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Dürnstein, the Pearl of the Wachau Valley, on the Danube. Unpack once and experience five countries as you sail on the MS Amadeus Silver between Budapest and Amsterdam.

• Marvel at Vienna’s Hofburg Palace, the Melk Abbey and the Cologne Cathedral.

• Cruise through the Main-Danube Canal.

• Trace your heritage: the Romantic Road from Würzburg to Rothenburg.

• Experience an incomparable organ concert at St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Passau.

• Admire the Loreley as you sail through the lovely Middle Rhine Valley.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Imagine thousands of years of European history gently delivered to your doorstep as you glide along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. Almost every waking moment reveals an enlightening visual feast, from fairytale castles perched on jagged bluffs to terraced vineyards, Bavarian villages and spirited capital cities built on the banks of Europe’s waterways. With panoramic views and large stateroom picture windows onboard, plus seamless walking tours and excursions steps from your modern, elegant ship, you’ll indulge in a rich adventure steeped in tradition. Explore the Romantic Road, a medieval trade route between Würzburg and Rothenburg. Sail through the Main-Danube Canal, a civil engineering marvel inspired by Charlemagne. And take your seat at a special organ concert in Passau. From regional dishes to soul-stirring vistas, embrace the face of Europe on this epic three-river route.
Dear Alumni and Friends:

The ultimate in European river cruising, this two-week adventure from Budapest to Amsterdam traces the time-honored ruins on the Danube River, a waterway that has played a significant role in the political and social history of five countries, visiting fascinating ports of call, admiring the breathtaking landscapes and discovering hidden treasures with the guidance of local experts. Along the way, you’ll benefit from the value and convenience of group travel without the feeling of being herded from place to place. Plus, you’ll enjoy preferred access to popular attractions of a boutique hotel. In addition, a dedicated team of travel experts will assist you with all your travel needs before your departure and help you customize your trip with extensions or special arrangements.

Aboard the MS Amadeus Silver, a shining example of the new generation of river cruise ships, you’ll enjoy well-appointed accommodations, ample amenities and the professional service of a boutique hotel. Cruise the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, as well as the man-made engineering marvel, the Main-Danube Canal. Explore along the way, past towns from the stone and concrete of long past without the feeling of being herded from place to place. You’ll experience a thousand-year understanding of Europe’s history, landscape, culture and storytelling cultures, including a larger-than-life organ concert in Passau, Germany.

The University of Chicago Alumni Association invites you to join us on this spectacular river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a three-night extension in Vienna, Austria and various places in Germany, including a concert in Passau, Germany. Questions? For information about the program, contact the Office of Chicago Alumni Tours at 773/702-2160 or alumnitravel@uchicago.edu. For information about logistics or registration, call AHI International at 800-323-7373. Service is limited and this popular program is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

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Kate Heilman
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buildings, among trees the parks and gardens of Heroes’ Square, a favorite with locals and tourists alike. A visit to the famous Sacher Tortue restaurant is a must. Budapest offers an unforgettable experience for those who love culture and history.

**Bratislava**

- **Austrian coronation city.** The capital of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava is a charming city with a rich history. The Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is known for its well-preserved medieval architecture.

**UNESCO**

This program features the following UNESCO sites: Wachau Cultural Landscape and the Historic Centre of Vienna in Austria; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, the town of Bamberg, Cologne Cathedral and the Würzburg Residence in Germany; and Budapest in Hungary.

