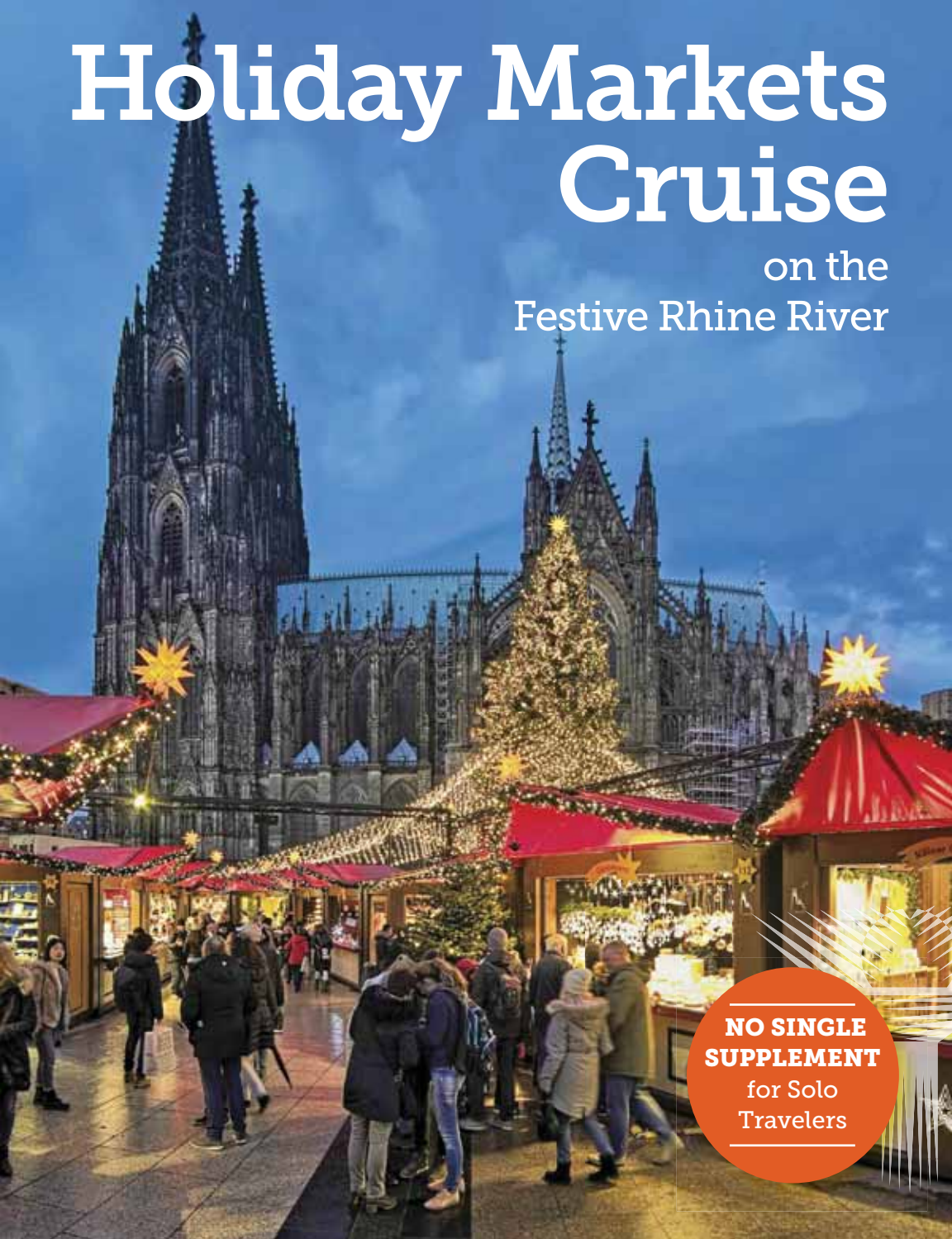


Holiday Markets Cruise

on the
Festive Rhine River



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Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Immerse yourself in Europe's famous Christmas markets, an age-old tradition, and write a merry chapter of your own story. Sip mulled wine, nibble seasonal treats and join the jubilant holiday celebration!

- ▶ Relax on deck as the **river's glorious scenery unfolds around you**, 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.
- ▶ Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of **Cologne Cathedral**, a true Gothic masterpiece.
- ▶ Delight in the quaint timbered houses and cobbled streets of Grande Île, the **historic heart of Strasbourg**.
- ▶ Taste **wonderful, crisp wines** from the Alsace and Rhine Valley regions.



Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

Celebrate centuries-old traditions on a seven-night Rhine River cruise that transports you to enchanting holiday markets in three different countries—Switzerland, France and Germany. These festive fairs delight the senses with cheery decorations and twinkling lights, the uplifting sounds of carolers and bells and the tantalizing aromas of treats like gingerbread, roasted chestnuts and sizzling sausages. New adventures await daily!

Aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III, you'll unpack once and enjoy an intimate view of European history as we glide along this ancient trading route studded with medieval sites.

In Heidelberg, visit the stately castle and attend a special musical performance. Sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge and admire Cologne's spectacular cathedral, plus customize your cruise with a choice of included excursions in Basel, Breisach, Strasbourg and Rudesheim. Embrace the joyous Old World holiday spirit as you celebrate Advent in Europe!

Space on this popular trip is always in demand, so ensure your spot on this heartwarming journey by reserving today!

Sincerely,

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Holiday lights over the Rhine River, Basel

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland. 🌐

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Basel

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Basel and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner and get better acquainted.

Day 3 | Basel

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

• **Alemannia Basel.** First settled by a Celtic tribe and later expanded by the Romans, this Swiss city near the French and German borders has a vibrant history. Tour the Old Town and delve into its ancient Germanic roots, then visit the lively holiday markets in two of its squares.

• **The Ways of Art in Basel.** On a guided walk, appreciate the artwork and sculptures within the historic area. Afterward, reflect upon the creative

expressions of legendary artists such as Monet, Picasso, Warhol and Lichtenstein at Fondation Beyeler, a museum founded in 1997.

Free Time: Treasure the warm atmosphere of Basel's magical markets, aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer. Wander among wooden stalls decked with fresh pine boughs and indulge in the classic spiced biscuit, *Basel Lächerli*.

The ship departs for Breisach, Germany, tonight.

Day 4 | Breisach, Germany | Freiburg

Discovery: 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, the medieval city gates and other landmarks. Then visit the *Christkindlmarkt* and perhaps enjoy some marzipan and chestnuts, popular holiday treats.

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

• **Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.** Selected as one of "Les Plus Beaux Villages

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Top: Holiday market, Heidelberg | **Above:** Enjoying mulled wine at the holiday market

de France,” The Most Beautiful Villages of France, this lovely medieval town charms all who visit. Relish its romantic aura on a guided walk and sample some of its fabulous wines.

•**Colmar Markets.** Revel in Alsatian holiday traditions as you explore four different markets, each with its own character, in this beautiful French town lined with half-timbered houses. The ship cruises to Strasbourg this evening.

Day 5 | Strasbourg, France

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

•**Strasbourg Panorama.** Admire the intriguing

blend of German and French influences as you see the city’s highlights, including Palais Rohan, modeled after the noble mansions of Paris, and St. Thomas Church, the main Protestant church. Walk through the historic center with a guide and visit Notre Dame Cathedral, a Gothic wonder.

•**Culinary Strasbourg.** Experience the Alsatian culinary scene on a guided tour that takes you to the city’s *winstubs*, cozy wine pubs, and other local cafés and shops. Along your route, taste delicious regional specialties and wines.

Free Time: Catch a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center this afternoon and make your own plans. Savor the joyous and luminous wonderland of Strasbourg’s *Marché de Noël*, France’s oldest, established in 1570.

Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions. From Advent wreaths to Christmas baking, learn about cherished family customs shared at home. The ship cruises to Speyer overnight.

Day 6 | Speyer, Germany | Heidelberg

The ship arrives in Speyer this morning.

Discovery: Heidelberg. Step inside the red sandstone walls of Heidelberg Castle, which stands watch over the Neckar Valley. In the Fassbau, the Barrel Building, see the immense wine barrel built in 1591, which once contained 34,342 gallons of wine. Then follow



your guide on a pleasant walk through the Old Town, past the Student Jail, Old University, the cathedral and along the banks of the Neckar River. Relax over lunch at a traditional German restaurant, where you'll enjoy the comfortable, friendly ambience known as *gemütlichkeit*.

Free Time: Spend some time on your own in Heidelberg's historic center.

🌐AHI Connects: Musical Trio. Settle in for an entertaining, exclusive performance by a professional trio in Heidelberg, featuring holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Day 7 | Rudesheim | Rhine Gorge

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Rudesheim Walking Tour.** With your guide, make your way down scenic Drosselgasse,

a charming, narrow corridor in the Old Town filled with popular restaurants, bars and shops. See the town's "Christmas Market of the Nations" with holiday items from around the world. At a unique and captivating museum, be amazed by the incredible ingenuity and melodies of music boxes, player pianos and other restored mechanical musical instruments.

•**Rhine Wine Tasting.** At the beautiful Abbey of St. Hildegard, visit the abbey and church and learn about the multitalented St. Hildegard of Bingen. Later, at a local winery, taste the region's fine wines in an old wine cellar.

