

# [YOUR GROUP NAME] PRESENTS CLASSICAL RHINE

(AMSTERDAM TO BASEL)

## WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE MS AMADEUS IMPERIAL 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ OCTOBER 13 – 20, 2022

Air departs US on October 12th in order to arrive in Amsterdam on October 13th.

Discover the many beautiful facets of "Father Rhine" along 500 miles of rivers from Amsterdam in the Netherlands through Germany & France to Basel Switzerland. Pass along the canals of Amsterdam and continue further to the cathedral city of Cologne. Take a detour along the winding Moselle River its blossoming vineyards tucked on each side of the valley. Delight in the panorama of the myth-enshrouded Middle Rhine Valley with its high concentration of castles nestled on sunny hillsides around every bend, and the fabled Lorelei — siren of the Rhine. Visit quintessential wine villages as well as the one of Germany's oldest cities - Speyer. Visit Strasbourg, the capital city of the Grand Est region (formerly Alsace) before ending in Basel, located at the three countries corner of France, Germany & Switzerland.

### DAY 1 | AMSTERDAM Overnight

This afternoon, embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

## DAY 2 | AMSTERDAM Depart 8:30am > UTRECHT 12:30pm - 1:00pm

After a restful night on board, set off to see the sights of one of the most unique cities in Europe. Beautiful bridges connect the numerous parts of the city divided by hundreds of canals and waterways, overlooked by 17th century architecture. Join us for a city tour of Amsterdam or visit a cheese farm in a nearby village to learn about Dutch cheese production. As alternative, you can discover the city of Haarlem or go on excursion to the spectacular International Horticultural Expo Floriade. Rejoin the ship in Utrecht for lunch. This evening, enjoy a delicious dinner as we continue our journey to Cologne. City tour of Amsterdam including canal boat tour OR Excursion North Holland with Volendam, Edam and cheese tasting OR City Tour Haarlem OR Excursion to the famous garden show Floriade

### DAY 3 | COLOGNE 10:00am - 8:00pm

After lunch, view our arrival into the beautiful city of Cologne. Every year visitors from all over the world are drawn to the historical city and its 2000-year history. Explore the historic Old Town, visit the famous twin-spired Cologne Cathedral, or perhaps sample some of the famous Kölsch beer brewed in Cologne. There are many medieval houses, bridges, and gates that will delight the historian in you, while the more modern skyscrapers that tower overhead are sure to impress. To sample a bit of local flora and fauna, the National Park lies a short ride from the city. Or visit the Chocolate Museum for inspiring insights into the five-thousand-year history of cocoa. After an exciting day, we return to the vessel and make our way south. Highlights of Cologne with Kolsch tasting | Visit to the Chocolate Museum OR Excursion to the Siebengebirge National Park & Drachenfels Castle

### DAY 4 | COCHEM 2:00pm - 9:45pm

Today our Amadeus vessel takes a special trip down the romantic Moselle river, the largest tributary of the Rhine, and anchors at the old town of Cochem. The scenery in the Moselle Valley has been dominated by vineyards for millennia. Cochem itself has narrow streets, twisting alleys and medieval town gates, churches and walls. Discover the beauty of Cochem or perhaps sample some of the Riesling wines produced in this region. This evening we set off towards Koblenz. **Moselle city Cochem with visit of the Reichsburg** | Wine tasting of typical Moselle wines in a local winery

### DAY 5 | KOBLENZ 6:00am - 11:00am > RUDESHEIM 5:00pm - 10:00pm

This morning arrive in Koblenz, ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. The Romans, the Franks, the Holy Roman Empire, the French, and the Germans have all had a hand in this strategic city's 2000 year history. St. Castor Basilica, the Church of our Beloved Lady, and the Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm's memorial at the German Corner, are just a few of the sites which reflect the history of the area.

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This afternoon, spend time on deck as we cruise the most beautiful section of the river – the legendary Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Late this afternoon, the vessel arrives in Rüdesheim, a winemaking town in the Rhine Gorge. Discover the region's rich history of winemaking or join us for a guided walk. Back onboard your crew awaits with a delicious dinner. Walking tour Koblenz with visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress | Rudesheim walking tour incl. music cabinet museum

## DAY 6 | MANNHEIM 6:00am - 1:00pm > SPEYER 3:30pm - 7:30pm

After breakfast, explore the bustling metropolis of Mannheim. This unique city has many sights to see including the University of Mannheim, the National Theater Mannheim, and St. Sebastian's Church. It is also home to Luisenpark, one of the most beautiful parks in all of Germany. Nearby Heidelberg is another old university city which is also a worthwhile visit. This afternoon's call is at Speyer, a city known for its Cathedral where eight Roman Emperors and German Kings are interred. The Old Town Gate, Memorial Church, and Transportation Museum are all highlights of this beautiful city. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's Gala Dinner after your exciting day. **Excursion to Heidelberg with visit to the Castle | City walk Speyer with visit of the Cathedral** 

### DAY 7 | STRASSBOURG 7:30am - 1:00pm

This morning we arrive in the dynamic capital of Alsace. This beautiful city's sights include the famous cathedral Strasbourg Münster and the Petite France quarter, a former mill and tanner district that still maintains its medieval charm. Half-timbered houses, the Ponts Couverts, the Palais de Rohan, the Council of Europe are among the wonders that Strasbourg holds in store for you. The Grand Island, the city center, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is connected to the rest of the city by 22 stone bridges. Alternatively, visit the Medieval university city Freiburg on the edge of the Black Forest. After lunch onboard, take in the sites of the romantic Rhine as we move towards Switzerland, our final destination. City Tour of Strasbourg OR Excursion to Feiburg with visit of local market

## DAY 8 | BASEL Arrival 9:00am

After breakfast we bid you farewell. We hope to welcome you again soon!

#### **Inclusions:**

- Large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balconies or walk-out balconies
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Gourmet dining onboard
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Services of an experienced English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- 24 hour coffee and tea station
- All onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstrations, musical performances and nightly piano music
- Fitness room (open 24 hours)

- Bottled water in every stateroom
- In-stateroom infotainment center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for optional excursions
- All shore excursions as mentioned in the above itinerary
- Roundtrip airfare from [your air city]. AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
- Transfers to/from ship
- All local taxes & port charges included

Panoramic Oceanview Window Cabin Category

French Balcony Cabin Category

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Rates are per person double occupancy.

## PASSPORT REQUIRED

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** An initial deposit of \$[based on your price] per person double occupancy or \$[based on your price] per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. <u>Final payment is due by May 13, 2022.</u> \*\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable up until time of final payment. Then normal cancellation penalties apply. **Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.** 

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT [YOUR NAME] ~ [YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

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