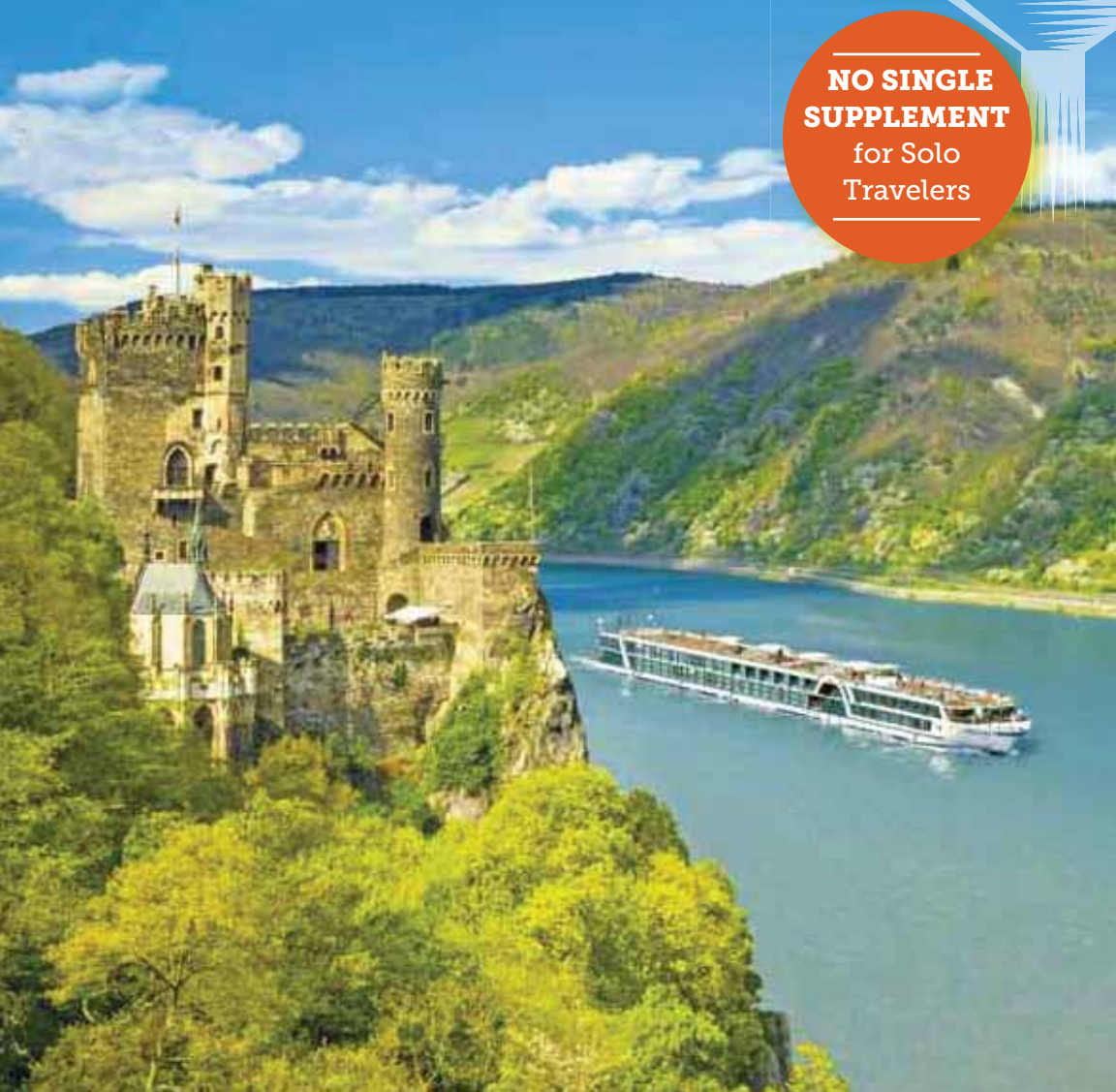


Cruise the Rhine River

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM

**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT**
for Solo
Travelers



SPONSORED BY



Traveling Aggies

A PROGRAM OF
The Association of Former Students®



July 15-23, 2019



A World Apart

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

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

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

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

Glide along the Rhine River and begin your newest chapter in Old World cities and storybook landscapes as you step inside castles, embark on Black Forest adventures and discover a new world.

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 **Rhine Valley**, spellbinding with its forested hills crowned by castles.
- ▶ Delight in the charming Grande-Île, the historic heart of **Strasbourg**.
- ▶ Cast your eyes across sweeping river views from atop **Oberwesel's fortified medieval walls**.
- ▶ Savor the natural beauty along the shores of Lake Titisee in the fabled **Black Forest region**.



