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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Celebrated in art and song, Europe's great rivers carved borders, created trade routes and cultivated traditions and cultures that live on today. Unpack once and travel in comfort aboard a first-class ship from Budapest to Amsterdam, enjoying an intimate look at five distinct countries: Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands.

Cultivate epic moments of your travel memoir while cruising along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers, passing scenic banks steeped in centuries of human history. Indulge in regional foods and wines and gaze at wonderfully preserved architecture in some of the world's grandest cities! Plus, follow your heart's desire during ample free time. We've also included an extensive selection of Personalize Your Journey excursions in many ports, allowing you to fully experience this epic region of Europe.

During your voyage, you'll benefit from the value of group travel and enjoy preferred access to popular attractions that will deepen your understanding of Europe. Space is limited and this popular program is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservation today!

All the best,

Debbie Vargo

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube
 2. Frontiers of the Roman Empire - The Danube Limes (Western Segment)
 3. Historic Center of Vienna
 4. Wachau Cultural Landscape
 5. Old town of Regensburg
 6. Town of Bamberg
 7. Würzburg Residence
 8. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
 9. Cologne Cathedral
 10. Seventeenth-Century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam
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A World of Discovery



This epic cruising adventure showcases the breathtaking beauty, significant history and rich culture of Europe's most storied rivers! Gaze at picturesque vineyards, dramatic landscapes, imposing castles and charming towns as they unfold before you. Step off the ship in all five countries to explore quaint harbor towns, fabled medieval villages and illustrious cities steeped in legacies. Plus, experience local culture and sample regional foods and wines!

Top: Dürnstein, Wachau Valley | Above: Spiral staircase, Melk Abbey

Cover: Danube River, Budapest

Mail panel: Strauss Monument, Vienna | Old town, Bratislava

Inspiring Moments



- Unravel centuries of history and culture in **Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna.**
- Delight in **Budapest's twinkling landmarks** during an evening cruise.
- Wander along the cobblestone lanes of **Bratislava's welcoming old town.**
- Relish a **Viennese waltz performance.**
- Linger inside **Melk Abbey**, perched on a rocky bluff above the Danube River.
- View the memorable **Loreley Rock and Wachau Valley** as you glide along the legendary Rhine and Danube rivers.
- Sail through the **Main-Danube Canal**, a civil-engineering wonder.
- Tour the famed **Kölner Dom cathedral.**
- Cruise **Amsterdam's iconic canals** to behold **17th-century Dutch Golden Age canal houses.**
- Experience ten **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Budapest, Hungary. 🌐

Day 2 | Budapest, Hungary

Upon arrival, transfer ➡ to your first-class river ship. Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Budapest

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Budapest.** On a panoramic tour, see Heroes' Square, the Hungarian State Opera House, the Parliament and Fisherman's Bastion.
- **Living Local.** Browse food and craft stalls in the Great Market Hall. Visit a coffee house for strudel and *palinka*, the local schnapps.
- **Jewish Quarter.** Visit Budapest's Dohány Street Synagogue and the Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial.

Budapest by Night. Set sail tonight! Thrill to the awe-inspiring sights of an illuminated Budapest during an evening cruise.

Day 4 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Old Town & Café.** A gentle walking tour showcases St. Martin's Cathedral, St. Michael's Gate, Primate's Palace and more.
- **Old Town & Music.** Explore special venues associated with Beethoven and other artists, followed by a show by a young musician.
- **Hidden Vines of Bratislava.** Escape the city to see whimsical villages and vineyards. Visit a winery and enjoy a tasting of local wines.

Day 5 | Vienna, Austria

Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Imperial Vienna.** Visit the elegant Imperial Apartments inside Hofburg Palace and drive along the Ringstrasse, passing notable sites.
 - **Vienna Woods.** Explore the hills and forests of Austria and stop at a local café. (Active)
 - **Schönbrunn Palace.** Tour this opulent royal palace, once the Habsburgs' summer residence, and stroll the magnificent gardens.
- 🌐AH Connects | **Viennese Waltz.** Admire dancers perform the graceful Viennese waltz.

Day 6 | Dürnstein | Melk

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Dürnstein Walking Tour.** Admire baroque architecture and visit the iconic Stiftskirche.
- **Danube Cycling.** Pedal through scenic villages and vineyards with a guide. (Active)
- **Wachau Valley Winery.** Visit a local winery to learn about and taste the famed wines.

Sail through the enchanting Wachau Valley.

Melk Abbey. Stop to tour the baroque abbey, circa 1736. See the opulent church and library. Stroll downhill through the architecturally-rich town or take a motorcoach back to the ship.