On the way to Cologne this afternoon, sail through the Rhine's most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Known as the Rhine Gorge, this picturesque, gently curving 40-mile stretch was designated a

Above: Abbey of St. Hildegard, Rudesheim | Below: Loreley Rock, Rhine River Gorge





Cologne Cathedral

Free Time: Craft your own agenda in Cologne this afternoon. Complimentary shuttles between the ship and the city center will be available. At the Christmas market outside the cathedral, shop for handcrafted mementos for loved ones at home (as well as yourself!), such as blown-glass ornaments, wooden decorations and colorfully painted nutcrackers.

Tonight, celebrate your yuletide journey with your shipmates at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Frankfurt 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.

🌐 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

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



UNESCO World Heritage site for its historical, cultural and geological significance.

Before dinner tonight, gather for a Glühwein party with your fellow cruisers. If you haven't already tried it at one of the holiday markets, you'll delight in this warm concoction of cloves, cinnamon, citrus and wine, a wintertime favorite!

The ship arrives in Cologne late tonight.

Day 8 | Cologne

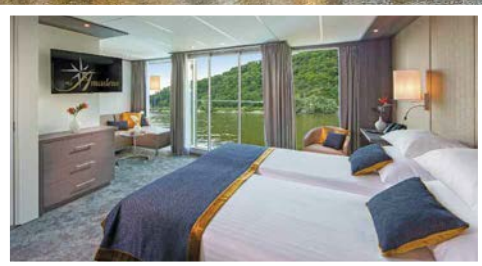
Discovery: Cologne Walking Tour.

The city's awe-inspiring cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe. Topped by two ornately filigreed spires, it was under construction for more than 630 years. During a guided walk, see the old town's landmarks and marvel at this splendid structure gracing the skyline, then head inside to admire its interior.

MS Amadeus Silver III



The Amadeus fleet of fine river ships has defined the art of cruising on the great rivers of Europe. As you board the Amadeus Silver III, you'll sense an ambience evocative of a grand European hotel. This magnificent ship, with 84 staterooms and suites, offers exemplary service, comfort and safety. Travelers can relax on the River Terrace or unwind with a workout or a massage. Savor European specialties at the restaurant's breakfast and luncheon buffets and a selection of regional dishes at dinner. Lunch and dinner feature your choice of beer, wine or soft drinks. All staterooms and suites face outward so you can appreciate the views from the privacy of your cabin. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



| **ELECTIVE |** **PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN INTERLAKEN**

Marvel at Switzerland's breathtaking natural beauty during a three-night stay at a first-class hotel in the heart of the Bernese Oberland! Explore the old town of Thun on a guided walk, and unwind on a relaxing lake cruise surrounded by an impressive backdrop of mountains, castles and local life. In the capital city of Bern, enjoy a guided walking tour of its atmospheric medieval center.

Includes three nights at the Hotel Royal St Georges Interlaken; daily breakfasts and one lunch; a reception; guided walking tours of Bern and Thun's Old Town; train ticket and lake cruise; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; transfer between the hotel and ship; baggage handling; gratuities for the guides and driver; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,190 single occupancy

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Trip #:**3-25697W**

Sent to Holiday Markets ~ Basel to Cologne
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Pre-Trip Extension in Interlaken

Please make _____ reservations for me/us on the Elective Pre-Trip Extension in Interlaken. Single supplement applies.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Zürich, Switzerland, with a return from Frankfurt, Germany:

Departure City _____

Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **September 27, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

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CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS-Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: December 11-19, 2020

Cruise Program dates: December 12-19, 2020

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$2,645	\$250	\$2,395
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$2,745	\$250	\$2,495
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,345	\$250	\$3,095
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$3,445	\$250	\$3,195
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Suites feature a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a panoramic window.

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

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Upper Middle Rhine Valley



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt
2. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
3. Cologne Cathedral

Grande-Île, Strasbourg



INCLUDED FEATURES

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(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

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- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Traditional French pastry



AHI Travel Expertise

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

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Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Stroll through Freiburg, a charming city near the storied Black Forest.
 - Admire Heidelberg's grand scenery during a visit to the castle and a guided walk.
 - Enjoy a private musical event in Heidelberg.
 - Marvel at the magnificent Cologne Cathedral and explore the city's old town.

Choose from a selection of **PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ** excursions in these towns:

- **Basel** | Alemannia Basel | The Ways of Art in Basel
- **Breisach** | Riquewahr and Wines of the Alsace | Colmar Markets
- **Strasbourg** | Strasbourg Panorama | Culinary Strasbourg
- **Rüdesheim** | Rüdesheim Walking Tour | Rhine Wine Tasting
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
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