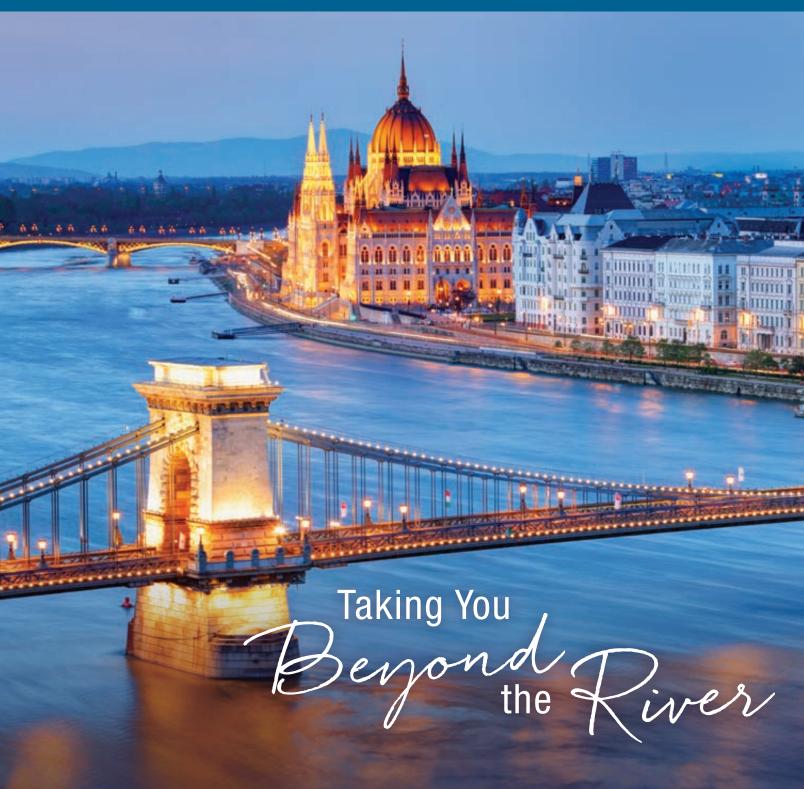
# Collette river cruises

### THE BEST OF BOTH LAND & SEA

2017 - 2018



# step off the boat and into the *culture*

When you travel with Collette, you enjoy so much more. You are part of an inclusive and immersive experience that takes you deeper into the destination.

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### avenues & side streets

See more. Whether it's glorious cities such as Vienna or a small riverside village, our itineraries are designed to reveal the best of the places where we make landfall.



### mingle with the locals

For centuries the waterways we travel have been vital to local cultures. Immerse yourself in the rich societies and come to know the people who call these rivers home.



## food along the way

Not only do your included meals aboard ship reflect the local cuisine but with Collette you'll set out to find the charming restaurants and meals you'll remember forever.



## epic sights

Are you ready for Egypt's monuments or the mysteries of China's Forbidden City? Relaxing on deck is nice but true travelers want to get out and see those spectacular places.

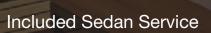


# Not Your Average River Cruise

Collette is something much more than a river cruise specialist. With nearly 100 years of experience, Collette is able to share the best of the destinations you have been dreaming about. As you embark, enjoy smaller vessels that provide a personal experience. Along the way enjoy a rare blend of exploration and relaxation.

Our team is made up of people with a passion for worldwide travel. Of course, your floating accommodations remain one of the wonderful benefits of river cruising. **However, it's another art form altogether to select the right stops along the way.** 

### **Collette Differences**



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Start your adventure in style with our roundtrip home to airport sedan service. (on air inclusive bookings; restrictions apply; call for details)

### Loyalty Rewards

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Earn credit towards your next trip every time you travel.



### **Inclusive Touring**

Enjoy a richer experience on tour with more must-see's and cultural inclusions

# When you're traveling with a **Tour Manager by your side**

you truly come to know the people & places along the river...

Of all the benefits of traveling with Collette, none shines brighter than our Tour Managers. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's with a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, **these travel aficionados are at your service.** 



Let them help you connect with the locals and explore out-of-the-way places.



Tour Managers are like friends who can introduce you to the "perfect café."



Learn the story behind iconic sites.



# cruise through the heart of europe







# **Legendary Waterways of Europe**

## from Amsterdam to Budapest

### starting at \$4,599 | 16 days • 41 meals | May – October 2017

Cruise through five countries in the heart of Europe on this relaxing 14-night cruise. Let the waters of the Rhine, Moselle, Main and Danube carry you gently through Holland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary, exploring striking vistas rich with history, culture, lore and traditions. Sail by castles, fortresses, villages and vineyards and through the dramatic Rhine Gorge. Explore Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Bamberg, Bratislava, Budapest, Vienna and much more.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us on the legendary waterways that define the true soul of Europe. Begin with an overnight flight to Europe.

#### Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands -Tour Begins - Board Ship

Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you board your ship for a relaxing 14-night river cruise. Your ship offers the newest technology; panoramic deck; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine, including unlimited wine and beer with dinners; and outstanding service. Meet your fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail followed by a typical Dutch folklore show. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

A local expert leads you on a leisurely paced tour of Amsterdam highlighting its 500 bridges, intricate canal system, charming churches and 16th-century homes. Later, glide along the canal on a cruise through the city center before you set sail from Amsterdam this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Cologne, Germany - Koblenz

Cruise the scenic Rhine River to Cologne, one of Germany's oldest cities. A guided tour through the old part of the city highlights the twin steepled, 13th-century Gothic cathedral. Continue to Koblenz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Enjoy exploring the quintessential German town of Koblenz on your own before continuing your cruise through a beautiful stretch of the Rhine. Sail past the dramatic Rhine Gorge, dotted with hilltop castles. You will see the legendary Lorelei Rock before arriving in Rüdesheim, a charming Rhine Valley wine town. The "Winzerexpress" minitrain takes you to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum for a guided tour. Explore the historic pedestrian street Drosselgasse on your own before returning to the ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Miltenberg - Wertheim

Today you disembark in Miltenberg where you will have an included walking tour followed by free time to discover the city including its enchanting market square. Next, continue to Wertheim where you will visit the famous Wertheim Glass Museum. Before returning to the ship, enjoy time on your own to stroll the cobblestone streets lined with gabled, half-timbered houses. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Würzburg

Arrive in Würzburg, the "Pearl of the Romantic Road." Nearly destroyed during WW II, Würzburg has been rebuilt into a beautiful Franconian town. Visit fascinating sights including the magnificent Prince-Bishops Residence, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue cruising through the pastoral Franconian wine region. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Bamberg

Enter the Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Disembark and enjoy a guided tour to discover the history of this medieval gem, founded in 902. Later, continue to sail along the canal on your way to medieval Nuremberg. (B, L, D)

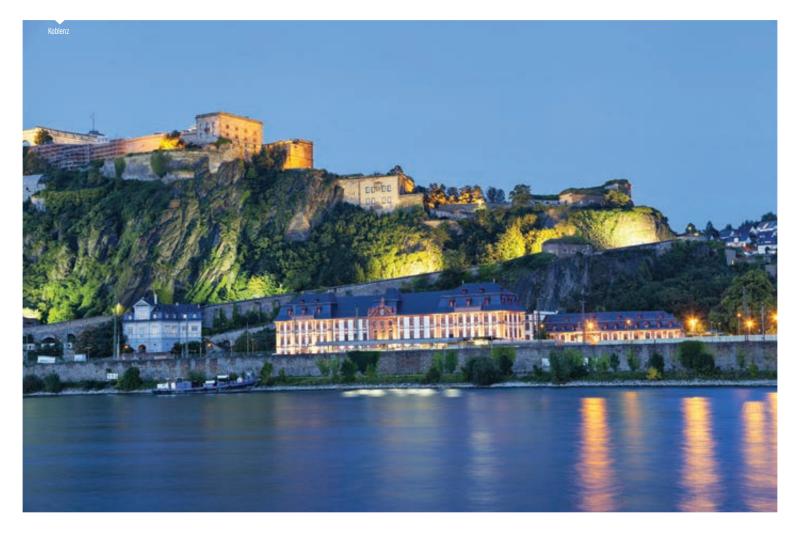
#### Day 9: Nuremberg - Kelheim

Depart on a guided tour of picturesque Nuremberg, Bavaria's second largest city. You will be awed by the 900-year-old ramparts, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace. Later, arrive at the highest point of your cruise before descending through the impressive stair-step locks. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Kelheim - Regensburg

Cruise through the final stretch of the Main-Danube





Canal before arriving in magnificent Regensburg. Founded 2,000 years ago, Regensburg stands as one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. A city walk features the old Town Hall, the 12thcentury Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Porta Praetoria. Tonight, feel like a local at a typical Bavarian evening onboard the ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Passau - Linz, Austria

Arrive in Passau, where the rivers Inn and IIz join the Danube. Get acquainted with this beautiful city on a walking tour. Discover its gems including St. Stephan's Cathedral and the world's largest church organ. Cruise to stunning Linz, a favorite of Mozart, who dedicated his Linz Symphony to this town. Take a stroll through the city with a local expert before reboarding the ship. (B, L, D)



#### Day 12: Wachau Valley - Vienna

Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery as you cruise past Melk Abbey, a magnificent 900-yearold Benedictine Abbey and one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. This afternoon, continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture, including the Hofburg Palace, the Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse and St. Stephen's Cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the city as you choose. Tonight, cruise to Slovakia. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: Bratislava, Slovakia

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate and the Archbishop's palace. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner before departing for Hungary. (B, L, D)

#### Day 15: Budapest, Hungary

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring its historic Buda Castle area,

