



# HOLIDAY MARKETS

from COLOGNE TO NUREMBERG



## INCLUDED FEATURES

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

### Accommodations

- Seven nights aboard the first-class **MS Amadeus Silver II.**

### Transfers

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Cruise Program and baggage handling.

### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception and Dinner.**
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Dinner.**

### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, six lunches and seven dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

### MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



Recapture the magic of the holidays as you step into scenes brimming with joyous festivity on a river cruise in Germany. All along the Rhine and Main rivers, charming

towns are adorned in their holiday best with lively Christkindlmarkts set up in town squares. Cruise from Cologne to Nuremberg and sail through the Rhine Gorge, surrounded by breathtaking vistas of verdant rolling hills dotted with quaint villages. Step inside Cologne's majestic Gothic cathedral, and wander the opulent halls of one of Europe's finest baroque palaces in Würzburg. In medieval Rothenburg and Miltenberg, stroll the cobbled lanes as you admire the impressive half-timbered houses that line your path. Along the way, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of excursions in select ports of call as you experience the season of Advent in Europe.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the **charming holiday markets** in cities across Germany.
- Cruise along the **Rhine** and **Main rivers** for seven nights aboard the **exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver II.**
- Witness four **UNESCO World Heritage sites:** Cologne Cathedral, the Middle Rhine Valley, the Würzburg Residenz and the city of Bamberg.
- **Personalize your cruise** with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call.
- Travel along the **"Romantic Road"** between Würzburg and Rothenburg.
- Spend a **full day in Cologne.**

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Frankfurt, Germany.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

### DAY 2 ~ FRANKFURT, GERMANY/COLOGNE

Upon arrival, transfer† to Cologne and embark the MS Amadeus Silver II. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard the ship.

### DAY 3 ~ COLOGNE

Choose from two excursions here:

**Excursion: Cologne's Magnificent Cathedral.** Visit Kölner Dom, the city's famous cathedral, during a guided old town walking tour. Topped by two ornately decorated spires, it was under construction for more than 630 years.

**Excursion: Jewish Heritage Walk.** Recent excavation projects have revealed the city's historic Jewish quarter. See the excavation sites and visit the Cologne City Museum.

**Educational Focus: The Tradition of the Holiday Markets.** Learn about Advent traditions in Germany and the rich history of the markets.

### DAY 4 ~ KOBLENZ/ RHINE GORGE

**Excursion: Koblenz.** Stroll through this beautiful town where the Moselle and Rhine rivers meet, and see the Church of Our Lady, the Old Castle and the Old Merchant's Hall.

This afternoon, witness amazing views as the ship sails through the lovely Rhine Gorge and passes Loreley Rock.

### DAY 5 ~ MILTENBERG

**Excursion: Miltenberg.** Take a guided walk through this picturesque town, home to a 13th-century castle, a 16th-century fountain and timber-frame houses along winding streets.

### DAY 6 ~ WÜRZBURG/ ROTHENBURG

**Excursion: Würzburg.** Explore the stately and lavish Residenz, an 18th-century baroque palace, then enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center. Stroll by St. Kilian's Cathedral, the Old Town Hall and the bustling market.

**Excursion: Rothenburg and the Romantic Road.** The Romantic Road connects scenic towns set among the forests and mountains of southern Germany. Step back in time to the Middle Ages and visit Rothenburg, one

of the route's prettiest towns and home to the German Christmas Museum.

### DAY 7 ~ BAMBERG

Choose from two excursions here:

**Excursion: Bamberg.** Take a guided walking tour to see the town's Gothic and baroque architectural gems. Pass through the grand archway of the Old Town Hall, situated in the middle of a bridge over the Regnitz River.

**Excursion: Culinary Delights.**

Taste the mouthwatering specialties of the Franconian region and learn how they are prepared. Visit a local bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and a candy store.

### DAY 8 ~ NUREMBERG

After breakfast, disembark the ship.

Choose from two excursions here:

**Excursion: Nuremberg.** See the courthouse where the renowned World War II trials were held. Visit the Kaiserburg Castle and the Hauptmarkt.

**Excursion: Historical Tour.** Explore the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds and see the courthouse used for the World War II trials.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon to browse the kiosks at Nuremberg's holiday market.

Tonight, recount your holiday adventure with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

### DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Disembark the ship and transfer to the Munich airport for the return to your gateway city.†

*NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

### ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

**Extension: Munich.** Enjoy three extra nights in cosmopolitan Munich at the elegant Hotel Bayerischer Hof in the heart of the city. Take a scenic tour of Munich's highlights and explore on your own. Journey across the border into Austria to visit historic Salzburg. Marvel at the grandeur of its palaces, churches and 17th- and 18th-century houses on a guided walking tour. Visit Hohensalzburg Fortress overlooking the city and enjoy Salzburg's beauty from above.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### MS AMADEUS SILVER II

The state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver II offers the utmost in service, safety and comfort. Step into the elegant reception area and immerse yourself in an ambience reminiscent of a luxury hotel. Relax on the sun deck, challenge a friend to a game of chess or shuffleboard, browse in the boutique or connect with family at the Internet station. Practice your golf game on the putting green, exercise in the fitness room or treat yourself to a soothing massage. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's delicious breakfast and lunch buffets, and enjoy regional specialties with wine at dinner. In the evening, return to the comforts of your cabin, featuring a river view, a satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower. Wi-Fi is complimentary, but access may be limited.



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