

AMERICAN TOURS 

Exclusive Charter

PREMIER
WORLD DISCOVERY



American Tours presents

Switzerland & Christmas Markets of the Rhine

featuring Lucerne, Strasbourg & 6 Nights aboard the Amadeus Cara

9 Days December 3, 2025



**BOOKING
DISCOUNT!**

Save \$200 Per Person
\$400 Per Couple*

*See Reservation Info for
Booking Discount details

9 Days **December 3-11, 2025**

Switzerland & Christmas Markets of the Rhine

Day 1 Depart US - Overnight Flight to Europe

Day 2 Arrive Zurich - Lucerne

Arrive Zurich - Meet your PWD Tour Director
Transfer to **Lucerne** & Check in for your overnight stay
Welcome Desk at the hotel Overnight - Lucerne

Day 3 Lucerne - Strasbourg - Board the Amadeus Cara

Morning - **Lucerne Walking Tour & Christmas Market**
Travel to Strasbourg, France via motorcoach
Board the **MS Cara** for 6 Night Rhine River Cruise
Welcome Dinner Onboard

🍴 Meals - B & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 4 Strasbourg

Morning - **Strasbourg City Tour & Christmas Market**
Afternoon - Leisure time in Strasbourg or *Alsace & Obernai Optional*
Ship docked into late evening in Kehl/Strasbourg

🍴 Meals - B,L,S & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 5 Speyer - Mannheim

Morning - **Speyer Walking Tour & Christmas Market**
Cruise to Mannheim for time at Leisure or *Heidelberg Optional Excursion*
🍴 Meals - B,L,S & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 6 Rudesheim - Rhine River Gorge - Koblenz

Morning - Arrive **Rudesheim** & walk into town on own to explore
or *Optional Rudesheim Tram Car with Musical Instrument Museum*
Midday - Cruise through the **Rhine River Gorge**, a UNESCO Heritage Site
Afternoon arrival Koblenz - **Koblenz Walking Tour & Christmas Market**

🍴 Meals - B,L,S & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 7 Cochem

Morning Moselle River Cruising
Afternoon - **Cochem Walking Tour with Reichsburg Castle, Wine Tasting & Christmas Market**

🍴 Meals - B,L,S & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 8 Cologne

Morning arrival **Cologne** - **Cologne Walking Tour & Christmas Market**
Afternoon at Leisure in Cologne

Gala Farewell Dinner Onboard - Ship docked overnight in Cologne
🍴 Meals - B,L,S & D Overnight - Amadeus Cara

Day 9 Cologne - Frankfurt Airport - Flight Home

Morning transfer to the Frankfurt Airport for your flight home

🍴 Meal - B

B - Breakfast Hotel/Onboard • S - Snacks Onboard afternoon and/or evening
L - Lunch Onboard • D - Dinner Onboard with Beer & Hand Selected Wines

About European Christmas Markets

Enjoy this magical time of year as Europe's countries hold steadfastly onto Old World holiday tradition and transform into fairy-tale Christmas settings. The sights and sensations of the holiday season are everywhere: locals and guests savor the tastes of chocolate covered Lebkuchen (gingerbread), sizzling grilled sausages and spiced hot "Gluehwein" (mulled wine). People also delight in the festively decorated markets and shopping for ornaments, crafts, candles, nutcrackers, winter hats, roasted nuts and other traditional items.



Lucerne, Switzerland

Visit and overnight in Lucerne, a traditional Swiss town along the banks of Lake Lucerne with an Alpine backdrop. Enjoy a **Lucerne Walking Tour** of this medieval gem and see some of the city's lovely cobblestone streets, monuments, fountains, public squares, covered bridges, colorful frescoed buildings and the iconic 14th century Chapel Bridge. Enjoy Lucerne's colorful Christmas Market and its wonderful Old Town.

Strasbourg, France

Capital city of the Alsace region in northeastern France, Strasbourg is situated on the Rhine at the German border. Enjoy a **Strasbourg City Tour** to see Orangerie, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament, and the Place de la Republique. Take a walking tour of the lovely "La Petite France" neighborhood and see the Gothic cathedral with its famous astronomical clock. Then stroll Strasbourg's Christmas Market, one of Europe's oldest. Later join the optional trip into the Alsace region to visit fairy-tale Obernai & its quaint Christmas Market.

