

Cruise the Heart *of* Europe

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Dear Vanderbilt alumni and friends,

Celebrated in art and song, Europe's great rivers carved borders, created trade routes, and cultivated traditions and cultures that live on today. Unpack once and travel in comfort aboard a first-class ship from Budapest to Amsterdam, enjoying an intimate look at five distinct countries: Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands.

Cultivate epic moments of your travel memoir while cruising along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, passing scenic banks steeped in centuries of human history. Indulge in regional foods and wines, and gaze at wonderfully preserved architecture in some of the world's grandest cities! Plus, follow your heart's desire during ample free time. We've also included an extensive selection of Personalize Your Journey excursions in many ports, allowing you to fully experience this epic region of Europe.

During your voyage, you'll benefit from the value of group travel and enjoy preferred access to popular attractions that will deepen your understanding of Europe. Space is limited and this popular program is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive "beyond the classroom experience."

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrásy Avenue
 2. Frontiers of the Roman Empire - The Danube Limes (Western Segment)
 3. Historic Center of Vienna
 4. Wachau Cultural Landscape
 5. Old town of Regensburg
 6. Town of Bamberg
 7. Würzburg Residence
 8. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
 9. Cologne Cathedral
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A World of Discovery



This carefree cruising adventure showcases Europe's heartland! Gaze in delight at peaceful landscapes unfolding before you. Step off the ship to visit laid-back harbor towns, fabled medieval villages and illustrious cities steeped in legacies. Connect with day-to-day life while sampling regional foods and wines, and meet local musicians and performers who are eager to share their culture with you. It will be an epic journey filled with merriment and wonder!

Top: Dürnstein, Wachau Valley | Above: Spiral staircase, Melk Abbey

Cover: Danube River, Budapest

Mail panel: Strauss Monument, Vienna | Old town, Bratislava

Inspiring Moments



- Feast your eyes on **Budapest's** twinkling landmarks during an evening cruise.
- Unravel centuries of history and culture in **Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.**
- Glide along **Amsterdam's** lovely canals, passing elegant gabled houses.
- Cruise the Main, Rhine and Danube rivers, viewing the memorable **Loreley Rock and Wachau Valley.**
- Wander along the cobblestones of **Bratislava's** welcoming old town.
- Linger inside **Melk Abbey**, perched on a rocky bluff above the Danube River.
- Sail through the **Main-Danube Canal**, a civil-engineering wonder.
- Applaud the grace and elegance of talented dancers during an **exclusive waltz show.**
- Experience nine **UNESCO World Heritage Sites.**



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Budapest, Hungary. 🌐

Day 2 | Budapest, Hungary

Upon arrival, transfer ➡ to your first-class river ship. Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Budapest

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Budapest.** On a panoramic tour, see Heroes' Square, the Hungarian State Opera House, the Parliament and Fisherman's Bastion.
- **Living Local.** Browse food and craft stalls in the Great Market Hall. Visit a coffee house for strudel and *palinka*, the local schnapps.
- **Jewish Quarter.** Visit Budapest's Dohány Street Synagogue and the Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial.

Budapest by Night. Set sail tonight! Thrill to the awe-inspiring sights of an illuminated Budapest during an evening cruise.

Day 4 | Bratislava, Slovakia

Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Old Town & Café.** A gentle walking tour showcases St. Martin's Cathedral, St. Michael's Gate, Primate's Palace and more.
- **Old Town & Music.** Explore special venues associated with Beethoven and other artists, followed by a show by a young musician.
- **Hidden Vines of Bratislava.** Escape the city to see whimsical villages and vineyards. Visit a winery and enjoy a tasting of local wines.

Day 5 | Vienna, Austria

Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Imperial Vienna.** Visit the elegant Imperial Apartments inside Hofburg Palace. Then, drive along the Ringstrasse, passing monuments, museums and the opera house.
- **Vienna Woods.** Explore the hills and forests of Austria. Snap photos at a viewpoint and stop at a local café for refreshments. *(Active)*
- **Schönbrunn Palace.** Tour this opulent royal residence that was the summer home of the Habsburgs. Take a stroll through the gardens.
- 🌐 **AHI Connects | Viennese Waltz.** Watch dancers perform the graceful Viennese waltz.

Day 6 | Dürnstein | Melk

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Dürnstein.** Admire baroque architecture and visit the Stiftskirche, known for its blue tower.
- **Danube Cycling.** Pedal through villages and vineyards while exploring part of the Danube Cycle Trail with a guide. *(Active)*
- **Wachau Winery.** Stop in at a winery for a tour and tasting of Wachau Valley wines. Sail through the Wachau Valley where whimsical villages and castles peek from emerald hills.
- **Melk Abbey.** Tour this baroque sensation, from its opulent church to the gorgeous library.

Day 7 | Passau, Germany

Discover Passau. Take a walk and witness the Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the former Niedernburg Abbey, the New Bishop's Residence and the Old Bishop's Residence.



