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EUROPEAN  
RIVER CRUISE  
JOURNEYS

# The Only **Small-Group** Cruising in Europe

In 2018, come aboard for the only small-group river cruising experience in Europe — a journey filled with the authenticity and local insight that make travel with A&K unique.

While you cruise on a ship of 150 or so passengers, you experience each destination in the company of no more than 24 Connections guests and a Resident Tour Director®, for an intimate, boutique-style experience impossible to achieve as part of a larger group. All activities and meals on shore are exclusive to your group, and you enjoy your meals on board in a private dining area. Connections guests even enjoy priority embarkation at the start of the cruise, as well as an exclusive private vehicle for all excursions.

This year, we are pleased to offer refreshed cruises along the Seine and Danube, along with a sample of our land-based Connections Boutique Group Journeys, giving you plenty of options as you plan your inspiring European journey.

I wish you happy travels in Europe in 2018.



*Geoffrey Kent*

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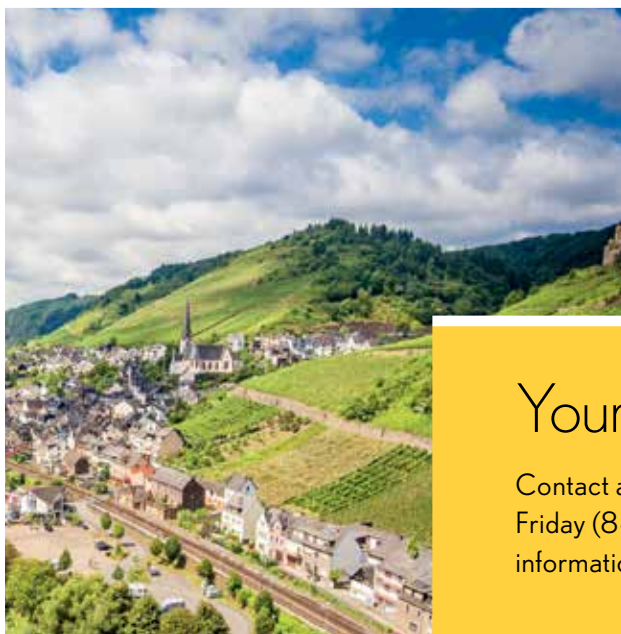


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# Authentic **Access** to Europe's Wonders

With more than 50 years of experience, five offices in Europe and our expert Resident Tour Directors, only Abercrombie & Kent can take you to the heart of the Old World with the privilege of authentic local access.

*"Our Tour Director was superb. She was very knowledgeable in history, culture and cuisine at all of our destinations."*

– Dana; Baton Rouge, LA, June 2015

## Why Local Access Matters

When you travel on a Connections cruise, we don't just take you to the front of the line; we take you off the ship and into the parts of the museum or cathedral not typically open to other cruises, with a noted local expert at your side. This kind of unfettered access to the authentic heart and soul of a place — to the people and sites that exist far beyond the reach of the average traveller — is something we pride ourselves in delivering on every river cruise journey we create.

## Resident Tour Directors Who Live in Europe

Our Resident Tour Directors have lived for decades, sometimes even their entire lives, in the places you visit, with many years of service on Europe's rivers. They are year-round residents equipped with the savvy and insights into local culture that only come with being there. Dedicated to your small group, they accompany you every day both on shore and on the water, calling you by your first name (there are no name tags on a Connections cruise) and helping you get the most out of your travel experience.

## Unrivaled On-the-Ground Support

Our local experts know the ins and outs of every destination along Europe's rivers. They have cultivated the long-term relationships with guides, governments and organizations that help us offer extraordinary onshore sightseeing experiences that are simply not available from anyone else. And having a permanent local presence allows us to closely monitor your safety and security, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





# The **Advantages** of Small-Group Cruising with A&K

When you cruise with Connections, you travel in a group of no more than 24 like-minded guests. This makes for a far more inspiring and authentic travel experience, both on the river and on shore.

