



Queen's University Alumni Educational Travel June 27 – July 5, 2018



# A World Apart

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

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

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

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

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

Above: Cruising the Rhine Valley | Cover photo: MS Amadeus Silver III sailing the Rhine River

# **Inspiring Moments**

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

**Black Forest region.** 



# Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

You're invited to join other Tricolour Travellers as we embark on an exciting, seven-night cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland aboard the stylish MS Amadeus Silver III, designed specifically for river cruising. Unpack once and have more time and freedom to take in the sights of Europe's great river cities.

We'll spend time in four countries: the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. Throughout our voyage, we'll delight in many highlights, from floating along Amsterdam's charming canals and exploring Cologne's splendid Gothic cathedral built over seven centuries, to sailing through the beautiful Rhine Gorge. Together, we'll enjoy an intimate view of European history as we glide along this ancient trading route, and experience an old-world river lifestyle studded with mediaeval sites.

AHI Travel incorporates exclusive educational lectures by seasoned local speakers that deliver meaningful insights about the people and the cultures we'll encounter. Enjoy the camaraderie of travelling with a group of like-minded individuals and the thrill of making your own discoveries! This popular cruise fills quickly, so I encourage you call and place your reservation today!

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# Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History



# Day One

# **In Transit**

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, Netherlands. ★

Day Two

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# Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

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

**Discovery:** Canals of Amsterdam. Glide past the city's elegant, slim gabled canal houses and the Anne Frank House aboard a canal cruiser.

Day Three

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### **Amsterdam**

- PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
- *Rijksmuseum*. Study the fine details of famed masterpieces by artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals in this illustrious art museum.
- Waterland Bicycle Ride. Embrace Holland's bicycle culture like a local and pedal through lush

Waterland with its quaint fishing villages. (Active)

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

Set sail for Cologne this afternoon.

# YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

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



# PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included

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



# ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost

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

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







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

Day Four

B|L|D

# Cologne, Germany

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

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

Day Five

B|L|D

# Rhine Gorge | Oberwesel

Sail through the river's most stunning scenery today in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Known as the Rhine Gorge, this gently curving, 40-mile stretch was named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its beauty and cultural landscape. Some 40 castles and fortress ruins are spread along its path, the most on any river in the world.

**Enrichment:** Castles and Legends of the *Rhine.* Your journey takes you past Loreley

Rock, named after a mythical siren whose song bewitched sailors and caused ships to crash along the craggy shoreline. Gain insights about this fairy-tale locale from a cruise expert.

**Discovery:** *Frühschoppen.* Onboard, savour this delectable German treat: a frothy beer, paired with fresh pretzels, sausages and mustards.

- PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
- Wines of the Rhine. In Oberwesel, walk to a local winery and taste the region's crisp vintages.
- A Walk in Time. Traverse the town's mediaeval stone walls and towers, which offer excellent vantage points to admire the expansive terrain. Later, spend some free time exploring this pretty town filled with half-timbered houses.

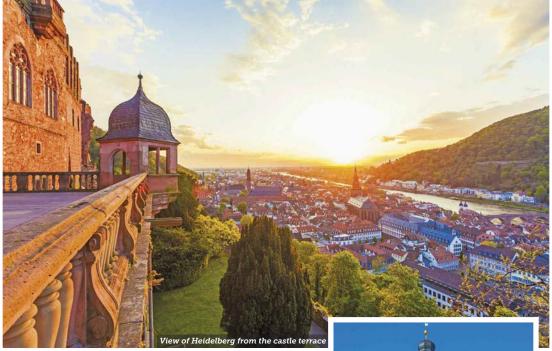
Day Six

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# Speyer

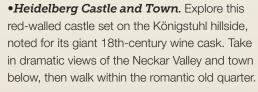
Relax onboard this morning en route to Speyer.

- PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
- •Speyer Walking Tour. With a guide, see the town's highlights, including the Romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site.









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

Day Seven B | L | D

# Strasbourg, France

The ship docks in Strasbourg this morning.

