

Buffalo Retired Teachers Association presents...

Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers

September 14 – 22, 2025



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9 Days • 20 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Amsterdam, 7-Night River Cruise, Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Cologne, Bernkastel, Wine Tasting, Cochem, Lorelei Passage, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 8 MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, September 14, 2025 Overnight Flight

Discover a dramatic waterway where winding valleys give way to riverside cities and Alpine hamlets. Venture along the Rhine and Moselle and spend time in beloved European cities, getting a taste of the local culture in each stop along the way.

Day 2: Monday, September 15, 2025 Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship

Your tour opens in Amsterdam, a city of narrow canals and stone bridges, where you will board your ship.* Your home for the next seven nights, this ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner.

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Day 3: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Amsterdam

Embark on a tour of Amsterdam with a local expert before seeing the city from a different perspective, voyaging along the city's centuries-old canal system. Sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. Afterward, travel by coach to rejoin your ship downriver. This evening, relax as your ship departs the Netherlands and makes its way to Germany.

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Day 4: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Cologne, Germany

As the sun rises, glide along the Rhine River and pass through the picturesque German landscapes dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne, where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Gothic Old Town. Wander along cobblestone streets and admire the Cologne Cathedral, the Roman Dionysus mosaic, and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. Top off this walking tour with a tasting of Cologne's famous Kölsch beer.

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Day 5: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Zell - Bernkastel

Experience the Moselle Valley, starting in the over 2,000-year-old town of Zell. Board a coach and enjoy the views of the beautiful wine-lined landscapes on your way to Bernkastel in the heart of the Moselle wine region. Visit a wine cellar where a local winemaker will introduce you to their culture while you enjoy a tasting of Moselle wines. Then return to your ship in Zell for dinner on board this evening.

Day 6: Friday, September 19, 2025 Cochem - Alken - Rhine River - Lorelei Passage

Start your morning in Cochem, a storybook town overlooking the water. Embark on a guided tour through the town and into Reichsburg Castle, a fortress perched high upon a hill with a stunning view of Cochem and the Moselle Valley below. You'll rejoin your ship in Alken to spend a scenic afternoon sailing along the Rhine and through the Lorelei Passage, the river's narrowest point named for a storied siren.

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MS Amadeus Brilliant - Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,018; Single \$5,548;
MS Amadeus Brilliant - Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,718; Single \$6,948;
MS Amadeus Brilliant - Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$5,418; Single \$8,348;
MS Amadeus Brilliant - Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$7,518; Single \$12,048;

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Greater Buffalo Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

Please call if interested in alternate gateways

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first serve basis.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 7: Saturday, September 20, 2025 Mannheim - Speyer The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore this German city and its parks on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Heidelberg, an ancient city of Renaissance buildings and castle ramparts. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities where **it's your choice!** Get to know Speyer on a walking tour where you will trace the story of Speyer's Jewish community from the year 1084 to today, visiting significant UNESCO sites and the modern Beith Shalom synagogue **-OR-** follow guides in historical garb on a journey back in time to discover the everyday lives of citizens in the Middle Ages. End your day at the Captain's Gala Dinner – a lively celebration of food, music and entertainment. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sunday, September 21, 2025 Strasbourg, France Cross the French border and experience Strasbourg, a fairytale town that blends centuries of international influences to create its own unique culture. On a guided walking tour through the old quarter, *Petite France*, and a canal cruise, take in the iconic timber-framed houses, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and Place de la République. Make the most of some free time to explore this perfectly preserved town. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of a fabulous journey at your farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Monday, September 22, 2025 Basel, Switzerland - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends Wish the river valleys goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It! The Rhine River

To know the Rhine River is to know Europe. Running from the Swiss Alps through Germany, this vital waterway eventually flows into the North Sea. Historically important and visually stunning, the Rhine provides the perfect "highway" from which to explore the heart of the Old World. From your cruise ship, you will see fairy-tale castles, endless vineyards and ancient cities. Legendary landmarks like Lorelei Rock, which soars high above the river, complete a perfect picture. Travel from Amsterdam, the Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland in style. Along the way, you gain a new perspective that only a river and land travel experience can offer.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213379>

PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Cabins are available on lower (Haydn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of reservation; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites are available (Amadeus Suites) on a very limited basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for ladies and jacket and tie for gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the trip.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

*Depending on your arrival time in Amsterdam, you may have free time to explore Amsterdam on your own prior to embarkation.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities. In Cochem, the included walking tour is approximately 3 hours in duration. There is adequate walking required to cross the bridge into town, and expect to navigate through cobblestone



streets on your way to Reichsburg Castle. In order to access the castle, there's a ramp to walk up; there are no elevators available. In Mannheim, depending on the docking position, ship may not be docked within walking distance to the old city.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Embarkation on day 2 is after 3:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 08, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 17, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 15, 2024.

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For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213379>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Buffalo Retired Teachers Association. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1213379 TOUR: Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers
 DEPARTURE DATE: September 14, 2025 GROUP NAME: Buffalo Retired Teachers Association

Name of Passenger:
 Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
 (Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: _____
 (Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

Cardholder Address: _____
 (as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: _____

Credit Card Type: ___American Express ___Discover ___MasterCard ___Visa

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Amount to be charged: \$ _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information **MUST** be provided. Thank you for your cooperation!
 If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

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 Attn: Russ Gervasi
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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Heidelberg

Heidelberg Excursion – Sep 20, 2025

\$85 USD

Today you travel from Mannheim to the romantic and picturesque city of Heidelberg, home to the world-famous university of the same name. You will enjoy a comprehensive tour of this ancient city situated along the banks of the river Neckar, including a visit to Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures remaining in Europe. Enjoy stunning views of the town and countryside from the castle ramparts. Your tour includes stops at key historical and cultural sights of the city, followed by free time to enjoy the area on your own. You will return to the ship by coach. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased from your Tour Manager. Due to the nature of this option, once purchased it will be nonrefundable.

Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Heidelberg Excursion <i>This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased from your Tour Manager. Due to the nature of this option, once purchased it will be nonrefundable.</i>	85.00

Please make checks payable to Collette and send to:

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

CABIN PREFERENCE:

Please Number Your Choices from 1 to 4. (1 being your top choice)

() MS Amadeus Brilliant - Lower Outside () MS Amadeus Brilliant - Middle Outside () MS Amadeus Brilliant - Suite () MS Amadeus Brilliant - Upper Outside

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Cardholder Phone: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
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SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date: _____

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