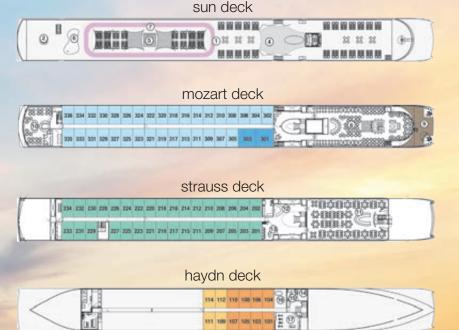
Fisherman's Bastion and 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views as you sail between the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. Tonight, gather onboard with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. After dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Budapest - Disembark Ship -Tour Ends (B)



## Lueftner Cruise ms Amadeus Princess





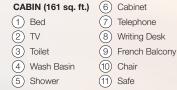
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#### **Choose Your Cabin**

May – October 2017 Double

Dates	Haydn Deck	Strauss Deck	Mozart Deck	Suite (Mozart Deck)
May 10	\$4999	\$5999	\$6499	\$10299
June 21	\$4899	\$5899	\$6399	\$10199
October 11	\$4599	\$5399	\$5899	\$9699

Single Room Supplement (+) \$3200 - \$3600 Triple Room Reduction N/A Haydn Deck cabins: Window Strauss & Mozart Deck cabins: Glass doors (French Balcony)





#### What's Included

- 41 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air.
   Call for details.

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Tour Activity Level ① ② ④ ④ ⑤ See page 35 for details.





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## the enchanting rivers of europe







# **Magical Rhine and Moselle**

### starting at \$3,399 | 10 days • 22 meals | August – September 2017

Sail through the Netherlands, Germany and France. Sit back and relax in your outside stateroom and enjoy the luxury of unlimited wine or beer with every dinner and daily onboard musical performances. Join a local expert for a tour of Amsterdam highlighting the city's centuries-old canal system and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. Spend time in Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Tour the 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz. Your stop in Cologne features a guided walking tour of the city's old town. Spend the afternoon in Cochem and sip wine in one of the famous cellars. Enjoy a guided tour of Strasbourg's old town. Step back in time in Colmar, France. Savor a dinner of regional Black Forest specialties and a demonstration of traditional cuckoo clock making in Titisee, Germany.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for an exciting tour featuring Strasbourg and the romantic Rhine Valley. This journey brings you through one of the most historic and dramatic regions in all of Europe.

#### Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands -Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your cruise ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a "welcome aboard" dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

Today, join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and cruise by charming cafés and famous 16thcentury row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, pass through the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Moselle River - Cochem

Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with a visit and introduction by a local winemaker to

one of Cochem's wine cellars where you will taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town's old quarter, which was badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rüdesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Mechanical Music Museum) where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore such places as the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together,





creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d'Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Disembark Basel, Switzerland- Colmar, France -**Black Forest, Germany- Basel** Today is filled with exploration! Disembark your

ship in Basel and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks. Enjoy some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savor some leisure time to browse the shops for the region's famous cuckoo clocks. Prior to dinner you'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these

cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Then, enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialties before returning to your hotel in Basel. (B, D)

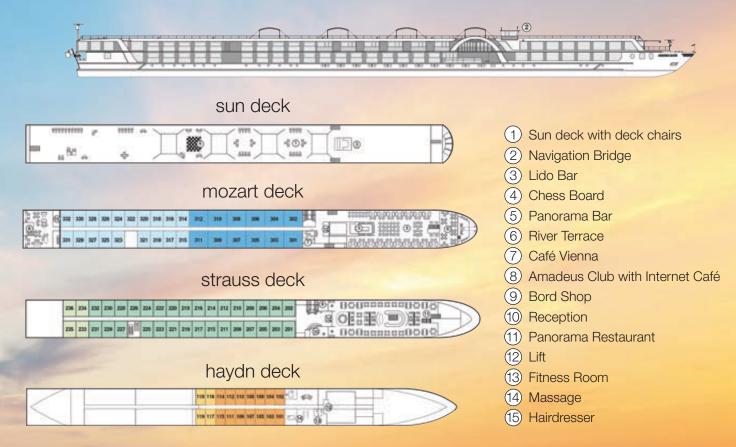
Day 10: Basel - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)





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## Lueftner Cruise ms Amadeus Silver II

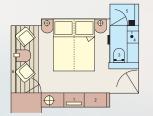


#### **Choose Your Cabin**

August - September 2017 Double

Dates	Haydn Deck	Strauss Deck	Mozart Deck	Suite (Mozart Deck)
August 25, 31	\$3399	\$4099	\$4399	\$6699
September 8	\$3399	\$4099	\$4399	\$6699

Single Room Supplement (+) \$2200 Triple Room Reduction N/A Haydn Deck cabins: Window • Mozart/Strauss Deck: Glass doors (French balcony) Mozar Deck (Amadeus Suites): Walk-out Balcony







#### AMADEUS SUITE (284 sq. ft.)

· Sedan service & airport transfers when

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4 5

What's Included

you purchase our air.

