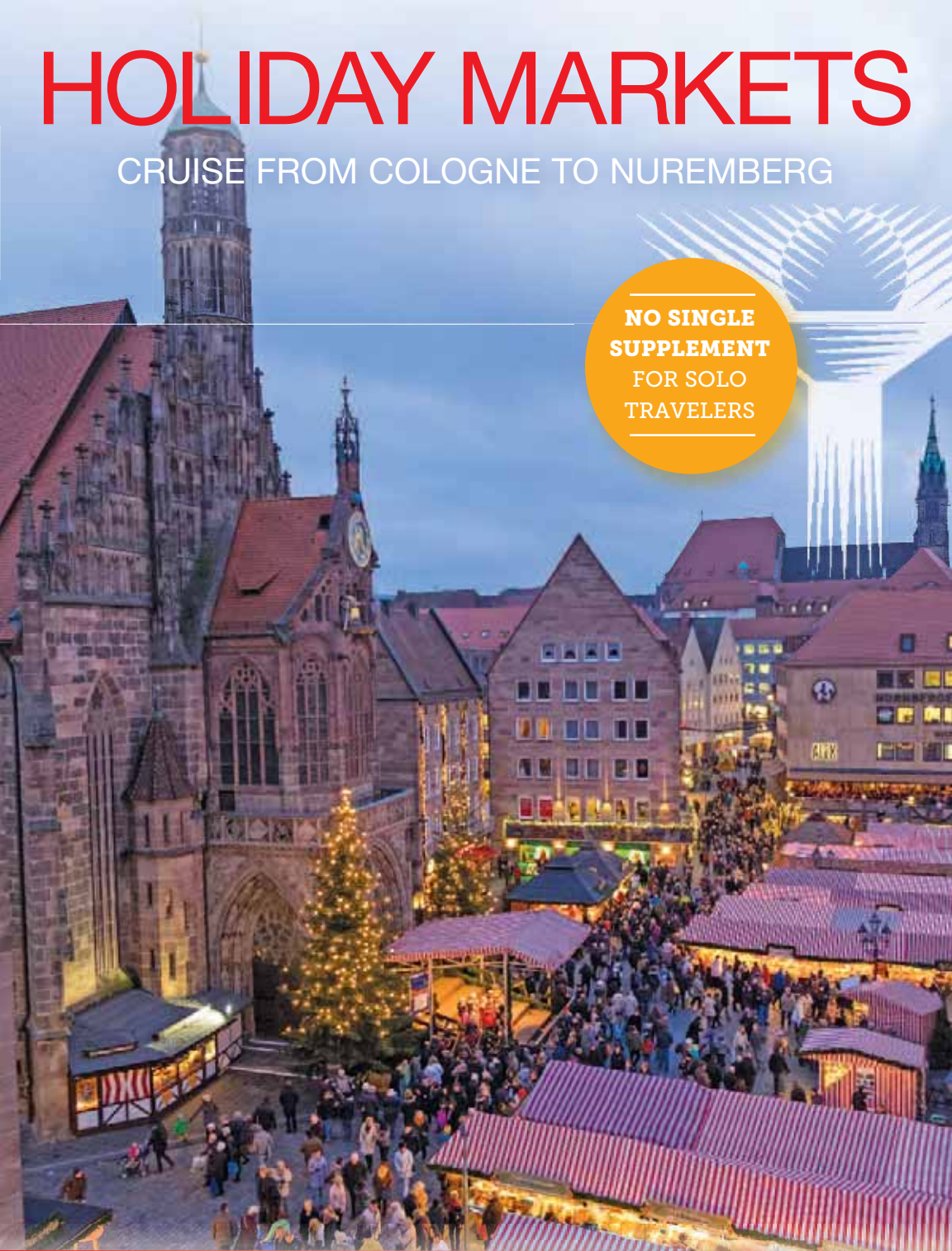


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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in Germany's joyful holiday traditions, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

*Above: Christkindlmarkt at Cologne Cathedral
Cover photo: Our Lady's Church and market, Nuremberg*

- ▶ Watch the **river's stunning scenery unfold around you**, vistas of cliff-top castles, charming villages and snow-dusted, rolling hills.
- ▶ Wander through **merry and magical Christkindlmarkts** and savor the tantalizing aromas of mulled wine and gingerbread.
- ▶ Admire the quaint timbered homes and cobbled streets of **medieval towns along the Romantic Road**.
- ▶ Gaze upward at the magnificent soaring spires of **Germany's largest cathedral in Cologne**.

Howdy, Ags!

Cherished holiday memories are created through time-honored rituals passed down through generations. Please join us as we share Germany's lovely Yuletide traditions on this delightful, seven-night cruise from Cologne to Nuremberg, traveling along the scenic Rhine and Main rivers. Unpack once onboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver, designed specifically for river cruising, and have more time and freedom to enjoy Germany's most charming towns and cities.

Along the way, you will be introduced to the Christkindlmarkts, festive markets that have been a part of Germany's annual celebrations for centuries. Explore breathtaking medieval towns like Miltenberg and Rothenburg, and enjoy ample free time to shop for Christmas gifts or souvenirs. In Cologne, Bamberg and Nuremberg, customize your journey with a choice of included excursions. From marvelous scenery to engaging explorations, you will be enveloped in the Old World holiday spirit as you experience the season of Advent in Germany.