## A Small Group of 24 or Less

While your river ship carries a complement of around 150 passengers, you enjoy every shore excursion and meal in a group of no more than 24 Connections guests — which makes for a far more personal, boutique-style experience. Your Resident Tour Director serves as your concierge on board and leads you to a private vehicle for your Connections-only shore activities, where you experience your destination in a relaxed, intimate ambience.

## Private Dining on Board and on Shore

When dining on board ship, your Connections group sits at specially reserved tables, joined by your Resident Tour Director. Going ashore, your small group has the opportunity to dine at local restaurants — something no one else on your cruise does and which few other companies offer. In addition, local wine and beer are always included at lunch and dinner, and every journey features a specially arranged Chef's Highlights dining event with an exclusive tasting menu.

## Always Exclusive Excursions

Every trip ashore on your European River Cruise Journey is an invitation-only affair — just you, your fellow Connections guests and your Resident Tour Director and local guide. Set out on visits to local neighborhoods and markets or meet one-on-one with remarkable artisans, musicians and culinary experts who lend an incomparable firsthand perspective on the local people and culture.

## Dedicated A&K Onshore Vehicles

When you disembark for a shore excursion led by your Resident Tour Director, a comfortable A&K vehicle designated exclusively for your group is ready by the dock, so you never have to wait or search for a bus. You travel as a group, not as a crowd, and explore together as like-minded travellers.

## A Complete Itinerary on Both River and Land

Each journey in this book is a complete itinerary that reveals the heart of your destination on land as well as on the water. Explore vital cultural hubs such as Prague, Amsterdam, Munich, Budapest and Paris before or after your cruise, with sightseeing and meals included.

## Elegance on Shore: Boutique Hotels

Your time on shore before and after your cruise is every bit as important as the cruise itself, and so A&K chooses each hotel on your journey with exquisite care.

First, we make sure every property is centrally located, allowing you easy access to all the must-see sites. Next, while other companies put up their guests in large chain hotels, we choose smaller boutique properties — whether historic buildings enjoying a new life as a hotel, or distinctive properties with a legacy of hospitality that spans generations — that embody the unique traits of your destination. Places like the Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague, The Ring in Vienna or Munich's Platzl Hotel offer close proximity to delectable food and intriguing culture, along with the chance to experience authentic local flavor without even walking outside.





*"Being in a small group  
made every tour easier and  
more intimate. Barbara, our  
Tour Director, was attentive  
to each of us."*

*– John; Saint Paul, MN, May 2016*





# Cruise Europe in **Style**

The river ships chosen by A&K for these journeys are spacious yet intimate, stylish yet inviting, and steeped in the legendary hospitality of the Old World while boasting cutting-edge conveniences.

## Preferred Cabins and Suites with Balconies

For Connections boutique-style river cruise journeys, A&K offers only the cabins and suites most preferred by our guests, including those with full, walk-out balconies or French balconies, all of which offer unrestricted views through wide glass panoramas. These cabins are larger in size than those of many other river cruise vessels operating in Europe today.

## Relaxed Ambience and Modern Amenities

All of the vessels selected for Connections cruises feature a welcoming, casual atmosphere as well as the kind of amenities you expect from a fine hotel. You'll find a hairdresser, fitness room and massage facilities on board, along with ship-wide Wi-Fi available free to Connections guests. There is also a sun deck for relaxation and traditional river ship diversions, such as shuffleboard or a giant chessboard.

## Culinary Temptations

Prepared fresh on board by a master chef and his team, meals feature delicacies that take inspiration from the places you visit. House wine, beer and soft drinks are included with both lunch and dinner, and generous breakfast and lunch buffets appeal to a wide range of tastes. And of course, your Connections group dines at tables reserved exclusively for you.

## Service that Surpasses Expectations

While cruising the rivers of Europe, your needs are attended to by a hand-chosen crew that works on the river year in and year out, making them experts at anticipating requests before you even have to make them. Our crews boast years of experience in making guests feel welcome, and they help turn your river cruiser into an inviting home away from home.