• 22 Meals

Call for details

See page 35 for details



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## experience the glory of spring in holland & belgium



# **Springtime Tulip River Cruise**

## featuring Dutch and Belgian Waterways

## starting at \$2,999 | 9 days • 20 meals | April 2017

Experience the color and glory of spring on this leisurely river cruise through Holland and Belgium. Float past blooming fields of flowers and windmills. Visit the expansive tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens, home to more than 7 million tulips and one of the most visited attractions in all of Europe! Visit Kinderdijk, and see Holland's largest concentration of windmills. Enjoy a canal cruise in the heart of Amsterdam. Step back to medieval times during a Bruges sightseeing tour. Sample artisanal cheese at a Dutch farm. Stop in Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Savor springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that is sure to leave truly memorable impressions. Admire the colorful glory of the blooming Dutch tulip fields and be astonished by the endless windmills. Winding waterways lead you to such well-known Belgian cities as Ghent and Antwerp. Your tulip-time cruise begins with an overnight flight to Amsterdam, a city filled with classic architecture, cafés, restaurants and canals.

#### Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands -Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of the Netherlands. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar offering you a chance to meet your fellow travelers before a lovely welcome dinner. Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam - Volendam -Hoorn

After breakfast, view some of Amsterdam's most important sites and diverse architecture while on a city tour. You will also get to see the city from the water during a delightful canal cruise. Midday, visit the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the IJssel Sea. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Arnhem

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Middelburg - Cruising

Today your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province Zeeland. It is known as "the monumental city" because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. This afternoon you may choose to take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Your excursion continues with a stop in the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland; today it is a favorite spot for visitors. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

This morning you arrive in the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city center, Ghent conveys the splendor of by-gone days. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral with its worldfamous painting of the altar of the citizens of Ghent





and the "Belfried" with its bell tower. This afternoon, allow yourself to be transported back to medieval times with a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 7: Antwerp**

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city, which boasts beautiful Gothic and Baroque architecture and lively cafés. Antwerp is best known for its diamonds and also as the home of prolific painter Peter Paul Rubens, who spent much of his life here. Join a local expert exploring Antwerp's historical sites including the "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church; the legendary Brabo Fountain; and the Rubens House. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Kinderdijk - Utrecht -Amsterdam

A morning stop in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site, allows you to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills, many still operating, and to get a revealing glimpse into Holland's age-old battle with the sea. After lunch, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and shaded paths. With more than seven million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, Keukenhof is a kaleidoscope of color in bloom. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship -Tour Ends

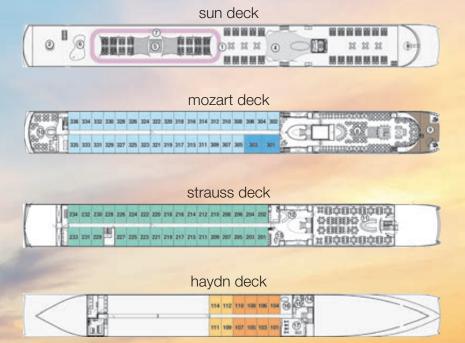
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## Lueftner Cruise ms Amadeus Princess or Elegant





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- (5) Chess board
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- (10) Amadeus Club with Internet station
- (11) Panorama Restaurant
- (12) Reception
- (13) Ship's shop
- (14) Fitness room
- (15) Hairdresser
- (16) Massage
- (17) Vital Club

#### **Choose Your Cabin**

April 2017	Double			
Dates	Haydn Deck	Strauss Deck	Mozart Deck	Suite (Mozart Deck)
April 5, 6, 19, 20	\$2999	\$3399	\$3699	\$5999

Single Room Supplement (+) \$2100 - \$4000 Triple Room Reduction N/A Haydn Deck cabins: Window Strauss & Mozar Deck cabins: Glass doors (French Balcony)

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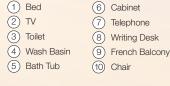
### What's Included

- 20 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. Call for details.

#### Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Tour Activity Level ①②④④⑤ See page 35 for details.

#### AMADEUS SUITE (236 sq. ft.)



(12) Sofa Bed(13) Table(14) Armchair

Safe

Minibar

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## sail on the timeless danube



# **Classic Danube**

## featuring a 7-night Danube River Cruise

## starting at \$3,399 | 11 days • 23 meals | September 2017

Enjoy two nights in lovely Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites before embarking on a relaxing cruise along the scenic Danube River. Your lovely state-of-the-art craft offers a special treat – unlimited wine at every dinner. Pause as you go discovering the quaint villages and lively cities with local guides. Discover Vienna's historic sites as you are immersed in the city's atmosphere of opulence and elegance. Behold Munich's many charms including its world-famous Glockenspiel. Spend time in Rothenburg's quintessential Bavarian medieval old town where time has seemingly stood still. Drift along the river through the Wachau Valley dotted with castles and small riverside towns on a seven night cruise.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your tour opens with an overnight flight to Europe.

