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THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE

The Netherlands ♦ Germany ♦ France ♦ Switzerland

cruising aboard the
Deluxe MS Amadeus Silver III

featuring the
GLACIER  EXPRESS

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Traveling Aggies

Howdy, Ags!

We invite you to join us on this Great Journey through Europe, the trip of a lifetime and an opportunity to retrace the traditional 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century “Grand Tour.” Travel through four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise Holland’s waterways, surrounded by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea; witness the fairy-tale beauty of the UNESCO-designated Rhine River and its Rheingau wine region; experience three of the world’s legendary railways; and visit four important UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The exclusively chartered, deluxe MS Amadeus Silver III, launching in 2016, provides our accommodations en route from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland. Port calls along the way include Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany, and the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France, a fusion of both French and German cultures.

From Basel, journey overland through the verdant countryside of Switzerland. Stop in the medieval gem of Berne and then visit Interlaken, situated near the scenic, magnificent Bernese Oberland Alps. In Zermatt, marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the country’s oldest cog railway. Then, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland aboard the celebrated, ingeniously engineered Glacier Express, and spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the five-star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN, where glorious panoramas surround you.

Please join us on this extraordinary Great Journey through Europe, an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. We encourage you to reserve now as capacity is limited and this popular program sells out quickly! Early Booking Savings are available only through Jan. 15, 2016.

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Rhineland
Coat of Arms

U.S./Amsterdam, The Netherlands Day 1 and Day 2

Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam. On arrival, enjoy a private cruise along Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage site canals, lined with 16th- and 17th-century gabled row houses. Then, embark the ship.

This evening, join your travel companions for the Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner.

Cologne, Germany Day 3

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising along the picturesque Rhine River to one of Germany's most ancient cities, Cologne. Founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C., from the time of Charlemagne to present day, Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland's foremost mercantile and religious center, and is the birthplace of the original world-famous Eau De Cologne perfume. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the historic Kölner Dom (cathedral), a UNESCO World Heritage site and the finest example of High Gothic architecture in Germany; its construction began in 1248 and lasted for six centuries. Among its artistic treasures are the *Milan Madonna* and the *Shrine of the Three Holy Kings*.

Koblenz/Rüdesheim Day 4

Go ashore in the picturesque city of Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers and where Germany's Roman past dates to nine B.C., during the reign of Augustus Caesar. From the famous

Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the impressive 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein—once the residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier—across the Rhine River, and explore this historic city during a walking tour. The twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, features the Rhineland's distinctive Romanesque architecture.

Cruise through the spectacular Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, legendary for its scenery and riverside architectural treasures. Be on deck for a front-row view of the steep terraced vineyards rising on the slopes of the riverbanks. With each bend in the river, a medieval castle crowns the crags and a tranquil village nestles along its banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Dock in the medieval town of Rüdesheim, the heart of Germany's wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the unique Winzerexpress mini-train, traveling through bucolic countryside vineyards en route to a private tasting of German wines.

Reboard the ship and cruise through the pastoral Rheingau, Germany's most famous wine-growing region, known particularly for its Riesling.

Mannheim for Heidelberg Day 5

This morning, from Mannheim, transfer to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, Germany's oldest, founded in 1386. To many on the "Grand Tour" of Europe, fashionable in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries,

Cover photo: *View the unforgettable peaks of the iconic Matterhorn from the top of the highest cog railway in Europe, the world-renowned Gornergrat Bahn.*

Photo this page: *Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of Germany's legendary Rhine Valley.*





Half-timbered houses in Strasbourg's Petite-France quarter reflect the city's dual French and German character.

Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of German Romanticism. On the walking tour, see how Heidelberg has preserved its authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, including the eight remaining arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge) that span the Neckar River. Visit imposing Heidelberg Castle, a magnificent, 13th-century edifice perched above the river. The stately ruins preserve Heidelberg's links to its medieval past.

Strasbourg, France Day 6

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses Old and New Europe. The Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a treasure trove of medieval houses, and the charming Ponts-Couverts—covered bridges flanked by watchtowers at each end—span its picturesque canals. It was in Strasbourg that John Calvin first established a reformed parish.

Visit Berne's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the medieval Zytglogge, the 13th-century tower with an ornate 15th-century astrological clock.