*"Our guests expect only the best cabins and suites – and I make sure that's what they get."*

*– Liam Dunch; Product Manager, Europe*













# The **Only** Small-Group Cruising Experience

While many companies offer European river cruises, only Connections by Abercrombie & Kent provides award-winning, small-group travel on the rivers of Europe, perfected over the course of more than 50 years of leadership in the field. When you compare us with other river cruise operators, the unique advantages of our Connections European River Cruise Journeys are undeniable.

Connections European River Cruise Journeys	Other European River Cruise Operators
<b>Group Size of 24 or Less</b>	
On your ship of 150 passengers, dine and go ashore in an exclusive group of no more than 24 Connections guests, enjoying more interaction with your Resident Tour Director and Connections-only shore activities	Typically, ships sail with 130 to 190 passengers, who are divided into groups of 40 to 50 each for shore excursions
<b>A&amp;K Resident Tour Director</b>	
Dedicated solely to your small group and accompanying you throughout your journey, on board and on shore	A tour director for each group of 40 to 50 passengers
<b>Exclusive Shore Excursions in Private Vehicles</b>	
Exclusive shore excursions with just your fellow Connections guests, travelling in small vehicles reserved for your group	Visits to sites suitable for larger groups, travelling in large buses boarded on a first-come, first-serve basis
<b>Dining On and Off Shore</b>	
Meals enjoyed at tables reserved for your small group of Connections guests; exclusive opportunities to dine at restaurants on shore; Chef's Highlights dining event on every journey	Meals taken with 100 or more guests at a time on ship, or in large, crowded restaurants on shore
<b>An Itinerary Spanning Both Cruising and City Stays</b>	
Stays in iconic cities complement your cruise and enrich the overall experience with sightseeing, gourmet meals and boutique-style hotels all included in one seamless itinerary	City stays before and after the cruise cost more, use larger hotels and require the added hassle of extra arrangements
<b>Priority Boarding</b>	
Connections guests step on deck up to 90 minutes before general boarding	All passengers board at the same time

# Discover More with Tailor Made Travel

## The Perfect Complement to Your Journey

Experience a comprehensive — and even more unforgettable — European journey by adding Tailor Made Travel to your river cruise itinerary. Tailor Made Travel allows you to spend several additional days immersed in Burgundy, Bavaria, Austria, the Netherlands and many more inviting destinations throughout Europe, accompanied by an expert local guide and with sightseeing tailored to your personal interests.



## Book Your Air with A&K

### Let Our Experts Arrange Your Flights

Drawing upon decades of experience in air travel, our dedicated air team knows how and when to book the best flights for your journey. We know which flights work with our itineraries — and our relationships with a wide range of partner carriers work to your advantage in a number of ways. Contact A&K or your travel professional for more details.


## Protect Your Journey

### Rest Easy with Comprehensive Protection

A&K's Guest Protection Program offers coverage should you be forced to cancel your trip at short notice, or if a medical emergency arises while travelling. The plan also assists with replacing lost travel documents and covers you in case of baggage loss. Contact us to learn more about the A&K Guest Protection Program.







# A Rewards Program For Repeat Travellers

## Experience the New Marco Polo Club

Reimagined to better recognize and reward our most loyal guests, the Marco Polo Club® now extends complimentary membership to everyone who travels on three or more journeys with Abercrombie & Kent USA.

Among the club's benefits is a five-percent discount on almost any new booking made within nine months of returning from an A&K journey — a savings that members can pass on to any immediate family travelling with them. As an added benefit, solo travellers are entitled to a 50-percent savings on most single supplements booked at any time.

Marco Polo Club members also enjoy recognition in other ways with a place on the priority waitlist for sold-out journeys, a members-only onboard reception on A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, and a variety of exclusive communications and events. To learn more about A&K's Marco Polo Club, visit [akmarcopolo.com](http://akmarcopolo.com).