#### Day 2: Würzburg, Germany -Tour Begins

Discover the town of Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites. Here, at your riverfront hotel, meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Würzburg - Munich - Würzburg

Journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later, return to Würzburg for a free evening to relax or explore the town. (B)

#### Day 4: Würzburg - Rothenburg -Vilshofen - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg. Visit the Prince-Bishops' Residence which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world; and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Europe. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures before continuing on to Vilshofen to meet your cruise ship. Unpack for a relaxing 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. Your ship departs for Passau late this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Passau - Linz, Austria

Wake this morning surrounded by scenic valleys and charming riverside towns en route to Passau, set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and IIz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. You will have leisure time to independently explore the town. This afternoon, continue on to the charming riverside town of Linz where you will enjoy an included walking tour of the city with a local guide. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Wachau Valley - Emmersdorf -

**Vienna** View the picturesque landscape as you





cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. Arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Karntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, the old town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's palace. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner before departing for Hungary. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Budapest, Hungary

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. Tonight, gather onboard with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. After dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (B, L, D)

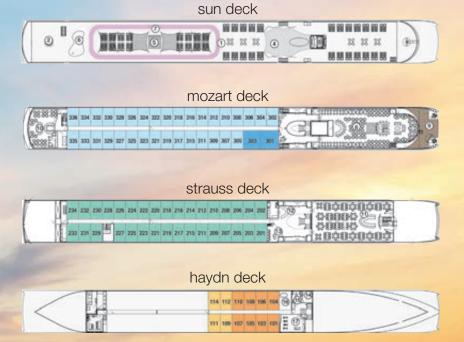
#### Day 11: Budapest - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

After breakfast, disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)



## Lueftner Cruise ms Amadeus Princess



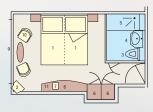


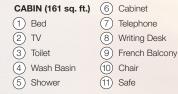
- 1) Sun deck with deck chairs
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- 6 Golf putting green
- (7) Walking track
- (8) Panorama Bar
- 9 Panorama Deck
- (10) Amadeus Club with Internet station
- (1) Panorama Restaurant
- (12) Reception
- (13) Ship's shop
- (14) Fitness room
- (15) Hairdresser
- (16) Massage
- (17) Vital Club

#### **Choose Your Cabin**

September 2017	Double			
Dates	Haydn Deck	Strauss Deck	Mozart Deck	Suite (Mozart Deck)
September 13, 18, 27	\$3399	\$4099	\$4449	\$6749

Single Room Supplement (+) \$2200 - \$2950 Triple Room Reduction N/A Haydn Deck cabins: Window Strauss & Mozart Deck cabins: Glass doors (French Balcony)







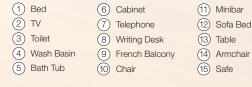
#### What's Included

- 23 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. Call for details.

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

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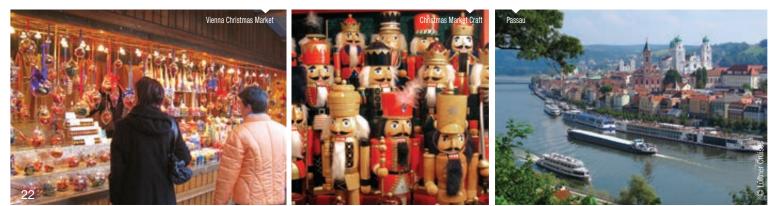
#### AMADEUS SUITE (236 sq. ft.)



This trip requires a passport. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Single accommodations are not available for Suite cabins. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Itinerary is also subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks, and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the trip; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff onboard the ship are not included. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Due to tour scheduling flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



## sail into holiday cheer



# **Christmas on the Danube**

featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise

### starting at \$2,199 | 9 days • 19 meals | November – December 2017

Begin your holiday season with a relaxing cruise along the scenic Danube River, stopping at traditional Christmas markets in Vienna, Regensburg, Passau, Rothenburg and Nuremberg. Nuremberg is home to one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in the world, and is famous as a toy making center, known for its fanciful nutcrackers and Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Enjoy a German holiday party, referred to as a Glühweinparty. Float through the Wachau Valley dotted with castles and small riverside towns. Discover Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town. Delight in the fairytale, Baroque architecture in Passau. In Vienna, join a local expert in exploring the historic sites where you'll indulge in the city's atmosphere of opulence and elegance. Visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

#### Day 2: Würzburg, Germany -Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the ancient town of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River," and reputed to be one of Germany's loveliest towns. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Würzburg - Rothenburg -Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg. Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to meet the locals during a Christmas ornamentmaking demonstration. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar: excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soda with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner onboard. (B, D)

#### **Day 4: Nuremberg**

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys





and local handicrafts. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and IIz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedral – home to Europe's largest church organ – and the charming Christmas Market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Wachau Valley, Austria -Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the "Rathaus" (City Hall). (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Vienna

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#### Day 9: Vienna - Disembark Ship -Tour Ends

After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)

## Extend your tour with a 2-night stay in Prague

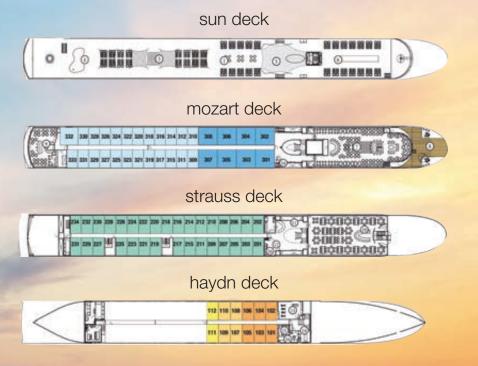
Enjoy a panoramic city tour of spectacular Prague including Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge. You'll also visit the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop for ornaments.

