The Great Journey through Europe

The Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II
featuring the
GLACIER Express

June 24 to July 4, 2017
Dear Villanova Traveler,

Join us on this Great Journey through Europe, the trip of a lifetime and an opportunity to retrace the traditional 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century “Grand Tour.” Travel through four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley, passing the lush vineyards of its Rheingau wine region on the river’s bank, and through Holland’s picturesque waterways, surrounded by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Experience three of the world’s great railway journeys and visit four important UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II, launched in 2015, provides our elegant accommodations en route from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland. Port calls along the way include Cologne, Koblenz, Rüdesheim and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany, and the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France, a fusion of both French and German cultures.

From Basel, disembark and journey overland through the verdant, picturesque countryside of Switzerland. Stop in the medieval gem of Berne and in scenic Interlaken in the foothills of the magnificent Bernese Oberland Alps. In Zermatt, marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the country’s oldest cog railway. Then, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland aboard the celebrated, ingeniously engineered Glacier Express railway, and spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN, where glorious Alpine panoramas surround you.

This extraordinary Great Journey through Europe travel program is an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. Early Booking Savings are available only through November 16, 2016, so book now as space is limited and this popular program sells out quickly!

For additional information, please feel free to contact our Alumni Association Travel Coordinator, Pat Gillin, at 1-800-Villanova (1-800-845-5266) or patricia.gillin@villanova.edu.

Best regards,

George R. Kolb ’84
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
U.S./Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam. On arrival, enjoy a private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canals, lined with distinctly Dutch 16th- and 17th-century grachtenpanden (canal houses). Then, embark the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II.
This evening, join your travel companions for the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner.

Cologne, Germany
Day 3
Enjoy a leisurely morning on board cruising along the picturesque Rhine River to Cologne, one of Germany’s most ancient cities. Founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C., Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center from the time of Charlemagne to present day, and is the birthplace of the original world-famous Eau de Cologne perfume. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the historic Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), a UNESCO World Heritage site and the finest example of High Gothic architecture in Germany. Its construction began in 1248 and lasted for six centuries—among its artistic treasures are the Milan Madonna and the Shrine of the Three Holy Kings.

Koblenz/Rüdesheim
Day 4
Go ashore in the picturesque city of Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers and where Germany’s Roman past dates to nine B.C., during the reign of Augustus Caesar.

From the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the impressive 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein—once the residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier—across the Rhine River, and explore this historic city during a walking tour. The twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, features the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

Cruise through the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine River Valley, 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 nearly each bend in the river, a medieval castle crowns the crags and a tranquil village emerges along its banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Dock 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 en route to a private tasting of German wines.

Reboard the ship and cruise through the pastoral Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, known particularly for its Riesling.

Mannheim for Heidelberg
Day 5
This morning, transfer from Mannheim to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, the oldest in Germany, founded in 1386.

Cover photo: View the unforgettable peaks of the iconic Matterhorn from the top of the highest cog railway in Europe, the world-renowned Gornergrat Bahn.
Photo this page: Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of Germany’s legendary UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley.
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. On the walking tour, see how 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 the stately ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle, a magnificent, 13th-century edifice perched above the river that embodies Heidelberg’s medieval past.

Strasbourg, France
Day 6
The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses 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 its picturesque canals.

It was in 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 miller, tanner and fishermen’s quarter along the Ill River, the fairy-tale appearance of a past era lives on, while nearby, member nations of the European Union engage in the daily discourse of the European Parliament.

On board the ship this evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Basel, Switzerland/Berne/Interlaken/Zermatt
Day 7
Early this morning, disembark in Basel and transfer across the rolling Swiss countryside to Berne, Switzerland’s historic capital. Visit the city’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the medieval Zytglogge, the 13th-century tower with an ornate 15th-century astrological clock.

Visit Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and beautifully preserved medieval gem noted for its arcaded sidewalks. Then, enjoy lunch in a historic, 18th-century High Baroque-style granary converted into a traditional Bernese restaurant.

Continue your journey through one of the most stunning areas of Switzerland, the spectacular Bernese Oberland, traveling from subtropical lowlands to the snow-crowned heights of the Alps. Admire the impressive natural treasures of soaring, snowcapped mountain peaks; green, rolling hills; crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.

Stop in the charming resort town of Interlaken, located between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. Here, you will find the perfect vantage point for viewing the towering Jungfrau, an imposing summit in the Bernese Alps known as the “Top of Europe.”
Then, enjoy a scenic transfer to the Alpine resort of Zermatt, located beneath the dramatic pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX. This evening, dine in the hotel’s handsome, traditional Swiss restaurant.