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MARCO POLO  
— CLUB® —



Take in the beauty of Holland's tulips and iconic windmills



## Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom

9 days priced from \$3,995

Featuring a 7-night cruise to Amsterdam, Arnhem and Antwerp  
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise through Holland and Belgium's finest cities and towns, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing with your private group, led by your Resident Tour Director
- Enjoy Connections-exclusive excursions, including a full-day tour to lovely Delft, famous for its porcelain, and the stunning Keukenhof Gardens, where you enjoy lunch amid its flowers
- Sample local cuisine during culinary experiences ashore with Connections guests, including a lunch of moules-frites (mussels and fries) in Bruges, a tasting of stroopwafels in Veere and a brewery tour in Ghent
- Visit a private tulip grower during an enriching excursion

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your boutique hotel. Later, join your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. *Kimpton De Witt Hotel / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: AMSTERDAM / Visiting a Tulip Grower

Join Connections guests as you travel past tulip fields en route to a private flower grower. Return to Amsterdam for some time at leisure. Later, board your river ship, with priority embarkation and time to unwind in your premium cabin or suite. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before dinner on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*





### DAY 3: AMSTERDAM / *Atmospheric Canals*

Tour Amsterdam in your small Connections group, viewing the Royal Palace and Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), followed by a scenic cruise through the city's canal district. Then, take an excursion to Volendam, Marken and Edam, visiting a dairy specializing in Dutch cheeses. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: ARNHEM / *Market Garden Battle Site*

Cruise to Arnhem, where you visit the Hartenstein Airborne Museum and war cemetery. Continue on a Connections-only excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum, home to the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: MIDDELBURG / *Zeeland & the Sea*

Dock in Middelburg. Embark on today's Connections small-group excursion, seeing the Watersnood Museum. In lovely Veere, get an authentic taste of local fare when you sample *stroopwafels*. Later, enjoy a private, pre-dinner cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: GHENT, BELGIUM / *Historic City Centers*

Cross into Ghent, Belgium. Take an excursion to medieval Bruges, where you savor a Connections-exclusive lunch of *moules-frites* (mussels and fries). Return to bustling Ghent, where you tour the city and visit a local brewery. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: ANTWERP / *Home of Rubens*

Explore the lively city of Antwerp, the most populous in Belgium. Visit the Rubenshuis, former residence of Peter Paul Rubens, with its beautiful gardens, and then stop at a workshop that demonstrates the art of diamond cutting. Tonight, enjoy a gala dinner aboard the ship. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 8: DELFT & KEUKENHOF / *Floral Glories*



Disembark on a full-day tour with your intimate group, beginning in Delft, where you pay a Connections-exclusive visit to the Royal Delft porcelain factory. Enjoy lunch and a full afternoon at Keukenhof

Gardens. Open only in spring, its breathtaking floral displays epitomize the striking beauty of Holland. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 9: DEPART AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. *Meals: B*

**NOTE:** High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.



## local connections



Go behind the scenes at the Royal Delft workshops as master craftspeople carry on an artistic tradition passed down through generations.

## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See “Cruise Vessels” at back for deck plan.



### Kimpton De Witt Hotel

Contemporary boutique hotel nestled in the heart of Amsterdam's city center, featuring authentic regional amenities like a flower shop and a complimentary fleet of bicycles.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

## Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>Walk-Out or *French Balcony</i>
Apr 4-12, Apr 11-19 ( <i>'Amadeus Brilliant'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$3,995 \$895	\$4,295 \$1,395	\$4,795 \$1,695	\$5,395* \$2,995
Apr 26-May 4 ( <i>'Amadeus Queen'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$4,895 \$1,195	\$5,195 \$1,795	\$5,695 \$2,295	\$6,295 \$3,995

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.



## Paris, the Loire & a Seine River Cruise

13 days priced from \$9,995

Featuring a 7-night cruise on the Seine River

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Seine River through the tranquil French countryside, experiencing 13 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Explore Paris from the seat of a vintage Citroën 2CV
- Experience the authentic Loire Valley with a stay in a magnificent château-turned-hotel
- See Monet's Giverny and the final resting place of Van Gogh at Auvers-sur-Oise
- Spend a day exploring the D-Day landing sites at Normandy with a historical expert
- Enjoy eight thoughtfully planned meals ashore, designed exclusively for Connections guests

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE PARIS, FRANCE

Arrive in Paris, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy time at leisure. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director — exclusive to Connections guests — for a welcome dinner. Then, sleep in comfort in your hand-selected, centrally located boutique hotel. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: PARIS / Vintage Motor Tour

Join fellow Connections guests as you explore Paris by classic Citroën 2CV, the car that revolutionized the French auto industry.







