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River Cruises 2012

*Danube · Rhine Main Moselle · Rhône Saône
Dutch & Belgian waterways*

Special voyages of discovery!



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Dear AMADEUS guests,

A warm welcome to a new year of river cruising with the AMADEUS fleet!
Yet again our "River Cruises 2012" brochure presents you with a varied programme of classical voyages and exciting new ideas, allowing you to discover Europe's cultural treasures and natural beauties along the rivers that criss-cross this continent so steeped in history.

An absolute 2012 highlight is the 8-day "Tulip Cruise" along the Dutch and Belgian waterways, including a visit to the famous FLORIADE World Horticultural Expo. With its impressive landscaping, enchanting mass flower displays and cultural programme of music, dance, literature and theatre from all over the world, Floriade is truly fascinating.
Our programme again features popular **Theme Cruises**. Next year lovers of **classical music** will have a total of four departures of Danube and Rhine cruises with selected opera programmes and musical entertainment aboard, while our winter cruises for **Advent, Christmas and the New Year** offer warmly entertaining holidays at the coldest time of the year.

We hope you will take great pleasure in reading our new "River Cruises 2012" brochure.

Welcome aboard!

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Welcome aboard

Our aim is and always has been to take you on memorable voyages of discovery on Europe's most beautiful waterways with our AMADEUS fleet of cruisers. As river cruising specialists with decades of experience we therefore set particular store by our tried and tested **AMADEUS Philosophy**.

You'll find out for yourself that a holiday on one of our AMADEUS vessels is probably the most comfortable way of all to travel. You'll appreciate the balance between gaining new experiences and relaxing completely – and with us your holiday will be in the best possible hands.



Amadeus - our points of distinction:

- Travel orientated to culture and environmental awareness combined with **Austrian hospitality**, superb service and high quality standards.
- **Exclusive furnishings and equipment** on all AMADEUS vessels with particular attention paid to modern elegance, the generous use of space and the cultivation of a calm, happy atmosphere.
- **Austria's fine gourmet dining**, with table-service menus and top quality fresh, regional produce. We provide a substantial **breakfast buffet** and offer several **à la carte** courses for lunch and dinner served at the table, with a **light lunch** alternative consisting of selected delicacies. Included at dinner on board are appropriate **high-quality regional wines**.
- Experienced tour managers on board and experienced guides ashore, coupled with ingenious use of our cable-free **AMADEUS audio system** on all the excursions, enable you to absorb everything you see in a relaxed and individual way.
- Warm atmosphere: As a **family-directed company**, our concern is the well-being of each and every guest. So, together with our committed crews, we make sure that your river cruise is both relaxing and rich in new experiences, so that you can focus, simultaneously, on having a good time and having a good rest.



Your boutique hotel afloat

Arrive, unpack, and off we go – on an AMADEUS cruiser the travelling and the accommodation merge into a single experience.

The river you see from your window takes you to more and more new places, revealing charming landscapes and unfolding unforgettable views, while you just sit back - travelling, yes, but in total relaxation.

The elegant comforts and personal service aboard turn your AMADEUS ship into an oasis of calm and inspiration. The bright, spacious cabins are all on the outside and you have unrestricted views of the river and scenery through the wide, openable glass fronts that extend across the whole cabin width. Experience the sheer ease of river travel, which enables us all to be going somewhere else in a wonderfully relaxed way while staying put!



Culinary temptations

We set out to indulge and enthuse you through the quality, skill, friendliness and good service we provide in our wonderfully bright Panorama-Restaurant. On each cruise our master chef and his team take their inspiration for creative new ideas from the culture and produce of each country we pass through, thus taking everyone's palate on voyage of discovery as well.



Your day on an AMADEUS vessel begins with a substantial breakfast buffet consisting of high quality products and fresh ingredients. For lunch you may enjoy selected **buffet specialities** in the Panorama-Restaurant or **light lunch** in the AMADEUS Salon. The culinary highlight of your days on the river is dinner every evening, which consists of well-composed **menus** and fresh delicacies typical of the countries you are passing through.

For the AMADEUS brand also stands for our promise to tempt people's palates with a mixture of modern "**cuisine vitale**" and classical cooking, on top of which we recommend and serve **selected wines** from regional and international wine-growing areas.



*The day
belongs to you*

There are many new favourite corners to find on your AMADEUS cruiser:

Regardless of whether you lurk in the AMADEUS Club with a good book appreciating the scenery floating slowly past, or play a game of chess or shuffle-board with fellow-travellers on the sun deck, or just soak up the sun in a deck chair - your river cruise simply offers a perfect mixture of inspiring liveliness, individual freedom and good spirits.

Relax completely, matching the idyllic slow-motion pace of a river cruise; and, if you like, find a new level of mental and physical harmony by visiting our Vital Club. Taking place there are invigorating morning exercise groups, fitness training sessions on modern gym equipment at any time, a well-deserved massage after your shore excursion or a visit to the ship's hairdresser - **whatever you do, we guarantee you'll feel better for it.**



Top level service



Each of our AMADEUS ships has its own character just waiting for you to appreciate it. Each one has many details making up its own individual personality, all of which add up to a lovingly created atmosphere unique to that particular ship within the AMADEUS fleet.

