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Dear Smithsonian Traveler,

No place evokes the romance of Europe like the Rhine, a river steeped in history and legend. From its source high in the Swiss Alps to its delta that runs into the North Sea, the Rhine traces a course past castles, picturesque villages, terraced vineyards, and soaring Gothic cathedrals.

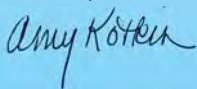
We invite you on a journey along the storied Rhine and into the heart of the Swiss Alps on a unique combination of river and rail travel. Travel overland through Switzerland to the resorts of Zermatt and Lucerne and spend four days exploring the majestic Alps. During the course of three spectacular rail journeys, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland and view the pinnacle of the Matterhorn.

Then, on a cruise from Basel to Amsterdam aboard the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS, you'll walk where Roman legionaries once marched, stand before the twin spires of Cologne Cathedral, and relax in a streetside café over a refreshing glass of Riesling.

Our Smithsonian study leader John Sweets and enrichment lecturers from cosponsoring organizations will present a comprehensive lecture series to enhance your experience.

We look forward to having you join with travelers from University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, MIT and the College of William & Mary on what promises to be a fascinating tour through the heart of Europe.

Sincerely,



Amy Kotkin
Director

OUR SMITHSONIAN EXPERT John Sweets

During his 40-year academic career devoted to teaching, research and writing about 19th- and 20th-century Europe, John Sweets has traveled extensively in



France, Italy, Germany and Poland. The focus of his teaching, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels centered on German and French history and his numerous publications concentrate on the French Resistance, Nazi Occupation, and the Holocaust in Europe during World War II. Professor Sweets received his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1972 and taught for most of his career at the University of Kansas, while also receiving various research and teaching fellowships and intermittent teaching appointments at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Army's School of International Studies in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, the Université de Franche-Comté in Besançon, France, and the University College of Dublin, Ireland. He lives in Asheville, North Carolina.

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Rhineland
Coat of Arms

U.S./Geneva, Switzerland/Zermatt Sunday and Monday, June 15 and 16

Depart the U.S. for Geneva.

Following your morning arrival, enjoy a scenic motorcoach transfer to the Alpine resort of Zermatt, dramatically located beneath the pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX and join your travel companions for dinner. (D)

Zermatt

Tuesday, June 17

Today, travel aboard the famous *Gornergrat Bahn*, the highest cog railway in Europe. Ascend through forests of pine and larch and cross meadows ablaze with wildflowers to the 10,000-foot-high Gornergrat. From the observatory atop the Gornergrat, look out over sweeping vistas of Europe's most breathtaking Alpine scenery—the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and Dufourspitze mountains and vast Gorner Glacier. Return to Zermatt at your leisure, with the option to stop en route at Riffelberg for the panoramic view of Monte Rosa and the majestic Matterhorn. Enjoy the Welcome Reception and dinner in the hotel this evening. (B,R,D)

Zermatt/Andermatt/Lucerne Wednesday, June 18

Relax during a scenic transfer from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the fabled *Glacier Express*, “the world’s slowest fast train.” Travel through the heart of the Alps, where the natural beauty of the mountains rivals the skill and ingenuity of the engineers who created this rail route across Europe’s most challenging terrain—requiring the construction of 291 bridges and 91 tunnels. Lunch is included in Andermatt before transferring to Lucerne.

Arrive in Lucerne and check into the lakeside, deluxe HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUCERNE. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Lucerne

Thursday, June 19

A long-favored destination of travelers, Lucerne is set against the backdrop of its deep blue lake and the rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi. Begin your morning walking tour in the Weinmarkt (wine market), surrounded by historic burghers’ houses. See the Hofkirche (Court Church), one of the finest examples of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Walk across Lucerne’s most famous landmark, the delightful, 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, which spans the Reuss River and is adorned with 17th-century paintings.

Ascend Mount Pilatus by panoramic gondola to its 7,000-foot summit for a magnificent 360-degree panorama of central Switzerland’s mountains, peaks, forests and lakes. Enjoy lunch in a summit restaurant followed by free time. Board the *Pilatus Railway*, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, then descend more than 5,300 feet in less than three miles on return to the shores of Lake Lucerne, where you will enjoy a scenic lake cruise. (B,L)

Lucerne/Interlaken/ Berne/Basel Friday, June 20

After breakfast in the hotel, continue on through one of the most beautiful areas of Switzerland, the spectacular Bernese Oberland, traveling from the snow-crowned heights of the Alps to subtropical lowlands. Admire its impressive natural treasures, including soaring jagged peaks, rolling green hills, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.

