries of wood-carving traditions. At the Brienz Rothorn Railway station, built in 1892, board a steam train for a breathtaking ride to the top of the Rothorn. Soak up the unparalleled vistas and relax in the warm sunlight while digging into a delicious lunch.

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**Majestic Switzerland**
Interlaken | Vevey

**ALUMNI CAMPUS ABROAD®**

**Inspiring Moments**
- Journey by train, bus, boat and foot to witness and explore Switzerland’s spectacular Alpine scenery.
- Feast your eyes on the soul-stirring landscapes of the Bernese Oberland.
- Surround yourself in the unspoiled natural wonders of the Lauterbrunnen Valley.
- Sip light, crisp wine at a vineyard in Lavaux, one of the world’s most celebrated and captivating wine regions.
- Cruise on Lake Geneva to Château de Chillon, a romantic medieval fortress.
- From sweet to savory, tempt your palate with chocolate and cheese in Gruyères.
- Travel by steam-train up the Brienz Rothorn, reveling in the breathtaking Bernese Alps.
- Experience two UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**ACTIVE TRAVEL**

**Excursions on this program require:**
- walking distances of up to 3-5 miles, sometimes uphill or downhill
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven and slippery surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains, gondolas and funiculars
- tolerating high altitude conditions

Bask in Swiss splendor with stays in Interlaken and Vevey, historic cities that shine with culture. Follow the decadent scents of chocolate down cobblestone lanes, stand in the shadow of mountain peaks that pierce the sky and amble through meadows bursting with flowers. From undulating summits and glassy lakes to legendary castles and verdant foothills, discover the unforgettable gems of Switzerland!
Return to Brienz and take a lake cruise to Interlaken.

Day 5 | Lauterbrunnen Valley | Mürren
Discovery: Lauterbrunnen Valley. Hop aboard a train to the Lauterbrunnen Valley. Ride in a cable car to Grütschalp; then hike along a gentle forest path to Winteregg and on to the timeless, car-free town of Mürren. Delight in the setting before you where craggy mountain tops loom above an emerald valley. On a clear day, you may witness the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks that complement the landscape. Descend from Mürren by aerial cable car through a quintessential Swiss portrait of wild-flowers and mountain-scapes.

AHI Connects: Local Culture. Enjoy an authentic dining experience with regional cuisine, a local folkloric singing group and Alpenhorn music.

Day 6 | Gruyères | Vevey
Transit the high Jaun mountain pass to Gruyères.
Discovery: Gruyère Cheese. Visit a countryside dairy farm where you’ll see a demonstration on making Gruyère cheese, plus enjoy a tasting.
Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Gruyères where the aromas of chocolate and coffee emanate from cafés bordering the streets.
Discovery: Swiss Chocolate. During an interactive tour at a chocolate factory, learn about the history of the product, see how raw ingredients become divine concoctions of milk, dark and white chocolate, and nibble on some sweet treats.
Discovery: Welcome to Vevey! Join your Travel Director for an enjoyable walk around Vevey, perched idyllically along Lake Geneva.

Day 7 | Montreux | Lavaux
Discovery: Montreux. Stylish Montreux has inspired artists, musicians and literati for centuries. Cruise on Lake Geneva to the 13th-century Château de Chillon. Rising from a rocky promontory, the castle once housed the dukes and counts of Savoy.
Discovery and Enrichment: Lavaux Wine Region. Journey to the fertile, UNESCO-listed Lavaux vineyard region, soaking up the warm, sun-kissed hills and the sweet smell of grapes. Learn about the region’s viniculture, visit a winery and enjoy lunch. Sample exceptional wine varietals during your visit today.
Free Time: Your afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 8 | Zermatt
Discovery: Zermatt. Drive from Villars to Täsch; then travel via train to Zermatt, a resort town with fanciful chalets and inviting shops.

Day 9 | Vevey
Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey. Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 10 | In Transit
Transfer to the Geneva airport for the return flight to your gateway city.
Switzerland, Germany & Austria

featuring the Passion Play in Oberammergau

Inspiring Moments

» Delight in a historic performance of the decennial Passion Play in Oberammergau.
» Glide across Lake Constance from Friedrichshafen to Lindau.
» Feast your eyes on stunning mountain peaks and verdant valleys.
» Indulge in the local culinary traditions during a fondue lunch, a beer garden outing and much more!
» Walk in the footsteps of Mozart in his hometown of Salzburg and enjoy a performance of his works.
» Experience two UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Discover the beauty and cultural treasures of the northern Alps in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Gaze at majestic mountains while exploring medieval towns and baroque cities. Revel in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness Oberammergau’s decennial performance of the Passion Play, a tradition since 1634. Enjoy an authentic lunch in one of Munich’s beer gardens and cruise the Bodensee, a lake shared by all three countries. Explore Innsbruck in the Austrian Alps, uncover Mozart’s Salzburg and marvel at a centuries-old monastic library. Along the way, savor Appenzeller cheeses and indulge in a delicious fondue lunch!

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Munich, Germany.

Day 2 | Munich, Germany | Oberstaufen
Transfer to Oberstaufen and check in to the Lindner Parkhotel & Spa.
Get to know this lovely Bavarian town during an orientation walk. Later, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Appenzell, Switzerland | St. Gallen
Discovery: Appenzell and St. Gallen. Charming Appenzell is host to traditional, colorful façades, a mural-covered town hall and impressive museums. Take in the sights before continuing to St. Gallen to tour its baroque Abbey of St. Gall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monastery’s library showcases priceless manuscripts dating to the Middle Ages.

AHI Connects: Swiss Fondue. Indulge in a Swiss fondue lunch at a cozy restaurant.

Enrichment: Upper Allgäu Region: Its History and People. Discuss the history of this fascinating region, as well as its varied languages and cultures.