**Left:** The Imperial Palace, Vienna | **Below:** Bratislava
For 2,000 years, the Rhine River has been the European continent’s chief waterway and trade route, linking central Europe to the North Sea. At its northern end, the river lazily winds through green, peaceful plains and gentle valleys. In the amazing Rhine Gorge, towering escarpments are crowned by fabled castles steeped in myth and mystery. The lush vineyards, tangled woods and ancient ruins atop rocky spurs are a photographer’s dream. Stemming from the Rhine, the Main River (pronounced “mine”) meanders past the scenic towns, towers and turrets of Bavaria into the man-made Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg. An engineering marvel of the 20th century that realized Charlemagne’s dream, the canal steps along a succession of locks in the picturesque Altmühl Valley and Germany’s largest nature preserve. At Kelheim, the canal joins the storied blue Danube River, celebrated in song and saga. This great river travels an impressive 1,800 miles, carving a serpentine path across eight countries, before ultimately reaching the Black Sea. Throughout the ages, the Danube has been a conduit for cultural influences, and the historic and architectural attractions that line its banks are legendary.

**Melk**
Perched on a bluff over the Danube, Melk exhibits a majestic silhouette. Its massive Benedictine Abbey is one of Austria’s most breathtakingly ornate monastic houses and a nearly perfect rendering of baroque architectural grandeur. Books as old as 1,200 years are among 100,000 volumes in the library, a quiet testament to the fact that Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner in the 12th century on his way back to England from the Crusades. The treasures include a vast collection of art and artifacts, including the world’s largest rosary beads. The Abbey was founded in 1138 and the present structure was completed in 1725.

**Bratislava**
Below:
REGENSBURG

This enchanting city, seemingly untouched by time, is a vibrant testimony to the passing centuries. An ancient Roman citadel stands above the original Celtic settlement. One of the fort’s gates, constructed in A.D. 179, still survives, while the Stone Bridge spanning the Danube dates from the early 12th century. Nearby, discover the lovely Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria.

NUREMBERG

No other region lives up to the quintessential image of Germany better than Bavaria. Nuremberg, the state’s second-largest city, has been considerably influenced on science and culture through the ages. Germany

PASSAU

Baron Alexander von Humboldt, the 19th-century scientist, explorer and writer, described Passau as “one of the most beautiful cities in the world.” Overlooking the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau’s appeal remains undiminished by the passing centuries. Witness Passau’s landmarks including Veste Oberhaus, a medieval fortress overlooking the town, and the 13th-century Rathaus, featuring painted murals depicting the town’s history. At the grand St. Stephen’s Cathedral, enjoy an unforgettable organ concert. With 17,974 pipes, the organ is said to be the largest cathedral organ in the world.
Bewitching Beauties:

WACHAU VALLEY, LORELEY & THE MIDDLE RHINE

has a style that is gracious and elegant yet open and friendly. The Old Town is virtually a separate medieval village with thick, stone walls, ambling streets, half-timbered houses and quaint shops. See the courthouse where the Nuremberg Trials were held, the hilltop Imperial Castle, and the colorful open-air market punctuated by an elegant 14th-century Gothic fountain.

BAMBERG

The enchanting town of Bamberg is one of the few towns in Germany to have survived the bombings of World War II intact. Built by archbishops on seven hills, Bamberg overflows with red-roofed fishermen’s houses, baroque mansions and medieval streets. Beer lovers flock from near and far to taste Bamberg’s smoked beer, first brewed in 1536.

WÜRZBURG

Germany’s greatest baroque city, Würzburg is backed by vineyard-covered hills. Towering over the banks of the Main is its 12th-century Festung Marienberg, an impressive imperial fortress. Explore the prince-bishop’s 18th-century Residenz. Surrounded by gardens in the heart of town, it is one of the largest and most beautiful palaces in Germany. A walking tour takes you to St. Kilian’s Cathedral, the Old Town Hall and the city’s bustling marketplace. Also, enjoy a scenic drive along the renowned Romantic Road.

The 40-mile stretch of the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is home to some of the most stunning scenery in the world, including some 40 hilltop castles and legendary Loreley, the 450 foot slate rock formation that reaches out of the Middle Rhine at its narrowest, deepest point. Because of fast-flowing currents and the narrowness of the river, Loreley has witnessed many wrecks, including wooden dinghies that crashed into her rocks in the Middle Ages. According to some, treasure-guarding gnomes dwell in its caves.

