



Old-World Christmas

DECEMBER 6-15, 2026

Luxurious River Cruise and European Christmas Markets

New Tour

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 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 our included overnight flight, we will arrive in Cologne and transfer to our home for the next four nights—the *MS Amadeus Riva*. Once onboard, familiarize yourself with the amenities and indulge in the gourmet cuisine available. **D**

DAY 3: KOBLENZ

Today, we'll 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**

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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

We will travel to Heidelberg, a renowned university city with a preserved Baroque style. 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 admiring 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—



Explore Basel at the height of Christmas season



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. The group will then continue to Lucerne for a two-night stay in this lovely city. **B, D**

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 and the Christmas Market, located just a short walk from our hotel. 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 lakes 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. Conclude the day with a farewell dinner together. **B, D**

DAY 10: FAREWELL

After breakfast, we head to the airport for our included flight home. We are sure that you will depart with long-lasting memories of our travels amongst the most festive Christmas Markets in the world! **B** 🌍

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

Stateroom	Price	Early Booking Discount	Price with Discount
Haydn Stern	\$6,449	-\$250	\$6,199
Haydn Forward	\$6,549	-\$250	\$6,299
Strauss Stern	\$6,999	-\$500	\$6,499
Strauss Mid	\$7,099	-\$500	\$6,599
Strauss Forward	\$7,199	-\$500	\$6,699
Mozart Stern	\$7,299	-\$500	\$6,799
Mozart Mid	\$7,399	-\$500	\$6,899
Mozart Suite	\$8,249	-\$750	\$7,499

Plus \$165 in port taxes and fees (per person). Single supplements: Haydn +\$2,500, Strauss/Mozart +\$3,500, Suite +\$4,500. This tour is NOT eligible for Travel More, Save More discounts.

TOUR DETAILS

10 Days • 20 Meals

Dec 6-15, 2026

Price Per Person:

See Table

Land Only Pricing Available

Pre/Post Hotel: Call for pricing

Depart/Return:

Chicago, IL

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit festive Christmas Markets
- Cruise in luxury aboard the *MS Amadeus Riva*
- Holiday Traditions of Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy
- Ascend Mount Pilatus
- Join CTD President Matthias Jonas on this festive vacation

INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from the U.S.
- Professional, English speaking Tour Director
- Welcome Dinner and meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- All gratuities included
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- 24-hour emergency call service

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 2-5: *MS Amadeus Riva*

Nights 6-7: Hotel Astoria, Lucerne, Switzerland

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