See remnants of the Reformation in the beautiful Protestant and Catholic Church of St-Pierre-le-Vieux; and see the graceful sandstone Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

In the Petite-France district, the historic miller, tanner and fishermen's quarter along the Ill River, the fairy-tale look of a past era lives on, while nearby, 28 nations engage in the daily discourse of the European Union Parliament.

Lunch is served aboard ship. The afternoon is free to enjoy independent pursuits in Strasbourg. This evening, attend the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Basel, Switzerland/Berne/ Interlaken/Zermatt Day 7

Early this morning, disembark in Basel and transfer across the rolling Swiss countryside to Berne, Switzerland's historic capital, and visit the city's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and beautifully preserved medieval gem noted for its arcaded sidewalks. Then, enjoy lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant located in a historic, 18th-century High Baroque-style converted granary.

Continue your journey through one of the most stunning areas of Switzerland, the spectacular Bernese Oberland, traveling from subtropical lowlands to the snow-crowned heights of the Alps. Admire the impressive natural treasures of soaring, snowcapped mountain peaks, green, rolling hills, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.

Stop in the charming resort town of Interlaken, located between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. Here, you will find the perfect vantage point for viewing the towering Jungfrau, the imposing summit in the Bernese Alps known as the “Top of Europe.”



Cruise beautiful Lake Lucerne and enjoy picturesque views of its fjord-like landscape, Mounts Pilatus and Rigi in the distance and its four surrounding cantons of Lucerne, Schwyz, Unterwalden and Uri.

Then, enjoy a scenic transfer to the Alpine resort of Zermatt, located beneath the dramatic pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX. This evening, dine in the hotel's handsome, traditional Swiss restaurant.

Zermatt

Day 8

Today, travel aboard the famous Gornergrat Bahn, the highest cog railway in Europe. Ascend through pine and larch forests and cross meadows ablaze with wildflowers to the 10,000-foot-high Gornergrat. From the observatory atop Gornergrat, delight in the sweeping vistas of Europe's most breathtaking Alpine scenery—the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and Dufourspitze mountains and vast Gorner Glacier. Return to Zermatt at your leisure, with the option to stop en route at Riffelberg for the panoramic view of impressive Monte Rosa and the majestic Matterhorn. Dinner is in the hotel this evening.

Zermatt/Andermatt/Lucerne

Day 9

Relax during a scenic morning transfer from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the fabled Glacier Express, “the world's slowest fast train.” Travel through the heart of the Alps, where the natural beauty of the mountains rivals the skill and ingenuity of the engineers who created this impressive rail route—requiring the construction of more than 290 bridges and 90 tunnels. Lunch is included in Andermatt before transferring to Lucerne to check into the lakeside, Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

Lucerne

Day 10

A long-favored destination of travelers, Lucerne is set against the backdrop of its deep blue lake and the rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi.

Begin your morning walking tour in the Weinmarkt (wine market), surrounded by historic burghers' houses. See the Hofkirche (Court Church), one of the finest examples of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Walk across Lucerne's most famous landmark, the delightful, 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, which spans the Reuss River and is adorned with 17th-century paintings.

Ascend Mount Pilatus by panoramic gondola to its 7000-foot summit for a magnificent 360-degree view of central Switzerland's mountains, forests and lakes. Enjoy lunch in a summit restaurant followed by free time. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel railway, and descend more than 5300 feet in less than three miles on return to the shores of picturesque Lake Lucerne, where you will embark upon a scenic cruise. The Farewell Reception is in the hotel this evening.

Lucerne/Zurich/U.S.

Day 11

Following breakfast, transfer to Zurich for your return flight to the U.S.

Towering spires crown Cologne's majestic Kölner Dom (cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.





Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III

The meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III, launching in 2016, sets new standards in ship design and technology and features the comforts of a deluxe floating hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 84 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (284 square feet) and Staterooms (from 172 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that automatically drops down, creating a French balcony. Junior Suites feature a private balcony and an interior sitting area. Each Suite and Stateroom provides two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, direct dial telephone and television, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes. The Sun Deck has a chess board and shuffle board. Bicycles are available on board free of charge when the ship is in port for passengers to ride along riverside paths. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset, available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. There is an elevator on the ship and laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS SILVER III meets the highest safety standards and is part of the AMADEUS RIVER FLEET, the only European river fleet to have been awarded the "Green Certificate" of environmental preservation.



Cabin Category 2



Panorama Restaurant

Amsterdam Pre-Program Option

The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect prelude to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to the quaint port towns of Edam, world-famous for its cheese, and Hoorn, where the historic and modern happily coexist. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe RENAISSANCE AMSTERDAM HOTEL.