Cruise the French countryside along the scenic Seine River

Enjoy lunch at a typical restaurant before exploring the city on your own during an afternoon and evening at leisure.

*Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: B L*

### DAY 3: PARIS/LOIRE VALLEY / Versailles



Head to Versailles for a guided small-group tour of the magnificent royal château. Originally built as a hunting lodge, Versailles was expanded to many times its original size, eventually

becoming the foremost symbol of the might of the French crown. Continue to the Loire Valley and settle into your own château-turned-hotel. *Domaine de la Tortinière / Meals: B D*

### DAY 4: LOIRE VALLEY / River-Spanning Châteaux

Visit Château de Chenonceau this morning, a remarkable structure that spans the Cher River. Follow this up with a vineyard tour and tasting at a local estate. Enjoy a free evening to relax in your boutique hotel. *Domaine de la Tortinière / Meals: B L*

### DAY 5: PARIS / Your Cruise Begins

Explore the markets of charming Tours this morning, then take the high-speed TGV train back to the center of Paris. On arrival, enjoy the views during an intimate lunch atop the soaring Tour Montparnasse, Paris' tallest building. Later, board your ship, with priority embarkation. After settling into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony, join fellow guests for a welcome cocktail, followed by dinner.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: PARIS & AUVERS-SUR-OISE / Discovering Van Gogh

Dock this morning in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine on the outskirts of Paris. Disembark for an art-rich, Connections-exclusive excursion to nearby Auvers-sur-Oise. Visit Van Gogh's last home and see his grave in the local cemetery. Then, delve deeper and explore the town. After lunch back on board, pay visits to Château d'Auvers, a 17th-century estate with a Van Gogh and French art exhibit, and, as a Connections exclusive, the Daubigny Museum with its collection of contemporary and 19th- and 20th-century art.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: ROUEN / Tea at a Patisserie



Join your intimate group of Connections guests for a morning sightseeing tour of Rouen, where you stroll through the Saturday markets, including Old Market Square. After visiting the cathedral, enjoy time at leisure in the town, followed by tea at a popular *pâtisserie* and tea room, a Connections exclusive. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 8: NORMANDY / Sobering History



Your ship docks in Le Havre this morning. Meet your expert local guide and depart early for a full-day Connections excursion through Normandy's World War II history. See Omaha Beach, Pointe-du-Hoc and Arromanches. Then, discover the Peace Museum of Caen, which chronicles the events of World War II, the Normandy landings and the Cold War. Return to your vessel late this





Experience the beauty of Monet's gardens at Giverny

afternoon, with time to reflect on your day during dinner aboard.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 9: CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX / *Sampling Ciders & Calvados*

Begin your cruise back up the Seine. This afternoon, pay an intimate, Connections-only visit to Domaine Coeur de Lion, a fourth-generation family estate that produces the ciders and Calvados the region is known for. Sample them with local Camembert. Then, wander the streets of ancient Honfleur and visit Saint Catherine's Church. Tonight, sit down to a gourmet dinner ashore, prepared exclusively for Connections guests.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 10: GIVERNY / *Monet's Inspiration*

This morning, your vessel docks in Les Andelys. Disembark with your small group and travel in your Connections vehicle to Giverny. Roam the beautiful gardens, which inspired some of Monet's greatest work. Rejoin the ship at Vernon for a relaxing afternoon spent cruising, followed by a captain's gala dinner aboard. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 11: PARIS / *The "City of Light"*



Begin your day as the French do — at the markets — when a local guide escorts your intimate group on a Connections-exclusive food exploration. Then, ride the funicular to the artists' colony of

Montmartre, home to Paris' only vineyard, a visit planned specially for Connections guests. After lunch, discover its colorful





See the splendor of Château de Chenonceau in intimate company



## local connections



In Paris, join your guide for an expertly curated culinary adventure, sampling cheeses, pastries, chocolates, sausages and baguettes handpicked from the city's finest local markets.

