

An Exclusive European River Cruise to Remember!

12 Days/11 Nights - October 1-12, 2016
From Chicago or Washington, DC

Holland

- Tour Amsterdam cultural sites and Waterland countryside

Rhine River Exclusive Charter Cruise

- 8 day cruise through four countries aboard the brand-new, privately chartered luxury ship Amadeus Silver III

Switzerland

- Scenic rail through stunning Alpine lakes region - Basel, Lucerne, Interlaken, Les Diablerets



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Signature Charter River Cruise/Land Tour

Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland

October 1-12, 2016

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per person, PLUS receive a \$200.00
Transportation Credit Before May 31! See inside.



JOIN US for Country Travel DISCOVERIES'
Exclusive Charter Trip of 2016

Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland

Experience some of the most culturally, historically and scenically rich areas of four great European countries (Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland), and diverse landscapes from the Dutch Waterland to the mythic Lorelei stretch of the Rhine to the stunning Swiss Alps in peak season. En route, visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites, meet friendly locals, and enjoy a balance of structured touring and flexible free time to explore your way, all while being treated to excellent service on a vacation full of inclusions.



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Holland

After your included flight, start your adventure in Holland, making new friends while experiencing the cultural centers, Royal Palace and historic areas of Amsterdam, the vibrant city of canals. Visit the famed Rijkmuseum, housing masterpieces by such renowned Dutch masters as Rembrandt and Vermeer, before heading out to explore the windmill-spotted countryside and small towns of Waterland.

Rhine River Cruise

Next, we board our brand-new luxury ship, Amadeus Silver III, for our unforgettable voyage up "Old Father Rhine". We'll kick things off with a festive cocktail reception and amazing five-course dinner as we set sail to discover the incomparable cities, great palaces and castles, and scenic countryside stretched like jewels along Europe's most famous river. Cologne, Strasbourg, Koblenz, Heidelberg, Basel, medieval Cochem, the Rhine Gorge and Mosel wine country...you'll feel as if you're floating through a fairy tale! We will survey these magical places from the perfect vantage point of our ship, which nimbly docks right in the heart of towns that are vividly brought to life by expert shore excursion guides.

Switzerland

Disembarking in beautiful Basel, we will spend time amongst the spectacular lakes region of the Swiss Alps, so stunning at this peak time of year! Visit lovely Lake Geneva, see famed landmarks of Lucerne, experience one of the world's most scenic rail routes to charming Interlaken, and spend 2 nights in the mountainside village of Les Diablerets.



Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland

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TOUR TIMELINE *

12 Days • 11 Nights • 25 Meals

OCT 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. to the Netherlands• Amsterdam Tour and Welcome Dinner
OCT 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rijksmuseum Masterpieces• Amsterdam Canals/Anne Frank House• Shipboard Cocktail Reception• Dutch Shanty Choir Dinner Concert
OCT 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windmills of Waterland• Volendam on the North Sea
OCT 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Walk Cologne• Relics of the Three Magi
OCT 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional Frühschoppen Celebration• City Walk Cochem• Mosel Wine Tasting
OCT 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Koblenz, Where Rivers Meet• Rhine Gorge World Heritage Site• Lorelei Rock• Rüdesheim• Siegfried's Music Museum
OCT 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mannheim Free-Time• Heidelberg Options• Imperial Speyer City Tour• Captain's Gala Dinner
OCT 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strasbourg, Capital of Alsace• Grand Île World Heritage Site
OCT 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basel to Lucerne• Brännigbahn Scenic Railway• Interlaken• Les Diablerets (2 nights)
OCT 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winery Visit or Lake Geneva Cruise• Les Diablerets Free-Time• Alpine Funicular Rail & Marmot Park Option• Swiss Farewell Dinner
OCT 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fond Farewell Breakfast and Home

* Highlights only; not all stops, meals and attractions are listed. Subject to change.

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Turn the page for the European
vacation of a lifetime...done differently ➡

Smooth Sailing...and Europe Seen Differently

River cruises have become the hot trend in European travel—for several great reasons that may not be immediately apparent if you've never tried one, or have only sailed on giant oceangoing ships.

More like floating luxury boutique hotels than like those crowded monster oceanliners, modern river cruise ships are small, elegant affairs with an "intimate" feel. Fewer passengers means a more relaxed pace, and more attentive and personal service from the staff. You'll enjoy superb dining, with fresh local ingredients and great regional wines included, and seating without the lines.

Unparalleled Views

You won't spend days seeing nothing but water. Larger, outward-facing cabins with proper windows or balconies provide amazing views of passing landscapes and shore towns, which are always close at hand.

But river cruising is about experiencing Europe, not just "seeing" it. Sailing serenely down some of the world's most gorgeous and historic waterways gives you a perfect, insider's perspective on Europe's rich cities and cultures – so many of which were founded on its great river trade routes: the Rhine, Danube, Seine, Rhone, Douro, Elbe.

