

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Holiday Markets

The Festive Rhine River Basel to Düsseldorf

Inspiring Moments

- Stroll through **magical Holiday Markets**, soaking up the festive music, fragrant aromas and enchanting ambience.
- Discover **Strasbourg's** historic heart and storybook Alsatian ambience.
- Delight in **Freiburg's** medieval charm, Gothic cathedral and Christkindmarkt.
- Relish an exclusive **musical performance** in Heidelberg's romantic old town.
- Cruise the stunning Rhine Gorge past enchanting villages, clifftop castles and the **legendary Loreley Rock**.
- Witness **Kölner Dom's** soaring spires and the majestic **Heidelberg Castle**.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Top: Cologne market | Above: Traditional gingerbread



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🛫
- Day 2** Arrive in Zürich and transfer ➡ to the ship in Basel
- Day 3** Breisach | Freiburg | Riquewahr • Colmar
- Day 4** Strasbourg
- Day 5** Mannheim | Heidelberg
- Day 6** Rudesheim | Rhine Gorge
- Day 7** Cologne
- Day 8** Düsseldorf • Aachen | Düsseldorf
- Day 9** Disembark ship | Transfer ➡ to airport and depart for gateway city 🛫

Flights 🛫 and transfers ➡ provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Cara.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and 🌍 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- 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 Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Musical Performance.

Attend an exclusive musical performance at the elegant Palais Prinz Carl. A professional trio will entertain you with a delightful mix of holiday songs, contemporary pieces and arias as you relax and enjoy refreshments.

Europe's Holiday Markets. Step back in time to storybook wooden villages decked with pine garlands, twinkling lights and red ribbons. Holiday music and enticing aromas of roasted chestnuts and mulled wine float through the air, fires crackle, and artisans display handmade ornaments, wooden toys and traditional sweets such as marzipan.

Freiburg Tour. Witness stunning scenery en route to this vibrant university city. On a guided stroll of the old town, admire the Gothic red-sandstone cathedral and the striking facade of the Historical Department Store, circa 1520. Meander through one of Germany's most beautiful Christkindmarkts.

Heidelberg Castle & Town. Step inside the red sandstone walls of this hillside castle to marvel at the immense, 18th-century wine cask and breathtaking panoramic views of the town and the Neckar River Valley. Stroll the charming old town with your guide and relish traditional German dishes for lunch.

Rhine Gorge. Glide past the Rhine's most beautiful scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, passing fairy-tale villages, ancient castles and the legendary Loreley Rock.

Glühwein Party. Savor this warm, spiced wine, a wintertime favorite, aboard the ship.

Cologne & Kölner Dom. Take a guided walk in this medieval city along cobblestone lanes and visit the majestic Kölner Dom, a towering Gothic cathedral with soaring twin spires and stunning stained-glass windows. Relish some free time at the holiday market.

PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

Breisach

- Riquewahr Tour & Wines of the Alsace
- Colmar's Alsatian Holiday Markets

Strasbourg

- Strasbourg Panoramic & Walking Tour
- Strasbourg Culinary Walk & Tasting

Rüdesheim

- Rüdesheim Tram Ride & Music Museum
- Abbey Visit & Rhine Wine Tasting



Heidelberg

Düsseldorf

- Düsseldorf City Tour
- Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne

Enrichment

- German Holiday Traditions
- Castles & Legends of the Rhine

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Strasbourg, Grande-Île**, France
2. **Upper Middle Rhine Valley**, Germany
3. **Cologne Cathedral**, Germany
4. **Aachen Cathedral**, Germany

Accommodations

MS Amadeus Cara

82-cabin River Cruise Ship
Ship's registry: Germany

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel Consultants | Assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators | Help with everything from flights to special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

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| Interlaken | 2 Nights | Pre-Trip |
| Mainz | 3 Nights | Post-Trip |

(At an additional cost. See website for details.)



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