University of Illinois
Alumni Association

Duration
10 days

Activity Level
Moderate

Journey Type
River
Solo-Friendly

Europe's Historic Rivers: Main, Rhine & Moselle

June 21 – July 1, 2027

Starting from $5,245/pp

Journey along the storied Main, Rhine and Moselle rivers on a nine-night, first-class cruise that reveals the historic riches of Old-World cities and towns. Unpack once and revel in enchanting scenery, hilltop castles, and picturesque canals. Plus, choose from a variety of included personalize your journey excursions, featuring culinary tours and cultural experiences, in Nuremberg, Bamberg and Würzburg. No single supplement!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Europe's Historic Rivers: Main, Rhine & Moselle
Air Program – 11 days/ 10 nights (includes 1 air night)

Cruise Program – 10 days/ 9 nights

Breakfasts – 9, Lunches – 8, Dinners – 9, Receptions – 2

B | L | R | D in the header of each day denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners

A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Cruise Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Cruise Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.

Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands. Excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches and boats.

- 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

Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Day 1 | Depart gateway city
AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Luxembourg, Germany. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: LUX.

Day 2 | Luxembourg, Germany | Trier

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Arrive at Luxembourg Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Cruise Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the designated meeting spot, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you. The meeting location will be provided with your final documents.

Transfer to Trier and embark your ship. Start unpacking and get to know your ship's many amenities. The docking location of the ship will be provided in your final documents.

Captain's Welcome Reception & Dinner. Meet your fellow travelers during the Captain's festive Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Day 3 | Trier | Moselle Valley

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Trier. Beautiful Trier, the birthplace of revolutionary Karl Marx, features treasures of art and architecture around every turn. On a guided walking tour, follow a path through millennia while witnessing impressive masterpieces, including the Porta Nigra gate, the Cathedral of Trier, the Roman Baths and the Roman amphitheater. (Moderate)

Depart Trier and sail through a portion of the Moselle River flanked by quaint villages and tiered vineyards.

Day 4 | Cochem | Koblenz

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Enjoy breakfast as your ship arrives in Cochem,

Cochem and the Reichsburg Castle . Take a guided walking tour of Moselle, Cochem, a city situated along a bend in the river that charms with half-timbered houses along narrow, winding streets and stepped hills draped in a tangle of grapevines, with the hilltop Reichsburg

castle overlooking the town. Learn about the old town's folklore and landmarks, then tour the castle and admire impressive views of the Moselle River valley from high above. Afterward, spend the remaining time exploring Cochem on your own. (Moderate)

Enrichment: Wine Tasting . Upon return to the docking site, enjoy a glass of wine from the Moselle region.

Day 5 | Koblenz

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Koblenz is located at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers and brims with medieval history, monuments, an imposing fortress and a handful of quirky fountains.

Koblenz Discovery. Enjoy a walk through Koblenz. More than 2,000 years ago, the Romans established a settlement at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. Today, the beautiful town of Koblenz occupies that same strategic location. See the Town Hall; the medieval Liebfrauenkirche, the Church of Our Lady; the Alte Burg, the Old Castle; the Altes Kaufhaus, the Old Merchants' Hall; and the Deutsches Eck, the German Corner, with the monument of Emperor Wilhelm II, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. (Moderate)

Cruise through one of Germany's most gorgeous areas. Make your way through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a particularly scenic stretch with castles and vineyards peppering the steep hills. At the narrowest point of the Rhine River, see the famous Loreley Statue, a bronze female figure steeped in legend

Day 6 | Miltenberg

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Enrichment: Fruhshcoppen. Head to the deck for a one-of-a-kind event. Nibble, sip and socialize as you enjoy the German tradition of drinking beer accompanied by a tasty spread of Brezeln (pretzels), Weißwurst (sausages) and mustards.

Miltenberg Walking Tour. walking tour of romantic Miltenberg reveals traditional half-timbered houses, quaint taverns and a decorative, 16th-century octagonal fountain. See the Town Hall and Germany's oldest-working inn with its storybook facade. Visit St. Kilian Kellerei, a wine shop that sits over a 15th-century vaulted ice cellar. Today, ice is no longer stored there, but it is a charming spot for you to enjoy a tasting of Franconian brandies. (Moderate)

The ship departs Miltenberg for your next destination.

Day 7 | Würzburg

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In this romantic region of Bavaria sits the old Franconian city of Würzburg, a village that will steal your heart with its historic architecture, vibrant Old Town and trove of magnificent churches, including the Gothic St. Mary's Chapel and the Neumünster Collegiate Church. The Old Main Bridge, the Alte Mainbrücke, is a remarkable structure lined with statues of saints.

