The Great Journey through Europe

The Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered Deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II featuring the Glacier Express

June 13 to 23, 2018
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join us on this Great Journey through Europe, the trip of a lifetime and an opportunity to retrace the traditional “Grand Tour” undertaken by enlightened ladies and gentlemen of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Travel through four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley, passing the lush vineyards of its Rheingau wine region on the river’s bank, and through Holland’s picturesque waterways, surrounded by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Experience three of the world’s great railway journeys and visit four important UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF, where glorious Alpine panoramas surround you. Then, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland aboard the celebrated, ingeniously engineered Glacier Express railway, and, in Zermatt, marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the country’s oldest cog railway. From Zermatt, journey overland through the verdant, picturesque countryside of Switzerland to Basel. Stop in the medieval gem of Berne and in scenic Interlaken in the foothills of the magnificent Bernese Oberland Alps.

The exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II, launched in 2015, provides our elegant accommodations en route from Basel to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Port calls along the way include the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France, a fusion of both French and German cultures, and Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Cologne, and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany.

This extraordinary Great Journey through Europe travel program is an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. Early Booking Savings are available only through November 20, 2017, so reserve now as space is limited and this popular program sells out quickly!

Go Green!

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association
U.S./Zurich, Switzerland/Lucerne
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart the U.S. for Zurich. On arrival, enjoy a scenic transfer to Lucerne and check into the lakeside Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF.
This evening, join your travel companions for the Welcome Reception in the hotel.

Lucerne
Day 3
A long-favored destination of travelers, Lucerne is set against the backdrop of its deep blue lake and the rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi. Begin your morning walking tour in the Weinmarkt (wine market), surrounded by historic burghers’ houses. See the Hofkirche (Court Church), one of the finest examples of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Walk across Lucerne’s most famous landmark, the delightful, 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, which spans the Reuss River and whose arched roof is adorned with paintings depicting Swiss history and mythology.
Ascend Mount Pilatus by panoramic gondola to its 7000-foot summit for a magnificent 360-degree view of central Switzerland’s mountains, forests and lakes. Enjoy lunch in a summit restaurant before boarding the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway. Descend more than 5300 feet in less than three miles on return to the shores of picturesque Lake Lucerne, where you will embark upon a scenic cruise.

Lucerne/Andermatt/Zermatt
Day 4
Relax during a scenic morning transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt. Lunch is included in Andermatt before boarding the fabled Glacier Express, “the world’s slowest express train.” Travel through the heart of the Alps, where the natural beauty of the mountains rivals the skill and ingenuity of the engineers who created the impressive rail route.
Arrive in the Alpine resort of Zermatt, located beneath the dramatic pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX. This evening, dine in the hotel’s handsome, traditional Swiss restaurant.

Zermatt
Day 5
Today, travel aboard the famous Gornergrat Bahn, the highest cog railway in Europe. Ascend through pine and larch forests and cross meadows ablaze with wildflowers to the 10,100-foot-high Gornergrat. From the observatory atop the summit, delight in the sweeping vistas of Europe’s most breathtaking Alpine scenery—the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and Dufourspitze mountains and the vast Gorner Glacier. Return to Zermatt at your leisure, with the option to stop en route at Riffelberg for a panoramic view of the impressive Monte Rosa and the majestic Matterhorn.
Enjoy dinner in the hotel this evening.

Zermatt/Interlaken/Berne/Basel
Day 6
Early this morning, continue your journey through one of the most stunning areas of Switzerland, the spectacular Bernese Oberland,
traveling from the soaring heights of the Alps to subtropical lowlands. Admire the impressive natural treasures of soaring, snowcapped mountain peaks, green, rolling hills, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.

Stop in the charming resort town of Interlaken, located between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. Here, you will find the perfect vantage point for viewing the towering, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Jungfrau, an imposing summit in the Bernese Alps known as the “Top of Europe.”

Transfer across the rolling Swiss countryside to Berne, Switzerland’s historic capital. Visit the city’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and beautifully preserved medieval gem noted for its arcaded sidewalks. Then, enjoy lunch in an 18th-century High Baroque-style granary converted into a traditional Bernese restaurant.

In Basel, embark the ship and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Visit Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the medieval Zytglogge, the 13th-century tower with an ornate 15th-century astrological clock.

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**Strasbourg, France**

**Day 7**

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses Old and New Europe. The Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a treasure trove of medieval houses, and the charming Ponts-Couverts—covered bridges flanked by watchtowers at each end—span its picturesque canals.

It was in Strasbourg that John Calvin first established a reformed parish. See remnants of the Reformation in the beautiful Protestant and Catholic Church of St-Pierre-le-Vieux and see the graceful sandstone Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

The fairy-tale appearance of a past era lives on in the Petite-France district, the historic miller, tanner and fishermen’s quarter along the Ill River. Nearby, member nations of the European Union engage in the daily discourse of the European Parliament.

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**Mannheim for Heidelberg**

**Day 8**

This morning, transfer from Mannheim to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, the oldest in Germany, founded in 1386. To many on the historical “Grand Tours” of Europe, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of Romanticism.

On the walking tour, see how Heidelberg has preserved its authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, including the eight remaining arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge) spanning the Neckar River. Visit the stately ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle, a 13th-century embodiment of the city’s medieval past perched above the river.
Reboard the ship and cruise through the pastoral Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, known particularly for its Riesling.

**Rüdesheim/Koblenz**

**Day 9**

Dock in the medieval town of Rüdesheim, the heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the unique Winzerexpress mini-train, traveling through bucolic countryside vineyards en route to a private tasting of German wines.

