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Old-World Christmas

DECEMBER 6-15, 2026

NEW TOUR

Featuring a Luxurious Four-Night Private River Cruise and Markets in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy

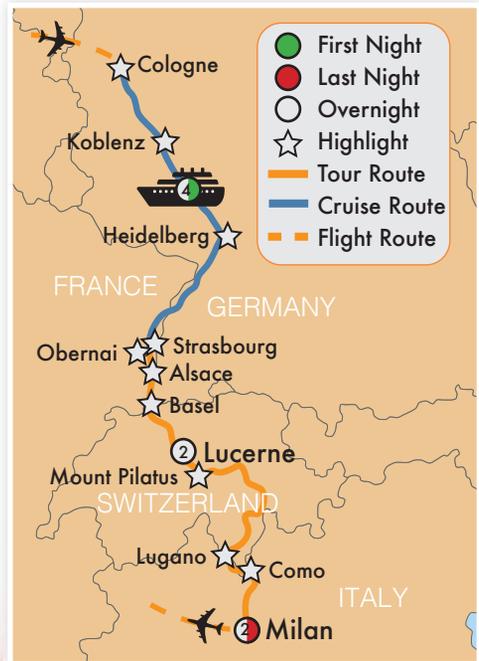
Picture yourself gliding along the Rhine aboard the elegant *MS Amadeus Riva*, surrounded by the festive magic of Europe's most enchanting Christmas markets. You'll stroll cobblestone lanes in Cologne and Koblenz, sip mulled wine in Heidelberg and Strasbourg, and lose yourself in the charm of Alsatian villages draped in holiday lights. From the snow-capped Swiss Alps to the picturesque lakes of Lugano and Como, every day brings a new adventure—whether you're savoring fondue in Lucerne, exploring Milan's magnificent cathedral, or simply soaking in the season's joy with fellow travelers. This is your invitation to experience the warmth, wonder, and unforgettable memories of a European Christmas.

DAYS 1-2: WELCOME TO COLOGNE!

Following an overnight flight, arrive in Cologne and transfer to your home for the next few nights—the *MS Amadeus Riva*. Once onboard, familiarize yourself with the amenities and indulge in the gourmet cuisine available. *Meals In-flight, D*

DAY 3: KOBLENZ

Today, discover one of Germany's oldest and friendliest towns with a history spanning over 2,000 years. On this guided walk you will stroll through the appealing streets to uncover the St. Castor Basilica, the Church of Our Beloved Lady, and the iconic Schängel Fountain at the town hall. A stop at the Memorial of Emperor Wilhelm at the German Corner where the Rhine and Moselle rivers converge will add a historic touch. *B, L, D*



Option—Rudesheim with Music Cabinet Museum Hop on the unique Winzerexpress from the ship's dock to the "Siegfried Mechanical Music Cabinet" for a tour of historic self-playing instruments. Then enjoy a guided walk through Rudesheim's old town, exploring the lively Drosselgasse, local wine taverns, the Eagle Tower, and 15th-century fortifications. *Price \$69 per person*

DAY 4: HEIDELBERG/CHRISTMAS MARKET

Travel to Heidelberg, a renowned university city with a preserved baroque Old Town. Start with a visit to the red sandstone Heidelberg castle, a beautiful ruin offering stunning views from the Grand Terrace. The tour continues through the lovely old town, including the Karl-Theodor Bridge, Church of the Holy Spirit, and town hall. End with time at Heidelberg's Christmas Market where the scent of mulled wine, toasted almonds, and roasted chestnuts will fill the air. *B, L, D*

Option—Speyer Walking Tour & Christmas Market Venture to Speyer, a historic city on the Rhine, known for its rich past and stunning architecture. The tour includes the Romanesque Imperial Cathedral, Church of the Holy Spirit, the Old Gate, and the Jewish Ritual Bath. Finish with a trip to Speyer's Christmas Market. *Price \$59 per person*