Day 4 | Friedrichshafen | Lindau
Discovery: The Bodensee. Take in majestic vistas during a scenic drive to Friedrichshafen on the shore of the Bodensee, the glacial lake also known as Lake Constance. Cruise to Lindau to explore its old town. The village’s famous lighthouse and lion statue greet you as you enter the harbor. See the city’s two famous towers, Diebsturm and Mangturm, and the baroque Haus zum Cavazzen, which houses the art collections of the Stadtmuseum Lindau. Enjoy lunch at a waterfront locale.

Above: Salzburg
Day 5 | Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany | Oberammergau
Travel to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and check in to the Hotel Zugspitze.

Discovery: Passion Play. Witness the immense production of Oberammergau’s world-renowned Passion Play. Since the mid-1600s, residents of this Bavarian village have staged the play every 10 years, a pledge made to stop the suffering and death caused by the plague that swept across Europe. Follow the later part of Jesus’ life, including the Crucifixion and Resurrection, and witness powerful moments, such as The Last Supper, Jesus at the Mount of Olives and Jesus before Pilate and Herod. Break for dinner during intermission.

Day 6 | Innsbruck, Austria | Salzburg
Gaze at towering Alps on your way to Salzburg.

Discovery: Innsbruck. Explore Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol. Discover the Old Town on a walking tour that takes you down Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the city’s main boulevard, and by the Golden Roof, the Imperial Palace and Gardens, and the Court Church.

Free Time: Enjoy time at leisure in Innsbruck. Arrive in Salzburg this afternoon and check in to the Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg.

Day 7 | Salzburg
Enrichment: Mozart’s Life and Work. Gain insight into the incredible life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Discovery: Salzburg. Explore Mozart’s hometown before visiting Hohensalzburg Fortress, which overlooks the city. See the home on Getreidegasse, where the great composer was born, and witness other significant places in his life. The earliest sections of the castle were built in the 11th century, and the existing building was completed in the early 16th century. It is one of Salzburg’s iconic sights.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon at leisure. Explore Mozart’s hometown.

Discovery: Dinner with Mozart. Dine on Austrian cuisine while listening to live performances of Mozart’s arias from his operas “Figaro,” “The Magic Flute” and “Don Giovanni.”

Day 8 | Salzburg
Free Time: Spend a full day at leisure in Salzburg. There are myriad options to entertain you!

Day 9 | Munich, Germany
Revel in a train ride through picturesque countryside.

Discovery: Munich and a Beer Garden Lunch. A walking tour takes you to see Munich’s landmarks, including the Marienplatz and Bavarian National Opera Hall. Step inside the baroque Theatine Church. After, enjoy a hearty lunch at a beer garden, a favorite convivial tradition of Munich residents. There are over 180 beer gardens in Munich! Check in to the Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

Enrichment: Germany Today. Discuss the current events shaping modern Germany.

Day 10 | Munich
Free Time: Enjoy a free day in Munich. Perhaps visit the Residenz, a palace-turned-museum.

Gather this evening to celebrate your journey with a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 11 | In Transit
Transfer to the airport for the return flight.
United Arab Emirates

featuring the Dubai Expo

Inspiring Moments

► Expand your understanding of UAE history, culture and religion during a wide-ranging, open discussion with a scholar at Dubai’s ***Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding.***

► Relish authentic Emirati cuisine and customs over ***lunch at a private home in Abu Dhabi.***

► Delight in a ***magical night at a desert resort,*** complete with traditional Arabian dishes, music and belly dancing.

► Witness the juxtaposition of **traditional and modern Dubai** on engaging tours.

► Explore **World Expo Dubai,** a global extravaganza of culture, innovation and entertainment with more than 190 participating countries.

► Delve into the cultural heritage of the UAE’s ***glittering capital, Abu Dhabi.***

► Learn why falcons are revered by the Emirati people at a ***falcon hospital.***

Discover a tantalizing fusion of ancient and modern, framed by golden desert dunes and sparkling gulf waters, on this intriguing journey in the UAE. Whether it’s your first visit or a return to explore more deeply, enjoy a multifaceted immersion into Emirati history and culture, all while in the care of a dedicated Travel Director and in the company of curious travelers like yourself. Explore Dubai and Abu Dhabi, forward-looking cities grounded in a heritage defined by the desert and sea. Chat with Emiratis during two fascinating cultural exchanges, witness global collaboration at a premier expo and watch a lovely sunset on an unforgettable evening in the desert!

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Day 2 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Arrive and transfer to the Al Seef Heritage Hotel Dubai, Curio Collection by Hilton.

Day 3 | Dubai
**AHI Connects: UAE Cultural Exchange.** Guided by its motto, “Open Doors, Open Minds,” the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding seeks to spread tolerance and break stereotypes. Gain insights at a talk by a scholar, then engage in an expansive discussion about Emirati traditions, values and religion, where no question is off limits and dialogue is encouraged. Afterward, share a meal of classic Emirati dishes.

Day 4 | Dubai
**Discovery: Modern Dubai.** In 1966, the discovery of oil triggered explosive development, and by 1972, seven Gulf sheikdoms had joined in federation as
the United Arab Emirates. Today, discover Dubai’s new identity as a cosmopolitan international center of commerce and finance. Take in stunning vistas from the skydeck of the iconic Dubai Frame, see the grand Zabeel Palace and the Jumeirah Mosque, then visit Palm Jumeirah, a man-made archipelago. After lunch in Dubai Marina, check out Dubai Mall, famous for its retail shops and the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo. Crane your neck for a look at nearby Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest building!

**Day 5 | Dubai**

**Discovery: World Expo Dubai.** Dubai is the first Middle Eastern city to host the six-month Expo, the modern-day version of the World’s Fair. Explore pavilions hosted by nearly 200 countries; taste your way through a dining scene of more than 50 global cuisines; see mind-blowing architecture; delight in cultural events and much more! Shuttles back to the hotel will run during the afternoon and evening.

