Holiday Markets Cruise
THE FESTIVE RHINE RIVER

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Accompanied by Wolf Latsch, Director of UW Study Abroad
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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from our Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Immerse yourself in Europe’s famous Christmas markets, an age-old tradition, and write a merry chapter of your own story. Sip mulled wine, nibble seasonal treats and join the jubilant holiday celebration!

Relax on deck as the river’s glorious scenery unfolds around you, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.

Be immersed in the joyful spirit of the holiday markets amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.

Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of Cologne Cathedral, a true Gothic masterpiece.

Delight in the quaint timbered houses and cobbled streets of Grande Île, the historic heart of Strasbourg.

Taste wonderful, crisp wines from the Alsace and Rhine Valley regions.
Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Celebrate centuries-old traditions on a seven-night Rhine River cruise that transports you to enchanting holiday markets in three different countries—Germany, France and Switzerland. These festive fairs delight the senses with cheery decorations and twinkling lights, the uplifting sounds of carolers and bells and the tantalizing aromas of treats like gingerbread, roasted chestnuts and sizzling sausages. New adventures await daily!

Aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III, you’ll unpack once and enjoy an intimate view of European history as we glide along this ancient trading route studded with medieval sites.

In Heidelberg, visit the stately castle and attend a special musical performance. Admire Cologne’s spectacular cathedral and sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge, plus customize your cruise with a choice of included excursions in Rüdesheim, Strasbourg, Breisach and Basel. Embrace the joyous Old World holiday spirit as you celebrate Advent in Europe!

Make your reservation today, call AHI Travel at 877-223-9274.

Sincerely,

Pauline Ranieri
Director, UW Alumni Tours
UW Alumni Association

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they’re not UW alumni!

UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.
Day 1

**In Transit**
Depart your gateway city for Frankfurt, Germany.

Day 2  
**Frankfurt, Germany | Cologne**
Upon arrival, transfer to Cologne and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.
Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner and get better acquainted.

Day 3  
**Cologne**

**Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions.**
From Advent wreaths to Christmas baking, learn about cherished family customs shared at home.

**Discovery: Cologne Walking Tour.** The city’s awe-inspiring cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Topped by two filigreed spires, it was under construction for more than 630 years.

On a guided walk, see the old town’s landmarks and marvel at this splendid structure gracing the skyline, then head inside to admire its interior.

**Free Time:** Craft your own agenda in Cologne this afternoon. Complimentary shuttles between the ship and the city center will be available.
At the Christmas market outside the cathedral, shop for handcrafted mementos for loved ones at home (as well as yourself!), such as blown-glass ornaments, wooden decorations and colorfully painted nutcrackers.
The ship departs for Rüdesheim this evening.

Day 4  
**Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim**
On the way to Rüdesheim this morning, sail through the Rhine’s most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Known as the Rhine Gorge, this picturesque, gently curving 40-mile stretch was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its historical, cultural and geological significance.

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**YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE**
Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That’s why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

푯 PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included
Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.

曳 ELECTIVES | At an additional cost
Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We’ve done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.
PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Rüdesheim Walking Tour.** With your guide, make your way down scenic Drosselgasse, a charming, narrow corridor in the Old Town filled with popular restaurants, bars and shops. See the town’s “Christmas Market of the Nations” with holiday items from around the world. At a unique and captivating museum, be amazed by the incredible ingenuity and melodies of music boxes, player pianos and other restored mechanical musical instruments.

- **Rhine Wine Tasting.** The steeply terraced vineyards lining the Rhine’s banks are known worldwide for producing fine Riesling varieties. Gain insights about local winemaking methods and try some of its vintages at an area winery. The ship sails to Speyer tonight.

Day 5

**Speyer | Heidelberg**

**Discovery: Heidelberg.** Step inside the red sandstone walls of Heidelberg Castle, which stands watch over the Neckar Valley. In the Fassbau, the Barrel Building, see the immense wine barrel built in 1591, which once contained 34,342 gallons of wine. Then follow your guide on a pleasant walk through the Old Town, past the Student Jail, Old University, the cathedral and along the banks of the Neckar River. Relax over lunch at a traditional German restaurant, where you’ll enjoy the comfortable, friendly ambience known as gemütlichkeit.

**Free Time:** Spend some time on your own in Heidelberg’s historic center.

**AHI Connects: Musical Trio.** Settle in for an entertaining, exclusive performance by a professional trio in Heidelberg, featuring holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces, followed by seasonal refreshments.
Day 6  

**Strasbourg, France**
The ship arrives in Strasbourg this morning.

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

**Strasbourg Panorama.** Admire the intriguing blend of German and French influences as you see the city’s highlights, including Palais Rohan, modeled after the noble mansions of Paris, and St. Thomas Church, the main Protestant church. Walk through the historic center with a guide and visit Notre Dame Cathedral, a Gothic wonder.

**Culinary Strasbourg.** Experience the Alsatian culinary scene on a guided tour that takes you to the city’s winstubs, cozy wine pubs that typically have long communal tables, and other local cafés and shops. Along your route, taste delicious regional specialties and wines.

**Free Time:** Catch a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center this afternoon and make your own plans. Savor the joyous and luminous wonderland of Strasbourg’s marché de Noël, France’s oldest, established in 1570. Before dinner this evening, gather for a Glühwein party with your fellow cruisers. If you haven’t already tried it at one of the holiday markets, you’ll delight in this warm concoction of cloves, cinnamon, citrus and wine, a wintertime favorite!

The ship cruises to Breisach, Germany, tonight.