Call for more details.



## Lueftner Cruise ms Amadeus Elegant or Brilliant





- 1) Sun deck with deck chairs
- Navigation bridge
- (3)Lido Bar
- **Golf Putting Green** (4)
- (5)**Chess Board**
- Shuffle Board (6)
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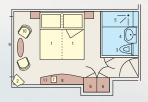
#### **Choose Your Cabin**

#### November – December 2017 Double

Dates	Haydn Deck	Strauss Deck	Mozart Deck	Suite (Mozart Deck)
November 26, 27	\$2199	\$2599	\$2999	\$3999
December 2, 3	\$2199	\$2599	\$2999	\$3999

Single Room Supplement (+) \$1100 - \$1920 Triple Room Reduction N/A

Havdn Deck cabins: Window Strauss & Mozart Deck cabins: Glass doors (French Balcony)



CABIN (161 sq. ft.)	6 Cabinet
1 Bed	7 Telephone
2 TV	8 Writing Desk
3 Toilet	9 French Balcony
4 Wash Basin	(10) Chair
(5) Shower	(11) Safe



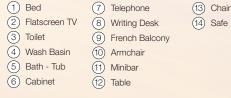
#### What's Included

- 19 Meals
- · Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. Call for details.

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

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#### AMADEUS SUITE (236 sq. ft.)



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## discover the mysteries of the nile



# **Treasures of Egypt**

### starting at \$2,199 | 13 days • 22 meals | April 2017, October 2017 – April 2018

Egypt's fascinating story awaits. Begin by spending time at the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza. Travel to ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara. Embark on a leisurely paced Nile cruise. See Luxor's impressive Temple of Karnak. On the West Bank of the Nile in Luxor, uncover countless ancient treasures including the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. Partake in a special evening and dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites.

#### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in the ancient city of Cairo.

#### Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara -Memphis - Cairo

This morning, travel to nearby Giza. Fulfill a lifelong dream as you visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – the Pyramids of Giza. Meet with a local archaeologist to learn about the discovery of these marvels. Stand in awe at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to visit Sakkara and explore the site of ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II. You will also stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Cairo - Luxor

Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, including the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures of the tomb of Tutankhamen. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. (B)

#### Day 5: Luxor

Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its awe-inspiring sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Mennon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramesses II. (B)

#### Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

Return to the West Bank this morning to spend time discovering the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at the Karrnak Temple. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Luxor - Esna - Edfu

This morning, spend time exploring the expansive Karnak Temple which dates back to 2000 B.C. Then, begin your sail down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Edfu - Kom Ombo

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Kom Ombo - Aswan

Set sail this morning to Aswan, the Nubian city. Your day begins by discovering its important sites including the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. Later, take a walk through Nubian history during your visit to a museum known for its collection of artifacts that range from prehistoric times to present day. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour





Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. Later, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Aswan - Cairo

Fly back to Cairo and have the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 12: Cairo

Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification located on a hill overlooking the city – the perfect place to take in grand views. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo before having free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalil... or perhaps just enjoy a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

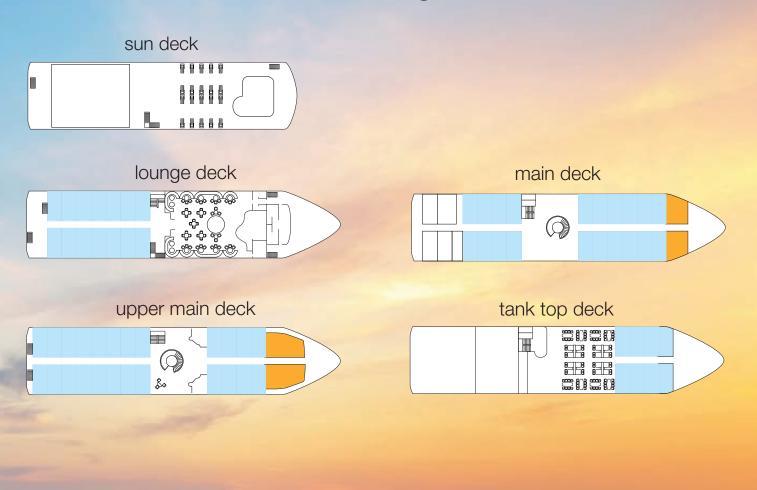
#### Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Cairo. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)





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What's Included

you purchase our air.

this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

**Tour Activity Level** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

• Sedan service & airport transfers when

Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to

Window

• 22 Meals

Call for details.