Speyer, Germany

Arrive in Speyer one of Germany's oldest cities, known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the 13th-century Altpörtel ("Old Gate"). Explore the city during your **Speyer Walking Tour**. Later cruise to Mannheim & maybe take an optional excursion to historic Heidelberg to visit the red-walled castle and get beautiful views of the Neckar Valley.

Rudesheim - Rhine River Gorge - Koblenz, Germany

Arrive in **Rudesheim** and explore on your own the Drosselgasse, a narrow alley lined with wine taverns and restaurants. If you prefer join an optional Rudesheim Tour via Tram Car including a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Later the ship departs to cruise through the **Rhine River Gorge**, a UNESCO Heritage Site and the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river with hillsides dotted with fairy-tale castles, historic towns and vineyards. Later arrive in Germany's oldest city, Koblenz, a charming Rhineland town situated at the confluence of the Rhine & Moselle Rivers. Enjoy a **Koblenz Walking Tour** & the popular Christmas Market. See the famous Advent Calendar at the baroque Town Hall.

Cochem, Germany

The ship makes a detour along the Moselle River to the little town of Cochem. Enjoy a **Cochem Walking Tour** then visit the **Reichsburg Castle**, experience a **Wine Tasting** & stop at the quaint Christmas Market. The magnificent Reichsburg castle is situated high above the town, dominating the landscape. Down below, the village with its narrow streets, half timbered houses and numerous restaurants is an ideal setting to taste the wines of the region.

Cologne, Germany

Cologne is Germany's 4th largest city and located on both sides of the Rhine. Enjoy a **Cologne Walking Tour** featuring the old part of the city and the fabled 13th century Gothic cathedral. Explore the dock side taverns, cafes, shops and the famous Christmas Market in front of the cathedral.



Amadeus Cara



Fine Dining

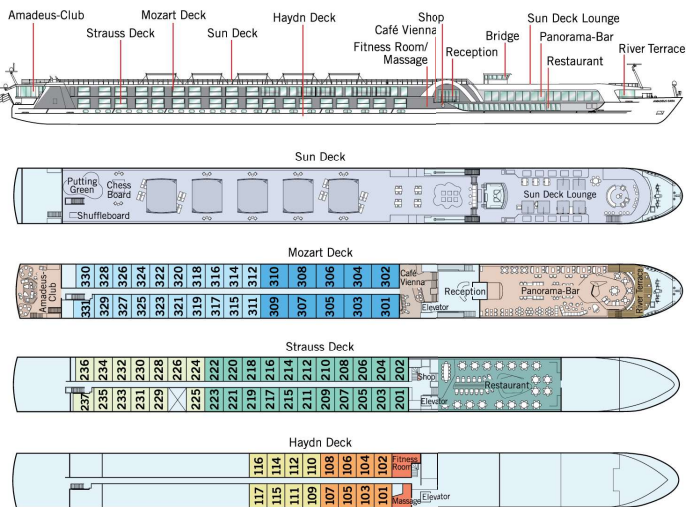


Fitness Center

MS Amadeus Cara

Inclusions

Highlights & Excursions



- Roundtrip Airfare DFW
- 1 Night Hotel - Lucerne, Switzerland
- 6 Night Cruise - Outside Cabin
- 18 Meals (7-B, 5-L & 6-D)
- PWD Tour Director(s)
- Ship Staff
- Hand Selected Wines & Beer w/ Dinners
- Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Wifi Onboard
- Int'l Air Taxes/Fuel/Port Charges
- Baggage Handling at Hotel/Ship
- Hotel/Ship Transfers

- 6 Night Cruise - Amadeus Cara
- 1 Night in Lucerne, Switzerland
- Lucerne Walking Tour & Xmas Market
- Strasbourg City Tour & Xmas Market
- Speyer Walking Tour & Xmas Market
- Koblenz Walking Tour & Xmas Market
- Cologne Walking Tour & Xmas Market
- Cochem Walking Tour with Xmas Market, Reichsburg Castle & Wine Tasting
- Rudesheim Visit
- Strasbourg Afternoon at Leisure
- Cologne Afternoon at Leisure