PYJ | Personalize Your Journey | Choose ONE of the following excursions and return the included PYJ Reservation Form with your selection by the deadline noted on the form.

- Wurzburg Residenz & City Walk. Visit the renowned Würzburg Residence, built between 1720 and 1744. This majestic UNESCO World Heritage site is one of Europe's finest secular Baroque palaces. Inside, the palace boasts a sumptuously decorated Imperial Hall, the Hall of Mirrors and an impressive staircase with a brilliant fresco. Afterward, enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center, passing St. Kilian's Cathedral; the Neumünslerkirche, the Old Town Hall; and the scenic market square. (Moderate – with a fair number of stairs to navigate at the residence)
- Romantic Road. Once an important trade route during the Middle Ages, the Romantic Road follows a historic path through the foothills of the German Alps and Franconia wine country. As you wind through sleepy medieval villages and quaint Bavarian towns, you'll be captivated by the half-timbered homes, fairy-tale castles and sweet alleyways decorated with colorful blooms. Then, visit Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of Germany's best-preserved, fortified medieval towns. (Moderate)

Return to the ship and enjoy lunch on board.

Free Time: Your afternoon is at leisure. Return to Würzburg and spend time shopping, browsing or simply relaxing with a cup of coffee.

Day 8 | Bamberg

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Disembark for the day and transfer to endearing Bamberg, host to an imperial cathedral and a well-preserved Old Town. Bamberg is spread across seven hills and is full of meandering cobbled lanes and authentic charm.

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- Bamberg Walking Tour. During a guided walking tour of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, wander under the grand rococo archway of the Obere Brücke and enjoy the view of the red-roofed fishermen's houses and baroque mansions that highlight this fairy-tale town. (Moderate)
- Culinary Delights. Enjoy a culinary tour of Bamberg, where Franconian and Bavarian influences are evident. Visit a local bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and a candy store. Along the way, learn about and sample specialties such as the flaky Bamberger Hörnla, the savory Bamberger Weck and the region's famous licorice. (Moderate)

Day 9 | Nuremberg

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The cityscape of Nuremberg greets you this morning! Home to Europe's first printing press, Nuremberg is often associated with expansions in science and technology. Ancient city walls from the 14th and 15th centuries lead to an array of medieval gates and towers, while the imposing twin-towered Gothic St. Lorenz church watches over the town.

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- Sights of Nuremberg. Take a panoramic drive through the city, passing by the courthouse where the World War II trials were held. Then, begin a guided walking tour to see the city's renowned hilltop castle and courtyard and stroll down to the town center. At the Hauptmarkt, an open square dominated by the Schoener Brunnen, see the 14th-century Gothic fountain and the city's most famous attraction. View Our Lady's Church, then St. Lorenz Church, dating to the 15th century, before returning to the ship. (Moderate)
- Documentation Center Museum Special Exhibit . During the years leading up to World War II and through the war, Nuremberg was connected to the Nazi party. Visit a specially conceived Interim Exhibition in the Large Exhibition Hall at the Documentation Center, which presents the history of the Nazi Party Rallies and the Rally Grounds. (Moderate)

Lunch is served on board. This afternoon, you will cruise through the Main-Danube Canal, Europe's greatest man-made passageway. Spanning almost 100 miles, the canal features 16 locks, flowing from the town of Kelheim to Bamberg.

Enrichment: Main-Danube Canal. Gather with a local expert to discuss the history, building and importance of the amazing Main-Danube Canal.

Day 10 | Regensburg

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Regensburg is our next port of call. Once a booming merchant city, the Regensburg of today is dotted with impressive Roman ruins; Gothic, Romanesque and baroque churches; and colorful houses from the 12th and 13th centuries.

Historic Regensburg Walking Tour. Venture out on a guided walking tour of one of Germany's most charming towns. See the ancient Roman tower and gateway, Porta Praetoria; the 12th-century Stone Bridge; the bright yellow Town Hall, Altes Rathaus, which dates to the 1200s; and the enthralling St. Peter's Cathedral with its stunning stained-glass windows. Enjoy visiting the Thurn und Taxi Palace, formerly a Benedictine monastery. This ancestral home has a stunning ballroom and throne room. (Moderate)

Farewell Reception and Dinner. Share stories of your adventures with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 11 | Passau | Return to home city

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After breakfast, disembark the ship. AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Cruise Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for the airport for your return flights home.

What's Included

Program Overview

- Unpack once and cruise for 9 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Cara.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners and 2 receptions.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

On-site Features

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program with baggage handling.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Personalize Your Journey | PYJ: A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

MS Amadeus Cara

Cruise in exceptional comfort and style aboard this sophisticated, 81-cabin ship reminiscent of a grand European hotel while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its professional crew. The tastefully appointed social spaces feature large windows for expansive views of the unfolding scenery. Savor delicious breakfast and luncheon buffets and indulge in expertly prepared, regionally inspired dinners. Wine, beer and soft drinks complement both lunch and dinner. Each evening, relax in your inviting cabin or suite, which includes a private bathroom with a shower, satellite TV and complimentary Wi-Fi.