#### **Choose Your Cabin**

April 2017	Double	October 2017 – April 2018	Double
Dates			
April 19, 26	\$2199	October 11, 25	\$2199
		November 1	\$2249
		December 6	\$2249
		January 10, 24	\$2249
		February 7, 21	\$2249
		March 7, 14	\$2249
		April 4, 18	\$2199
Single Room Supplement (+) \$	650 Triple Room Re	duction N/A	



This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Each client is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$25 USD. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt.



## discover the lifeblood of china





# Wonders of China & the Yangtze River

### starting at \$2,899 | 16 days • 34 meals | April – October 2017

Experience China's marvels, ancient and modern, rural and cosmopolitan, on this fantastic 15-day tour that features a relaxing 4-night upstream cruise of the Yangtze River. Float by the dramatic scenery of the Three Gorges. Explore the booming city of Shanghai. Stand before the 8,000 warriors in the life-size terra-cotta army in Xian. Discover for yourself the mysterious Forbidden City and the immense Tiananmen Square. Walk a section of the Great Wall, tour the old, narrow streets of Beijing by rickshaw and share lunch with a local family in their Hutong home.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey to exciting Shanghai, affluent Chengdu, fascinating Xian and historic Beijing. Your tour also features a 4-night cruise on the captivating Yangtze River.

#### Day 2: Shanghai, China - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in booming Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic of China. This bustling city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless.

#### Day 3: Shanghai

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Shanghai. Set out for the waterfront district, known as the Bund, which runs along the Huangpu River. Famous for its impressive colonial buildings, you'll feel as though you have stepped back into 19thcentury Europe. Explore Old Town's narrow streets and relax in the tranquil Yuyuan Garden. Enjoy lunch at a celebrated local restaurant known for its xiao long bao soup dumplings. Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner before enjoying an amazing acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Shanghai

Discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum, home to artifacts that span China's rich history. Visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center and view the centerpiece of the museum, a vast scale model of Shanghai as it will look in 2020. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish. (B)

#### Day 5: Shanghai - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship

Visit a silk factory and learn how artisans create this luxurious fabric. All aboard the Mag Lev train where magnetic levitation technology allows you to reach speeds over 260 miles per hour! Next, board your

flight to Hubei province. Touching down in Yichang, embark your ship for a 4-night upstream Yangtze River cruise. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Cruising - Three Gorges Dam -Xiling Gorge

Begin your day with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck. Sail into dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site of the Three Gorges Dam. The dam, inside the first of the three gorges, is the world's largest hydroelectric project. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Cruising - Shennong Stream -Wu Gorge - Qutang Gorge

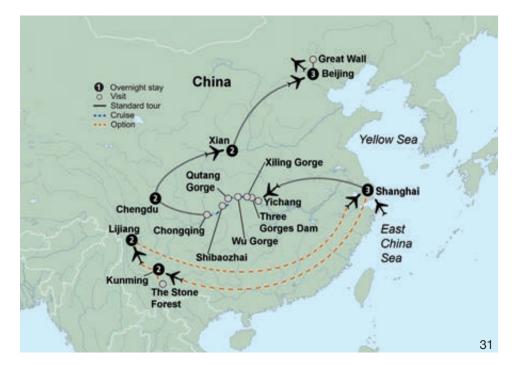
Take in the tranquil surroundings on a ride up the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Upon returning to your ship, enjoy the majestic vistas as you sail through Wu Gorge, well-known for its 12 forest-covered peaks. This afternoon, be amazed as you sail by the dramatic steep cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Cruising - Shibaozhai

Arrive at Shibaozhai, an imposing hill along the banks of the Yangtze River. Adorning the hill is a 9-story red pagoda where you can climb the stairs to the top of Shibaozhai, the perfect place to take in the view of the river and surrounding area. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship - Chengdu

Disembark this morning in the mountain city of Chongqing and travel to Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan Province. Spend time on your own strolling through its ancient streets with a blend of historic



and modern architecture. Come to know the leisurely lifestyle and teahouse culture that makes this city captivating. Tonight, sample the fresh, bold flavors of the local cuisine. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Chengdu

Your morning begins with a visit to the Panda Breeding Sanctuary to learn how China's national treasure is being protected from extinction. Your guided tour allows you the rare opportunity to see the Giant Panda in its natural environment. The sanctuary is also home to the Red Panda. Enjoy an afternoon visit to Du Fu Thatched Cottage, the former home to one of China's famous poets who was often referred to as the "Shakespeare of China." End your day by exploring Jinli Old Street with its traditionalstyle buildings. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Chengdu - Xian

This morning we fly to the ancient city of Xian, surrounded by the best-preserved city wall in China and where the illustrious Silk Road concludes. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Xian

Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. This vast clay army, 8,000 strong, was created to guard China's first emperor in the afterlife. You'll be amazed at the detail – each soldier has a different face. Lunch today is a Xian specialty – hand-pulled noodles. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty dinner and show, complete with Imperial cuisine. (B, L)

#### Day 13: Xian - Beijing

This morning, fly to the capital of China – Beijing. Contemplate history during a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world. Next, discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens that were once home to the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: The Great Wall

Discover the Great Wall, China's legendary landmark. Live out a lifelong dream as you visit the picturesque Juyongguan section to walk along this celebrated structure. Next, visit a jade workshop to learn how local artists create these masterpieces. On your way back to Beijing, relive the excitement of the 2008 Summer Olympics when you view Olympic Park, the Water Cube and the famous Bird's Nest Stadium. Tonight, you may opt to attend the Peking Opera and explore the Donghuamen night market. (B, L)

#### Day 15: Beijing

Visit the Temple of Heaven where the emperor came twice each year to pray. Relax amidst the locals doing their morning exercises. Later, take a thrilling rickshaw tour through the oldest part of Beijing. With an interpreter, learn about a local family's way of life and share lunch with them in their Hutong home. They will also teach you the art of dumpling making. Next, spend time with a Chinese calligraphy master and learn about this ancient art. Your final stop features a traditional tea ceremony. Later, enjoy a special farewell dinner including Peking Duck. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Beijing - Tour Ends (B)

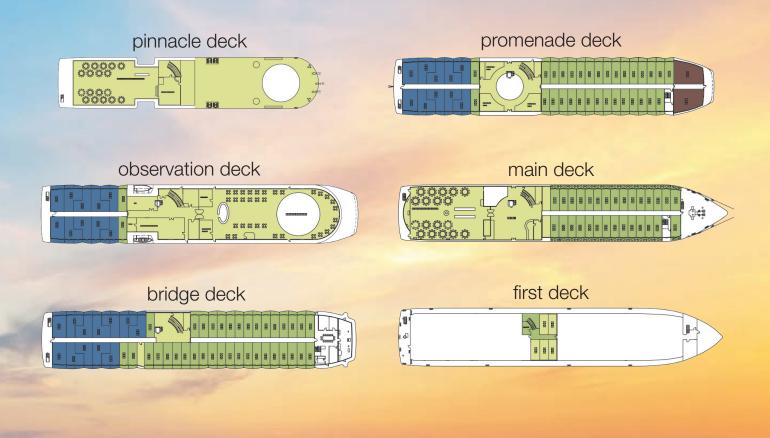
Extend your tour with optional 5-night Shangri-La pre-tour extension. Call for more details.







## Victoria Cruises Victoria Katarina



#### **Choose Your Cabin**

#### April – October 2017

Triple Room Reduction

N/A

April 11	\$2899
May 2, 16	\$2899
June 13	\$2899
September 5, 19, 26	\$2899
October 3, 10, 31	\$2899

#### What's Included

- 34 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. Call for details.

Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

Tour Activity Level ① ② ④ ④ ⑤ See page 35 for details.



This trip requires a passport and visa. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. All guests will be confirmed in Balcony cabins. Dinners on the cruise ship are Chinese cuisine. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$140 USD. Rates are approximate and subject to change.

## **Important Reservation Information**

(Visit gocollette.com/terms for complete terms and conditions)

Land Rates Land rates are per person, double occupancy. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

#### **Payments**

#### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan.
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. If
  you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$500 plus the
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#### Instant Purchase Air

 If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a \$500 deposit (or \$250 with the Travel Protection Plan), all of which is non-refundable

Should you decide to purchase our per-person Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-611-3361

#### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette Travel Service, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attn: Accounts Receivable

**Revision Fees** A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

**Cancellation Charges** Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you have not purchased our Travel Protection Plan, and you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air. (\*see cancellation and unused services Travel Protection Plan fees and exceptions):

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price
- \* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

**Collette's Travel Protection Plan** Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Visit www.gocollette.com/terms for Complete TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN Terms and Conditions

Airfare For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase Nonrefundable Airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, it does not provide a refund for the airline tickets in the event of a cancellation (there is coverage under Part B for Instant Purchase airline tickets if you cancel your trip for covered reasons – see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable, and may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

**Baggage Disclaimer** Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage z to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

**Transfers** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.\* Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

**Tour Pacing** Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

Level 1: At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

Level 2: This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

Level 3: This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Level 4: To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Level 5: This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counselors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

**Travel Loyalty** Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.<sup>†</sup> It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

<sup>1</sup>Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

Holiday and Museum Closures Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

**Motorcoach Washrooms** Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

Maps and Photos Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

**Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette** Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any

tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated below and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

**GENERAL DISCLAIMER** Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Collette.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

**ARBITRATION** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in the State of Rhode Island. Such proceedings will be governed by and in accordance with substantive Rhode Island law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

**FORUM SELECTION** This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Rhode Island by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and the Federal and State Courts in Rhode Island shall have exclusive and sole jurisdiction over any dispute, controversy or suit arising relative to this Agreement.

**Consumer Protection Plans** Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette's bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

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