Rhine River Cruise

Including Interlaken, Switzerland; Amsterdam, Netherlands; and a seven-night Rhine river cruise aboard the Amadeus Princess

September 29-October 10, 2012
From $4,499 per person based on double occupancy

To make a reservation call
Norma Joseph, (309) 677-4747

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Exclusive Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach from Peoria to O’Hare
- Round trip airfare from Chicago to Zurich returning from Amsterdam on regular flights
- 3 nights First Class hotel stay in Interlaken, Switzerland
- 7 nights onboard Amadeus Princess Rhine cruise
- Breakfast daily in Interlaken
- 2 dinners including a Fondue Dinner in Interlaken
- 3 meals daily while onboard the cruise
- Coffee and tea with lunch & dinner onboard the cruise
- Red & white wine with every dinner onboard the cruise
- Sightseeing tour of Montreux and the Castle of Chillon
- Full day sightseeing of the Jungfrau Mountain Region with train ride
- Sightseeing of the Rhine Falls
- Included shore excursions to Strasbourg, France; Heidelberg, Rudesheim, Cologne, and Dusseldorf, Germany; Holland Waterland and Amsterdam with a Canal Cruise
- Current airline fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- English-speaking guide on all tours

Not included: U.S. and foreign departure taxes, gratuity to cruise staff, guides and drivers, optional insurance package, and personal items.

Choose your deck:

Hayden Deck Aft (lower deck) – Outside cabin with window $4499*
Hayden Deck Middle (lower deck) – Outside cabin with window $4699*
Strauss Deck (middle deck) – Outside cabin with French Balcony $4999*
Mozart Deck (upper deck) – Outside cabin with French Balcony $5299*

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Day By Day Itinerary

September 29 – Chicago departure to Zurich
Meet at WTVP and board your charter coach to O’Hare Airport. Depart Chicago this afternoon on KLM Royal Dutch Airlines via Amsterdam to Zurich. Meals will be served onboard according to the airline’s service.

September 30 – Zurich/Lucerne/Interlaken
Morning arrival in Zurich, Switzerland. Meet your tour director then board a motor coach to Lucerne for an orientation of the city and some free time. Then continue to Interlaken, your home for the next 3 nights. Steeped in rich tradition and boasting scenic splendors and magical vistas, Interlaken is located in the heart of the Swiss Alps between the Lakes of Thun and Brienz and at the foot the famous trio of peaks, the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau. Dinner is included this evening. (D)

October 1 – Interlaken (Montreux/Chillon excursion)
Today you head south to the lovely lake resort of Montreux, nestled in a sheltered bay on Lake Geneva, surrounded by vineyards, and set against a breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Because of the exceptionally mild climate, Montreux is called the capital of the Vaud Riviera. Enjoy a leisurely morning strolling and shopping in this lovely town. If time permits, a lake cruise will be offered. You then continue with a guided tour of the 12th century Chateau de Chillon, a fascinating castle on Lake Geneva made famous by Lord Byron in his epic poem, “The Prisoner of Chillon.” Upon return to Interlaken, a special Swiss Fondue Dinner is included. (B & D)

October 2 – Interlaken (Swiss Alps Excursion)
Today you motorcoach to Lauterbrunnen, one of the most impressive trough valleys in the Alps situated between gigantic rock faces and mountain peaks. With its 72 thundering waterfalls, secluded valleys, colorful alpine meadows and lonely mountain inns, the Lauterbrunnen Valley is one of the biggest nature conservation areas in Switzerland. From here you take a rack or cog railway up to Wengen—one of the most beautiful alpine villages in the Bernese Oberland. Lying at an altitude of 4265 ft at the foot of the magnificent Jungfrau mountain range, Wengen is the home of the International Lauberhorn Downhill ski race. You continue by another rack train up to Kleine Scheidegg at 6655 ft which is located beneath the Eiger, Mönch & Jungfrau. It offers visitors a spectacular view of the notorious Eiger North Wall. You will have some free time to take in the spectacular view and snap some amazing pictures. The train then takes you down the other side of the mountain to Grindelwald at 3392 feet. There you will meet up with your motor coach and head back to Interlaken for overnight. (B)

All proceeds benefit Public Television in Central Illinois.
October 3 – Interlaken/Rhine Falls/Basel/Embarkation
Today you drive north to SCHAFFHAUSEN. Once there, take the short trip westward to the Rhine Falls, Europe’s largest waterfall. The falls are truly magnificent – not so much for their height (75 feet) as for their impressive breadth (450 feet) and sheer drama, with spray rising in a rainbow cloud above the forested banks. The turreted castle Schloss Laufen on a cliff directly above the falls to the south completes the spectacle. After some free time to enjoy the area on your own, continue to Basel to board the Amadeus Princess, your home for the next 7 nights. The ship leaves Basel in the evening. After these first scenic impressions of the Rhine, your onboard Tour Manager will welcome you with a cocktail before the official welcome dinner. (B & D)