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Day 7  

**Breisach, Germany | Freiburg**

**Discovery: Freiburg and Breisach.** With your guide, stroll through Freiburg’s historic center and the bustling Augustinerplatz, noted for its 12th-century cathedral. Check out the town’s Christkindlmarkt and then continue to Breisach, full of pastel-colored houses and cobbled lanes.

**PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

**Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.** Selected as one of “Les Plus Beaux Villages de France,” The Most Beautiful Villages of France, this lovely medieval town charms all who visit. Relish its romantic aura on a guided walk and sample some of its fabulous wines.

**Colmar Markets.** Revel in Alsatian holiday traditions as you explore four different markets, each with its own character, in this beautiful French town lined with half-timbered houses.

Day 8  

**Basel, Switzerland**
The ship docks in Basel early this morning.
PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

*Alemannia Basel.* First settled by a Celtic tribe and later expanded by the Romans, this Swiss city near the French and German borders has a vibrant history. Tour the Old Town and delve into its ancient Germanic roots, then visit the lively holiday markets in two of its squares.

*The Ways of Art in Basel.* On a guided walk, appreciate the artwork and sculptures within the historic area. Later, reflect upon the creativity of artists such as Monet, Picasso, Warhol and Lichtenstein at the Fondation Beyeler museum.

Free Time: Treasure the warm atmosphere of Basel’s magical markets, aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer. Wander among wooden stalls decked with fresh pine boughs and indulge in the classic spiced biscuit, *Basel Läckerli.* Tonight, celebrate your yuletide journey with your shipmates at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9

In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Zürich airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

*Note:* Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

* Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

*BJLD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

*Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*
The Amadeus fleet of fine river ships has defined the art of cruising on the great rivers of Europe. As you board the Amadeus Silver III, you’ll sense an ambience evocative of a grand European hotel. This magnificent ship, with 84 staterooms and suites, offers exemplary service, comfort and safety. Travelers can relax on the River Terrace or unwind with a workout or a massage. Savor European specialties at the restaurant's breakfast and luncheon buffets and a selection of regional dishes at dinner. Lunch and dinner feature your choice of beer, wine or soft drinks. All staterooms and suites face outward so you can appreciate the views from the privacy of your cabin. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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**ELECTIVE**

**POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN INTERLAKEN**

Marvel at Switzerland’s breathtaking natural beauty during a three-night stay at a first-class hotel in the heart of the Bernese Oberland! Explore the old town of Thun on a guided walk, and unwind on a relaxing lake cruise surrounded by an impressive backdrop of mountains, castles and local life. In the capital city of Bern, enjoy a guided walking tour of its atmospheric medieval center.

Includes three nights at the Hotel Royal St Georges Interlaken; daily breakfasts and one lunch; a reception; guided walking tours of Bern and Thun's Old Town; lake cruise; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; transfer between the hotel and ship; baggage handling; gratuities for the guides and drivers; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price:** $895 per person, double occupancy; $1,190 single occupancy
Trip #2-24655W

Send to University of Washington Alumni Association c/o AHI Travel International Tower-Suite 600 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Chicago, IL 60631

Please contact AHI Travel at 877-223-9274 with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1) Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

2) Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Street Address:

City:

State: ZIP:

Home: ( ) Cell: ( )

Sharing with (Form sent separately)

I/we authorize you to make/my our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice, 2nd choice

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Frankfurt, Germany, with a return from Zurich, Switzerland:

Departure City

Three-Night Post-Trip Extension in Interlaken, Switzerland

Please make reservations for me/us on the Elective Post-Trip Extension in Interlaken. Single supplement applies.

Cruise Program

I/we will make/my our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are to be paid in full by September 20, 2019 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of ($800 pp required) to reserve place(s).

Accept my check made payable to AHI Travel.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card #_________ Exp. ________ /_______

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.
PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: December 4-12, 2019
Cruise Program dates: December 5-12, 2019

CRUISE PROGRAM

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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional $395 per person.
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

✈️ AHI FlexAir | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

▸ price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
▸ arrival and departure transfers on group dates.
▸ flexibility to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
▸ assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays.
▸ flight insurance worth up to $250,000, subject to policy terms.

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UNESCO World Heritage
1. Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt
2. Upper Middle Rhine Valley
3. Cologne Cathedral

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Accommodations
(with baggage handling)
• **7 nights** aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

Extensive Meal Program
• 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus beer, wine or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
• Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
• Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
• **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  – Marvel at the magnificent Cologne Cathedral and explore the city’s old town.
  – Admire Heidelberg’s grand scenery during a visit to the castle and a guided walk.
  – Enjoy a private musical event in Heidelberg.
  – Stroll through Freiburg and Breisach, two quaint towns near the storied Black Forest.

Choose from a selection of
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excursions in these towns:
– **Rüdesheim** | Rüdesheim Walking Tour | Rhine Wine Tasting
– **Strasbourg** | Strasbourg Panorama | Culinary Strasbourg
– **Breisach** | Riquewihr and Wines of the Alsace | Colmar Markets
– **Basel** | Alemannia Basel | The Ways of Art in Basel

• **AHI Connects**: Local immersion.
• Free time to pursue your own interests.
• Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
• A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
• Tipping of guides and drivers.
• Complimentary travel mementos.

AHI Travel Expertise
From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

**Before you go:**
▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

**Once you arrive:**
On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders’ perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambiance. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.

▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We’ve specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they’re ready to share their passion for their country with you.

▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.
Delight in magical holiday markets in three countries on this first-class river cruise!

Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.

AHI Travel’s mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

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- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.