history during a walking tour and wine tasting. Celebrate your last night aboard with a private Connections cocktail party, followed by an exclusive Chef's Table dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 12: PARIS / A Day of Art



Further your art experiences during a guided, small-group tour of the Musée d'Orsay, taking in its collection of impressionist and post-impressionist paintings. Continue on to the Musée de l'Orangerie, home to Monet's *Water Lilies* series, inspired by his home at Giverny. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests this evening for a farewell dinner. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: B D*

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### DAY 13: DEPART PARIS

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## Accommodations Spotlight

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### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French balconies — and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



### Domaine de la Tortinière

On 40 acres along the banks of the Indre River, find this 19th-century castle and third-generation-owned château hotel.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

## Dates & Pricing

### Departure Dates

Jun 10-22,  
Sep 9-21 ('Amadeus Diamond')  
Single Supplement

**B-4**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$9,995

\$2,795

**B-1**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$10,595

\$3,495

**A-1**  
Mozart-Deck  
French Balcony

\$11,395

\$4,595

**Amadeus Suite**  
Mozart-Deck  
French Balcony

\$11,995

\$6,495

### Journey Details

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## Paris, Burgundy & a South of France Cruise

11 days priced from \$7,595

Featuring a 7-night cruise to Mâcon, Lyon and Avignon

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Saône and Rhône rivers, experiencing 11 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Stay at intimate hotels in Paris and Beaune, carefully chosen for their central locations and historic splendor
- Enjoy seven meals ashore that highlight authentic, local cuisine, including lunch at a Provençal farmhouse
- Disembark for enlightening Connections-exclusive shore excursions, including a day trip to Sénanque and Arles
- Enjoy lunch beneath the Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard and tour papal Avignon
- Walk in the footsteps of Van Gogh, visiting the hospital where the artist admitted himself and painted his surroundings



#### DAY 1: ARRIVE PARIS, FRANCE

Arrive in Paris, where you are met and transferred to your elegant boutique hotel for check-in. This evening, meet your Resident Tour Director — exclusive to Connections guests — for dinner atop Tour Montparnasse. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: PARIS / Baking at a Boulangerie

Set out with your group for a tour of the city, including stops at the iconic Eiffel Tower and the lovely Cathédrale Notre-Dame de





In Avignon, tour the Palais des Papes, a stunning Gothic palace

Paris. After lunch, try your skills as a baker during a hands-on class at a traditional *boulangerie*. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: B L*

### DAY 3: BEAUNE / *Prelude to the Journey*



After a morning at leisure in Paris, travel with Connections guests by private vehicle to the winelands of Beaune. Visit the Hôtel-Dieu before settling into your boutique accommodations, a collection of connected 14th-through-16th-century buildings that epitomize the historic town, complete with period furnishings and trompe-l'œil and Renaissance sculptures. *Hôtel Le Cep / Meals: B*

### DAY 4: BEAUNE / *Wine Capital of Burgundy*



Travel to a traditional, family-run mustard mill for a private small-group tour and opportunity to make the piquant condiment. Join a local expert sommelier in his home for a tutored tasting of

memorable vintage wines, followed by lunch. Next, travel to Lyon for priority embarkation aboard 'Amadeus Provence.' Take time to settle into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony. Then, gather this evening for a welcome cocktail and dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: MÂCON / *Medieval Wonder*

Arrive this morning in Mâcon. Travel privately by small group to Cluny to tour the abbey. After lunch, continue to Chardonnay

on a Connections-only excursion. Sample its namesake grape for yourself at a private wine tasting. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE / *Riverside Town*



Dock in picturesque Chalon-sur-Saône. Your Resident Tour Director shares an orientation before you set off on a morning at leisure to explore this delightful riverside town with its graceful cathedral. After

lunch on board, visit medieval Brancion, continuing to the 17th-century Château de Cormatin. See its turrets; gilded rooms; and ornate, English-style gardens. Half in ruins, it remains under the same private ownership today. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: LYON / *Historic Old Quarter*