October 4 – Cruising Strasbourg
During breakfast your ship arrives in Strasbourg where you join your included guided tour of Strasbourg. With its monumental cathedral featuring carvings as delicate as any piece of lacework, Strasbourg is one of Europe’s most attractive cities. Thanks to the richness and sheer density of its heritage sites, the entire city center has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Strasbourg is definitely well worth a visit, to discover its history, its cuisine and its unique atmosphere. Join an optional excursion “Alsace and Wine” in the afternoon, and get to know the picturesque landscape, romantic wine villages and parts of the famous wine route in the Alsace. In a local winery you can also try some of the wines during an included wine tasting. Depart Strasbourg in the evening and continue towards Speyer. (B, L, D)

October 5 – Cruising Speyer/Mannheim
Early in the morning the ship arrives in Speyer. Known as the Imperial City on the Rhine, Speyer has had a rich and turbulent past. Religious architecture steeped in history, impressive facades, winding alleys and romantic squares express the character of the city. Discover the city during a guided city walk, that includes a visit of the famous cathedral. During lunch you will cruise to Mannheim. It is unusual among German cities as its central area is laid out in a grid, much like many North American cities. Accordingly, its nickname is Quadratstadt (“town of the squares”). The main route through the squares leads to an enormous 18th-century palace. This former seat of the Electors of the Palatinate now houses the University of Mannheim. From Mannheim, join your included excursion to Heidelberg, home to Germany’s oldest university, founded in 1386. A guided tour features the imposing Heidelberg Castle, a red sandstone ruin overlooking the Neckar River. Continue with a walking tour through the Old Town and marketplace. Return aboard for a late dinner and midnight departure for Rudesheim. (B, L, D)

October 6 – Cruising Rudesheim/Koblenz
In the morning join your included city tour of Rudesheim. This charming old wine town is popular with tourists, and has a long narrow street, the Drosselgasse, lined on both sides with wine taverns. Included in your tour is a visit to Siegfried’s Music Museum, where you can see all kinds of mechanical music instruments from barrel organs and music boxes to horn gramophones. The vessel sails from Rudesheim midday along what is probably the most famous and scenic stretch of the Rhine Valley. You pass hilltop castles, terraced vineyards and attractive riverside villages for 65 delightful kilometres. During the afternoon the ship rounds the 132-metre Lorelei Rock, which is a symbol of the Rhine and was the inspiration for a famous poem by Heinrich Heine, set to music by Frederich Silcher. In the afternoon, arrive at Koblenz. This city stands at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. A optional walking tour shows you the highlights of the city. (B, L, D)

October 7 – Cruising Cochem
During breakfast you arrive in Cochem. Take an optional walking tour of this quaint village and see its medieval town gate and marketplace, then visit a winery and taste some local vintages. This afternoon you can explore the city on your own. During dinner the vessel leaves Cochem. (B, L, D)

October 8 – Cruising Cologne/Dusseldorf
The ship reaches Cologne in the morning. An included city walk takes you through the former settlement of Colonia (dating back 2,000 years), which was founded on the orders of the Roman Emperor Claudius. On the walk you’ll see the most important sites of Cologne’s old quarter, including the cathedral, town hall, the Guerzenich, the city walls and gate. The cruise continues towards Dusseldorf during lunch, the center of the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan region. After docking that afternoon, you will join your included tour of the Dusseldorf. A ride in a coach takes you along the famous shopping boulevard Königsallee (‘Kö’) with its exclusive shops and malls, followed by a short walk through the legendary old town, the Altstadt—famous for its 260 inns and restaurants known as the “longest bar in the world.” You will learn that Düsseldorf has been a center of fine arts for more than 200 years, that Paul Klee and Joseph Beuys have left their marks here and that the song of the Lorelei would not even exist if it were not for Düsseldorf. On this second-to-last evening of your cruise, the captain will be delighted to welcome you to the Captain’s Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)
October 9 – Cruising Volendam/Amsterdam
During lunch, the ship docks in the little fishing town of **Volendam**. Volendam is one of the prettiest villages in North Holland, and was a major fishing port before the construction of the Ijsselmeer dyke in 1932. Its main street is lined with cafes and shops, and many of their staff wear traditional costumes. Join your **included excursion, Holland Waterland and City Tour of Amsterdam**. After a short stroll through the old Dutch fishing village, board your motor coach and drive into the countryside to visit a local cheese farm to learn how Dutch cheese is made. You will also visit the quaint village of Edam—famous for its cheese. Afterwards you will visit Amsterdam, the capital of The Netherlands. On this drive, you will see its most important buildings and monuments and get interesting background information. You will also enjoy the most popular attraction of The Netherlands — a cruise through the canals of the city. Back on board you can enjoy a typical folklore group on this last evening of your cruise. (B, L, D)

October 10 – Disembarkation/Amsterdam/Chicago
Disembark after breakfast in Amsterdam where you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Chicago and motor coach home to Peoria. (B)
WTVP Travels Rhine Cruise Reservation Form

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☐ We will share a room
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Cabin request:
___ Hayden Aft ($4,499* per person)
___ Hayden Middle ($4,699* per person)
___ Strauss ($4,999* per person)
___ Mozart ($5,299* per person)

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