First and foremost, though, comes our conscientious crew – dedicated to making your cruise a memorable experience. Day after day they will all be providing you with attentive and unobtrusive Austrian hospitality and doing all they can to create an especially good mood on board, so that you can concentrate on the most important part of your trip, namely enjoying one happy “river hour” after another.





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A source of inspiration

While the riverbanks keep on revealing constantly changing landscapes, there's always more waiting to be discovered ashore. The places we visit on land unfold for you many chapters in Europe's fascinating history, highlighting new and exciting facets of our western culture. You'll be delighted by the sheer variety of your impressions.

Quite simply you find out more with our tried and tested AMADEUS philosophy, which combines relaxing hours on the rivers with interesting day excursions into Europe's artistic and cultural worlds.

Such excursions may consist of seeing the most interesting and attractive sights of the historic centres of world-famous European cities, of wine-tasting at selected vineyards, or strolling through romantic villages or places of natural beauty; all of them will leave you with vivid impressions of history and nature, making your journey a memorable experience as a whole.

You can also enhance your river cruise experience by exploring the scenic landscape on your own with our complimentary bicycles. Find the right balance between cruising and exploration while cycling along the enchanting riversides of Rhine and Danube.

The really special attraction of a river cruise consists in meeting new people and making friends with whom you can share your pleasure in having chosen the same cruise and destinations. Resolve to share another varied day aboard the ship with friends and with fascinating lectures and fabulous food giving you greater understanding of the countries through which you are travelling and their peoples.



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On all our cruises we set great store by caring about and respecting not only other peoples and cultures, but also the landscapes and natural worlds through which we pass. We attach particular importance to plying up and down the beautiful natural arteries of our flourishing continent using its resources just as sparingly and sustainably as possible.

So we are proud to have received the “Green Certifications” ecological stamp of quality for our AMADEUS fleet. The world famous “Green Globe” certification body for sustainable tourism awards this distinction, for which not only do there have to be measures on board that demonstrably save energy and water, there also has to be an overall sense of responsibility about ecological matters pervading a company’s day-to-day operations.

Bearing this in mind and in collaboration with “atmosfair”, the climate protection organisation, we also offer our passengers an opportunity to make a small contribution to offsetting the effect of the cruise’s modest carbon dioxide emissions, so that we can all keep faith with our lovely green continent far into the future.



YOUR DESTINATIONS

WITH THE AMADEUS FLEET



Only river cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit historic landmarks, ancient castles, vibrant cities and charming, less travelled villages as you sail the world's most beautiful and picturesque waterways aboard the elegant and modern AMADEUS fleet - along Dutch and Belgian rivers, and up and down the Rhine, Main, Moselle, Danube, Rhône & Saône.

HOLLAND & BELGIUM

Tulip Cruise
8-day cruise Amsterdam-Arnhem-Maastricht-Antwerp-Ghent-Amsterdam

RHINE & MOSELLE

Classical Rhine
8-day cruise Amsterdam-Cologne-Koblenz-Strasbourg-Basel v.v.

RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

Three Rivers Cruise
8-day cruise Amsterdam-Cologne-Wuerzburg-Nuremberg & 3-day land program Prague v.v.

Across Europe
15-day cruise Amsterdam-Cologne-Nuremberg-Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest v.v.

DANUBE

Danube Rhapsody
8-day cruise Passau-Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest-Passau

Beautiful Blue Danube
15-day cruise Passau-Vienna-Budapest-Belgrade-Danube Delta-Bratislava-Passau

Prague & Danube
3-day land program Prague & 8-day cruise Nuremberg-Regensburg-Passau-Melk-Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest v.v.

Best of Europe
5-day land program Berlin-Dresden-Prague & 8-day cruise Nuremberg-Vienna-Budapest v.v.

RHÔNE & SAÔNE

French Savoir Vivre
8-day cruise Lyon-Chalon sur Saône-Avignon-Arles-Lyon

MUSIC CRUISES

Classical Music on the Rhine
8-day cruise Amsterdam-Cologne-Basel

Classical Music on the Danube
8-day cruise Passau-Budapest-Passau

WINTER CRUISES ON RHINE AND DANUBE

Magic of Advent
4-day cruise Frankfurt-Cologne-Frankfurt
5-day cruise Frankfurt-Strasbourg-Frankfurt
7-day cruise Vienna-Nuremberg or Nuremberg-Vienna

Christmas Cruise
7-day cruise Cologne-Strasbourg-Cologne
7-day cruise Passau-Bratislava-Passau
7-day cruise Vienna-Nuremberg

New Year's Eve Cruise
8-day cruise Cologne-Basel-Cologne
7-day cruise Passau-Budapest-Passau