Day 7 | Passau, Germany

Discover Passau. Take a walk and witness the Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the former Niedernburg Abbey, the New Bishop's Residence and the Old Bishop's Residence.

Free Time: Explore more of the city at leisure.



Budapest by night

Day 8 | Regensburg

Enrichment: *The Main-Danube Canal.*

Regensburg Walking Tour. Witness this city's well-preserved history. See the Porta Praetoria, St. Peter's Cathedral, the Stone Bridge and portions of the old Roman Tower. Then visit the Thurn und Taxis royal residence. The ship enters the Main-Danube Canal today.

Day 9 | Nuremberg

☀️ **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Nuremberg.** See the city's castle, its lively old town and the World War II courthouse.
- **History of Nazi Party Exhibit.** Visit a special Interim Exhibition that presents the history of the Nazi Party Rallies and the Rally Grounds.
- **Rural Life.** Experience the tranquil German countryside. Visit a family-run Franconian farm, chat with the family and enjoy lunch.

Day 10 | Bamberg

☀️ **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Bamberg.** Stroll this medieval Bavarian town to see Gothic and baroque masterpieces.
- **Culinary Delights.** Sample local specialties at a bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and more.

Day 11 | Würzburg

☀️ **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Würzburg Residenz & City Walk.** Visit one of Europe's finest baroque palaces, followed by a guided stroll of the historic city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Venture to the Franconian heartland and visit the town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber to see the medieval Altstadt.

Day 12 | Miltenberg

Frühschoppen. Relish the German tradition of tasting beer, pretzels, sausages and mustards.

Miltenberg. Romantic Miltenberg brims with traditional half-timbered homes and taverns. Pass by the Town Hall and Germany's oldest inn with its storybook façade. Taste Franconian wines and brandies in a 15th-century cellar.

Day 13 | Koblenz

Glide by the Loreley Rock, and pass by castles and hills of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

☀️ **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Koblenz City Walk.** See the Town Hall, the Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more.
- **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** Take a cable car to this storied battlement above the river.

Half-timbered homes, Miltenberg



Waltz performance, Vienna





Day 14 | Cologne

Cologne Walking Tour. Stroll the medieval quarter with its noble, patrician houses. Then, visit the symbol of Cologne, the Gothic-style, 13th-century Kölner Dom cathedral. Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 15 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Enrichment: Contemporary Holland.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Rijksmuseum.** Join an audio tour of the Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other great artists.
- **Waterland Biking.** Stretch your legs on a cycling tour of scenic Waterland. (Active)
- **Canal District.** A walking tour unveils the city's beautiful canals. Enjoy an enlightening visit to the Museum of the Canals.

Free Time: Explore Amsterdam on your own.

Amsterdam's Canals. Board a canal cruiser to witness the city's ornate bridges, traditional gabled houses and classic Dutch architecture.

Day 16 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

PYJ experiences are included.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **Unpack once** and sail for **14 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Nova.

Extensive Meal Program

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 5 countries** during this program.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- 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 Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



EXTEND YOUR STAY



Budapest | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Get to know alluring Budapest, including a tour of charming Szentendre! This extension includes two nights at the first-class InterContinental Budapest; daily breakfasts and one lunch; the Szentendre tour and a visit to the Ceramics Museum; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

\$895 per person, double occupancy | \$1,245 single occupancy



Amsterdam | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore more of Amsterdam's lively districts and world-class museums! This extension includes two nights at the centrally located, first-class Amsterdam Marriott; a guided visit to the National Maritime Museum in the Old Harbor; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,470 single occupancy

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Program Dates

Travel dates †

October 8-23, 2025

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

October 9-23, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$6,740	\$5,990
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$6,940	\$6,190
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$7,740	\$6,990
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$7,940	\$7,190
A-Mozart	\$8,740	\$7,990
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$9,240	\$8,490

Early Booking Special Price includes \$750 special savings.

*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by date on address panel and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person.

Suite category features a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a panoramic window.

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

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

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

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MS Amadeus Nova



Step aboard the stylish 89-cabin MS Amadeus Nova, evocative of a grand European hotel, and embark on a cruise where your comfort and enjoyment are the highest priority. The crew is dedicated to taking care of each traveler with renowned European hospitality. In addition to attentive service and friendly hospitality, the MS Amadeus Nova has a distinctly timeless ambience. From the beautifully appointed surroundings to gourmet dining to generous and comfortable public spaces, your floating luxury hotel provides a stress-free stay while discovering Europe's most stunning rivers. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

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 group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Upper Middle Rhine Valley

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 stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators each offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Cologne Cathedral

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