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amsterdam's charming bridges and picturesque, UNESCO-designated canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.



Included Features

- ◆ Ten-day program, including a five-night Rhine River cruise and four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring the celebrated Glacier Express.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe m.s. AMADEUS SILVER III

- ◆ Five-night cruise from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland, with port calls at Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany; and Strasbourg, France.
- ◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- ◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.
- ◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Farewell Dinner.
- ◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam's picturesque canals.
- ◆ Cologne walking tour, including a visit to the magnificent Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Walking tour of Koblenz, picturesquely located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, the famous Deutsches Eck.
- ◆ Cruise through the scenic Lorelei Passage of the Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Visit to the medieval town of Rudesheim in the heart of the Rheingau, including a private tasting of local wines.
- ◆ Excursion to Heidelberg's 13th-century hilltop castle.
- ◆ Walking tour of Strasbourg's historic Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Scenic transfer from Basel to Zermatt, with stops en route in Switzerland's historic capital of Berne and the idyllic village of Interlaken. Tour Berne's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

In Zermatt

- ◆ Two nights in the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Two dinners with house wine in the hotel.
- ◆ Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, for breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.

One of the great rail journeys of the world from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the legendary Glacier Express, followed by lunch and a scenic transfer from Andermatt to Lucerne.

In Lucerne

- ◆ Two nights in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Walking tour of historic Lucerne.
- ◆ Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and the dramatic descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel train.
- ◆ Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.
- ◆ Farewell Reception.



Enhanced Travel Services

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- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers for included excursions.
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of the **SWISS ALPS**

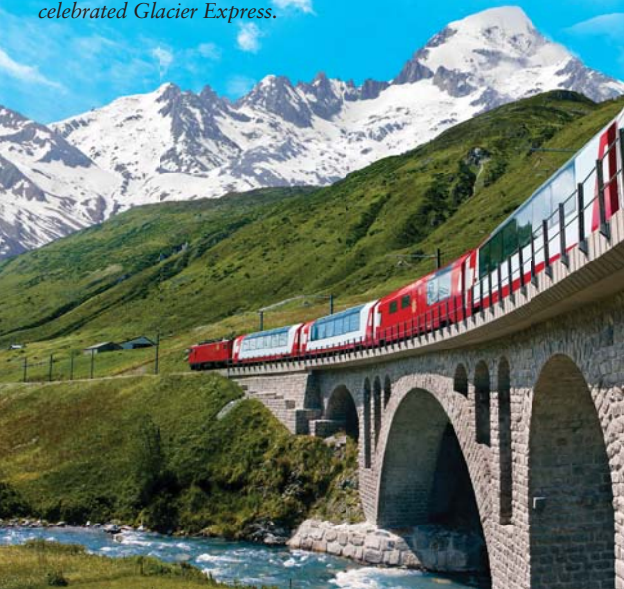


Magnificent. Dynamic. Awe-inspiring. These are superlatives that describe not only Switzerland's majestic 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers, but also three of the world's great cogwheel railways—the panoramic **Glacier Express**, the scenic **Gornergrat Bahn** and the dramatic **Pilatus Railway**—and the ingenuity and engineering achievements it took to create them. Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of these impressive railways as you experience the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible, up-close perspectives.

The **Gornergrat Bahn** is Switzerland's oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb 4868 feet from Zermatt to the lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for stunning views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the robin's-egg blue waters of glacial mountain lakes. Lucerne's **Pilatus Railway**, completed in 1889, offers breathtaking bird's-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the shores of Lake Lucerne to the summit of Mount Pilatus. Its vertical ascent of 5364 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat required greater skill and determination than the laying of the track for the **Glacier Express** (1930) across the spine of the towering Alps. Enjoy this spectacular and leisurely journey showcasing unmatched views of the Swiss countryside: weathered chalets and mountainside farming hamlets, picturesque trails dotted with hikers, livestock grazing on green grasses, and glacial waterfalls and snowcapped mountains. A true engineering marvel, the railway penetrates the mountain barrier separating the cantons of Valais and Uri through the nine-and-one-half-mile-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that span the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel through Switzerland's dazzling alpine heart in absolute comfort aboard the marvelous and celebrated Glacier Express.





The romance of a bygone era still lives in Heidelberg, whose medieval castle rises above the Old Town and the 18th-century Alte Brücke.

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