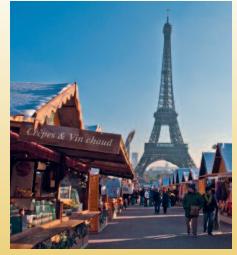
**FEATURING PARIS** 



# HOLIDAY MARKETS

from BERNKASTEL TO STRASBOURG





## NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 10, 2016

Full Price Starting from	Special Savings	Special Price Starting from	
\$3,245	\$250	\$2,995*	

\*Special Price valid if booked by 10/1/2015.

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All cabins have remote-controlled TV & DVD, refrigerator and security safe.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated) and valid until October 1, 2015. Please contact us for current pricing and information. **Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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## FEATURING PARIS HOLIDAY MARKETS from BERNKASTEL TO STRASBOURG



Recapture the magic of the holidays as you step into scenes that glitter with fairy-tale charm. Begin your adventure in Paris with a cruise along the Seine River. Travel to beautiful Luxembourg, then explore Trier, known for its trove of

Roman ruins, and marvel at Bernkastel. Stop in Cochem and tour the charming city. Sail to Koblenz, then admire the stunning scenery of the Rhine Valley en route to Rüdesheim. Discover Heidelberg before exploring Worms, an ancient city with an important history. End your journey in historic Strasbourg, France. Along the way, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of excursions in select ports of call as you escape the frantic pace and pressures of the holiday season at home and experience the season of Advent in Europe.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend seven leisurely nights aboard the exclusively chartered **MS Amadeus Silver** as you cruise the **Mosel and Rhine rivers.**
- Enjoy a **series of lectures** presented by local experts to enhance your knowledge and understanding of the region.
- Shop at **holiday markets** across France, Luxembourg and Germany.
- Travel by TGV train from Paris, France, to Luxembourg.
- Explore **Porta Nigra** in Trier and sail through the **Upper Middle Rhine Valley**, which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Take in the history of **Worms** and the picturesque scenery of **Koblenz**.
- **Personalize your cruise** with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

## Accommodations

- Three nights in Paris, France, at the deluxe Paris Marriott Opera Ambassador Hotel.
- Seven nights aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver. Embark from Bernkastel, Germany, and stop in Cochem, Koblenz, Rüdesheim, Mainz, Worms and Kehl.

## Transportation

 All train rides, boat rides and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land/Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

## **Activities and Events**

- Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend two Welcome Receptions and a Welcome Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Farewell Dinner.

## **Extensive Meal Program**

- Enjoy 10 breakfasts, six lunches and seven dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

## MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

## **DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Paris, France \* *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.* 

#### DAY 2 ~ PARIS

Upon arrival, transfer\* to the Paris-Marriott Opera Ambassador Hotel. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

DAY 3 ~ PARIS

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the morning at leisure.

**Excursion:** *Seine River Cruise.* Enjoy some of Paris' most iconic sights, including the Grand Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral, from the Seine.

DAY 4 ~ PARIS Independent Exploration: Enjoy a

full day at leisure to explore the city.

**DAY 5 ~ PARIS/LUXEMBOURG** This morning, journey to Luxembourg by train.

**Excursion:** *Luxembourg Holiday* 

*Markets.* Each year, Luxembourg's Place d'Armes transforms into a traditional holiday market. Continue to Bernkastel, Germany, and embark the MS Amadeus Silver. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner on the ship.

DAY 6 ~ BERNKASTEL/TRIER Excursion: Trier. See the Porta Nigra, a Roman city gate built in the late second century A.D. Discover the 13thcentury House of the Three Magi and the Hauptmarkt, the market square. Then, choose from two excursions: Excursion: Bernkastel. Enjoy a walking tour of the 700-year-old town. See St. Michael's Church and more. Excursion: Mosel Wines. Visit a local winery to learn about the winter season and enjoy a tasting.

#### DAY 7 ~ COCHEM

**Excursion:** *Cochem.* Experience the town of Cochem, known for its legacy of folk tales, wine traditions and history. On a guided tour, visit Reichsburg Castle and the baroque Town Hall. **Independent Exploration:** Enjoy time at leisure in Cochem.

# Educational Focus: *The Wines of the Mosel*.

Sail to Koblenz, where there will be time to explore its holiday markets. **DAY 8 ~ KOBLENZ** 

Excursion: Koblenz. Explore the

historic town center, with its winding lanes and picturesque squares. Sail through the beautiful Rhine Gorge and pass Loreley Rock.

**Educational Focus:** *Castles and Legends of the Rhine.* Learn about Loreley, the siren, and many other tales.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the charming city of Rüdesheim.

DAY 9 ~ HEIDELBERG/WORMS Educational Focus: *The Tradition of the Holiday Markets.* Choose from two excursions: Excursion: *Romantic Heidelberg.* The university in Heidelberg is

Germany's oldest. Explore the town with a stroll along the Hauptstrasse.

#### Excursion: *Mobile Mannheim*.

Take a closer look at the entepreneurial spirit of this city, including the story of innovators Karl and Bertha Benz. Rejoin the ship later in Worms and enjoy the town's holiday market.

#### DAY 10 ~ WORMS Excursion: *Walking Tour of*

*Worms.* This ancient city has played a significant role in many historic events, including the Reformation. Its synagogue is Germany's oldest. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

#### DAY 11 ~ KEHL/STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Choose from three excursions: Excursion: Strasbourg. Enjoy a guided tour of the city's historic center. Excursion: Canal Cruise and Tour. Take a cruise of the area canals and tour picturesque La Petite France. Excursion: Seasonal Treats. Tour the culinary side of Strasbourg and sample local holiday treats and wines. Tonight, shuttles will be available to explore Strasbourg's holiday market.

#### DAY 12 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the Frankfurt airport for the return to your gateway city.\*

**NOTE:** The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

#### ENHANCED PROGRAMMING

**Optional Excursion:** *Versailles*. Journey from Paris to imposing Versailles. *Available at an additional cost.* 

## ACCOMMODATIONS



#### PARIS-MARRIOTT OPERA AMBASSADOR HOTEL

The luxurious Paris Marriott Opera Ambassador Hotel puts guests exactly where they want to be in Paris. Convenient to the Louvre and other beloved tourism destinations, including the Eiffel Tower, the hotel boasts elegant guest rooms and suites, each finished in 1920s art deco style. The hotel also offers a restaurant, a fitness center and complimentary Wi-Fi.



#### **MS AMADEUS SILVER**

The state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver debuted in 2013 as a flagship of the innovative Lüftner cruise line. This stylish ship, named Kreuzfahrt Guide's 2013 River Boat of the Year, offers the utmost in service and comfort. Immerse yourself in an ambience reminiscent of a high-end hotel. Relax on the sun deck, browse in the boutique or connect with family at the Internet station. Practice your golf game on the putting green, exercise in the fitness room or treat yourself to a massage. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's breakfast and lunch buffets, and enjoy regional specialties served with wine at dinner. At the end of each day, return to your cabin, featuring a river view, a satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower.

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