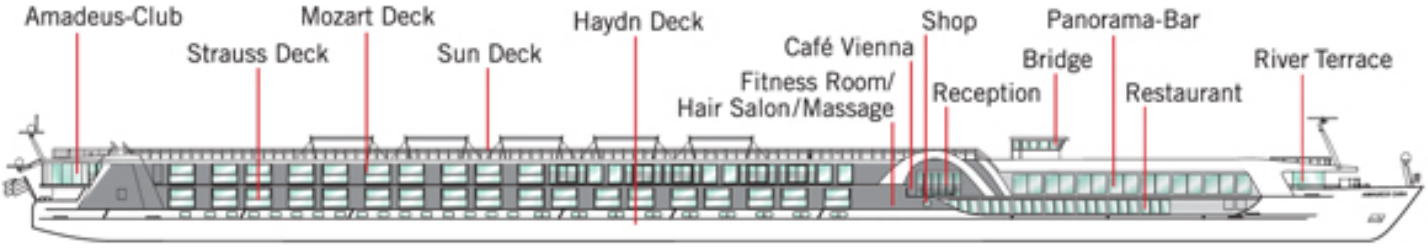
Pricing

$500 Full Payment Discount expires January 22, 2027

Category/Deck	Base Price	Full Payment Discount*	Special Price
S-Suite Mozart	$7,645	**-$500**	$7,145
A-Mozart Deck, Aft	$6,745	**-$500**	$6,245
B-Strauss Mid	$6,345	**-$500**	$5,845
C-Strauss Aft	$6,145	**-$500**	$5,645
D-Haydn Mid (WAIT LIST)	$5,445	**-$500**	$4,945
E-Haydn Mid Aft	$5,245	**-$500**	$4,745

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; US government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is $1000.00 per person. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. To view Program Terms and Conditions, close this window and scroll to the bottom of the page.

** Full Payment Discounts are only available at the time of booking with initial payment 150+ days prior to departure. This offer only applies to full payment at the time of reservation. Details on how to qualify for this savings will be included when your reservation request is confirmed.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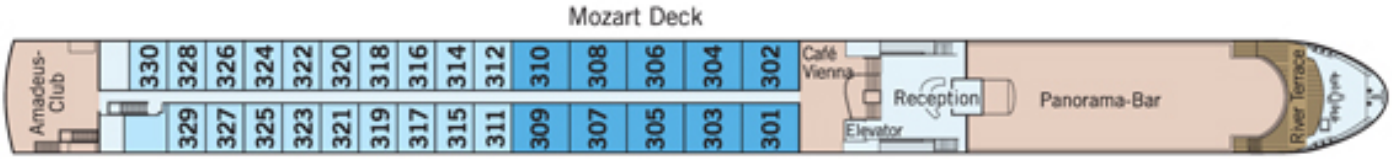
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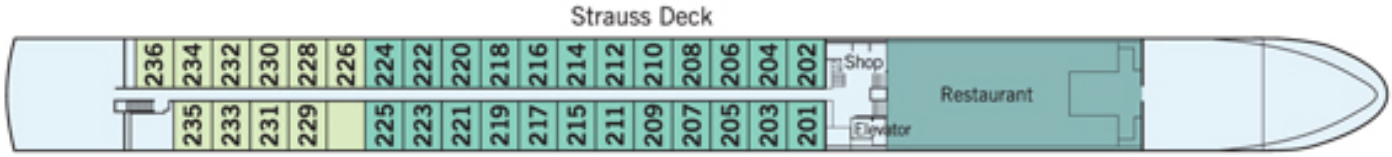
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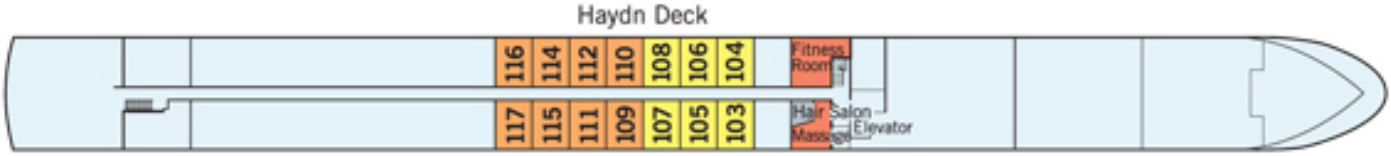
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