

EUROPE'S RIVERS & CASTLES

A FULLY ESCORTED TOUR

02 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

*3 nights PARIS, 7 Night cruise aboard the luxury river cruise ship,
MS AMALEGRA & 2 nights PRAGUE*



Start your European vacation in splendid Paris before boarding a high-speed TGV train. Transfer to Luxembourg, to embark your ship. Visit Trier, the oldest city in Germany and continue along the meandering Mosel River Valley, famous for Europe's steepest vineyards. Visit the charming towns of Bernkastel and Cochem, sampling Mosel vintages along the way. Cruise through the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River, dotted with picturesque castles from Koblenz to Rudesheim. Enter the River Main and stop at the medieval towns of Miltenberg, Wertheim and Bamberg before cruising through the Main-Danube Canal to historic Nuremberg. Conclude with a 2-night land program in one of Europe's most spectacular cities, Prague.

Your cruise ship, the MS Amalegro, is owned by AMAWATERWAYS who operate the newest, state-of-the-art fleet of river cruise vessels in Europe, setting new standards in the industry. She carries 148 passengers in unequalled luxury, comfort & style.



Day 1 Sun 02 Sep ARRIVE IN PARIS*Dinner*

You will be met on arrival in Paris by a representative from AMAWATERWAYS and transferred to your hotel, the *HOTEL PULLMAN PARIS MONTPARNASSE* located in the heart of the historical and cultural Left Bank district. <http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-8189-pullman-paris-montparnasse/index.shtml>

Special welcome dinner this evening in a nearby historic restaurant, housed in a beautiful state-heritage building, where you can meet your fellow travelers while enjoying traditional French cuisine.

Day 2 Mon 03 Sep PARIS*Breakfast*

Enjoy Paris' famous sights during your morning guided tour. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, see the unique Louvre Museum, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, La Madeleine, Les Champs Elysées and much more.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore the many museums, galleries and other attractions that the city has to offer.

**Day 3 Tue 04 Sep PARIS***Breakfast*

A full day at leisure to explore the amazing "City of Lights," where romance fills the air. Stroll along Les Champs Elysées, the boutique-lined boulevards, or see the Eiffel Tower, built for the World's Fair of 1889. Paris at night offers unlimited possibilities for every taste.

Day 4 Wed 05 Sep PARIS – LUXEMBOURG – REMICH – EMBARKATION*Breakfast, Dinner*

Bid "Au Revoir" to Paris as you board your TGV high-speed train to Luxembourg, one of the last independent duchies that made up Western and Central Europe. Today the Grand Duchy is important because of its role in international politics and banking. You will have a guided tour of Luxembourg before transferring to Remich, enjoying a panoramic drive en route. Remich is a commune in the south-east of Luxembourg with city status. Evening arrival at the ship for embarkation. Gala Welcome Dinner on board tonight.

Day 5 Thu 06 Sep TRIER – BERNKASTEL*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

After breakfast, arrive in the charming village of Trier, Germany's oldest city, for a guided tour which will introduce you to the city's rich Roman past. Continue to Bernkastel, strategically located in the middle of the Mosel wine-producing region, boasting over 500 years of documented wine history. Take a guided walking tour through the old town center with its many medieval and Renaissance buildings. Visit the local wine museum.

Day 6 Fri 07 Sep COCHEM – KOBLENZ – RHINE CASTLES – RÜDESHEIM*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Today, decide between an excursion to Cochem or to Koblenz. In Cochem, you will take a guided tour of the spectacular hilltop Reichsburg Castle, which offers fascinating views of the river valley. The alternative option travels to Koblenz, an historic wine-growing town at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine. Later, enjoy scenic cruising along the most beautiful and famous part of the Rhine, seeing castle after castle and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Arrive in Rudesheim, where we visit the Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum after dinner. The ship moors overnight in Rudesheim.

Day 7 Sat 08 Sep MAINZ – HEIDELBERG – FRANKFURT*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Today there are two sightseeing choices. The first is a guided walking tour of beautiful Mainz to see the famous Gutenberg Museum, home of the world's first printed bible, then to enjoy a lunchtime cruise to Frankfurt. In Frankfurt, you will have a walking tour of the city's medieval section. The alternative choice is to travel by motor coach for an excursion to Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town. Visit the red-walled Castle, enjoy gorgeous views of the Neckar Valley below, and see the Great Vat, a 49,000-gallon 18th-century wine cask. You will also enjoy free time in Heidelberg. Later this afternoon, return to Frankfurt.

Day 8 Sun 09 Sep MILTENBERG – WERTHEIM*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Arrive in Miltenberg for a walking tour of this delightful old Franconian town with its narrow cobblestone streets and gabled, half-timbered houses. During lunch, the ship will cruise to Freudenberg. A motor coach tour will take you to Wertheim, where you will have free time to explore the town on your own before boarding your ship for an overnight cruise to Würzburg. A guided bicycle tour from Freudenberg to Wertheim is also available (capacity controlled).

**Day 9 Mon 10 Sep WÜRZBURG – KITZINGEN***Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

During your guided tour of Würzburg, the capital of lower Franconia, visit the magnificent Residenz Palace and see the major sights.