Traveling Aggies

A PROGRAM OF
The Association of Former Students



Howdy, Ags!

Please join us as we embark on this seven-night adventure from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Unpack once on the stylish MS Amadeus Silver III, designed specifically for river cruising, and have more time and freedom to take in the sights of Europe's great river cities.

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

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

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac
Director of Travel
Outreach and Engagement
The Association of Former Students

Marisa Liles

Marisa Liles
Director of Travel - Operations and Customer Service
The Association of Former Students

800-633-7514

AggieNetwork.com/Travel

Lake Titisee, Black Forest





Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland.✈

Day 2

D

Zürich, Switzerland | Basel

Transfer✈ to the pier in Basel and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3

B | L | D

Breisach, Germany

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

•*Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.*

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

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



Above: Amsterdam | Inset: Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

•**Black Forest Adventure.** Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the fabled Black Forest. Explore scenic Lake Titisee on a leisurely cruise. Later, go for a refreshing swim or visit the town.

Free Time: Enjoy free time in Breisach.

Day 4

B | L | D

Strasbourg, France

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

•*Strasbourg Panorama.* Appreciate the city's German and French influences as you behold

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 we design itineraries that allow you to craft an 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.



Top: Heidelberg | Above left: Waterland bike ride | Above: Katz Castle near Loreley Rock

its historic gems. Then relish the old-world charm on a guided stroll of the historic center and a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral.

•**Strasbourg Canal Cruise and Petite**

France. Discover the heritage of this delightful district during a canal cruise and walking tour. Fishermen and tanners once lived in the half-timbered houses along the waterways. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral along the way.

•**Culinary Strasbourg.** Try authentic Alsatian cuisine on a guided tour to a “winstub,” or wine pub, a patisserie and a cheese shop. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral on your walk.

Free Time: Enjoy free time in Strasbourg.

Day 5 B | L | D

Speyer, Germany

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

•**Speyer Walking Tour.** With a guide, see the town’s highlights, including the Romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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

•**Hike Heidelberg’s 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 inspiring vistas. *(Active)*

Day 6 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.

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

•**Wines of the Rhine.** In Oberwesel, visit a local winery and taste the region’s crisp vintages.

•**A Walk in Time.** Stroll atop the town’s medieval stone walls, which offer excellent views of Oberwesel and the river. *(Active)*

Later, enjoy traditional music and entertainment before returning to the ship.

Enrichment: Castles and Legends of the Rhine. Your journey takes you past Loreley Rock, named after a mythical siren whose song



bewitched sailors and caused ships to crash along the craggy shoreline. Gain insights about this fairy-tale locale from a cruise expert.

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

Day 7 B | L | D

Koblenz | Cologne

Discovery: Frühschoppen. On board the ship, delight in this delectable traditional German treat — a frothy beer, complemented by fresh pretzels, sausages and mustards.

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



Tonight, share stories of your Rhine adventures during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 8 B | L | D

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Enjoy a leisurely morning as the ship cruises to 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





MS Amadeus Silver III cruising in Cologne

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, sense an ambience evocative of a grand European hotel. This magnificent ship, with 84 staterooms and suites, offers exemplary service, comfort and safety. Travelers can relax on the River Terrace or unwind with a workout or a massage. Savor European specialties at the restaurant's breakfast and luncheon buffets and a selection of regional dishes at dinner. Lunch and dinner feature your choice of beer, wine or soft drinks. All staterooms and suites face outward so you can appreciate the views from the privacy of your cabin. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Waterland with its quaint fishing villages. (Active)

•Jordaan District Walking and Food Tour.

Jordaan, once a 17th-century, working-class neighborhood, has transformed into one of the city's trendiest spots. Walk along its narrow lanes and try mouthwatering, traditional treats, such as "poffertjes," fluffy, sugar-dusted pancakes; "kibbeling," a favorite fish dish; and Dutch cheeses.

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

Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam. Glide past gabled canal houses, the Skinny Bridge and the Anne Frank House aboard a canal cruiser.

Day 9

B

In Transit

Following breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ⤴



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

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

🌐 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



| ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN INTERLAKEN

Experience the incredible natural beauty of Switzerland during a two-night stay in Interlaken. Stay in the heart of Switzerland's Bernese Oberland, the ideal base for exploring the area's breathtaking mountains and lakes. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the capital city of Bern and its charming medieval quarter. This extension includes the transfer from the hotel to the ship; two nights at the deluxe Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa; two breakfasts; a guided walking tour; the services of an AHI Travel Director; guide and driver gratuities; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,345 single occupancy



| ELECTIVE | POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Explore picturesque Amsterdam in greater depth during this two-night stay. Discover the city's lively neighborhood streets, tree-lined canals and world-class museums and attractions. Enjoy a walk in the Old Harbor area and a visit to the fascinating National Maritime Museum, featuring a replica of a 17th-century, three-masted ship. This extension includes two nights at the first-class DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Central Station; two breakfasts; the museum visit; the services of an AHI Travel Director; guide gratuities; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$845 per person, double occupancy; \$1,270 single occupancy

Reserve your Rhine River cruise today!