Loreley has inspired many artists and writers, including German author Clemens Brentano who composed a ballad in the early 1800s, in which a lovesick maiden plunges to her death from the top of Loreley. A few years later, an epic poem by Heinrich Heine told of doomed shipmen seduced by a golden-haired siren atop Loreley.

Wachau Valley, the 24-mile stretch of the Danube, between the towns of Krems and Melk, is equally bewitching. In fact, Wachau’s cultural landscape was deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site because its architecture, settlements and agricultural use of the land vividly illustrate a medieval landscape brimming with old world character.
MILTENBERG • Medieval tower gates guard the approach to beautiful Miltenberg. The charming market square, with its 16th-century fountain and unusual half-timbered houses, is one of the most photographed in all of Germany. During leisure time, perhaps stop for homemade wurst and a glass of apple wine at one of the cozy wine taverns.

RÜDESHEIM • Although ancient ambiance, medieval castles and inviting courtyards are among its draws, the allure of Rüdesheim is wine. It is believed that Charlemagne — who regularly indulged in the pleasures of the grape — planted the first vines himself. Explore this Rhine wine haven at your leisure. Along the Drosselgasse, a festive little street at the city’s center, friendly wine taverns serve local vintages, offering the perfect way to enjoy your day.

KOBLENZ • In an area known as the German Corner, the ancient, park-filled town of Koblenz has stood at the confluence of the Rhine and the Mosel for more than 2,000 years. Once a Roman stronghold, its strategic location has made it a key city in human history. To enjoy a bird’s-eye view of Koblenz and surrounding castles, opt to take a cable car ride to lofty Festung Ehrenbreitstein, a mighty hilltop fortress repeatedly invaded by French troops.

COLOGNE • On the banks of the Rhine, 2,000-year-old Cologne is home to Germany’s greatest Gothic cathedral. Begun in 1248 and completed in 1880, the vast, light-filled church stands as a powerful testament to European Christianity. While much of Cologne was destroyed during World War II, this famous Gothic cathedral remained relatively intact and hence has its own historical significance. A city steeped in tradition but also has a decidedly modern edge, including an avant-garde art scene.

AMSTERDAM • Easy-going and intimate, Amsterdam boasts more than 60 miles of tree-lined canals that trace their way through a city of amazingly diverse architecture, from quaint 17th-century half-timbered houses to patrician Louis XIV manors. Admire the Royal Palace and witness masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other Dutch Masters in the Rijksmuseum, the country’s recently refurbished premier museum. Soak up Amsterdam’s atmospheric pleasures, from bobbing houseboats and the ringing of bicycle bells, to flower stalls overflowing with cheerful blooms.
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Day 1
Depart your Gateway City

Day 2
Arrive Budapest, Hungary
Board the MS Amadeus Silver

Day 3
Budapest

Day 4
Bratislava, Slovakia

Day 5
Vienna, Austria

Day 6
Dürnstein/Melk

Day 7
Passau, Germany

Day 8
Regensburg/Weltenburg

Day 9
Nuremberg

Day 10
Bamberg

Day 11
Romantic Road/Würzburg

Day 12
Miltenberg

Day 13
Rüdesheim/Koblenz

Day 14
Cologne

Day 15
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Day 16
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NOTE:
This itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking. Provided for AHI FlexAir participants only.
INCLUDED FEATURES

• 14 nights aboard the MS Amadeus Silver from Budapest, Hungary, to Amsterdam, Netherlands.
• Gather with fellow travelers at Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners.
• Enjoy three full meals each day— a breakfast, a two-course lunch and a three-course dinner — featuring tea or coffee with all meals and wine with dinner.
• Personal listening devices allow you to hear every word of your expert English-speaking guides.