**Day 6 | Arabian Desert**

**Enrichment: Arabian Desert Life.**

**Discovery: Arabian Days.** Travel to the Mleiha Archaeological Center in the Emirate of Sharjah, which traces the story of human life in this arid peninsula since Paleolithic times. Check in to the Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa. After you’ve settled in, take an exciting ride over the pristine sand dunes in a 4x4 desert vehicle.

**Discovery: Arabian Nights.** Enjoy a wonderful celebration beneath starry desert skies featuring traditional Arabic Nights. Prance through festive fields with the Bedouins of the Bani Yas tribe, Abu Dhabi has preserved its cultural heritage while maturing into one of the world’s richest cities. Explore its Bedouin roots at the Heritage Village, then visit the modern Qasr al Watan, or Palace of the Nation, splendidly crafted in homage to traditional Arabian artistry. See famed landmarks as you admire Arabian Gulf views and tour the city’s oldest heritage site, the gleaming Qasr al Hosn, a former fortress and palace.

**AHI Connects: Local Emirati House.** Enjoy fellowship, hospitality and a home-cooked meal.

**Enrichment: The Emirates.**

**Day 7 | Abu Dhabi**

**Discovery: Desert Oasis.** In the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, visit Hill Archaeological Park and Al Ain Oasis, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See Bronze and Iron Age tombs, village ruins and an ancient irrigation system. After lunch, stroll along the Oasis’ shaded paths amid the beautiful date palm plantations. Continue to the Le Royal Méridien Abu Dhabi.

**Day 8 | Abu Dhabi**

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**Enrichment: The Emirates.**

**Day 9 | Abu Dhabi**

**Discovery: Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital & Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.** Learn about the cultural importance of the UAE’s national bird at a falcon hospital and watch birds being treated. Next, step inside one of the world’s largest mosques, a dazzling architectural gem with room for 55,000 worshippers.

**Free Time:** Make your own plans this afternoon. Join your group for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Day 10 | In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

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**INCLUDED FEATURES**

**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- 4 nights in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, at the first-class Al Seef Heritage Hotel Dubai, Curio Collection by Hilton.
- 1 night in the Arabian Desert at the first-class Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa.
- 3 nights in Abu Dhabi at the deluxe Le Royal Méridien Abu Dhabi.

**Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- Small group: Sized just right at 24 guests.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 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.

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**DEPARTURES & PRICING**

**March 4-13, 2022**

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Above: Bedouin in the desert
Cruise the Heart of Europe
Frankfurt to Budapest

**Inspiring Moments**

- Experience centuries of culture and history with visits to **Vienna, Bratislava** and **Budapest**.
- Feast your eyes on the twinkling landmarks of **Budapest** during an unforgettable evening river cruise.
- Glide along the legendary Main, Rhine and Danube rivers, passing the memorable **Loreley Rock and Wachau Valley**.
- Delight in the beguiling, relaxed ambience of **Bratislava’s old town**.
- Linger inside **Melk Abbey**, perched on a rocky bluff above the Danube River.
- Sail through the **Main-Danube Canal**, a civil-engineering wonder.
- Applaud the graceful turns and flowing movements of elegant waltz dancers during an exclusive performance.
- Experience seven **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Navigate the legendary Rhine, Main and Danube rivers and experience the distinct heritage and histories of four countries. From mighty castles to medieval towns, celebrated landmarks to natural wonders, every moment of this journey will fill you with awe. Get to know Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest, illustrious cities steeped in grandeur and legacies. Sail through the scenic Middle Rhine and Wachau valleys, where castles and villages beckon from rolling vineyards. Plus, customize your cruise in select ports with a choice of included excursions, such as culinary tours, cycling trips, museum visits, walking tours, musical performances and more!

**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**Day 1 | In Transit**
Depart for Frankfurt, Germany.

**Day 2 | Frankfurt, Germany**
Arrive and transfer to your first-class river ship. Gather for a friendly Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**Day 3 | Koblenz**
**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**
- **Koblenz.** Explore Koblenz, walking by Town Hall, the onion-domed Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more sites, including the iconic German Corner.
- **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** A cable car whisks you to this famous battlement perched above the Rhine River. Take a tour and learn about its storied history. Glide by the Loreley Rock, castles and vineyard-clad hills of the sublime Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

**Day 4 | Miltenberg**
**Discovery: Frühschoppen.** Head to the sun deck for a fun German tradition. Sip a beer and enjoy a spread of pretzels, sausages and mustards.
**Discovery: Miltenberg.** This romantic town brims with traditional half-timbered homes and taverns, plus a decorative octagonal fountain. See the Town Hall and Germany’s oldest inn with its storybook façade. Then taste Franconian wines and brandies.

**Day 5 | Würzburg**
**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**
- **Würzburg Residenz & City Walk.** Visit one of Europe’s finest baroque palaces, followed by a gentle stroll through the historic city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Journey through the Franconian heartland, passing fairy-tale villages with enchanting
architecture. Stop in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of Germany’s best-preserved medieval cities.

Day 6 | Bamberg
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Bamberg. This Bavarian town showcases stunning architecture. See the statue of Neptune and the old fisherman’s quarter with its colorful houses.
•Culinary Delights. Visit a bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and more to taste typical Franconian favorites, such as local licorice and brezel, a German pretzel.

Day 7 | Nuremberg
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Nuremberg. See the courthouse that held the World War II trials, a castle with a circular tower, the wonderful Schöner Brunnen and other highlights.
•Documentation Center Museum. View a special exhibition that examines the causes, context and consequences of the National Socialist regime.
•Rural Life. Visit a Franconian farm. Meet the family, discuss local lifestyles and enjoy lunch on the farm.

