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LÜFTNER CRUISES • MS AMADEUS STAR
SEP 15-27, 2025 | 13 DAYS | 26 MEALS
Excursions in Every Port • Journey Leader: John Pollard

Europe's magnificence truly comes to life along its extensive river network. This exceptional river cruise begins in the Netherlands, meandering through the heart of Europe and ultimately reaching Switzerland.

Throughout European history, people have settled near its rivers, which served as vital trade and commerce routes. As we navigate along the mighty Rhine, we pass by legendary castles, majestic cathedrals, and explore age-old marketplaces.

Our voyage takes us through Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, all while maintaining a luxurious standard. We seamlessly blend breathtaking scenery with cultural enrichment, ensuring your every comfort is met. Designed with the epitome of river cruising in mind, we travel at a relaxed pace, allowing you to explore historic sites and cities. You will enjoy comfortable staterooms, delectable cuisine, and wine included with dinners. Most meals, all taxes, gratuities, and even the majority of your shore excursions are included, granting you the freedom to savour every moment of your cruise.



Inclusive Features

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed
- 7-night cruise in an outside cabin on ms AMADEUS Star
- 4-nights first class hotel accommodations in Lucerne and Zurich as indicated or similar with breakfast daily
- Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne
- Baggage handling at hotels and shipside
- All meals during the cruise
- Coffee and tea available on board 24 hours a day
- Quality European wines with every dinner on board
- Cocktail reception, Welcome & Captain Gala dinners
- Guided shore excursions in each port including audio headsets
- All gratuities (including guides and ship crew) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value included with the purchase of group airfare
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director
- Swiss folklore dinner show in Lucerne
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles

Journey Leader

Well known to many of our past guests, **John Pollard** has led numerous tours and cruises on our behalf to diverse destinations such as China, the South Pacific, Alaska, Africa, the United Kingdom, and Europe. A graduate of the University of Toronto, John retired after thirty-three years of teaching to pursue his love of travel. His enjoyment of meeting new people and exploring new places, combined with his extensive experience in leading groups to a wide variety of destinations worldwide, is sure to enhance this journey.



Our Cruise Ship • ms AMADEUS Star

Joining the fleet in 2019, The beautiful AMADEUS Star retains the design essence found throughout the AMADEUS line. Spacious personal accommodations, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows in every cabin, and choice of bed configuration in all categories (double or twin bedding).

Purpose-built to sail the safe scenic waters of Europe's rivers, it has three decks with cabins and public rooms plus a spacious Sun Deck for viewing the countryside.

When the sun lowers in the Western skies, slip into your favourite evening clothes and wander into the elegant wine bar. Soft voices fill the air as new friends gather to enjoy a four-course dinner as the AMADEUS Star's attentive staff anticipates your every request.



SEP 15, Monday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members board their overnight flight to Amsterdam.

SEP 16, Tuesday

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to the pier. This afternoon, embark and unpack. Enjoy a Welcome Cocktail followed by a specially prepared Welcome Dinner, ending the evening with a Shanty Choir performance. Our ship remains in Amsterdam overnight.

ms Amadeus Star (7 nights)

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SEP 17, Wednesday **AMSTERDAM / UTRECHT**

Start the morning exploring Amsterdam with a relaxing canal cruise. Founded in the late 12th century, Amsterdam boasts one of Europe's largest historic centres, featuring 7,500 historic buildings and 90 islands connected by 1,300 bridges. On the city tour, see highlights like the Maritime Museum, the Jewish Quarter, and the Museum Quarter. BLD



Amsterdam, Netherlands

SEP 18, Thursday **COLOGNE**

After breakfast, arrive in the stunning cathedral city of Cologne. Explore the historic Old Town with its striking High Gothic architecture, visit the iconic twin-spired Cologne Cathedral, and savour the renowned Kölsch beer. Spend a relaxed afternoon in the city, or opt for an optional, more active excursion to Siebengebirge National Park and the remnants of Castle Drachenfels (Dragon Rock). BLD

SEP 19, Friday **COCHEM**

Our vessel cruises along the Moselle River, known for its steep terraced vineyards and as Germany's fifth-largest wine region. After lunch, we reach Cochem. Wander through the charming town with its narrow streets, medieval gates, and churches on your own, or join a guided city tour including the impressive Reichsburg Castle. Following dinner on board, visit a local winery to taste the region's exceptional wines before continuing to Koblenz. BLD



