

# Cruise the Heart *of* Europe

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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



- Glide along **Amsterdam's lovely canals**, passing elegant gabled houses.
- Unravel centuries of history and culture in **Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest**.
- Feast your eyes on **Budapest's** twinkling landmarks during an evening cruise.
- 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**.



**Dear Texas Ex,**

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

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" (PYJ) 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. This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800/594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512/672-6134.

Best regards,  
Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team

Membership in The Texas Exes is a requirement for all participants in the Flying Longhorns travel program. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible and memberships start at just \$50.

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy 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





### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🌐

### Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 and embark the ship.

**Amsterdam's Canals.** Hop aboard a canal cruiser to admire the city's ornate bridges, pretty islands and charming Dutch homes.

### Day 3 | Amsterdam

**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 during a cycling tour of the scenic Waterland. *(Active)*
- **Canal District.** Delight in Amsterdam's canals during a walking tour of the Herengracht.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 4 | Cologne, Germany

**Cologne Walking Tour.** Explore the medieval quarter, stopping to visit the UNESCO-listed Kölner Dom, a 13th-century cathedral.

### Day 5 | Koblenz

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Koblenz.** Behold Koblenz! See the Town Hall, the Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more!
- **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.** A cable car whisks you to this battlement above the Rhine River. Take a tour and learn about its storied history. Glide by the Loreley Rock, and pass by castles and hills of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

### Day 6 | Miltenberg

Settle in while cruising the Main River today.

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

**Miltenberg.** This romantic town 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 7 | 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 historic city center.
- **Romantic Road.** Traverse the Franconian heartland. Stop to spend time in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a well-preserved medieval city.

### Day 8 | Bamberg

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

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

### 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.





Budapest by night

- **Rural Life.** Experience the tranquil German countryside. Visit a family-run Franconian farm, chat with the family and have lunch.

### Day 10 | Regensburg

Grab a spot on the sun deck and enjoy a morning of cruising to Regensburg.

**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.

**Enrichment: *The Main-Danube Canal.***

### Day 11 | Passau

**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.

### Day 12 | Melk, Austria | Dürnstein

**Melk Abbey.** Tour this baroque sensation, from its opulent church to the gorgeous library.

Enjoy daytime sailing through the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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

- **Dürnstein.** Admire baroque architecture and visit the Stiftskirche, known for its blue tower.

Half-timbered homes, Miltenberg



- **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.

### Day 13 | Vienna

**Enrichment: *Timeless Vienna.***

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

- **Imperial Vienna.** Step inside Hofburg Palace to visit the Imperial Apartments. Then enjoy a drive along the leafy Ringstrasse.
- **Vienna Woods.** Explore the hills and forests of Austria. Pause 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, and walk through the gardens.

🌟 **AHI Connects | Viennese Waltz.** Watch dancers perform the Viennese waltz.

### Day 14 | Bratislava, Slovakia

**Enrichment: *The Velvet Revolution.***

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

- **Old Town & Café.** See the Slovak National Theater, St. Martin's Cathedral, St. Michael's Gate and Primate's Palace.

Waltz performance, Vienna



## Included Features



- **Old Town & Music.** Explore 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. Celebrate your exciting journey with a special Farewell Reception and Dinner.

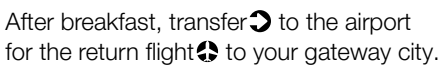
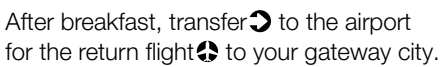
### Day 15 | Budapest, Hungary

#### **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.** Witness Budapest's Great Synagogue and the poignant Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial.


**Budapest by Night.** Tonight, you'll be treated to the awe-inspiring sight of an illuminated Budapest during an evening cruise!

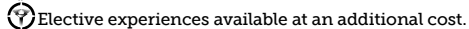
### Day 16 | In Transit

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 Imperial.

#### 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



### Amsterdam | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Get to know alluring 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 hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

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



### Budapest | 2 Nights

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

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

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

# Reserve your trip today!

To book your journey,  
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## Program Dates

### Travel dates †

**May 6-21, 2024**

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

### Tour dates\*

**May 7-21, 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	<b>\$5,795</b>
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$6,245	<b>\$5,995</b>
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$7,045	<b>\$6,795</b>
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$7,245	<b>\$6,995</b>
A-Mozart	\$8,045	<b>\$7,795</b>
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$8,545	<b>\$8,295</b>

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.**

**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://texas.ahitravel.com/destinations/1807A?schoold=167>. 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.



## MS Amadeus Imperial



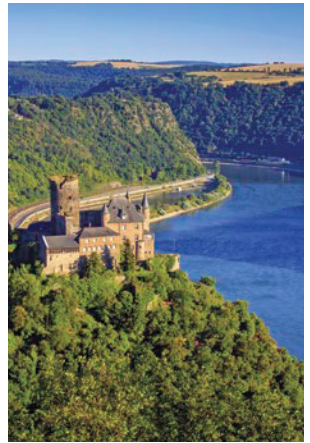
Step aboard this elegant, 84-cabin ship, reminiscent of a grand European hotel. Cruise in exceptional comfort and style while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its seasoned crew. Savor delectable breakfast and luncheon buffets and delight in sophisticated, regionally inspired dinner menus. Wine, beer and soft drinks complement both lunch and dinner. Onboard amenities include a sun deck, fitness center and massage room. Each evening, relax in your cabin or suite, which features satellite TV and a private bathroom with a shower. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

## 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.

**Passenger Service Representative** 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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