In the Heart of Things

You don't have to take a number or wait in long queues just to get off the ship, then tender miles into port. River ships are nimble enough to dock right in the heart of historic towns for daily land excursions with introductory tours, providing more time and freedom to explore local culture and meet natives. Depending on the port schedule, you may overnight right in great port cities, allowing you to really experience a city's nightlife and culture – this almost never happens on ocean cruises.

While big tub ocean cruises can nickel and dime you for pretty much everything, from excursions to wine to exterior cabins, your Country Travel DISCOVERIES

river cruise is packed with valuable inclusions and flexible options.

So, forget about portholes and sea-sick pills...a smooth-sailing river cruise is one of the best travel experiences you'll ever enjoy!

To learn more about shipboard life and amenities, see our video online at CountryTravelDiscoveries.com/RRC or call us toll-free 855-744-TRIP (8747).

About Country Travel DISCOVERIES

Headquartered in Elm Grove, WI, Country Travel DISCOVERIES specializes in off-the-beaten-path group travel experiences. For over 30 years, CTD's founding president and owner, Steve Uelner, and his team of travel experts have hand-crafted unique, high quality tours to an array of rural, small town, and back-roads destinations throughout the world.

100% Satisfaction Guarantee

It's simple: If you're not satisfied with any aspect of your tour (except commercial flights, over which we have no control), just let us know. We'll send you a travel voucher for the portion of the tour that does not meet our promise (or your expectations) toward another vacation with Country Travel DISCOVERIES. No other tour company we know offers a *guarantee this good!*



Discoveries Directors Sue Froidl and Ann Kaiser

This "once-in-a-lifetime trip" will be hosted by Ann Kaiser (right), retired editor of *Taste of Home* and *Country Woman* magazines, her husband Louie, and experienced European Discoveries Director, Sue Froidl (left).

Images courtesy Lufthansa Cruises

Elegant, Friendly & Comfortable



Brand-New Ship

Like a floating 5-star boutique hotel, with top-class cuisine, service and décor

The newest fleet sister to the award-winning AMADEUS SILVER line of premium vessels, 135m AMADEUS SILVER III comprises 12 large suites with external balcony and cosy reading corner, 72 outward-facing staterooms (most with panoramic windows), luxurious bathrooms, and walk-in wardrobes, plus spacious public areas such as the classical "Café Vienna," the open air "River Terrace" lounge, salon, spa and more.



Service, Hospitality, Ease

Crew dedicated to relaxed elegance, attentive but unobtrusive

With a nearly 1-to-3 ratio of crew to passenger, your friendly, English-speaking crew is devoted to your comfort, safety and satisfaction...and to maintaining a *non-stuffy, friendly atmosphere*. Attentive and always there with a smile without hovering, the crew offers service that's natural and heart-felt—from the captain, cruise director, chefs and performers to the masseuse, hair stylist, laundry service, and daily cleaning and nightly turn-down service. And of course, for your ease and convenience, *we've taken care of all the gratuities—over a \$100.00 per person value!*



Activities & Amenities

So much to see, do, and enjoy with new friends

While you may find it hard to tear yourself away from the astonishing scenery surrounding, Silver III offers so much more to enjoy and share with your travel friends, old or new. *Treat yourself* to a massage or hair stylist at the Vital Club Spa. Try a *rejuvenating* workout in the fitness room, *play a fun game* of chess or shuffleboard on the Sun Deck, or *chill out* at the café.

Some don their dancing shoes for nightly music entertainment in the lounge, or enjoy shipboard talks and cultural performances.



Top-Notch Cuisine

Sophisticated and authentic menus, skillfully prepared and paired

From the generous breakfast buffet and freshly cooked eggs to varied midday options, daily tea-time and *masterfully composed 5-course dinners*, your trip is a true culinary adventure. You'll experience a traditional *Frühstücken* (a festive Bavarian food and music event). Dinners feature regional specialties, sophisticated menus, classic favorites and vegetarian alternative dishes. *Free-flowing quality wines*, red and white, from Europe's famous wine regions, as well as beer, soda and tea or coffee are *included* with every dinner.



Arrival & Transfer

You're in good hands from the word "Go!"

From the moment of your air-inclusive U.S. departure from O'Hare or Dulles airports and back, we are dedicated to your *comfort, safety and enjoyment*. Additionally, we offer...

- Free airport transfers to/from our hotels in Amsterdam and Les Diablerets
- 24-hour emergency call service while en route to/from your tour
- Optional Economy Comfort flight upgrades
- Optional Travel Protection Plan with cancellation coverage
- Optional pre-/post-tour hotel in U.S. departure cities at special rates, with free parking for the duration of the tour

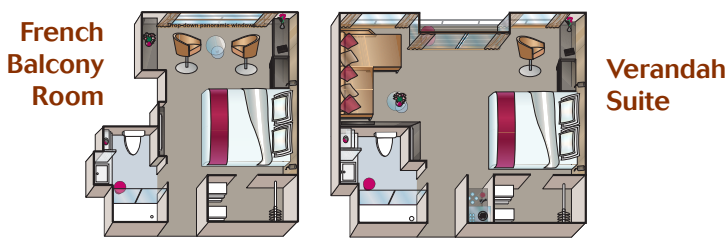
"It's Included!"