Cover photo: *View the Matterhorn from the top of the highest cog railway in Europe, the Gornergrat Bahn.*

Photo this page: *Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of Germany’s legendary Rhine Valley.*





Half-timbered houses in Strasbourg's Petite-France quarter reflect the city's dual French and German character.

Stop in the charming resort town of Interlaken, located between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. Here, you will find the perfect vantage point for admiring the towering Jungfrau, an imposing summit in the Bernese Alps known as the “Top of Europe.”

Transfer across the rolling Swiss countryside to Berne, Switzerland's historic capital, and visit the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and beautifully preserved medieval gem noted for its arcaded sidewalks. Have lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

In Basel, embark the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS and join fellow participants this evening for the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Strasbourg, France Saturday, June 21

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses the Old and New Europe. The Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a treasure trove of medieval houses, and the charming Ponts-Couverts, covered bridges flanked by watchtowers at each end, span the picturesque canals. It was in

Visit Berne's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the Berne Minster, a Gothic-style Swiss Reformed cathedral with the tallest church tower in Switzerland at 330 feet.



Strasbourg that John Calvin first established a reformed parish. See remnants of the Reformation in the beautiful Protestant and Catholic Church of St-Pierre-le-Vieux; and see the graceful sandstone Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

In the Petite-France district, the historic millers', tanners' and fishermen's quarter along the Ill River, the fairy-tale look of a past era lives on, while nearby, 27 nations engage in the daily discourse of the European Union Parliament.

Enjoy lunch aboard ship. The afternoon is free for independent pursuits. (B,L,D)

Mannheim, Germany for Heidelberg Sunday, June 22

This morning, from Mannheim, transfer to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, Germany's oldest, founded in 1386.



Cruise beautiful Lake Lucerne and enjoy picturesque views of its fjord-like landscape, Mounts Pilatus and Rigi in the distance and its four surrounding cantons of Lucerne, Schwyz, Unterwalden and Uri.

To many on the “Grand Tour” of Europe, fashionable in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of German Romanticism. Heidelberg has preserved its authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, including the eight remaining arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge) that span the Neckar River. Visit imposing Heidelberg Castle, a magnificent, 13th-century edifice perched above the river. The stately ruins preserve Heidelberg’s links to its medieval past.

Reboard the ship and cruise through the Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, known particularly for its Riesling. (B,L,D)

Rüdesheim/Koblenz **Monday, June 23**

Go ashore in the medieval town of Rüdesheim, the heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the unique Winzerexpress mini-train, traveling through bucolic countryside vineyards and passing historic castles, followed by a private tasting of German wines.

Cruise through the spectacular Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, legendary for its scenery and riverside architectural treasures. Be on deck for a front row view of the steep terraced vineyards rising on the slopes of the riverbanks. With each bend in the river, a medieval castle crowns the crags and a tranquil village nestles along its banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Dock this afternoon in Koblenz, where Germany’s Roman past dates to nine B.C., during the reign of Augustus Caesar, when it was strategically established at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. From the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), enjoy a view of the impressive 19th-century

fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, once the residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier. The twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, features the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture. (B,L,D)

Cologne **Tuesday, June 24**

One of Germany’s most ancient cities, Cologne was founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C. From the time of Charlemagne to present day, it has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center and is the birthplace of the original world-famous Eau De Cologne perfume. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the historic Kölner Dom (cathedral), a UNESCO World Heritage site and the finest example of High Gothic architecture in Germany; construction began on the cathedral in 1248 and lasted for six centuries. Among its artistic treasures are the *Milan Madonna* and the *Shrine of the Three Holy Kings*.

Enjoy the afternoon while cruising along the picturesque Rhine River. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Dinner. (B,L,D)

Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.





