



**SPARTAN
PATHWAYS TRAVEL**
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI



**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT**
for Solo
Travelers

Holiday Markets Cruise

The Festive Rhine River
Düsseldorf to Basel

Inspiring Moments

- Relish the **glorious riverside scenery**, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.
- Be immersed in the **joyful spirit of the holiday markets** amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.
- Enjoy an **exclusive musical treat** in Heidelberg's romantic old town.
- Delight in the charming timbered houses and cobblestone streets of **Grande Île, the historic heart of Strasbourg**.
- Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of **Cologne Cathedral**.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

**ALUMNI CAMPUS
ABROAD®**



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🌐
- Day 2** Arrive in Düsseldorf, Germany and transfer 🚗 to the ship
- Day 3** Düsseldorf
- Day 4** Cologne
- Day 5** Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim
- Day 6** Heidelberg | Mannheim
- Day 7** Strasbourg, France
- Day 8** Freiburg | Breisach
- Day 9** Basel, Switzerland | Disembark ship | Transfer 🚗 to airport and depart for gateway city 🌐

Flights 🌐 and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Imperial.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 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

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and 🌐 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- 🌐 **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise** | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Above: Cologne market



A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Musical Show.

In Heidelberg, attend an exclusive event at the elegant Palais Prinz Carl, featuring the stirring sounds of a professional trio who will perform an entertaining mix of holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces.

Holiday Markets. Relish the warm holiday cheer as you explore festive wooden villages brightly trimmed with fresh pine boughs, red ribbons and twinkling lights that spring up in town squares across Europe during Advent.

Cologne. On a guided old town walk, gaze up at the cathedral's impressive façade and admire the decorative details inside. Enjoy free time at the holiday market outside.

Glühwein Party. Sample this tantalizing, hot, spiced holiday wine on the ship.

Rhine Gorge. Sail amid the Rhine's most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a 40-mile, curving stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

Heidelberg Castle and Town. Visit the red-walled, hillside castle, noted for its giant 18th-century wine cask, and take in scenic views of the Neckar River valley and town below. Then walk through Heidelberg's charming old town with your guide and savor traditional German dishes for lunch.

Freiburg. Delight in a guided stroll through the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the bright-red, turreted Merchants' Hall and other landmarks. Then visit the colorful Christkindlmarkt, where marzipan and chestnuts are popular holiday treats.

PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

Düsseldorf

- Düsseldorf Tour
- Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne

Rüdesheim

- Rüdesheim Tour
- Rhine Wine Tasting

Strasbourg

- Strasbourg Panoramic/Walking Tour
- Strasbourg Culinary Walk

Breisach

- Riquewihr and Wines of the Alsace
- Colmar Markets

EXTEND YOUR STAY

Mainz	3 Nights	Pre-Trip
Interlaken	2 Nights	Post-Trip

(At an additional cost. See website for details.)



Heidelberg

Enrichment

– German Holiday Traditions

– Castles and Legends of the Rhine

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Cologne Cathedral**, Germany
2. **Aachen Cathedral**, Germany
3. **Upper Middle Rhine Valley**, Germany
4. **Strasbourg, Grande-Île**, France

Accommodations

MS Amadeus Imperial

84-cabin River Cruise Ship

Ship's registry: Germany



Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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AHI Travel Expertise

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel & Air Coordinators | Help with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2025 Departures & Pricing

December 12-20, 2025

Full Price	From \$3,445
Special Savings	\$750

*Early Booking Special Price From \$2,695

*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by expiration date on website and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person. VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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