ALL SHORE EXCURSIONS

• See the impressive landmarks of Budapest.
• Marvel at the medieval wonders of Bratislava.
• Admire the Imperial treasures of Vienna.
• Delight in picturesque Dürnstein.
• Experience the magnificence of Melk Abbey.
• Stroll along the charming streets of Passau.
• Discover the Roman heritage of Regensburg.
• Explore historic Nuremberg.
• Wander through perfectly preserved Bamberg.
• Step inside lovely Cologne Cathedral.
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• Consultation of a Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
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• Tipping of all excursions guides and drivers.
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• Complimentary water on excursions.

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• A first-class river cruise ship providing all outward-facing accommodations; friendly, personalized service; limited capacity; and exclusively designed sailing itineraries.
• Delicious dining aboard the ship featuring special extras such as morning coffee, wine with dinner and expertly prepared culinary specialties of the region.
• Expert local guides leading thoughtfully designed excursions to enrich your experience of the area.

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Top: Cabin A-Mozart
Above: View of windmills from the lovely dining room window
Left: Spectacular views from the spacious and comfortable upper deck of the MS Amadeus Silver
Leisure activities on the upper deck of the MS Amadeus Silver Vineyard, Wachau Valley
Scenic Holland Interior, Melk Abbey

Cover photo: Sailing past the Parliament Building on the Danube River, Budapest

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Vienna

Austria

• Elegant and regal, Austria’s crown jewel delights with Hapsburg-era architecture, lush parks and an incomparable musical heritage including Vienna’s State Opera House, known for performances of works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss.

Explore glorious Hapsburg palace, the former imperial residence in Vienna. See the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, the historic university and more. At your leisure, perhaps partake in a Viennese afternoon ritual: robust coffee and delicious sacher torte in the shadow of St. Stephen’s Cathedral’s skyscraping bell tower.

DÜRNSTEIN

• The Danube flows between the verdant banks and rocky crags of the beautiful Wachau Valley. It was in Dürnstein, the Pearl of the Wachau Valley, that Hungary’s Stephen I was imprisoned in 1173.

BUDAPEST

• Spanning the mighty Danube, Budapest ranks as one of Europe’s most striking capitals and premier spa resorts. This Pearl of the Danube is a twin city born in 1873 when historic and romantic Buda on the west bank and bustling Pest on the east bank were united. Budapest’s spectacular panorama can best be appreciated from the terrace of the Fisherman’s Bastion’s seven round white towers. Hungarian nationalism is honored in grandiose Heroes’ Square and by 700-year-old St. Matthias Church, a symbol of the city’s rich, yet often tragic history. The seven round white towers of distinctive Fishermen’s Bastion represent the seven Magyar tribes that gave rise to Hungary 1,000 years ago.

BRATISLAVA

• An ancient coronation city, Bratislava was the seat of power for the Kingdom of Hungary for more than three centuries in the Middle Ages. Today, it is the capital of Slovakia, a historic region with a charm and character all its own. The compact Old Town is replete with a lively main square, preserved fortifications and austere Gothic buildings. Among them, the pale pink-and-white Primate’s Palace was built in 1778 and topped with various marble statues and a large cast-iron cardinal’s hat.

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Perched on a bluff over the Danube, Melk exhibits a majestic silhouette. Its massive Benedictine Abbey is one of Austria's most breathtakingly ornate monastic houses and a nearly perfect rendering of baroque architectural grandeur. Books as old as 1,200 years are among 100,000 volumes in the library, a quiet testament to the legacy of the monks. Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner in the 12th century on his way back to England from the Crusades. The treasures within its ancient walls and towers include outstanding baroque architecture, a Renaissance palace, and the poignant remains of a 13th-century Gothic church. Step inside the blue-and-white baroque Stiftskirche built on the riverbank.