M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS

The elegance and romance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS, which set new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a floating Five-Star hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 80 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Staterooms (from 161 square feet) and Suites (up to 236 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railing). Each has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower (Suites have bathtub with shower), individual climate control, satellite telephone and television, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Live piano music is played during afternoon tea, and complimentary wine is served with dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, Library, Beauty Salon, Boutique, Fitness Studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes, and Sun Deck with outdoor dipping pool, golf putting green and walking track. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary Quietvox audio system available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the "Green Globe Certification" of environmental conservation.



Cabin Category 2



Panorama Restaurant

Amsterdam, The Netherlands/U.S. Wednesday, June 25

Following breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on the Amsterdam Post-Program or depart for the U.S. (B)

Amsterdam Post-Program Option

The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site and is the perfect conclusion to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to the quaint port towns of Edam and Hoorn. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe RENAISSANCE AMSTERDAM HOTEL.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amsterdam's charming bridges and picturesque canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.



What is Included

- ◆ Expertise of a Study Leader, Travel Directors and local guides throughout the tour
- ◆ All accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- ◆ Five-night cruise aboard the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS
- ◆ Meals, including special Welcome and Farewell Receptions, as noted in the itinerary
- ◆ Complimentary wine served with dinner while aboard ship
- ◆ All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary
- ◆ Pre-tour information including a reading list
- ◆ Gratuities to guides and drivers
- ◆ All on-tour transportation unless otherwise noted
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$50,000) and access to emergency assistance service

What is Not Included

- ◆ Taxes and passport fees
- ◆ Personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la-carte orders, meals, other than specified
- ◆ Gratuities to ship and hotel staff
- ◆ Expenses incurred by our tour operators in making travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour
- ◆ Airfare and air and departure taxes
- ◆ Other items not specifically mentioned as included

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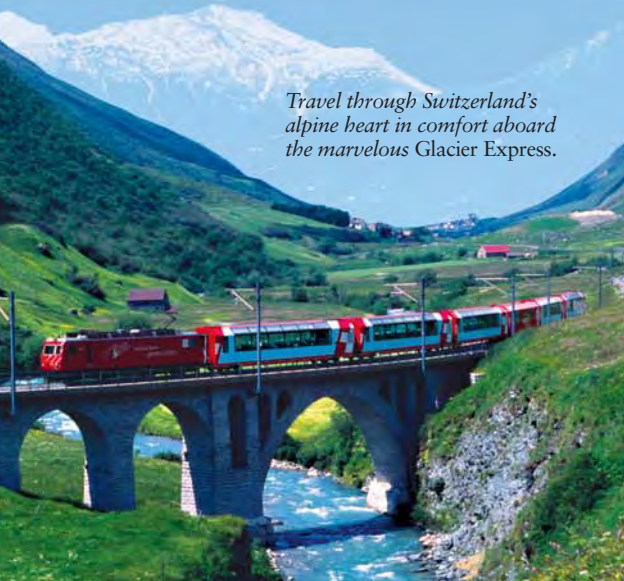
of the **SWISS ALPS**

Awesome. Breathtaking. Dynamic. Superlatives that describe not only Switzerland's majestic 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers, but also three of the world's great cogwheel railways—the panoramic *Glacier Express*, the scenic *Gornergrat Bahn* and the dramatic *Pilatus Railway*—and the ingenuity and engineering achievements it took to create them. Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of these magnificent railways as you experience the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible, up-close perspectives.

The *Gornergrat Bahn* is Switzerland's oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb 4,868 feet from Zermatt to the lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for stunning views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the robin's-egg blue waters of mountain lakes. Lucerne's *Pilatus Railway*, completed in 1889, offers breathtaking bird's-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the shores of Lake Lucerne to the summit of Mount Pilatus. Its vertical ascent of 5,364 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat, however, required greater skill and determination than the laying of the track for the *Glacier Express* in 1930 across the spine of the towering Alps. Enjoy this spectacular and leisurely journey showcasing unmatched views of the Swiss countryside: weathered chalets and mountainside farming hamlets, picturesque trails dotted with hikers, livestock grazing on green grasses, and ice-blue snow-capped mountains. A true engineering marvel, the railway penetrates the mountain barrier separating the cantons of Valais and Uri through the nine-and-one-half-mile-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that span the tumbling headwaters of the rivers Rhine and Rhône.