The Ship - MS Amadeus Cara

The innovative and custom designed 162 passenger Amadeus Cara, launched in 2022, offers all the amenities of a floating 5-star hotel. This Premium cruise ship features the most modern furnishings that blend masterfully with the architecture of the ship and a luxurious design that is the hallmark of the Amadeus fleet. The extensive Restaurant and the Panorama Bar offer divine views of the passing riverscapes, and the glass-shielded River Terrace & the Sun Deck allow you to relax in the open air. The attentive English-speaking onboard service staff will see to your comfort with typical European hospitality. The cabin design plans are forward-thinking, bright & modern, all part of a premium focus with 71 large Staterooms & 10 Suites. The beauty of river cruising is that the most interesting destinations come to you. This Cara charter features English-only onboard commentary with inclusive shore excursions balanced with choice to simply relax onboard, get a spa treatment or add sightseeing with optional excursions.

All Meals Included Onboard

Three meals daily are served graciously in the exquisite restaurant and feature local & international specialties. All dinners are four courses and are served with included hand selected wines, beer & soft drinks. While dining, you have splendid views of the passing scenic landscapes through the large picture windows. Enjoy afternoon and/or late evening snacks in the lounge based on the daily schedule.

Comfortable & Innovative Staterooms

After boarding, unpack once. All staterooms are larger than traditional river cruise cabins & offer excellent river views. The Mozart Deck features 12 Suites with Walk Out Balconies. The other 18 Staterooms on the Mozart Deck & 33 Staterooms on the Strauss Deck feature an innovative Drop-Down Panoramic Window. The 18 Staterooms on the Haydn Deck have a fixed window. All staterooms are fully equipped with comfortable & modern furnishings including flat screen TV & large private bathrooms with shower.

Cruise Rates

Cat E - Haydn Deck	\$5095 pp dbl*	\$4895 pp dbl with BD** +\$1200 single
Cat D - Haydn Deck	\$5395 pp dbl*	\$5195 pp dbl with BD** +\$1200 single
Cat C - Strauss Deck	\$5795 pp dbl*	\$5595 pp dbl with BD** +\$1600 single
Cat B - Strauss Deck	\$5995 pp dbl*	\$5795 pp dbl with BD** +\$1600 single
Cat A - Mozart Deck	\$6195 pp dbl*	\$5995 pp dbl with BD** +\$2000 single
Suite - Mozart Deck	\$6695 pp dbl*	\$6495 pp dbl with BD** +\$2500 single

*Regular Rate or **Save \$200 per person/\$400 per couple with Booking Discount Rates (BD)

Staterooms



Staterooms - 172 or 188 sq. ft.

All staterooms feature 2 twin beds that can be separated or put together, flat screen TV, private bath with shower, hair dryer, closet, phone, desk, chair & safe. Mozart & Strauss Staterooms feature Drop Down Panoramic Window with 188 sq. ft. of floor space. Haydn Deck Staterooms feature a fixed window with 172 sq. ft. (Stateroom size & amenities can vary)

Suites



Suite - 284 sq. ft. with Balcony

All suites are on the Mozart Deck and have panoramic windows with exterior Walk Out Balcony, two twin beds that can be separated or put together, a private sitting area, flat screen TV, mini-bar, private bath with shower, hair dryer, phone, closet, desk, chair, safe & offer 284 square feet of floor space. (Suite size and amenities can vary)

SHIP TECHNICAL DATA

Launched:	2022	Max passengers:	162
Decks/Crew:	4/46	Cabins/Suites:	71/10

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy **1** **2** **3** **4** Active

Notes - Excursions require moderate walking with some stair climbing possible. -Hotel/Ship Check in time in Europe typically begins between 3-4 pm.

Stateroom Haydn Deck (172 sf)



Stateroom Strauss & Mozart Decks (188 sf)



Suite Mozart Deck (284 sf)