Budapest by night

Day 8 | Regensburg

Enrichment: *The Main-Danube Canal.*

Regensburg. Uncover the highlights of Regensburg, including the Porta Praetoria, St. Peter's Cathedral, the Stone Bridge and portions of the old Roman Tower. After, visit the Thurn und Taxis royal residence.

Day 9 | Nuremberg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Nuremberg.** See the World War II courthouse, the city's castle and its lively old town.
- **Documentation Center Special Exhibit.** Gain insight into Nuremberg's role in the war. Browse interactive exhibits, photos and films.
- **Rural Life.** Experience the tranquil German countryside. Visit a family-run Franconian farm, chat with the family and enjoy lunch.

Day 10 | Bamberg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Bamberg.** Explore this medieval Bavarian town. See the Neptune Fountain and the fisherman's quarter along the waterfront.
- **Culinary Delights.** A gastronomic adventure awaits! Sample local specialties at a bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and more.

Half-timbered homes, Miltenberg



Day 11 | Würzburg

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Würzburg Residenz & City Walk.** Visit one of Europe's finest baroque palaces, followed by a gentle stroll through the city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Traverse Germany's Franconian heartland. Stop to spend time in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a beloved and well-preserved medieval town.

Day 12 | Miltenberg

Frühschoppen. Grab your friends and head to the sun deck for a fun German tradition. Sip beer and dig into pretzels, sausages and mustards.

Miltenberg. Romantic Miltenberg brims with traditional half-timbered homes and taverns. Pass by the Town Hall and Germany's oldest inn with its storybook façade. Join a tasting of Franconian wines and delicious brandies.

Day 13 | Koblenz

Glide by the Loreley Rock, and pass by castles and hills of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Koblenz.** See Koblenz's Town Hall, the Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more!

Waltz performance, Vienna



Included Features



• **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** A cable car whisks you to this battlement above the river. Learn about its storied history.

Day 14 | Cologne

Cologne Walking Tour. Explore the medieval quarter, visiting the UNESCO-listed Kölner Dom, a 13th-century cathedral. Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 15 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Enrichment: Contemporary Holland.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Rijksmuseum.** Join an audio tour of the Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other great artists.
- **Waterland Biking.** Stretch your legs on a cycling tour of the scenic Waterland. *(Active)*
- **Canal District.** A walking tour unveils the city's beautiful canals. Enjoy an enlightening visit to the Museum of the Canals.

Amsterdam Canal Cruise. A cruise along the canals showcases charming Amsterdam.

Day 16 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer ➡ to the airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🌐 PYJ experiences are included.

🎯 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **Unpack once** and sail for **14 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

Extensive Meal Program

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 5 countries** during this program.
- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- 🎯 **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



St. Peter's Cathedral, Regensburg

EXTEND YOUR STAY



Budapest | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Get to know outstanding Budapest, including a tour of the charming town of Szentendre! This extension includes two nights at the first-class InterContinental Budapest; daily breakfasts and one lunch; Szentendre tour and the Marzipan museum; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

\$895 per person, double occupancy | \$1,245 single occupancy



Amsterdam | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore more of Amsterdam's lively districts and world-class museums! This extension includes two nights at the centrally located, first-class Amsterdam Marriott; a guided visit to the National Maritime Museum in the Old Harbor; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,470 single occupancy

Reserve your trip today!

To book your journey,
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at **615-322-3673** or
visit **www.vanderbilt.edu/alumni/travel**.

Program Dates

Travel dates †

October 15-30, 2024

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

October 16-30, 2024

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$6,045	\$5,795
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$6,245	\$5,995
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$7,045	\$6,795
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$7,245	\$6,995
A-Mozart	\$8,045	\$7,795
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$8,545	\$8,295

Suites feature a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a window.

***Special Price includes \$250 special savings.**

Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

Receive Bonus Savings when you Pay in Full at booking.

Call for details.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://vander.ahitravel.com/destinations/1807A?schoold=181>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

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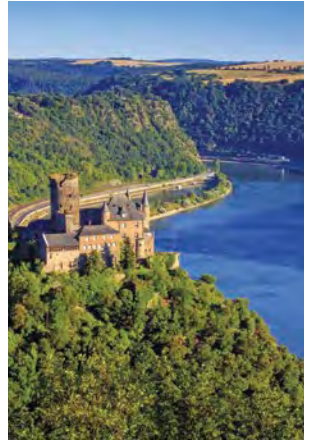
Step aboard the Amadeus Silver III and sense an ambience evocative of a grand European hotel. During free time on the ship, relax on the sun deck, treat yourself to a soothing massage or exercise in the fitness room. Savor delectable breakfast and luncheon buffets and delight in sophisticated, regionally inspired dinner menus. Beer, wine or soft drinks are available with lunch and dinner. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in modern décor and featuring a river view and a private bathroom with a shower. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Upper Middle Rhine Valley

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Travel Coordinator offers personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Cologne Cathedral



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