DAY 5: ALSACE/OBERNAI/STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKET

Enjoy a scenic drive through wintry Alsace to Gertwiller, known for its Lebkuchen (Christmas gingerbread) and Glühwein (mulled wine). Then, stop at the charming town of Obernai and go through the old quarter to take in the centuries-old life-size Christmas crib in the market square. In the afternoon, explore Strasbourg by seeing the symbolic Strasbourg Cathedral and admire half-timbered houses up to 500 years old. Wander through the festive "Petite France" district and experience the Strasbourg Christmas Market, with free time to browse before returning to the ship. *B, L, D*

DAY 6: BASEL CHRISTMAS MARKET/LUCERNE

Upon disembarkation of the ship, we'll begin the land portion of this journey. The adventure starts with a tasting of a local Basel specialty—the delicious, gingerbread-like pastry known as Lächerli Huus. Afterward, visit the enchanting Basel Christmas Market, along with some free time for lunch at your leisure. Continue to Lucerne for a two-night stay. *B, D*

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Explore Basel at the height of Christmas season



DAY 7: MOUNT PILATUS/SWISS FONDUE DINNER

Witness the breathtaking beauty of the Swiss Alps with a trip to Mount Pilatus. Ride the gondola and aerial cableway from Kriens to the summit, taking in panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and alpine landscapes along the way. At the top, savor a delicious lunch complete with traditional Swiss flavors and stunning scenery. After returning to Lucerne, spend a leisurely afternoon exploring the city at your own pace. In the evening, delight in a cozy Swiss fondue dinner featuring a three-course menu at a local restaurant: the perfect end to a day filled with alpine adventure and cultural flavor. **B, L, D**

DAY 8: LUGANO/COMO

Begin your day with a guided tour of Lugano, a picturesque Swiss town nestled between mountains and lake known for its charming streets and stunning lakeside views. Continue to the exquisite city of Como, where you'll uncover its rich history, impressive architecture, and scenic waterfront. After the tour, enjoy free time wandering through Como's joyous Christmas Market, filled with seasonal treats, local crafts, and holiday cheer before continuing to Milan. **B, D**

DAY 9: MILAN

Relish a captivating day in Milan beginning with a guided city tour where you'll explore the city's rich history, elegant architecture, and iconic landmarks. Then, delve deeper into one of Milan's crown jewels with a guided tour of the magnificent Cathedral and its stunning rooftop terraces. Marvel at the intricate gothic details and take in panoramic views of the city from above. Afterward, have fun exploring Milan at your own pace during free time—whether shopping along the fashionable Via Montenapoleone, sipping espresso at a café, or visiting one of the city's world-class museums. **B, D**

DAY 10: FAREWELL

After breakfast, head to the airport for your return flight home. **B, Meals In-flight** ✨

Enjoy this *Exclusive Early Booking Discount* pricing until March 31, 2026!

Cabin	Price	Early Booking Discount	Price with Discount
Haydn Stern	\$6,799	-\$500	\$6,299
Haydn Forward	\$6,899	-\$500	\$6,399
Strauss Stern	\$7,299	-\$700	\$6,599
Strauss Mid	\$7,399	-\$700	\$6,699
Strauss Forward	\$7,499	-\$700	\$6,799
Mozart Stern	\$7,899	-\$1000	\$6,899
Mozart Mid	\$7,999	-\$1000	\$6,999
Mozart Suite	\$8,599	-\$1000	\$7,599

Single supplements; Haydn +\$2,500, Strauss/Mozart + \$3,500, Suites + \$4,500. Port Charges & Fees: \$165

TOUR DETAILS

10 Days • 20 Meals

Dec 6-15, 2026

Price Per Person:

See Table

Depart/Return:



St. Louis

Kansas City

Springfield

Passport Required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail the Rhine in style aboard the luxurious *MS Amadeus Riva* on a Sunrise Tours private charter
- Wander through Europe's most magical Christmas Markets in Cologne, Koblenz, Heidelberg, and Strasbourg
- Discover the holiday charm of Alsatian villages, twinkling with lights and rich with tradition
- Experience four festive cultures with seasonal delights across Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy
- Take in breathtaking Alpine views as you ascend Mount Pilatus and explore the lakes of Lugano and Como

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Overnight Flight

Nights 2-5: *MS Amadeus Riva*

Nights 6-7: Hotel Astoria, Lucerne, Switzerland

Nights 8-9: UNA Hotels Scandinavia, Milan, Italy