Day 8 | Regensburg
Discovery: Regensburg. Pass by the ancient Porta Praetoria, St. Peter’s Cathedral, the impressive Stone Bridge and portions of the old Roman Tower. Enjoy a visit to the Thurn und Taxis royal residence.

Day 9 | Passau
Discovery: Passau. Admire the Gothic-style Town Hall; St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the impressive Cathedral Organ; the former Niedernburg Abbey and the New Bishop’s Residence.

Day 10 | Melk, Austria | Dürnstein
Discovery: Melk Abbey. From the opulent Abbey Church to the gorgeous library and richly decorated Emperors’ Gallery, indulge in a tour of this sensation. Sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley where whimsical villages and castles peek from the hills.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Dürnstein. Be charmed by Dürnstein’s baroque façades, medieval ambience and blue Stiftskirche.
•Danube Cycling. Ride gently through the pretty countryside, then break for coffee and cake. (Active)
•Wachau Winery. Delve into storied Wachau Valley viticulture during a wine tasting at a historic cellar.

Day 11 | Vienna
Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Imperial Vienna. Admire the Imperial Apartments at Hofburg Palace; then drive along the Ringstrasse.
•Klosterneuburg Monastery. See the monastery’s art and treasures, and visit a wine cellar for a tasting.
•Schönbrunn Palace. Baroque wonders await at the State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors and gardens.

Day 12 | Bratislava, Slovakia
Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Old Town & Café. See St. Martin’s Cathedral, Michael’s Gate and more, plus enjoy a typical pastry.
•Old Town & Music. View sites steeped in musical history, followed by a recital by a young violinist.
•Castle & Beer. Visit the imposing Bratislava Castle and taste Slovak beers at a local pub in Old Town. Raise a toast at your Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | Budapest, Hungary
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
•Budapest. See Heroes’ Square, the Parliament Building, Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion and more.
•Living Local. Visit the buzzing Great Market Hall and taste strudel and palinka, a local schnapps.
•Budapest’s Jewish Quarter. Visit the Dohány Street Synagogue and Holocaust Memorial Center. Witness the poignant Shoes on the Danube.

Discovery: Budapest at Night. Gaze at illuminated architecture along the river on a memorable cruise.

Day 14 | In Transit
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

EXCEED YOUR STAY
in Wiesbaden | 2 Nights | Pre-Trip
in Budapest | 2 Nights | Post-Trip

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
– Unpack once and cruise for 12 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Star.

Extensive Meal Program
– 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 12 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 4 countries during this program.
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May 4-17, 2022
Full Price From $5,345
Special Savings $250
Special Price From $5,095*

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VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional $495 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

No single supplement waived for solo travelers!

May 11-24, 2022
Full Price From $5,395
Special Savings $250
Special Price From $5,145*

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Above: Dürnstein | Above right: Bamberg | Above far right: Schönbrunn Palace
### Cruise the Rhine & Mosel Rivers
Amsterdam to Basel

**Inspiring Moments**

- Fall under the spell of **beautiful Amsterdam** as you float along its leafy, picturesque canals.
- Be awed by the Gothic grandeur of **Cologne Cathedral**, a masterpiece of human achievement more than 600 years in the making.
- Feel enveloped in the **Rhine Valley’s entrancing scenery**, a pretty riverside tableau of hilltop castles, vine-laced slopes and medieval towns.
- Take in wonderful views of the **serene Mosel river valley** from the castle high above Cochem.
- Delight in the Alsatian flavor of Grande Île, **Strasbourg’s historic heart**.
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Delight in splendid river valleys lined with vineyards and castles on this seven-night cruise through the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. Glide along Amsterdam’s 17th-century canals, and marvel at UNESCO World Heritage cathedrals in Cologne and Speyer. Gaze out over the Mosel river valley from Cochem’s castle and cruise through the beautiful Rhine Gorge. You can also tailor your journey to your interests with a choice of included excursions in Amsterdam, Rüdesheim, Heidelberg and Strasbourg, ranging from bicycling and scenic walks to cultural and food tours. Enjoy this intimate view of European history and unpack only once!

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**Day-by-Day Itinerary**

**Day 1 | In Transit**
Depart for Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands**
Transfer to the pier and embark the ship.

**Enrichment:** Contemporary Europe.
**Discovery:** Canals of Amsterdam. Cruise on these historic waterways and revel in Dutch Golden Age gabled houses and locals of all ages pedaling by.

**Day 3 | Amsterdam**
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• **Rijksmuseum.** Visit this famed museum, housing art by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other noted artists.
• **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Pedal through this scenic wetland of small fishing villages with a guide. (Active)
• **Jordaan District Walking and Food Tour.** Pop into local shops to sample classic Dutch treats.
Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**Day 4 | Cologne, Germany**

**Discovery:** Cologne. On a guided old town walk, gaze up at the majestic cathedral’s Gothic exterior, then go inside to admire its decorative details.
The ship departs Cologne and cruises overnight.

**Day 5 | Mosel River | Cochem**
Sail through a narrow portion of the Mosel River flanked by quaint villages and tiered vineyards.

**Enrichment:** Frühshoppen. On board, indulge in the German tradition of beer, pretzels and mustards.
**Discovery:** Cochem and the Reichsburg Castle. One of the Mosel’s most attractive towns, Cochem.
Day 6 | Koblenz | Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim

Discovery: Koblenz. More than 2,000 years ago, the Romans founded a settlement at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers, where lovely Koblenz now sits. Meander with your guide through the historic center’s cobbled lanes and see the Church of Our Lady with its onion-domed towers. Sail through stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

Enrichment: Castles and Legends of the Rhine.
Cruise to Rüdesheim, where the ship will dock.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• Wines of the Rhine. This is Riesling country, blessed with the ideal climate and soil to produce exceptional grapes. In Rüdesheim’s Old Town, walk along bustling Drosselgasse and visit a local winery for a tasting of the region’s fine vintages.

