THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE
The Netherlands/Germany/France/Switzerland
*Featuring the Glacier Express*
*Exclusively Chartered Deluxe Small River Ship* AMADEUS SILVER III
*July 5 - 15, 2016*
*From approximately $4295 plus air*

This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake and mountains including five nights aboard one of the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III. Travel through the Western heart of the Continent through Switzerland, France, Germany and The Netherlands, cruising the most scenic sections of the fabled Rhine River. Specially arranged guided excursions feature four great UNESCO World Heritage sites—walk through Berne’s Old Town, cruise through the heart of the Rhine River Valley, tour the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg and visit Cologne’s magnificent Gothic cathedral. Spend two nights each in Lucerne and Zermatt, Switzerland, ride aboard three legendary railways—the Gornergrat Bahn, for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn; the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Lucerne; and the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. Also visit Germany’s medieval Rüdesheim and 13th-century Heidelberg Castle. This is the trip of a lifetime at an exceptional value! Complement your journey with the two-night Amsterdam Post-Program.

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**ITINERARY**

*Day   Destination*
1   Depart the U.S.
2   Geneva, Switzerland/Zermatt
3   Zermatt for Matterhorn
4   Zermatt for Glacier Express to Andermatt/Lucerne
5   Lucerne for Mt. Pilatus
6   Lucerne/Interlaken/Berne/Basel/Embark ship
7   Strasbourg, France
8   Mannheim, Germany, for Heidelberg
9   Rüdesheim/Koblenz
10  Cologne
11  Amsterdam, The Netherlands/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

**Activity Level**
Moderately Active

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Extraordinary, specially designed European tour exclusively available to our affinity travelers.
- Three of the world’s greatest railways—the panoramic Glacier Express, the scenic cogwheel Gornergrat Bahn and the dramatic Pilatus Railway.
- A unique combination of river and lake cruising, rail travel and land nights.
• Exclusively chartered, deluxe cruise on the legendary Rhine River.
• Visits to four UNESCO World Heritage sites—Cologne, the Rhine River Valley, Strasbourg and Berne.
• Two nights each in the lovely Swiss towns of Zermatt and Lucerne.
• Audio headset provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
• Sells out every year it is offered!
• Incredible value for a comprehensive travel program.
• Amsterdam Post-Program Option.

**DELUXE EUROPEAN RIVER SHIPS - AMADEUS SILVER III**
The elegance and romance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III, which set new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a floating Five-Star hotel.

Each exclusively chartered ship offers up to 80 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (up to 236 square feet) and Staterooms (from 161 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. Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and typically 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 audio headset available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The AMADEUS SILVER III meets the highest safety standards and is the only fleet of European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

**INCLUDED FEATURES**

**In Zermatt**
• Two nights in the first-class HOTEL ALEX.
• Breakfast daily and two dinners.
• Welcome Reception.
• Rail journey aboard the **Gornergrat Bahn**, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn.

Spectacular train journey from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the famous **Glacier Express**,
followed by lunch and a scenic transfer to Lucerne.

In Lucerne
- Two nights in the deluxe HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUCERNE,
- Swiss breakfast each morning.
- Walking tour of historic Lucerne.
- Panoramic gondola excursion up Mount Pilatus with lunch at the summit and descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel train.
- Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Scenic motorcoach transfer from Lucerne to Basel, with stops en route in the idyllic village of Interlaken and Switzerland’s historical capital of Berne. Tour Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

On board an exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS FLEET SHIP
- Five-night, exclusively chartered cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with port calls at Strasbourg, France; and Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Cologne and Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany.
- River-view, air-conditioned 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.
- Tour of Strasbourg’s historic Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Excursion to Heidelberg’s 13th-century hilltop castle.
- “Winzerexpress” tour of the charming medieval town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the stunning Rhine River Valley, including a private wine tasting.
- Cruise through the scenic Lorelei Passage of the Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Excursion in Koblenz, picturesquely located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.
- Walking tour of Cologne, including a visit to the magnificent Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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 in the itinerary, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

All Included Features are contingent upon final brochure pricing.

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS POST-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 conclusion 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, where the historic and modern coexist happily. 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.*