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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 comes to life along its extensive river network, where history and culture are deeply intertwined. For centuries, these rivers have been lifelines for trade and settlement, shaping Europe's most iconic cities and landscapes. This exceptional river cruise takes us through four captivating countries—the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. As we sail the mighty Rhine, we'll pass legendary castles, towering cathedrals, and wander through age-old marketplaces.

A highlight of this journey is our visit to the Bernese Highlands, where we'll discover the picturesque valleys of Lauterbrunnen and Interlaken, framed by the dramatic Swiss Alps.

This journey strikes the perfect balance between breathtaking scenery and cultural discovery. Travelling at a relaxed pace, we'll have ample time to explore historic cities and landmarks, while also enjoying the comforts of our elegant staterooms. With delectable cuisine and wine at dinner, and the peace of mind knowing that most meals, taxes, gratuities, and shore excursions are included, we'll be free to savour every moment.



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 Interlaken and Zurich with daily breakfast
- Guided walking tours of Basel, Bern, and 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
- 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

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

SEP 20, Saturday **KOBLENZ / RÜDESHEIM**

This morning join a tour of historic Koblenz. Later, relax as we cruise through the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley, famous for its vineyard-covered hills and fairy-tale castles. By late afternoon, we'll arrive in Rudesheim, where you can choose between two experiences: a walking tour of the town, including a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Museum, known for its self-playing instruments, or an optional visit to a local vineyard for wine tasting, followed by a leisurely stroll down Drosselgasse, a lively street lined 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

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. BLD

SEP 23, Tuesday **BASEL / BERN / INTERLAKEN**

Disembark for a walking tour of Basel, where the borders of Switzerland, France, and Germany meet. See the medieval Town Hall and elegant 18th-century homes, showcasing Basel's rich history in academia, banking, and trade. Next, visit Bern, the former capital, where you will have free time for lunch, followed by a walking tour. Finally, transfer to Interlaken, nestled between two lakes and surrounded by mountains in the heart of Switzerland.

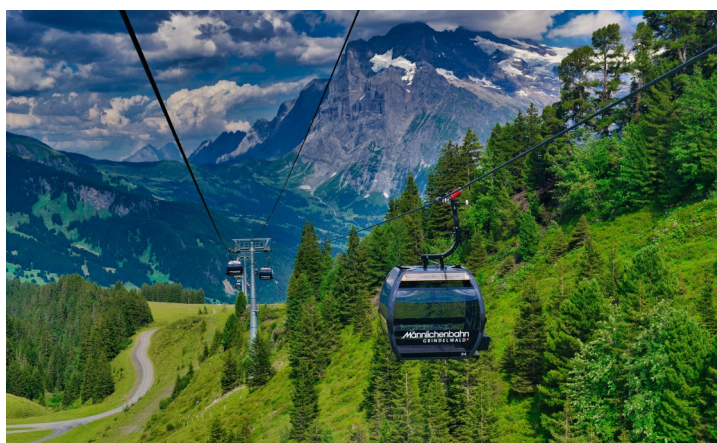
Metropole Interlaken Hotel or similar (2 nights) BD



Interlaken, Switzerland



The canals of Amsterdam, Netherlands



Take a cable car ride up to Grindelwald



The Moselle River

SEP 24, Wednesday INTERLAKEN / LAUTERBRUNNEN

Get your cameras ready because today we are exploring one of the most beautiful valleys in the world. We will start with a cable car ride up to Grindelwald, soaking in the amazing views along the way. Back down in the valley, we will visit the charming town of Lauterbrunnen, where, on clear days, you can spot Europe's highest peak. B

SEP 25, Thursday INTERLAKEN / LUCERNE / ZURICH

Depart for Lucerne for a guided walking tour of this charming medieval lakeside town. Stroll along cobblestone streets and see historic monuments, fountains, squares, covered bridges, and colourful frescoed buildings. Next, take a scenic drive past three lakes to Zurich, where you'll have free time for lunch.

Hotel Crowne 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

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise / Tour Only.....	\$7,515
Toronto.....	\$9,245
Ottawa / Montreal	\$9,395
St. John's / Fredericton.....	\$9,555
Halifax / Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$9,495
Regina / Saskatoon	\$9,595
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$9,555
Victoria	\$9,595

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 September 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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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 