• A Musical Walk in Time. Stroll with your guide in Rüdesheim’s Old Town along medieval walls and down Drosselgasse to visit a captivating museum of self-playing mechanical musical instruments.

Day 7 | Mannheim | Heidelberg | Speyer
The ship arrives in Mannheim early this morning.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• Heidelberg Castle and Town. Visit the red-walled castle and take in scenic views of the Neckar Valley, then enjoy an easygoing walk through the old town.

• Hike Heidelberg’s Philosopher’s Way. Hike up this famous winding path. Relax in the Philosopher’s Garden, take a snack break and relish the marvelous views of the castle and old town. (Active)

Return to the ship for lunch and cruise to Speyer.

Discovery: Speyer Walk. Take a guided stroll within the center of one of Germany’s oldest cities. Marvel at the extraordinary Romanesque cathedral, the burial place of emperors for almost 300 years.

Day 8 | Strasbourg, France | Basel, Switzerland

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• Strasbourg Panorama. Delight in the city’s unique blend of German and French influences as you see top landmarks. Take a guided walk in the historic center and visit Notre Dame Cathedral.

• Strasbourg Canal Cruise and Petite France Walking Tour. Discover the rich heritage of the enchanting Petite France quarter by boat and on foot. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral during your walk.

• Culinary Strasbourg. Sample traditional dishes and wines as you explore the city’s winstub (small wine pubs) and other local cafés and shops. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral during your walk.

The ship cruises to Basel, Switzerland, later today.

Day 9 | In Transit
Transfer to the Zürich airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

DEPARTURES & PRICING
July 18–26, 2022

Full Price From $3,745
Special Savings $250
Special Price From $3,495*

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PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

EXTEND YOUR STAY
in Amsterdam | 2 Nights | Pre-Trip
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Dutch Waterways

featuring Floriade ~ Antwerp to Amsterdam

Inspiring Moments

- Glide past elegant, gabled houses from the Dutch Golden Age on Amsterdam’s picturesque canals.
- Witness the Netherlands in full bloom during its glorious tulip season.
- Be inspired by the beautiful gardens and innovative green solutions blossoming at Floriade Expo 2022, the world’s premier horticultural event held every ten years.
- Delight in the romantic, cozy ambience of canal-lined Bruges, packed with beautifully preserved Gothic architecture.
- Admire Antwerp’s medieval treasures in the colorful Old Town.
- Enjoy the relaxed pace of life in the Dutch seaside harbor town of Veere.

On this seven-night journey, cruise the intimate waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands and discover Old World cities, picture-perfect towns and centuries of history and culture. Explore Antwerp, Bruges and Amsterdam while enjoying an ever-changing panorama. Best of all, embrace the eye-catching profusion of trees, plants, flowers and green ideas in bloom at Floriade 2022, the international festival of gardening! Enjoy excursions that speak to you with included choices: stroll amid a sea of cheerful tulips, behold paintings by Dutch masters, visit a Belgian chocolaterie or bike through quaint villages on this first-class adventure.

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Brussels, Belgium.

Day 2 | Brussels, Belgium | Antwerp
Transfer to Antwerp and embark the MS Amadeus Classic.

Discovery: Antwerp. Located near the North Sea, Antwerp has a rich legacy as an important seaport and center of trade. On a guided walk, meander through its pleasant squares and cobbled streets to view the wealth of medieval architecture.

Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium.

Day 3 | Bruges | Veere, Netherlands
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- Cultural Bruges. Admire the outstanding artwork at the Groeninge Museum, known for its Flemish Primitive paintings and Flemish expressionist pieces.
- Bruges and Beer. Visit the De Halve Maan Brewery and learn about the traditions of Belgian brewing. Take in the sweeping view of Bruges from the roof, then sample a glass of freshly brewed beer. (Active)
- Bruges and Belgian Chocolate. At a chocolatier’s shop, delve into the art and history behind Belgian chocolate-making, plus enjoy a tasty sample.

Enjoy time for lunch on your own before rejoining the ship, which sails to Veere.

This evening, get better acquainted with your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Above: Countryside of the Netherlands
Day 4 | Veere
**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity or explore on your own in Veere for the day.

**Elective | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea.** Travel along the coast to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and its Delta Expo. Learn about the Delta Works, a series of massive dams and storm surge barriers built after the devastating 1953 flood. A riveting 3-D exhibit allows you to experience how North Sea waves wiped out part of the country in 1953.

Day 5 | The Hague / Delft
**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**
- **The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** See the city’s landmarks, including the Binnenhof, home of the Dutch parliament and the Peace Palace, seat of the United Nations’ International Court of Justice. Visit the storied Mauritshuis, home to works by Dutch and Flemish masters, most notably Vermeer’s “Girl with a Pearl Earring.”
- **Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory.** Explore historic Delft on a guided walk before visiting the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, founded in 1653. See how this iconic blue-and-white pottery is produced, watch a master artisan hand-painting pieces, and view the fine porcelain collection in their showroom.

The ship sets sail for Kampen.

Day 6 | Kampen | Almere
**Discovery: Floriade Expo 2022.** Delight in this internationally famed, once-in-a-decade horticultural event! Enter the Green City Arboretum, a flourishing wonderland that covers the 148-acre grounds, and marvel at the amazing abundance of unique trees, plants and flowers. Explore the Green City of the Future with imaginative solutions for a healthier planet, and learn about “Growing Green Cities” with districts focused on food, energy and health.

**Free Time:** Enjoy time at leisure in Kampen.

**Enrichment: The Dutch Masters.**

Day 7 | Amsterdam
**Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam.** Board a canal cruiser for a guided cruise. Admire charming Dutch homes and the bustling harbor’s architectural gems.