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

- Petite France. Discover the rich heritage of this delightful and picturesque district during a canal cruise and walking tour. Fishermen, tanners and millers once lived in the many half-timbered houses along the waterways.
- Culinary Strasbourg. Try authentic Alsatian dishes and wines on a guided tour that takes you to the city's winstubs (small wine pubs) and other local establishments.

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

Day Eight B | L | D

# Breisach, Germany

# PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

# •Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.

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



# MS Amadeus Silver III

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

- Breisach and Freiburg. Enjoy a walking tour of beautiful Breisach, full of pastel-coloured houses and cobbled lanes. Continue to Freiburg, a university town known for its sunny, warm climate, and see the red sandstone Gothic cathedral and the bustling Augustinerplatz.
- Black Forest Adventure. Immerse yourself in the natural setting of the fabled Black Forest and lovely Lake Titisee. Meander along the lakeshore, go for a refreshing swim or visit the nearby town. This afternoon, enjoy the onboard amenities while the ship cruises to Basel, Switzerland. Tonight, share stories of your Rhine adventures during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Nine B

# **In Transit**

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Basel, Switzerland, and transfer to the Zürich airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ★







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

★ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants BILID denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



# PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Explore picturesque Amsterdam in greater depth during this two-night stay! From your centrally located first-class hotel, explore the city's lively neighbourhood streets, tree-lined canals and world-class museums and attractions. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Harbour area and visit the fascinating National Maritime Museum, featuring a replica of a 17th-century, three-masted ship.

Includes two nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station; two breakfasts; walking tour and museum visit; and the services of an expert guide and an AHI Travel Director.

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



# POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN INTERLAKEN

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

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

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# **PROGRAM DATES**

Air Program dates: June 27 – July 5, 2018

Cruise Program dates: June 28 – July 5, 2018

# **CRUISE PROGRAM**

Category-Deck	Full Price	Exclusive Offer for Canadian Travellers	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Aft)	\$3,245	\$500	\$2,745
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,345	\$500	\$2,845
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,645	\$500	\$3,145
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$3,745	\$500	\$3,245
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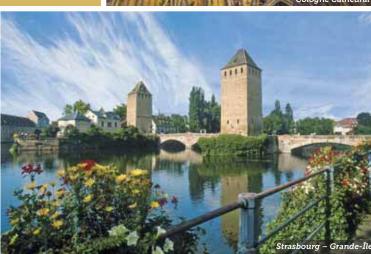
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# Speyer Cathedral



# UNESCO World Heritage

- 1.The 17th-century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht, Netherlands
- 2. Cologne Cathedral, Germany
- 3. **Upper Middle Rhine Valley,** Germany
- 4. Speyer Cathedral, Germany
- 5. Strasbourg Grande-Île, France



# INCLUDED FEATURES

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

(With baggage handling.)

 Seven nights aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

# **EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM**

- Seven breakfasts, six lunches and seven dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus beer, wine or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.



### **AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE**

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

# YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - -Cruise the quaint canals of Amsterdam.
  - -Marvel at the majestic Cologne Cathedral and the city's old town.

# Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC excursions in these towns:

- -Amsterdam | Rijksmuseum | Waterland Bike Ride | Anne Frank Walking Tour
- -**Oberwesel |** Wine Tour | Walking Tour
- -Speyer | Speyer Walking Tour | Heidelberg Castle and Town | Hike Philosopher's Way
- -Strasbourg | Panoramic and Walking Tour | Petite France Canal Cruise/Walking Tour | Culinary Tour
- -Breisach | Riquewihr Walking Tour/Wine Tasting | Breisach and Freiburg Tour | Black Forest Excursion
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travellers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementoes.

# 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 | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ➤ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

### Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ➤ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
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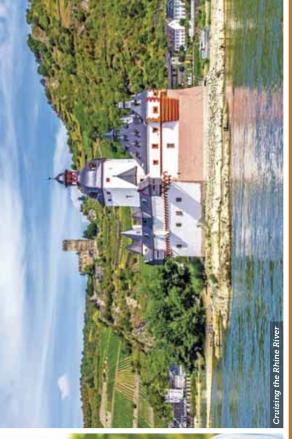
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