

# Pentagon Ski Club 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

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

MAY 9, 2023

16 days from **\$6095**  
with international airfare from Dulles

15 days from **\$4895**  
River Cruise only



DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Depart U.S.
2-3	Amsterdam, the Netherlands <b>Embark ship</b> <b>PORT</b> Amsterdam <b>INCLUDED TOUR</b> Amsterdam
4-5	Germany by Rhine <b>PORTS</b> Dusseldorf • Koblenz • Rudesheim <b>INCLUDED TOURS</b> Cologne • Koblenz
6-10	Germany by Main <b>PORTS</b> Frankfurt • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Gerlachshausen • Schweinfurt • Bamberg <b>INCLUDED TOURS</b> Heidelberg • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Bamberg <b>OPTIONAL TOUR</b> Rothenburg
11-13	Germany by Danube <b>PORTS</b> Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau <b>INCLUDED TOURS</b> Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau
14-15	Austria <b>PORTS</b> Melk • Vienna <b>INCLUDED TOURS</b> Melk Abbey • Vienna <b>OPTIONAL TOUR</b> Musical Vienna
16	Vienna • Return to U.S. <b>Disembark ship</b>

### 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

### 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 a river ship
- 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 140- to 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
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

## 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

In the morning, enjoy a city tour by boat—cruising along Amsterdam's lovely canals. Later this afternoon, your River Cruise gets underway. 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. You'll see the Roman Gate, the Hohenzollern Bridge, and the Gothic Cologne Cathedral. Before returning to your ship for dinner, enjoy free time to explore.

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### DAY 5 • Explore Koblenz

Disembark after breakfast this morning 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. Later, return to the ship for an onboard lunch.

Continue sailing 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.

Upon arrival in Rudesheim, you'll enjoy dinner onboard.

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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 fairy-tale 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 • Würzburg

Early this morning, your ship will start cruising to Würzburg. 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.

**Please note:** During the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit, it may be necessary for the Captain to close the Sun Deck because of low-standing bridges.

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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.

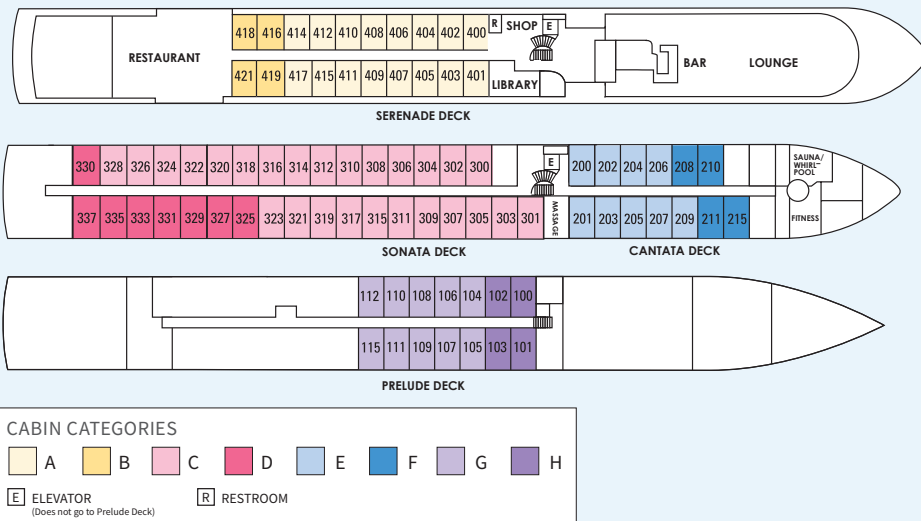
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### DAY 16 • Vienna • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or start our optional post-trip extensions to Vienna or Prague.

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# M/S RIVER ADAGIO



**Registry:** Malta  
**Width:** 38 ft.  
**Length:** 418 ft.  
**Passenger capacity:** 162  
**International crew:** 38  
**Decks:** 4  
**Number of cabins:** 82—  
 all outside  
**Elevator:** Yes (no  
 elevator access to  
 Prelude Deck)

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### DECK

A	Serenada A	\$6395
B	Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)	\$6195
C	Sonata Deck	\$5795
D	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5695
E	Cantata Deck	\$5595
F	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5495
G	Prelude Deck	\$5295
H	(Lower Deck w/small window)	\$4895

Depart from: MAY 9, 2023

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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.

**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. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at [www.gct.com/tc](http://www.gct.com/tc).

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Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan  
 (based on a trip value of \$5,500 per person)

Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
<b>12 months or more</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$1300</b>
11 months	9%	\$585	\$1170
10 months	8%	\$520	\$1040
9 months	7.5%	\$488	\$975
8 months	6%	\$390	\$780
7 months	5%	\$325	\$650
6 months	4%	\$260	\$520
5 months	3%	\$195	\$390
Make your final payment by check within 120 days**	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

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