**Free Time:** Explore Amsterdam on your own.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Netherlands.**

Day 8 | Amsterdam
**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**
- **Keukenhof Gardens.** Explore this pretty, 80-acre paradise of tulips and other gorgeous blooms.
- **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Pedal through this lush, scenic wetland of small fishing villages. (Active)
- **Rijksmuseum.** Visit this acclaimed museum with art by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other noted artists.

**Free Time:** Make your own plans in Amsterdam. Tonight, gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner to commemorate your journey.

Day 9 | In Transit
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

**DEPARTURES & PRICING**

April 22–30, 2022

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Grand Danube Passage

Sofia to Prague

Inspiring Moments

- Witness Budapest’s glowing, amber skyline during an evening cruise on the Danube.
- Gaze at the scenic wonder of the Iron Gate Gorge, an engineering marvel.
- Discover the history and grandeur of timeless Vienna.
- Delight in the beguiling, relaxed ambience of Bratislava’s old town.
- Applaud the graceful turns and flowing movements of elegant waltz dancers during an exclusive performance.
- Marvel at the lush, storybook landscape of the Wachau Valley.
- Savor a moment of quiet thought in the marbled halls of Melk Abbey.
- Experience five UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Explore eight countries, Old World capitals and charming villages along the mighty Danube River. Begin in Sofia, Bulgaria, set sail on the storied Danube, and conclude your adventure in Prague, Czech Republic. Uncover the history of ancient Roman ruins, castles and fortresses, and feast your eyes on an illuminated Budapest, the lush Wachau Valley and the Iron Gate Gorge. Aboard your ship, delight in a Serbian folk show, an authentic German Frühschoppen and a captivating Viennese Waltz performance. Enjoy a choice of included excursions in many ports, featuring local cuisine, cycling, art tours and more, and spend memorable evenings stargazing on the Danube.

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Sofia, Bulgaria.

Day 2 | Sofia, Bulgaria
Upon arrival, transfer to the Sofia Hotel Balkan.
Free Time: Explore at your own pace today.

Day 3 | Sofia
Enrichment: Prologue to the Bulgarian Revival.
Discovery: Sofia. Venture out to see St. George Rotunda, Alexander Battenberg Square and more. Close the day at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 4 | Sofia | Vidin
After breakfast, transfer to Vidin and savor regional cuisine and stunning views at The Rocks restaurant.
Discovery: Vidin. See an elegant mosque and visit St. Panteleimon Church and the Baba Vida Fortress. Embark your first-class river ship, and gather for a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Day 5 | Iron Gate Gorge
Sail through the Iron Gate Gorge, an outstanding engineering wonder that is part of the boundary between Romania and Serbia.
Discovery: Frühschoppen! Sip a beer and enjoy pretzels and sausages, an age-old German tradition.

Day 6 | Belgrade, Serbia
Enrichment: Modern Serbia.
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Belgrade City Highlights. Visit Kalemegdan Citadel, St. Sava Cathedral and many more sites.
• Eating Like a Local. Taste typical Serbian dishes, plus learn about interesting customs and traditions.
• Science & Scientist Tour. Witness informative
Day 1 | Hotel Check In
- Welcome to your AHI Danube journey. Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.
- See the palace's stunning masterpieces, weapons and art.
- Pražský hrad | Prague Castle. Explore the Jewish Quarter and the Prague National Jewish Museum.
- Free Time: Enjoy your final afternoon exploring the magnificent sites of Prague.
- Raise a toast to your Danube adventure at a Farewell Reception at the hotel tonight.
- Day 16 | In Transit
- Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 2 nights in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the deluxe Sofia Hotel Balkan.
- 9 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Silver II.
- 3 nights in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Art Deco Imperial Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 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 8 countries during this program.
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October 15-30, 2022

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PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Budapest. See Heroes’ Square, the Parliament Building, Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion and more.
- Living Local. Visit the buzzing Great Market Hall and taste strudel and palinka, a local schnapps.
- Budapest's Jewish Quarter. See the Great Synagogue and tour the Holocaust Memorial Center.
- Budapest by Night. Delight in viewing an illuminated Budapest during a nighttime sail.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Old Town & Café. See St. Martin’s Cathedral, Michael’s Gate and more, plus enjoy a typical pastry.
- Old Town & Music. View sites steeped in musical history, followed by a recital by a young violinist.
- Iron Curtain Bike Tour. Enjoy a leisurely bike tour along the historic Slovak-Austrian border. (Active)

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Imperial Vienna. Admire the Imperial Apartments at Hofburg Palace; then drive along the Ringstrasse.
- Klosterneuburg Monastery. See the monastery’s art and treasures, and visit a wine cellar for a tasting.
- Schönbrunn Palace. Baroque wonders await at the State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors and gardens.
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PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Dürnstein. Be charmed by Dürnstein’s baroque façades, medieval ambience and blue Stiftskirche.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Wachau Winery. Delve into storied Wachau Valley viniculture during a wine tasting at a historic cellar.
- Danube Cycling. Ride gently through the pretty countryside, then break for coffee and cake. (Active)
- Melk Abbey. Visit Melk’s Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel perched on a hill. Join a Farewell Aboard Reception and Dinner.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Lobkowicz Palace & Museum. See the Veste Oberhaus, St. Stephen's Cathedral and other sites. Dine on savory German fare at a local restaurant.
- Continue your journey to Prague and check in to the elegant Art Deco Imperial Hotel.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Pécs.
- Stroll through lovely downtown Pécs.
- Visit Melk’s Benedictine abbey, an architectural jewel perched on a hill. Join a Farewell Aboard Reception and Dinner.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
- Art Nouveau & Cubist Walking Tour. Uncover Prague’s captivating 20th-century architecture.
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Holiday Markets Cruise
The Festive Rhine River
Düsseldorf to Basel

ALUMNI CAMPUS ABROAD®

Inspiring Moments

▶ Relax on deck as the river’s glorious scenery unfolds around you, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.

