The Great Rivers of Europe

The Netherlands: Amsterdam  |  Germany: Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Heidelberg, Wertheim, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau  |  Austria: Melk, Vienna

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
DEPARTURE MAY 9, 2024

Day 1 • Depart U.S.
Day 2-3 • Amsterdam, the Netherlands
  Embark ship
  Port Amsterdam
  Included Tour Amsterdam

Day 4-5 • Germany by Rhine
  Ports Dusseldorf • Koblenz • Rudesheim
  Included Tours Cologne • Koblenz

Day 6-10 • Germany by Main
  Ports Frankfurt • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Gerlachshausen • Schweinfurt • Bamberg
  Included Tours Heidelberg • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Bamberg
  Optional Tour Rothenburg

Day 11-13 • Germany by Danube
  Ports Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau
  Included Tours Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau

Day 14-15 • Austria
  Ports Melk • Vienna
  Included Tours Melk Abbey • Vienna
  Optional Tour Musical Vienna

Day 16 • Vienna • Return to U.S.
  Disembark ship

IT’S INCLUDED

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

Accommodations for 14 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins

ALL meals: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners—including 2 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

12 included tours with personal headsets and 6 Exclusive Discovery Series events—
Gender Equality in the Netherlands conversation • German Politics conversation • German lesson • Glassblowing demonstration • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch • Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit & conversation

Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive: Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide an insider’s knowledge and perspective

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

**Group Size**
- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

**Pacing**
- 15 days, with 14 nights aboard the 162-passenger M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio
- Return flights often require departing in early morning hours

**Physical Requirements**
- Walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time period of 1-2 hours, and participate in 3-4 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs and cobblestones
- Optional activities and elective walks may be offered in addition to the above-mentioned activity levels
- Agility and balance needed for boarding small canal boats and navigating steep, slippery stairs
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

**Terrain & Transportation**
- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

**Climate**
- Daytime temperatures range from 40-73°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months

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**YOUR ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 • Depart U.S.**
Depart today on your flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

**DAY 2 • Amsterdam, the Netherlands • Embark ship**
Arriving today in the Dutch capital, you’ll be greeted at the airport by a Grand Circle representative who will assist you with the transfer to your private river ship. Later, you’ll meet your Program Director and those travelers who took the pre-trip extension to Bruges, Belgium.

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**DAY 3 • Amsterdam • Gender Equality in the Netherlands conversation • Captain’s Welcome Dinner**
In the morning, enjoy a city tour by boat—cruising along Amsterdam’s lovely canals. Later this afternoon, your River Cruise gets underway. This afternoon, join your fellow travelers onboard for an Exclusive Discovery Series conversation about the controversial topic of gender equality and how the issue has recently impacted society in Amsterdam. Tonight, celebrate your voyage at a festive Welcome Dinner.

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**DAY 4 • Dusseldorf, Germany • Cologne**
Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising to your first German port. After lunch onboard, you’ll disembark in Dusseldorf and transfer to Cologne for an included tour, featuring the Roman Gate and the Gothic Cologne Cathedral. Before returning to your ship for dinner, enjoy free time to explore.

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**DAY 5 • Koblenz • Afternoon sailing**
Disembark to explore Koblenz, where the Rhine and Mosel rivers meet. Along the way, marvel at the Old Town, rebuilt after World War II, and stroll the famous Rhine promenade. Then, set off for the Winningen wine region where you’ll sample a selection of local specialty wines—perhaps you’ll try a refreshing Riesling.

Sail downstream this afternoon. En route, you’ll pass Lorelei Rock, where legend has it, the golden-haired siren Lorelei would lure sailors to their deaths on the reef below with her melodious voice and sweet songs.

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**DAY 6 • Frankfurt • Heidelberg**
This morning, you arrive in Frankfurt. Join today’s included tour of Heidelberg, set on the edge of the Odenwald Forest, where you’ll visit the 15th-century Heidelberg Castle.

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**DAY 7 • Wertheim • Glassblowing demonstration • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch**
Following breakfast this morning, enjoy a fitting introduction to your next port of call, Wertheim, with an Exclusive Discovery Series glassblowing demonstration. Upon arrival, step ashore for a walking tour of this fairytale town, located at the confluence of the Main and Tauber rivers and home to a proud glass production tradition.

In the afternoon, head to the home of a local family for a traditional Kaffeeklatsch
to share coffee and cake, and experience what life is like for a typical family in this section of Europe, during an Exclusive Discovery Series Home–Hosted Visit.
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DAY 8 • Wurzburg
Early this morning, your ship will start cruising to Wurzburg. You’ll arrive this afternoon, disembarking for an included walking tour of this charming Bavarian port along the Main River.
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DAY 9 • Gerlachshausen • Optional Rothenburg tour • Schweinfurt
This morning, enjoy a full–day optional tour to Rothenburg. Or relax onboard as you cruise to Schweinfurt.
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DAY 10 • Bamberg • Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit
Set out on a morning walking tour of Bamberg, which was founded in AD 902, began to prosper in the twelfth century, and was the center of southern Germany’s Enlightenment in the late 18th century.

This afternoon, begin cruising to Nuremberg—entering the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal. After dinner, you’ll enjoy an Exclusive Discovery Series conversation on the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal.
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DAY 11 • Nuremberg
This morning, arrive in Nuremberg—its name evoking the post–World War II Nazi war trials. Here, you’ll join a city tour with a local guide, which includes a visit to the Zeppelin Field rally grounds where the Nazi party held rallies for up to 100,000 spectators. Then, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant followed by an afternoon to make your own discoveries.
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DAY 12 • Regensburg
Step ashore this morning for a walking tour of Regensburg, one of Germany’s largest and best preserved medieval cities. You’ll see the twelfth–century Stone Bridge (Steinerne Brucke) and the towering St. Peter’s Cathedral—Bavaria’s most impressive Gothic wonder and home to a famous boys’ choir.
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DAY 13 • Passau
Today, you’ll stop in Passau and partake in a walking tour. Along the way, you’ll see St. Stephen’s Cathedral, home to the world’s largest church organ outside of the U.S. You’ll also enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.
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DAY 14 • Melk, Austria • Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour
Today, enjoy a guided tour of the 900–year–old Melk Abbey. Then return to the ship and enjoy lunch as you glide through the stunning Wachau wine region. This evening, you’ll arrive in the Austrian capital. Join us for an optional Musical Vienna performance.
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DAY 15 • Vienna • Captain’s Farewell Dinner
Join your Program Director for an included half–day city tour, featuring the Ringstrasse, the wide boulevard that circles the city center, and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. You’ll also see the Spanish Riding School, home of the famous Lipizzaner stallions, and the well–known Hofburg Palace.

Later, enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.
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DAY 16 • Return to U.S.
Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or start our optional post–trip extensions to Vienna or Prague.
**Reservations & Information:**
Call Toll-Free: 1-800-955-1925

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**Deposit:** $500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** $895. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

**Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.**

**Government Taxes and Fees:** The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. **Government and other authority taxes and fees:** September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)** of up to $18 per passenger. **Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee** of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). **U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges** of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. **Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions** apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. **For more information, visit www.gct.com/disclaimers** for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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**Good Buy Plan**

The earlier you pay, the more you save

**Here’s how you’ll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan**

(based on a trip value of $6,500 per person)

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**Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost.**

**You will save a minimum of $50 when you pay in full by check within 120 days and prior to your final payment due date (90 days prior to departure). All figures and savings shown are examples only.**

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