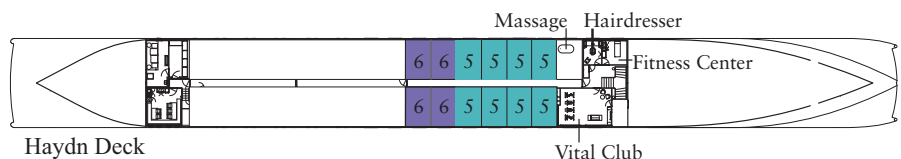
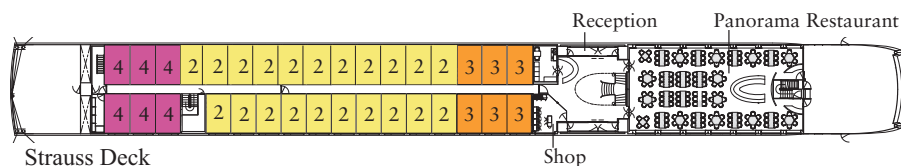
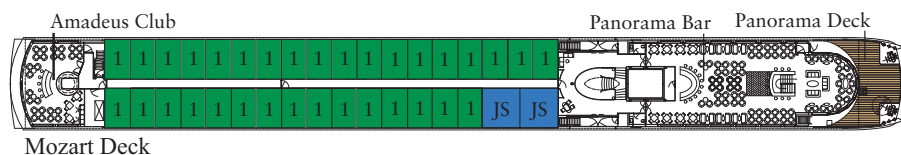
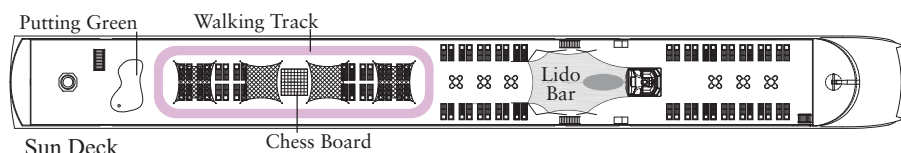
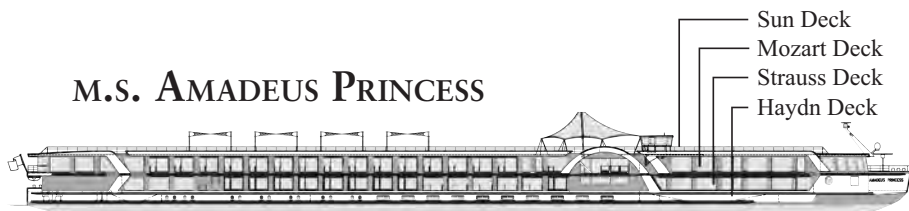
Travel through Switzerland's alpine heart in comfort aboard the marvelous Glacier Express.



GREAT EUROPEAN JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience some of the world's best rail journeys on the *Glacier Express*, *Gornergrat Bahn* and *Pilatus Railway*.
- Visits to four UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Strasbourg, Cologne, Berne and a cruise through the Rhine River Valley.
- Four nights in charming alpine hotels followed by a five-night cruise aboard the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS.
- "Winzerexpress" tour of the charming medieval town of Rudesheim in the heart of the stunning Rhine River Valley, including a private wine tasting.

M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS



LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

Stateroom Category*	Description- All Staterooms are outside with two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed, private bathroom with shower, air conditioning, sitting area, radio, television, safe, writing desk and hair dryer.	Early Booking Price through January 10, 2014	Regular Price after January 10, 2014
6	Small window. Haydn Deck, aft. (limited availability)	\$3,995	\$4,995
5	Small window. Haydn Deck, forward.	\$4,595	\$5,595
4	French balcony (nearly floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). Strauss Deck, aft.	\$5,195	\$6,195
3	French balcony (nearly floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). Strauss Deck, forward.	\$5,395	\$6,395
2	French balcony (nearly floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). Strauss Deck, midship.	\$5,995	\$6,995
1	French balcony (nearly floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). Mozart Deck.	\$6,495	\$7,495
Junior Suites	French balcony (nearly floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing), bathtub, large sitting area with sofa bed and minibar. Mozart Deck.	\$7,095	\$8,095

◆ Singles are available in category 2 at \$9,395 and in category 1 at \$10,095 on or before January 10, 2014. Add \$1,000 for reservations made after January 10, 2014.

◆ Taxes are an additional \$250 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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