▶ Be immersed in the joyful spirit of the holiday markets amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.

▶ Enjoy an exclusive musical treat in Heidelberg’s romantic old town.

▶ Delight in the quaint timbered houses and cobbled streets of Grande Île, the historic heart of Strasbourg.

▶ Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of Cologne Cathedral.

▶ Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Celebrate centuries-old traditions at European holiday markets on a seven-night Rhine River cruise to Germany and France. Feel the holiday magic in town squares aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer and overflowing with handmade decorations and other treasures. Delight in the uplifting sounds of carolers and bells and the scent of nutmeg, cinnamon and fresh pine in the air. New adventures await daily! Visit Heidelberg’s red sandstone castle over the Neckar valley and admire Cologne’s cathedral built over 630 years. Customize your cruise with a selection of included excursions in Düsseldorf, Rüdesheim, Strasbourg and Breisach.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Düsseldorf, Germany.

Day 2 | Düsseldorf, Germany
Transfer to the pier and embark the ship.
Get acquainted at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Düsseldorf
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• Düsseldorf and Holiday Markets. See the city’s eclectic, eye-catching architecture, including the Medienhafen riverfront district. Then explore the old town, famed for a half-mile stretch of more than 250 bars, cafés and breweries. Next, enjoy time to visit the city’s seven themed Christkindlmarkts, focused on handicrafts, angels and fairy tales, among others.

• Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne. Travel to this historic city that was once the capital and favorite royal residence of Charlemagne, crowned emperor of the Romans by Pope Leo III in 800. Tour Aachen’s cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring Charlemagne’s richly decorated imperial chapel and his original throne. See more of the city before finishing at the holiday market. Return to the ship for lunch.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Cologne.

Day 4 | Cologne
Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions.
Discovery: Cologne. Walk with a guide to see the old town’s landmarks and the majestic cathedral. Enjoy lunch on board the ship.
Free Time: Explore Düsseldorf’s delightful markets.

Above: Heidelberg Castle and town
Day 5 | Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim
Sail through stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Rüdesheim Walking Tour. Head along lively Drosselgasse in the old town to visit a charming museum of self-playing mechanical musical instruments and the “Christmas Market of the Nations” with international holiday items.
• Rhine Wine Tasting. Travel to the beautiful Abbey of St. Hildegard to visit the abbey and church and learn about the remarkable St. Hildegard of Bingen. Later, taste fine vintages at a Rüdesheim winery.
• Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim

Day 6 | Mannheim | Heidelberg
The ship arrives in Mannheim this morning.
Discovery: Heidelberg Castle and Town. Tour the impressive castle with its immense wine barrel and gaze over Neckar Valley from above. Then walk with your guide in the old town, past the Student Jail, Old University, the cathedral and along the Neckar River. Relax afterward at a traditional German restaurant.
Free Time: Explore the old town on your own.
AHI Connects: Musical Trio. Relish a special and exclusive treat as a professional trio performs holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces.

Day 7 | Strasbourg, France
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Strasbourg Panorama. Witness the city’s unique blend of German and French influences as you see top landmarks. Take a guided walk in the historic area and visit the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral.
• Culinary Strasbourg. Sample traditional Alsatian dishes and wines as you explore the city’s winstub (small wine pubs) and other local cafés and shops.
• AHI Connects: Local immersion. See the city’s unique blend of German and French influences as you see top landmarks. Take a guided walk in the historic area and visit the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral.
Free Time: Catch a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center and meander in the luminous wonderland of Strasbourg’s marché de Noël that dates to 1570. Warm up with a mug of mulled wine!

Tonight on board, gather with your fellow cruisers for a Glühwein party, and savor this spiced winter drink.

Day 8 | Breisach, Germany | Freiburg
Discovery: Freiburg. Stroll in the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the turreted Merchants’ Hall and other highlights, then visit the cheery Christkindlmarkt.
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace. Visit this exquisite French medieval village set in a small valley near the Vosges mountains. Sample some of its fabulous wines and take in its romantic charm.
• Colmar Markets. Explore four different Alsatian holiday markets, each with its own character, in this pretty French town lined with half-timbered houses. Celebrate your magical holiday cruise with fellow travelers at tonight’s Farewell Reception and Dinner. The ship departs for Basel, Switzerland.

Day 9 | Basel, Switzerland | In Transit
Disembark in Basel and transfer to the airport in Zürich for the return flight to your gateway city.
AHI Connects:
• EXextend Your Stay in Berlin | 3 Nights | Pre-Trip
• EXextend Your Stay in Interlaken | 2 Nights | Post-Trip

November 27 – December 5, 2022
Full Price From $2,845
Special Savings $250
Special Price From $2,595*

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call us at 877.962.3980
Romance of the Douro River

Lisbon | Porto | Alto Douro Wine Region

**Inspiring Moments**

- Travel through the rolling hills of the Alto Douro wine region and visit a quinta for a port tasting.
- Walk in the footsteps of Portuguese aristocracy at Mateus Palace.
- Gaze in wonder at the renowned University of Coimbra.
- Delve into Portuguese history at Guimarães, the city considered to be the birthplace of Portugal.
- Explore Porto’s maze of medieval alleys and colorful neighborhoods.
- Appreciate the splendor of Salamanca, an elegant Spanish city.
- Follow the historic path of great explorers in Lisbon.
- Experience six UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The romantic Douro River meanders its way from Spain through Northern Portugal, delivering a breathtaking landscape of sculpted hills, terraced vineyards and scenic splendor. Begin your journey through Portugal with three nights in Lisbon, following the wake of great explorers. Visit Porto, admiring its mosaic of scarlet and gold architecture; then continue on a seven-night cruise along the stunning Douro River. Pass by storybook villages while wending through the valley where Portugal’s famous fortified wine is produced and savor tastings of this sweet treat. Witness Vila Real and Lamego, and spend a day in the alluring Spanish city of Salamanca. Along the way, choose from a selection of included excursions, such as cycling, historic tours, tastings and more.