**Zermatt**

**Day 8**

Today, travel aboard the famous Gornergrat Bahn, the highest cog railway in Europe. Ascend through pine and larch forests and cross meadows ablaze with wildflowers to the 10,000-foot-high Gornergrat. From the observatory atop Gornergrat, delight in the 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 impressive Monte Rosa and the majestic Matterhorn. Dinner is in the hotel this evening.

**Zermatt/Andermatt/Lucerne**

**Day 9**

Relax during a scenic morning 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 impressive rail route. Enjoy lunch in Andermatt before transferring to Lucerne and checking-in at the lakeside Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

**Lucerne**

**Day 10**

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.

Cruise tranquil Lake Lucerne at the foot of Mount Pilatus and enjoy picturesque views of its fjord-like landscape and the four surrounding cantons of Lucerne, Schwyz, Unterwalden and Uri.

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 7000-foot summit for a magnificent 360-degree view of central Switzerland’s mountains, forests and lakes. Enjoy lunch in a summit restaurant followed by free time. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, and descend more than 5300 feet in less than three miles on return to the shores of picturesque Lake Lucerne, where you will embark upon a scenic cruise. The Farewell Reception is in the hotel this evening.

**Lucerne/Zurich/U.S.**

**Day 11**

Following breakfast, transfer to Zurich for your return flight to the U.S.

Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.
The Golden Age of Amsterdam
Pre-Program Option

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

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

Amsterdam’s charming bridges and picturesque, UNESCO-designated canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.

Deluxe m.s. AMADEUS SILVER II

The meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II, launched in 2015, sets new standards in ship design and technology and features the comforts of a deluxe floating hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 84 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (284 square feet) and Staterooms (from 188 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a unique floor-to-ceiling panoramic window whose upper half can automatically lower to create a French balcony. Junior Suites feature a private balcony and an interior sitting area. Each Suite and Stateroom has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, walk-in closet, satellite telephone and television, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant featuring floor-to-ceiling windows and include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes. The Sun Deck has a chess board and shuffle board. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset, available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. The ship has an elevator serving all passenger decks except the Sun Deck, and laundry service is available. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.
Included Features
◆ Ten-day program, including a five-night Rhine River cruise and four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring three of the world's great train journeys.

In Amsterdam
◆ Private cruise along the city's picturesquely beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-designated canals.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II
◆ Five-night cruise from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland, with port calls at Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany; and Strasbourg, France.
◆ Air-conditioned, river-view Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings— early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack— featuring fine continental cuisine.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Farewell Dinner.
◆ Cologne walking tour, including a visit to the magnificent Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Koblenz including the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.
◆ Cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley's scenic Lorelei Passage.
◆ Visit to the medieval town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the celebrated Rheingau, featuring a private tasting of local wines.
◆ Excursion to Heidelberg's 13th-century hilltop castle ruins.
◆ Walking tour of Strasbourg's historic Grande Île (Grand Island) city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Scenic transfer from Basel to Zermatt, with a stop en route in Switzerland's historic capital of Berne for a tour of its Old Town, with lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant, followed by a stop in the idyllic village of Interlaken.

In Zermatt
◆ Two nights in the delightful chalet-style HOTEL ALEX, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Two dinners with Swiss Rhône Valley wine in the hotel.
◆ Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, for breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.
◆ Experience one of the great rail journeys of the world from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the legendary Glacier Express, followed by lunch and a scenic transfer from Andermatt to Lucerne.

In Lucerne
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUZERN, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Walking tour of historic, 12th-century Lucerne.
◆ Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and the dramatic descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel train.
◆ Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.
◆ Farewell Reception.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom during the cruise and on excursions.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant while on guided excursions.
◆ Hospitality desks in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
LEGENDARY RAILWAYS

of the SWISS ALPS

Magnificent. Dynamic. Awe-inspiring. These are 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 impressive 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 nearly 5000 feet from Zermatt to lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for stunning views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the robin’s-egg blue waters of glacial mountain lakes.

Lucerne’s Pilatus Railway offers breathtaking bird’s-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the summit of Mount Pilatus to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Its vertical descent of nearly 5400 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat required greater skill and determination than the laying of the track for the Glacier Express (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, glacial waterfalls and snowcapped 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 Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel through Switzerland’s dazzling Alpine heart in absolute comfort aboard the marvelous and celebrated Glacier Express.
Singles are available in category 5 at $8895* and in category 2 at $10595* on or before November 16, 2016.

For further information, call the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088, or call Pat Gillin in the Villanova Alumni Office at (800)-VILLANOVA or 610-519-4580.

THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE RESERVATION FORM

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

1st Choice ____ 2nd Choice ____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Program Option

- Double at $870 per person.
- Single at $1270 per person.

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I/We want you to book my/our air from __________________________________________________________________________________________

Tour No. 052-06/24/17-219

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________________________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________________________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number ___________ Exp. Date ____________

Signature as it appears on credit card

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