Holiday Markets Cruise
The Festive Rhine River
Basel to Düsseldorf

**Inspiring Moments**

- Relax on deck as the river’s glorious scenery unfolds around you, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.
- Be immersed in the joyful spirit of the holiday markets amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.
- Enjoy an exclusive musical treat in Heidelberg’s romantic old town.
- Delight in the quaint timbered houses and cobbled streets of Grande Île, the historic heart of Strasbourg.
- Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of Cologne Cathedral.
- Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**Itinerary**

- **Day 1** Depart gateway city
- **Day 2** Arrive in Zürich and transfer to ship in Basel
- **Day 3** Breisach | Freiburg
- **Day 4** Strasbourg
- **Day 5** Mannheim | Heidelberg
- **Day 6** Rüdesheim | Rhine Gorge | Cologne
- **Day 7** Cologne
- **Day 8** Düsseldorf
- **Day 9** Disembark ship | Transfer to airport and depart for gateway city

**Included Features**

- **Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - Unpack once and cruise for 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, 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 wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

- **Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
  - Visit 3 countries during this program.
  - **Discovery excursions** and **Personalize Your Journey** | PYJ choices highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
  - **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
  - Free time to pursue your own interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.

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**Discovery**

- **AHI Connects: Musical Show.** In Heidelberg, attend an exclusive event at the elegant Palais Prinz Carl, featuring the stirring sounds of a professional trio who will perform an entertaining mix of holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces.

- **Holiday Markets.** Relish the warm holiday cheer as you explore festive wooden villages brightly trimmed with fresh pine boughs, red ribbons and twinkling lights that spring up in town squares across Europe during Advent.

- **Freiburg.** Delight in a guided stroll through the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the bright-red, turreted Merchants’ Hall and other landmarks. Then visit the colorful Christkindlmarkt, where marzipan and chestnuts are popular holiday treats.

- **Heidelberg Castle and Town.** Visit the red-walled, hillside castle, noted for its giant 18th-century wine cask, and take in scenic views of the Neckar River valley and town below. Then walk through Heidelberg’s charming old town with your guide and savor traditional German dishes for lunch.

- **Rhine Gorge.** Sail amid the Rhine’s most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

- **Glühwein Party.** Sample this tantalizing, hot, spiced holiday wine on the ship.

- **Cologne.** On a guided old town walk, gaze up at the cathedral’s impressive façade and admire the decorative details inside. Enjoy free time at the holiday market outside.

**UNESCO World Heritage**
1. Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt
2. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
3. Cologne Cathedral
4. Aachen Cathedral

**Electives**

We’ve designed engaging extensions to take you further afield.

- **Interlaken.** Revel in breathtaking Swiss mountains and lakes during a two-night stay at a deluxe hotel, plus take a guided walk in Bern’s atmospheric medieval quarter.

- **Berlin.** Get to know the city more intimately over three nights at a first-class hotel in the heart of the action. See Berlin’s top sites on a scenic tour and spend free time exploring some of the city’s 80 holiday markets!

**Accommodations**

**MS Amadeus Silver III**

**AHI Sustainability Promise**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

- **Environmental Impact** | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

- **Social Impact** | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

- **Economic Impact** | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, “shoulder seasons.”

**AHI Travel Expertise**

- **Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

- **Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

- **Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

- **Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

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**DATES & PRICES**

**December 11-19, 2023**

- **From Price** $3,045
- **Special Savings** $250
- **Special Price** $2,795

VAT & 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.