**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Lisbon, Portugal.

Day 2 | Lisbon, Portugal
Transfer and check in to the Dom Pedro Lisboa. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Lisbon
Discovery: Lisbon. Lisbon is one of the world’s most captivating and intriguing cities. Discover the city’s seafaring history at the Hieronymites Monastery, the Tower of Belém and the Monument to the Discoveries, which honors individuals who played integral roles in Portuguese exploration. See the picturesque Bairro Alto district and the old Alfama neighborhood, lined with steep cobbled streets and timeless architecture.

Free Time: Craft your own path through Lisbon.

Elective | Fado Dinner. Enjoy a musical performance and the flavors of Portuguese cuisine. Fado, a traditional Portuguese musical genre, features soul-stirring guitar and vocal arrangements.

Day 4 | Lisbon
Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Lisbon.

Elective | Sintra, Cascais and Estoril.
In Sintra, see exquisite 19th-century European Romantic architecture and intricate landscape architecture, and take a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra. Following a lunch of local flavors, enjoy a guided walk in Cascais, and drive through the chic town of Estoril. These picture-perfect towns boast long stretches of golden sands, art galleries and many fine restaurants, making them popular summertime and holiday retreats.

Enrichment: Contemporary Portugal.
Day 5 | Óbidos | Coimbra | Porto
Discovery: Óbidos. Explore hilltop Óbidos with its white houses and flower-filled lanes. Admire how the city’s pretty architecture seamlessly blends styles from the Middle Ages onwards.
Continue to Coimbra and enjoy a group lunch.
Discovery: Coimbra. Portugal’s medieval capital features many wonderful monuments and buildings. Visit the prestigious University of Coimbra, St. Michael’s Chapel and a historic ceremonial hall.
Arrive in Porto and embark your first-class river ship.

Day 6 | Porto
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Porto City Tour. Explore vibrant Porto. Visit the Palácio da Bolsa, the historic Stock Exchange and the Igreja da São Francisco. Cap off your outing at a port wine cellar.
• Porto by Tram and Flavors of Porto. Hop aboard a tram to see Porto. At the Museu do Carro Eléctrico, browse a collection of trams including cars pulled by horses. Enjoy tasting local specialties.
Free Time: Your afternoon is at leisure in Porto.
Enrichment: Douro Wine Country.

Day 7 | Porto | Peso da Régua
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Guimarães, Cradle of Portugal. Discover Guimarães on a walking tour. Step inside Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Oliveira and visit the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza.
• Douro Walk and Port Wine Tasting. Take a guided walk along the Atlantic coastline and the Douro. Pass through São Pedro da Afurada, and enjoy a tasting of port at a wine cellar. (Active)
Return to your ship and settle in for lunch while cruising along the beautiful river.

Day 8 | Vila Real | Barca d’Alva
Discovery: Vila Real. Travel through vineyard-covered countryside to Vila Real. View an array of churches and try Cristas de Gaão, the pastry for which the town is famous. Visit the Solar de Mateus, a baroque palace with manicured gardens. Return to the ship for lunch and relish an afternoon of scenic cruising through the Douro River Valley. The banks along the river are often lined with vineyards growing the grapes used to make port.

Day 9 | Barca d’Alva | Salamanca, Spain
PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:
• Salamanca City Tour. Witness scenery brimming with villages, olive groves and farms on your way to Salamanca, a historic university town. Visit an ornate cathedral and tour the famous university. Enjoy lunch and free time in Salamanca.

Day 10 | São João da Pesqueira | Pinhão
Spend a relaxing morning aboard the ship.
Discovery: Porto’s Wine Road. Drive through the scenic Alto Douro wine region. Stop at the stunning viewpoint of São Salvador do Mundo for views over the Douro Valley. Visit the pretty town of São João da Pesqueira for a short walking tour and free time. Visit a quinta, a winery, for a tour of the facilities, an informative presentation about making port in the Douro Valley and a tasting of the product.

Day 11 | Lamego | Porto
Discovery: Lamego. Lamego, one of Portugal’s loveliest towns, sits in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Visit Santuário de Nossa Senhora dos Remedios, an 18th-century baroque church. Admire the granite staircase adorned with azulejos, Portugal’s famous blue-and-white tiles. Following your tour, walk down the steps or take a motor coach to the town center where you are free to browse at your leisure.
Spend your final afternoon sailing the Douro Valley.
Tonight, celebrate the end of your exciting river journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 | In Transit
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

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• 3 nights in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Dom Pedro Lisboa.
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**MS Amadeus Classic**

Renovated in 2013

**MS Amadeus Silver II**

Christened in 2015

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### Holiday Markets Cruise | River Journey

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### MS Amadeus Silver III

Christened in 2016

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Left: MS Amadeus Silver III lounge | Above: MS Amadeus Silver III cabin | Below: MS Amadeus Silver III
**Romance of the Douro River | River Journey**

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S1 features a private terrace and French balcony. S2 and A-D have a French balcony and E has a picture window.

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**PRICING & DECK PLANS**

**MS Amalia Rodrigues**

*Christened in 2019*

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Left: MS Amalia Rodrigues sun deck  |  Above: MS Amalia Rodrigues cabin  |  Below: MS Amalia Rodrigues
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$1,545 single occupancy.
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– Carol
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