

Cruise aboard our privately owned 162-Passenger M/S River Aria

The Great Rivers of Europe

The Netherlands: Amsterdam | **Germany:** Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Heidelberg, Wertheim, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | **Austria:** Melk, Vienna

16 days from **\$6,045**
with international airfare
from Tampa

15 days from **\$4,595**
River Cruise only



IT'S INCLUDED

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

Accommodations for 14 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins

ALL meals: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners—including 2 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

12 included tours with personal headsets and **5 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Glassblowing demonstration • Home-Hosted *Kaffeeklatsch* • Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit & conversation • Germany & Ukraine conversation • German education system conversation

Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive: Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide an insider's knowledge and perspective

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure OCTOBER 4, 2026

Return OCTOBER 19, 2026

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-3 • Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Embark ship

Port Amsterdam

Included Tour Amsterdam

Day 4-5 • Germany by Rhine

Ports Dusseldorf • Koblenz • Rudesheim

Included Tours Cologne • Koblenz

Day 6-10 • Germany by Main

Ports Frankfurt • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Gerlachshausen • Schweinfurt • Bamberg

Included Tours Heidelberg • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Bamberg

Optional Tour Rothenburg

Day 11-13 • Germany by Danube

Ports Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau

Included Tours Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau

Day 14-15 • Austria

Ports Melk • Vienna

Included Tours Melk Abbey • Vienna

Optional Tour *Musical Vienna*

Day 16 • Vienna • Return to U.S.

Disembark ship

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Bruges, Belgium

3 nights pre-trip from \$1145

Prague, Czech Republic

4 nights post-trip from \$1,195

Vienna, Austria

3 nights post-trip from \$1145

PLEASE MENTION THIS
CODE WHEN BOOKING

G6-30600

WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing

- 15 days, with 14 nights aboard the 162-passenger M/S *River Aria*
- Return flights often require departing in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet or colder conditions

- Optional activities and elective walks may be offered in addition to the ones mentioned in our day-to-day itinerary
- Agility and balance needed for boarding small canal boats and navigating steep, slippery stairs
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones

- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 30 minutes outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Nuremberg, Germany; Cologne, Germany; Koblenz, Germany; Regensburg, Germany; Bamberg, Germany; Vienna, Austria

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 40-73°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

DAY 2 • Amsterdam, the Netherlands • Embark ship

Arrive today and transfer to your private river ship. Later, you'll meet your Program Director and those travelers who took the pre-trip extension to *Bruges, Belgium*.

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DAY 3 • Amsterdam • Captain's Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a city tour by boat this morning along Amsterdam's canals. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

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DAY 4 • Cologne, Germany

Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising to your first German port. After lunch onboard, disembark and transfer to Cologne for an included tour, featuring the Roman Gate and the Gothic Cologne Cathedral.

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DAY 5 • Koblenz • Afternoon sailing

Disembark for a tour of Koblenz, exploring the Old Town and the famous Rhine promenade. Then, set off for the Winningen wine region to sample local wines.

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DAY 6 • Frankfurt • Heidelberg

This morning, you arrive in Frankfurt. Join today's included tour of Heidelberg, set on the edge of the Odenwald Forest,

where you'll visit the 15th-century Heidelberg Castle.

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DAY 7 • Wertheim • Glassblowing demonstration • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch

Enjoy an **Exclusive Discovery Series** glassblowing demonstration onboard this morning. Later, step ashore in Wertheim for a walking tour. Then, head to the home of a local family for a traditional *Kaffeeklatsch* to share coffee and cake during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** Home-Hosted Visit.

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DAY 8 • Wurzburg

Early this morning, your ship will start cruising to Wurzburg. Upon arrival, disembark for an included walking tour of



M/S River Adagio, Kaub, Germany

this charming Bavarian port along the Main River.

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DAY 9 • Gerlachshausen • Optional Rothenburg tour • Schweinfurt

This morning, enjoy a full-day optional tour to Rothenburg. Or relax onboard as you cruise to Schweinfurt.

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DAY 10 • Bamberg • Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit

Discover Bamberg today. This afternoon, begin cruising to Nuremberg—entering the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal. After dinner, you’ll enjoy an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal.

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DAY 11 • Nuremberg • Conversation about Germany & Ukraine

This morning, arrive in Nuremberg—its name evoking the post-World War II Nazi war trials. Here, you’ll join a city tour with a local guide, which includes a visit to the Zeppelin Field rally grounds where the Nazi party held rallies for up to 100,000 spectators. Later, join an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion about Germany’s policy of limited

intervention in the war between Russia and Ukraine.

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DAY 12 • Conversation about German education • Regensburg

Join an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation this morning about Germany’s education system. Then take a walking tour of Regensburg, one of Germany’s largest and best preserved medieval cities. You’ll see the twelfth-century Stone Bridge (*Steinerne Brücke*) and the towering Gothic St. Peter’s Cathedral—home to a famous boys’ choir.

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DAY 13 • Passau

Stop in Passau for a walking tour. Along the way, you’ll see St. Stephen’s Cathedral, home to the world’s largest church organ outside of the U.S.

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DAY 14 • Melk, Austria • Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour

Today, enjoy a guided tour of the 900-year-old Melk Abbey. Later, enjoy lunch as you cruise through the stunning Wachau wine region. This evening, you’ll

arrive in the Austrian capital. Join us for an optional *Musical Vienna* performance.

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DAY 15 • Vienna • Captain’s Farewell Dinner

Explore Vienna on a walking tour, witnessing the *Ringstrasse* and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. You’ll also see the Spanish Riding School, home of the famous Lipizzaner stallions, and the Hofburg Palace. Later, enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

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DAY 16 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or start our optional post-trip extensions to *Vienna, Austria* or *Prague, Czech Republic*.

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Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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DECK

A	Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)	\$5,895
B		\$5,695
C	Sonata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5,395
D		\$5,295
E	Cantata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5,195
F		\$5,095
G	Prelude Deck (Lower Deck w/small window)	\$4,895
H		\$4,595

AIR ADD-ON

Tampa	\$1,450
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$750 per person.

Travel Protection: Starting from \$749.

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based on a trip value of \$6,500 per person

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15 months or more	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 months prior	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 months prior	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780

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