Space is limited on this memorable journey, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

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During Advent, cheery wooden villages brightly trimmed with fresh pine boughs, fluttering red ribbons and twinkling lights spring up in town squares across Germany. Let the dazzling spectacle and cozy ambience of these Christkindlmarkts cast their spell over you as you celebrate this joyous season in Germany. Towns large and small proudly add their own distinctive touches, from Nativity scenes, choir singers and rousing brass bands to children’s carousels, golden angels and carriage rides. Amid the hum of friendly conversation and festive German carols, stroll the aisles as fragrant smells of sizzling bratwurst and baked apples entice you, while people around you warm their hands on mugs of hot glühwein, a mulled wine. From the rich assortment of handcrafted items, select unique mementos for loved ones at home, such as blown-glass ornaments, wooden decorations



and colorfully painted nutcrackers. Your special keepsake will be the unforgettable memories of this magical holiday atmosphere.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Frankfurt, Germany.✈

DAY TWO

FRANKFURT, GERMANY | COLOGNE

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

Later, meet your fellow travelers onboard for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

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



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Rothenburg

DAY THREE

B I L D

COLOGNE

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

• **Cologne's Magnificent Cathedral.** A UNESCO World Heritage site, this awe-inspiring Gothic cathedral was under construction for more than 630 years. Marvel at this majestic structure from inside and out during your guided Old Town walking tour.

• **Jewish Heritage Walk.** Cologne's Jewish roots date to its founding by the Romans. Learn more about an active archeological project within the historic Jewish quarter before visiting the Cologne City Museum.

During your free time this afternoon, linger at the cheerfully decorated market stalls outside the cathedral, or head over to the Wallraf-Richartz Museum of Art or the Cologne Chocolate Museum.

Educational Focus: *The Tradition of the Holiday Markets.* Learn about Germany's unique Advent customs and the origins of the Christkindlmarkts.

This evening, the ship sails along the Rhine River to Koblenz.

DAY FOUR

B I L D

KOBLENZ | RHINE GORGE

Excursion: *Koblenz.* More than 2,000 years ago, the Romans established a settlement at the



Miltenberg

confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. Today, beautiful Koblenz occupies this spot. During a walking tour, see the Church of Our Lady with its baroque towers; the Alte Burg, a 12th-century castle; and the Old Merchant's Hall.

The Rhine boasts more castles along its banks than any other river in the world. This afternoon, sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage site, en route to Miltenberg. Pass Loreley Rock, named after the siren of an old folk tale, whose song bewitched sailors and caused ships to crash into the rocks.

DAY FIVE

B I L D

MILTENBERG

Excursion: *Miltenberg.* Take a guided walk through this picturesque medieval town, home to a 13th-century castle and timber-frame



Christkindlmarkt, Nuremberg

Old Town Hall, Bamberg



houses lining cobbled streets. Then delight in the heartwarming sights and sounds of Miltenberg’s festive market, while snacking on seasonal treats like roasted chestnuts and spiced pastries.

This evening, the ship sails to Würzburg.

DAY SIX B I L D

WÜRZBURG | ROTHENBURG


Excursion: Würzburg. This morning, walk through the regal rooms of the Würzburg Residence, one of Europe’s grandest baroque palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to Würzburg’s historic center for a guided walk.

Excursion: Rothenburg and The Romantic Road. From Würzburg, travel along this route, which connects scenic towns set among southern Germany’s forests and mountains, to enchanting Rothenburg. Be transported to the Middle Ages as you wander

down fairy-tale narrow lanes and admire superbly preserved medieval towers, turrets and covered ramparts. At the holiday market, sample the town’s scrumptious specialty, the schneeball – or snow ball – a fried pastry dusted with powdered sugar. For an extra dose of holiday spirit, perhaps pay a visit to the nearby German Christmas Museum.

DAY SEVEN B I L D

BAMBERG

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


• **Bamberg.** Take a guided walking tour to see the Gothic and baroque architectural gems of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Pass through the ornate archway of the Old Town Hall, built in the middle of a bridge over the Regnitz River.

• **Culinary Delights.** Make your way through Bamberg to taste mouthwatering specialties of the Franconian region, and learn how they are prepared during visits to a bakery, butcher shop, deli and candy store.

DAY EIGHT B I L D

NUREMBERG

Pursue your own interests onboard as the ship cruises this morning. Early this afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg.

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

• **Nuremberg Highlights.** See the Palace of Justice building, the courthouse site of the momentous trials held after World War II. Then enjoy a walking tour above the city at Kaiserburg



Castle. Wend your way down to the town center into Hauptmarkt square to see the Schöner Brunnen, or Beautiful Fountain. Admire the façade of Our Lady’s Church, known for its mechanical clock with moving figures, and see the 15th-century St. Lorenz Church.

•**Historical Tour.** In the 1930s, the National Socialist party erected a complex of massive buildings as a display of power for their demonstrations. Visit the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds museum, which delves into the causes and the consequences of the National Socialist reign of terror. Later, see the Palace of Justice building, the courthouse site of the renowned post-World War II trials.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the rest

of your day at leisure. Perhaps explore the red-and-white striped stalls of Nuremberg’s Christmas market, one of the country’s oldest. Be sure to stop at a lebkuchen booth filled with tempting varieties of gingerbread, a perennial holiday favorite for more than 600 years.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

DAY NINE

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IN TRANSIT

Disembark the ship in Nuremberg this morning, and transfer✈ to the Munich airport for your return flights home.

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

✈ *Transfers and flights provided for AHI FlexAir participants.*

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