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Baron Alexander von Humboldt, the 19th-century scientist, explorer and writer, described Passau as "one of the seven most beautiful cities in the world." Overlooking the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau's appeal remains undiminished by the passing centuries. Witness Passau's landmarks including Veste Oberhaus, a medieval fortress overlooking the town, and the 13th-century Rathaus, featuring painted murals depicting the town's history. At the grand St. Stephen's Cathedral, enjoy an unforgettable organ concert. With 17,974 pipes, the organ is said to be the largest cathedral organ in the world.
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BAMBERG • The enchanting town of Bamberg is one of the few towns in Germany to have survived the bombings of World War II intact. Built by archbishops on seven hills, Bamberg overflows with red-roofed fishermen’s houses, baroque mansions and medieval streets. Beer lovers flock from near and far to taste Bamberg’s smoked beer, first brewed in 1536.

WÜRZBURG • Germany’s greatest baroque city, Würzburg is backed by vineyard-covered hills. Towering over the banks of the Main is its 12th-century Festung Marienberg, an impressive imperial fortress. Explore the prince-bishop’s 18th-century Residenz. Surrounded by gardens in the heart of town, it is one of the largest and most beautiful palaces in Germany. A walking tour takes you to St. Kilian’s Cathedral, the Old Town Hall and the city’s bustling marketplace. Also, enjoy a scenic drive along the renowned Romantic Road.

The 40-mile stretch of the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is home to some of the most stunning scenery in the world, including some 40 hilltop castles and legendary Loreley, the 450 foot slate rock formation that reaches out of the Middle Rhine at its narrowest, deepest point. Because of fast-flowing currents and the narrowness of the river, Loreley has witnessed many wrecks, including wooden dinghies that crashed into her rocks in the Middle Ages. According to one tale, treasure-guarding gnomes dwelled in her caves. Loreley has inspired many artists and writers, including German author Clemens Brentano who composed a ballad in the early 1880s, in which a lovesick maiden plummets to her death from the top of Loreley. A few years later, an epic poem by Heinrich Heine told of doomed shipmen seduced by a golden-haired siren atop Loreley.

Wachau Valley, the 24-mile stretch of the Danube, between the towns of Krems and Melk, is equally bewitching. In fact, Wachau’s cultural landscape was deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site because its architecture, settlements and agricultural use of the land vividly illustrate a medieval landscape brimming with old world character.
MILTENBERG • Medieval tower gates guard the approach to beautiful Miltenberg. The charming market square, with its 16th-century fountain and unusual half-timbered houses, is one of the most photographed in all of Germany. During leisure time, perhaps stop for homemade wurst and a glass of apple wine at one of the cozy wine taverns.

RÜDESHEIM • Although ancient ambiance, medieval castles and inviting courtyards are among its draws, the allure of Rüdesheim is wine. It is believed that Charlemagne — who regularly indulged in the pleasures of the grape — planted the first vines himself. Explore this Rhine wine haven at your leisure. Along the Drosselgasse, a festive little street at the city’s center, friendly wine taverns serve local vintages, offering the perfect way to enjoy your day.

KOBLENZ • In an area known as the German Corner, the ancient, park-filled town of Koblenz has stood at the confluence of the Rhine and the Mosel for more than 2,000 years. Once a Roman stronghold, its strategic location has made it a vital link in the international river-trade routes of Europe. To enjoy a bird's-eye view of Koblenz and surrounding castles, opt for a cable car ride to the mighty Festung Ehrenbreitstein, a hilltop fortress repeatedly invaded by French troops.

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Day 3
Budapest

Day 4
Bratislava, Slovakia

Day 5
Vienna, Austria

Day 6
Dürnstein/Melk

Day 7
Passau, Germany

Day 8
Regensburg/Weltenburg

Day 9
Nuremberg

Day 10
Bamberg

Day 11
Romantic Road/Würzburg

Day 12
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Austria

VIENNA

• Elegant and regal, Austria’s crown jewel delights with Hapsburg-era architecture, lush parks and an incomparable musical heritage including Vienna’s State Opera House, known for performances of works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss.

Explore glorious Hapsburg palace, the former imperial residence in Vienna. See the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, the historic university and more. At your leisure, perhaps partake in a Viennese afternoon ritual: robust coffee and delicious sacher torte in the shadow of St. Stephen’s Cathedral’s skyscraping bell tower.