Trip #: 2-24575W

Send to The Association of Former Students, Attn: Traveling Aggies
 505 George Bush Drive
 College Station, TX 77840-2918
 Phone: 979-845-7514 Fax: 979-845-9263
 Toll Free: 800-633-7514



Full Legal Name (exactly how it appears on passport)

Guest 1) _____
 Title. First Middle. Last. Date of Birth

Email: _____

Guest 2) _____
 Title. First Middle. Last. Date of Birth

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) Cell: (_____) _____

Sharing room with _____ (Form sent separately)

Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) _____ Class Year

(2) _____ Class Year

Two-Night Pre- and Post-Trip Elective Extensions

Please make _____ reservations for me (us) on the:
 Interlaken Pre-Trip Extension Amsterdam Post-Trip Extension
 Single supplement applies on the pre- and post-trip extensions.

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

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

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

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

Departure City _____

Cruise Program

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

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **May 1, 2019** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

AHI Travel has assumed all costs for the printing and distribution of this promotion. This program is exclusively arranged by AHI Travel, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60631. No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production or mailing of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600/person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.
 Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card # _____

Expires _____ / _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas; entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

AIR TRANSPORTATION-The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for arrival and departure transfers, and any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS-On occasion, AHI Travel obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize AHI Travel, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings included with any videos, in AHI Travel's sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

RESPONSIBILITY-AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association do not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for this program, and act only as agents for the independent suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodations or other services. All such persons or entities are independent contractors. As a result, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not liable for any negligence or willful act of any such person or entity or any third person. In addition and without limitation, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not responsible for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, Program Details and Tour costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary, with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. If the entire program is canceled for any reason, participants shall have no claim other than for a full refund. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract set out herein and in more specific pre-departure passenger information. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the passenger and/or purchaser of this trip.

CANCELLATION-All cancellations for any reason will be subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. You may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following. Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 15% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI Travel. **CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS**-Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.

All prices listed are in USD. Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.
 CST Registration No. 2028271-20. Fla. Seller of Travel Reg. No. ST-33300 Iowa Seller of Travel No. 520 Ohio Seller of Travel Reg. No. 8889139. Washington State Seller of Travel Reg. No. 601-820-781.
 PARTICIPATING AIRLINES-all IATA and ARC Member Carriers ©2018 AHI Travel Printed in the USA.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: July 15-23, 2019

Cruise Program dates: July 16-23, 2019

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Aft)	\$3,245	\$250	\$2,995
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,345	\$250	\$3,095
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,645	\$250	\$3,395
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$3,745	\$250	\$3,495
A-Mozart (Aft)	\$4,045	\$250	\$3,795
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$4,545	\$250	\$4,295

Suites feature a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window.

Categories D and E feature a window.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

Port Tax supplement is an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

✈ **AHI FlexAir** | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on most flights.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.
- ▶ flight insurance worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms.

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.



Speyer Cathedral



Cologne Cathedral

UNESCO World Heritage

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



Strasbourg's Grande-Île

800-633-7514

AggieNetwork.com/Travel

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus beer, wine or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

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:
 - Marvel at the majestic Cologne Cathedral and the city's old town.
 - Cruise the quaint canals of Amsterdam.



Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC

excursions in these towns:

- Breisach** | Riquewahr & the Wines of the Alsace | Breisach and Freiburg | Black Forest Adventure
- Strasbourg** | Strasbourg Panorama | Strasbourg Canal Cruise & Petite France Walking Tour | Culinary Strasbourg
- Speyer** | Speyer Walking Tour | Heidelberg Castle & Town | Hike Philosopher's Way
- Oberwesel** | Wines of the Rhine | A Walk in Time
- Amsterdam** | Rijksmuseum | Waterland Bike Ride | Jordaan District Walking & Food Tour
- Free time to pursue your own 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.



AHI Travel Expertise

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

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.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional 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, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Traveling Aggies

A PROGRAM OF
The Association of Former Students



505 George Bush Drive
College Station, TX 77840-2918

RHINE19 37

800-633-7514
AggieNetwork.com/Travel



Rhine Valley

Discover the timeless beauty of the Rhine River on this exhilarating cruise!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.

Presorted Std.
U.S. Postage
Paid
AHI Travel