Cruise through the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine River Valley, legendary for its scenery and riverside architectural treasures. Be on deck for a front-row view as, with nearly each bend in the river, steep, terraced vineyards rise on the slopes, medieval castles crown the crags and tranquil villages emerge along the banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

The picturesque city of Koblenz is strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Here, Germany’s Roman past dates to 9 B.C., during the reign of Augustus Caesar. From the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), look out across the Rhine River to view the impressive, 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, once the residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier. Explore this historic city during a walking tour and see the twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, which was built between the ninth and 13th centuries and features the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

**Cologne**

**Day 10**

Arrive this morning in Cologne, one of Germany’s most ancient cities. Founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C., Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center from the time of Charlemagne to present day, and it is the birthplace of the world-famous original Eau de Cologne perfume. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the historic Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), the finest example of High Gothic architecture in Germany. This UNESCO World Heritage site, whose construction began in 1248 and lasted for six centuries, showcases such artistic treasures as the Milan Madonna and the Shrine of the Three Holy Kings.

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon cruising along the picturesque Rhine River. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Amsterdam, the Netherlands/U.S.**

**Day 11**

Following breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on the Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option or depart for the U.S.

Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.
The Golden Age of Amsterdam
Post-Program Option

The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect conclusion to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to the quaint port towns of Edam, world-famous for its cheese, and Hoorn, one of the great historic seafaring towns of the Golden Age. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe RENAISSANCE AMSTERDAM HOTEL.

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The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amsterdam’s charming bridges and picturesque, UNESCO-designated canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The AMADEUS SILVER II meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

MS AMADEUS SILVER II

Meticulously crafted, the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II, launched in 2015, sets new standards in ship design and technology and features the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel, including complimentary onboard Wi-Fi.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 84 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (284 square feet) and Staterooms (from 188 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a unique floor-to-ceiling panoramic window whose upper half can automatically lower to create a French balcony. Junior Suites feature a private balcony and an interior sitting area. Each Suite and Stateroom has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, walk-in closet, telephone, television, writing desk, sitting area, safe and hair dryer. Most accommodations have a minibar.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant featuring floor-to-ceiling windows. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, open-air lounge, Amadeus Club with library and 24-hour coffee station, beauty salon, boutique, massage room and fitness studio with early morning classes. The Sun Deck has a chessboard and shuffleboard. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. The ship has an elevator serving all passenger decks except the Sun Deck, and laundry service is available. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

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Included Features

◆ Ten-day program, including a five-night Rhine River cruise and four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring three of the world’s great train journeys.

In Lucerne

◆ Two nights in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Walking tour of historic, 12th-century Lucerne.
◆ Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and the dramatic descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel train.
◆ Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Experience one of the great rail journeys of the world from Andermatt to Zermatt aboard the legendary Glacier Express, following a scenic transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt and lunch.

In Zermatt

◆ Two nights in the delightful chalet-style HOTEL ALEX, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Two dinners with Swiss Rhône Valley wine in the hotel.
◆ Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, for breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.
◆ Scenic transfer from Zermatt to Basel, with a stop en route in the idyllic village of Interlaken followed by a stop in Switzerland’s historic capital of Berne for a tour of its Old Town, with lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II

◆ Five-night cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, with port calls at Strasbourg, France; and Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Cologne, and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany.
◆ Air-conditioned, river-view Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings— early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack— featuring fine continental cuisine.

◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners.
◆ Walking tour of Strasbourg’s historic Grande Île (Grand Island) city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Excursion to Heidelberg’s 13th-century hilltop castle ruins.
◆ Visit to the medieval town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the celebrated Rheingau, featuring a private tasting of local wines.
◆ Cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley’s scenic Lorelei Passage.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers for included excursions.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom during the cruise and on excursions.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant while on guided excursions.
◆ Hospitality desks in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Magnificent. Dynamic. Awe-inspiring. These are superlatives that describe not only Switzerland’s majestic 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers, but also three of the world’s great cogwheel railways—the panoramic Glacier Express, the scenic Gornergrat Bahn and the dramatic Pilatus Railway—and the ingenuity and engineering achievements it took to create them. Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of these impressive railways as you experience the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible, up-close perspectives.

The Gornergrat Bahn is Switzerland’s oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb nearly 5000 feet from Zermatt to lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for stunning views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the robin’s-egg blue waters of glacial mountain lakes.

Lucerne’s Pilatus Railway offers breathtaking bird’s-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the summit of Mount Pilatus to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Its vertical descent of nearly 5400 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat required greater skill and determination than the laying of the track for the Glacier Express (1930) across the spine of the towering Alps. Enjoy this spectacular and leisurely journey showcasing unmatched views of the Swiss countryside: weathered chalets and mountainside farming hamlets, picturesque trails dotted with hikers, livestock grazing on green grasses, glacial waterfalls and snowcapped mountains. A true engineering marvel, the railway penetrates the mountain barrier separating the cantons of Valais and Uri through the nine-and-one-half-mile-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that span the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel through Switzerland’s dazzling Alpine heart in absolute comfort aboard the marvelous and celebrated Glacier Express.
**LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes**

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Singles are available in category 5 at $8995* and in category 2 at $10695* on or before November 20, 2017. Add $1000 for reservations made after November 20, 2017.

*Taxes are an additional $240 per person and are subject to change.

**THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE reservation form**

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446
Phone: (800) 922-3088 / Fax: (312) 609-1141
Or, for more information, please call the MSU Alumni Association at (888) 697-2863.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the inside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2018 The Great Journey through Europe.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 9, 2018.

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
- 1st Choice ______ 2nd Choice ______
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  - Double occupancy (one queen bed).
  - Single accommodations.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option
  - Double at $891 per person.
  - Single at $1295 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from

  (fill in departure city) to Zurich, Switzerland, with return from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at additional cost to be advised.  

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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