

CUCRA - UC RETIREES TRAVEL presents ...



Cruise in a group of 38-45 aboard our privately owned 140- to 162-passenger ships

The Great Rivers of Europe

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

16 days from **\$6195**
with international airfare
from San Francisco or Los Angeles

15 days from **\$4595**
River Cruise only



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

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip



Reservations & Information **1-800-597-2452**

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

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Bruges, Belgium

3 nights pre-trip from \$895

Prague, Czech Republic

4 nights post-trip from \$945

Vienna, Austria

3 nights post-trip from \$795

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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

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 Brücke*) 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.

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The Great Rivers of Europe

DECK

A	Serenada A	\$6095
B	Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)	\$5895
C	Sonata Deck	\$5495
D	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5395
E	Cantata Deck	\$5295
F	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5195
G	Prelude Deck	\$4995
H	(Lower Deck w/small window)	\$4595

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San Francisco or Los Angeles \$1600

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 per person.

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

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Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan
(based on a trip value of \$6,500 per person)

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in full)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 MONTHS OR MORE	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 MONTHS PRIOR	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 MONTHS PRIOR	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% off	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% off	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% off	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days**	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

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**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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