This afternoon take an optional tour along the Romantic Road to medieval Rothenburg, still surrounded by its walls, towers, gates, timber framed buildings and ancient churches. Here you can enjoy a walking tour, followed by free time. One of the most famous shops dedicated to the Christmas season is located here, complete with hand-made German Christmas ornaments.

Or join our Würzburg to Kitzingen Bike tour. This evening, the Aulic Council and Wine Queens will welcome you at the pier and escort you to Germany's oldest wine cellar. Enjoy several different wines, presented with bread, knowledgeable hosts, and plenty of laughter

Day 10 Tue 11 Sep BAMBERG*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Afternoon arrival in enchanting Bamberg, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. Disembark for a guided walking tour of this medieval gem. Marvel at the breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the river, and the city's serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th century mansions. Enjoy free time in Bamberg before you continue your cruise this evening to ancient Nuremberg, capital of Franconia.

Day 11 Wed 12 Sep NUREMBERG – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC*Breakfast*

After breakfast, wave goodbye to the crew as you disembark the ship. Enjoy a guided morning tour of the historic city of Nuremberg with its fabulous Gothic churches and elegant impressive walls. See the famous Zeppelin Field where Hitler held his infamous Nazi Party Rallies and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. You will have some free time to explore the town on your own before transferring to Prague. Arrive in Prague late this afternoon.

Check in at the *HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE*, situated in the heart of this beautiful city for the next two nights. <http://www.intercontinental.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/overview/prague>

Day 12 Thu 13 Sep PRAGUE*Breakfast, Dinner*

This morning's sightseeing reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Begin with a scenic drive through Prague seeing the Dancing House and the Metronome overlooking the Vltava River before arriving at the thousand-year-old Hradcany Castle for a visit. Afterwards, walk over the Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square.

This evening enjoy a special farewell traditional dinner for our group.

**Day 13 Fri 14 Sep PRAGUE***Breakfast*

Bid farewell to Prague and transfer to the airport for your homeward flight.

NAUTICAL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO WATER LEVELS, CRUISING CONDITIONS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

PRICES IN US DOLLARS

Cabin Cat.	Deck	Window Type	Size Sq. Mt.	Size Sq. Ft.	Per Person in Dbl Cabin	Single Supplement
E	Piano Deck	Fixed Windows	15.8	170	\$4,979.00	\$2,084.00
D	Piano Deck	Fixed Windows	15.8	170	\$5,159.00	\$2,174.00
C	Cello & Violin Deck	French Balcony	15.8	170	\$5,499.00	\$2,345.00
B	Cello & Violin Deck	French Balcony	15.8	170	\$5,681.00	\$2,435.00
A	Violin Deck	French Balcony	15.8	170	\$5,779.00	\$2,485.00
S (Jr Suite)	Violin Deck	French Balcony	23.7	255	\$6,689.00	\$5,099.00

Final price subject to possible increases in taxes and fuel levies

Prices based on a minimum of 18 Passengers. Price subject to possible increase for lower numbers

Single accommodation on a request basis and limited to 10 percent of the passengers traveling.

There is a Guaranteed Share Program on this cruise. If a single passenger does not want to pay the single supplement, they can book a shared cabin in category B. If another single (of the same sex) also requests a guarantee shared cabin, they would share. Apparently, often the second person does not materialize and the first passenger will travel as a single, but pay the sharing rate.

A HANDLING FEE OF USD35 PER TRANSACTION WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY ALTERATION OR REVISION MADE TO A CONFIRMED RESERVATION.

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- 3 Nights accommodation in Paris on bed & breakfast basis
- Paris City Tour (*optional Seine Cruise & Eiffel Tower, Montmartre & Illuminations*)
- TGV high-speed train Paris to Luxembourg
- Luxembourg guided walking tour
- Road Transfer to ship in Remich
- 7 Nights cruise Accommodation in an Outside Cabin
- On Board Cocktail Reception & Welcome Dinner
- All Meals on board; Early-riser Coffee, Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Free-flowing Wine, beer and juice with every Dinner on board the Ship
- Bottled Water in cabins replenished daily
- Daily guided sightseeing tours, excursions and entrances as per itinerary at all ports of call
- Wurzburg City Tour (*optional afternoon Romantic Road Tour to Rothenburg*)
- Nuremberg city tour
- Road Transfer Nuremberg to Prague
- 2 Nights accommodation in Prague on bed & breakfast basis
- Prague City Tour (*optional half day excursion to Terezin, Folklore Dinner Show*)
- All English Language onboard in a non-smoking Environment (except Sun Deck)
- Use of bicycles to explore on your own (capacity controlled)
- All local Taxes

In addition to above standard cruise inclusions

- Welcome dinner in Paris including drinks & transfers
- Farewell dinner in Prague including drinks & transfers
- Fully escorted by Pannell's Tours tour leaders from Paris to Prague
- Pannell's Tours travel bag, luggage labels and postage
- All Gratuities (Cruise Director, Ship's Crew, Cabin Staff, Shore Tour Guides & Drivers)
- Hotel Portering on departure from Paris hotel and on arrival at Prague hotel

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights
- Port Charges of US\$147 per person
- Private Airport /Hotel/Airport Transfers on Days 1 and 13 Paris & Prague (USD30 pp per transfer)
- Visa costs (if visa required. South African passport holders will require a Schengen visa)
- Insurance