- Round-trip air from U.S. and airport transfers *included*
- Three days in the Netherlands, with tours of Amsterdam, Waterland and Volendam
- Seven-night river cruise through 4 countries in an outward-facing river-view stateroom, most with floor-to-ceiling Panoramic windows or walk-out balconies
- Two days in beautiful Alpine Switzerland, Lucerne, Lake Geneva
- Brännigbahn Scenic Railroad trip from Lucerne to Interlaken
- Rhone winery visit or Lake Geneva cruise
- Tours of Cologne, Cochem, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer and Strasbourg with expert English-speaking tour guides
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for all excursions
- Services of an experienced cruise director throughout the cruise
- Gourmet dining with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner) in the elegant Panorama-Restaurant, which accommodates all guests in one seating
- Free-flowing quality red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions with every dinner on board
- Coffee and tea after lunch and dinner
- Clean, non-smoking environment throughout ship
- Cocktail reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Special onboard entertainment including talks, cultural performances and nightly piano music
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Bag handling (1 per person) at hotels
- Entrance fees for included attractions
- Gratuities to English-speaking crew and cruise director included—over a \$100 per person value

Pricing & Cabin Choices

Rooms with a View

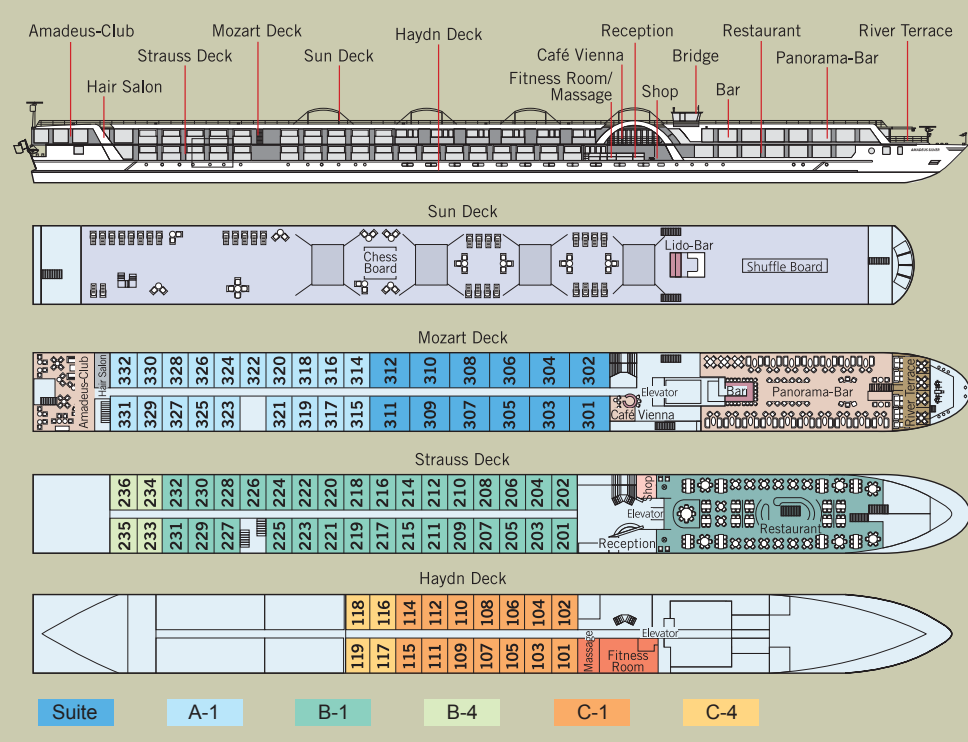
Enjoy your choice of clean, tasteful, outward-facing stateroom styles



Whatever the category, all staterooms and suites are clean, comfortable, outward-facing, well outfitted, and decorated with modern elegance. Your home away from home includes shower/WC, infotainment system with flat-screen TV, telephone, safe, spacious walk-in wardrobe, adjustable air-conditioning system, comfortable seating area, desk, and en-suite bathroom equipped with shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, hairdryer and body lotion.

Mozart & Strauss Staterooms feature a French Balcony with a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that drops down for incredible views of passing scenery. *Suites* additionally include 'walk-out' exterior balconies with seating, two panoramic windows, a sofa seating area and minibar. *Haydn Value Staterooms* have a river-level window.

The All-New Amadeus SILVER III



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Depart/Return: Chicago, IL
or Washington Dulles

Night 1: In Transit
Night 2: NH Carlton Amsterdam
Nights 3-9: Amadeus SILVER III
Nights 10-11: Eurotel Victoria, Les Diablerets
Pre-/post-tour hotel nights with free parking available in Chicago and Washington. Please call.

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May 31, 2016 to
receive an
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credit to offset costs of
local transportation to
or parking in your U.S.
departure city.



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