Upper Middle Rhine Valley

SEP 20, Saturday **KOBLENZ / RÜDESHEIM**

This morning, join a walking tour of historic Koblenz. Later, cruise through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its vineyard-covered banks and fairy-tale castles. By late afternoon, we reach Rudesheim. Choose between a walking tour featuring the Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum's self-playing instrument collection, or an optional visit to a local vineyard for wine tasting followed by a stroll down Drosselgasse, a lively lane filled with taverns, restaurants, and music venues. BLD

SEP 21, Sunday **MANNHEIM / SPEYER**

Today we dock in Mannheim, gateway to Heidelberg and its renowned castle. We then visit Speyer, home to a cathedral where eight Roman emperors and German kings rest. Choose between a guided city tour including the Judenhof, a significant medieval Jewish site, or explore independently. BLD



Rhine Falls

SEP 22, Monday **STRASBOURG**

In the morning, we reach Strasbourg, Alsace's vibrant capital. See the city's highlights: the famous Strasbourg Cathedral, the Petite France quarter with its former mills and tanneries, half-timbered houses, the Covered Bridges, Palais Rohan, and the Council of Europe. Discover the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site connected by 22 stone bridges, on a guided canal boat tour. After lunch onboard, take in scenic views of the Rhine as we journey towards Switzerland, our final destination. BLD

SEP 23, Tuesday **BASEL / LUCERNE**

Disembark for a walking tour of Basel, Switzerland's third-largest city, situated where Switzerland, France, and Germany meet. View the medieval Town Hall and elegant 18th-century homes, reflecting the city's heritage in academia, banking, and trade. After free time for lunch, travel to Lucerne. There, we will visit the Lion Monument before attending an evening Swiss folklore show with dinner. **Hotel Astoria** or similar (2 nights) BD



Petite France Quarter, Strasbourg

SEP 24, Wednesday

LUCERNE

Take a guided walking tour through this charming medieval lakeside town. Stroll along picturesque cobblestone streets and view historic monuments, fountains, public squares, covered bridges, and colourful frescoed buildings. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to browse shops offering Swiss-made watches, knives, and chocolates. B

SEP 25, Thursday

LUCERNE / ZURICH

We leave our hotel and head to Lake Lucerne for a peaceful cruise across its calm waters towards Vitznau, surrounded by stunning mountain views. Upon arrival, take a scenic drive past three lakes before reaching Zurich. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure before we meet for dinner.

Hotel Crown Plaza or similar (2 nights) B

SEP 26, Friday

ZURICH

Begin your day with breakfast, followed by a half-day tour of the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen, Europe's largest waterfall. The tour includes a boat ride that takes you right up to the rock at Rhine Falls, where you will witness the incredible force of about 600,000 litres of water per second rushing down the falls. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore the town. We conclude the day with our farewell dinner tonight. BD

SEP 27, Saturday

DEPART ZURICH

All too soon our journey comes to an end as we bid farewell to Zurich and prepare for our return flight home. B



Lucerne, Switzerland

CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.



**Book by November 29, 2024
and save \$200 per person**



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Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise / Tour Only.....	\$7,215
Toronto.....	\$8,945
Ottawa / Montreal	\$9,095
St. John's / Fredericton.....	\$9,255
Halifax / Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$9,195
Regina / Saskatoon	\$9,295
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$9,255
Victoria.....	\$9,295

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat C-4 Outside Twin (panoramic window) on Haydn Deck. Cruise/Tour only costs exclude airfares and airport transfers. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Supplement to Upgrade to a Higher Category

CATEGORY/DESCRIPTION/DECK	PER PERSON
C-1 Deluxe Twin (Haydn - panoramic window)	\$495
B-4* Deluxe Twin (Strauss - drop-down panoramic window)	\$995
B-1* Deluxe Twin (Strauss - drop-down panoramic window)...	\$1,395
A-1* Deluxe Twin (Mozart - drop-down panoramic window)....	\$1,895
Suite Amadeus Suite (Mozart - walk out exterior balcony)	\$2,845

*Cabins have a drop-down panoramic window that extends across the entire width of the cabin and can open to make the stateroom become its own balcony.

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking - book early for the best choice. See the deck plan for full details on various categories available. Singles are extremely limited, please enquire for rates or visit our website. River cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with a private bathroom. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective July 2024, and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This river cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due June 5, 2025
First deposit is \$1,500 per stateroom
Second deposit is \$1,000 per person
due on May 8, 2025

To reserve your spot on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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