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Slovakia

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• An ancient coronation city, Bratislava was the seat of power for the Kingdom of Hungary for more than three centuries in the Middle Ages. Today, it is the capital of Slovakia, a historic region with a charm and character all its own. The compact Old Town is replete with a lively main square, preserved fortifications and austere Gothic

UNESCO

This program features the following UNESCO sites: Wachau Cultural Landscape and the Historic Centre of Vienna in Austria; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, the town of Bamberg, Cologne Cathedral and the Würzburg Residence with the Court Gardens and Residence Square in Germany; and Budapest in Hungary.

Left: The Imperial Palace, Vienna | Below: Bratislava
For 2,000 years, the Rhine has been the European continent's chief waterway and trade route, linking central Europe to the North Sea. At its northern end, the river lazily winds through green, pastoral plains and gentle hills. In the amazing Rhine Gorge, towering escarpments are crowned by fabled castles steeped in myth and mystery. The lush vineyards, tangled woods and ancient ruins set atop rocky spurs are a photographer's dream. Stemming from the Rhine, the Main River (pronounced “mine”) meanders past the scenic towns, towers and turrets of Bavaria into the man-made Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg. An engineering marvel of the 20th century that realized Charlemagne's dream, the canal steps along a succession of locks in the picturesque Altmühl Valley and Germany's largest nature preserve. In Melk, the canal crosses the famous Bavarian River. A nearly perfect rendering of baroque architectural grandeur, its massive Benedictine Abbey is one of Austria's most breathtakingly ornate monastic houses. Books as old as 1,200 years are among 100,000 volumes in the library, a quiet testament to the treasures within its ancient walls and towers include outstanding baroque architecture, a Renaissance palace and the poignant remains of a 13th-century Gothic church. Step inside the blue-and-white baroque Stiftskirche built on the riverbank. Below: Bratislava
REGENSBURG
• This enchanting city, seemingly untouched by time, is a vibrant testimony to the passing centuries. An ancient Roman citadel stands above the original Celtic settlement. One of the fort's gates, constructed in A.D. 179, still survives, while the Stone Bridge spanning the Danube dates from the early 12th century. Nearby, discover the lovely Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria.

NUREMBERG
• No other region lives up to the quintessential image of Germany better than Bavaria. Nuremberg, the state's second-largest city, has been a center of monastic influence on science and culture through the ages.

PASSAU
• Baron Alexander von Humboldt, the 19th-century scientist, explorer, and writer, described Passau as "one of the seven most beautiful cities in the world. Overlooking the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau's appeal remains undiminished by the passing centuries. Witness Passau's landmarks including Veste Oberhaus, a medieval fortress overlooking the town, and the 13th-century Rathaus, featuring painted murals depicting the town's history. At the grand St. Stephen's Cathedral, enjoy an unforgettable organ concert. With 17,974 pipes, the organ is said to be the largest cathedral organ in the world.

Germany

Passau

Innsbruck
Wachau Valley, Loreley & The Middle Rhine

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Day 1
Depart your Gateway City

Day 2
Arrive Budapest, Hungary
Board the MS Amadeus Silver

Day 3
Budapest

Day 4
Bratislava, Slovakia

Day 5
Vienna, Austria

Day 6
Dürnstein/Melk

Day 7
Passau, Germany

Day 8
Regensburg/Weltenburg

Day 9
Nuremberg

Day 10
Bamberg

Day 11
Romantic Road/Würzburg

Day 12
Miltenberg

Day 13
Rüdesheim/Koblenz

Day 14
Cologne

Day 15
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Day 16
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Top: Cabin A-Mozart | Above: View of windmills from the lovely dining room window | Left: Spectacular views from the spacious and comfortable upper deck of the MS Amadeus Silver
Leisure activities on the upper deck of the MS Amadeus Silver Vineyard, Wachau Valley

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