Arrive in Lyon to tour its old quarter, walking the charming, centuries-old streets of this UNESCO World Heritage Site by small group, with insight from your Resident Tour Director and local

guide. See the *traboules* (hidden passageways) of Croix-Rousse Hill. Proceed to the Gallo-Roman amphitheater, and visit the famous Les Halles de Paul Bocuse markets. Later, cruise the Rhône River and enjoy a private pre-dinner cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director. End the evening at an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner with fellow Connections guests. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*





Experience fragrant lavender fields in early July at Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque



Visit Place du Forum, where Van Gogh painted *Café Terrace at Night*

#### DAY 8: AVIGNON / *Magnificent Palais des Papes*



Meet your intimate group and embark on a full-day excursion, starting at the Pont du Gard, a towering Roman aqueduct. Enjoy a Connections-exclusive lunch in its shadow before taking a fascinating tour

of Avignon. Its center, surrounded by medieval stone ramparts, features the prominent Palais des Papes and the remains of Saint-Bénézet bridge (Pont d'Avignon). After visiting the Palais des Papes, explore the city at your own pace, with time at leisure. This evening, step ashore to experience the flavors of the South of France during a Connections-only dinner at a specially chosen restaurant. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 9: SÉNANQUE & ARLES / *An Exclusive Experience*



Begin your exclusive, day-long Connections excursion at the Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque, famous for its fields of lavender. In Saint Paul-de-Mausole, see the asylum where Vincent van Gogh was voluntarily

interned for a year, taking note of the gardens that inspired some of his famous paintings. Then, stop at Mas de la Pyramide — a family-run Provençal farm — for a lunch brimming with fresh-plucked, home-grown produce. Talk with your hosts as you gain an inside perspective on rural life. Complete the day in Arles, a city settled since 800 BC. Discover its massive Roman amphitheater, beautiful basilica and the Place du Forum, where Van Gogh painted his *Café Terrace at Night*. You have the chance to stand in the exact spot where the master artist set up his easel. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*





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Sit down to a delicious lunch that includes home-grown vegetables at a Provençal family farm.

### DAY 10: VIVIERS / Local Pastimes



Arrive this morning in Viviers, a small walled city steeped in history and nestled on the Rhône River. Travel by Connections vehicle to meet locals and learn about — and play — a traditional game of *pétanque*. Tonight, gather a final time with fellow guests and join the captain for a celebratory gala dinner.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 11: DEPART LYON

After breakfast, transfer to the Lyon airport, where you board your homebound flight for departure. *Meals: B*

**NOTE:** High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.

### Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



#### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See “Cruise Vessels” at back for deck plan.



#### Hôtel Napoléon

Historic, Art Deco-style hotel with elegant, period furnishings and a central location near the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe.

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### Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>Walk-Out Balcony</i>
Jul 23–Aug 2, Aug 13–23 ( <i>‘Amadeus Provence’</i> ) Single Supplement	\$7,995 \$1,995	\$8,795 \$2,995	\$9,495 \$3,795	\$9,895 \$5,795
Oct 1–11 ( <i>‘Amadeus Provence’</i> ) Single Supplement	\$7,595 \$1,795	\$8,395 \$2,795	\$8,995 \$3,595	\$9,495 \$5,595

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: ship arrival in Lyon at 8:00 a.m. on Day 11.





## Food & Wine of France: Paris, Burgundy & Provence

11 days priced from \$8,995

Featuring a 7-night cruise to Mâcon, Lyon and Avignon

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Saône and Rhône rivers, sampling the region's finest food and wine as you experience exclusive Connections sightseeing escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Settle into centrally located boutique hotels in Paris and Beaune
- Immerse yourself in the flavors of France, enjoying eight Connections-exclusive meals ashore, including a cooking demonstration and dinner at a restaurant in Avignon and lunch at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Épernay
- Experience a tasting tour and cooking class in Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse Markets
- Visit and enjoy tastings at top wineries of Burgundy and the Rhône during private cellar tours
- Tour the Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque, Saint Paul-de-Mausole and the Roman amphitheater in Arles



#### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE

Upon arrival in Paris, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Later, join your Resident Tour Director — exclusive to Connections guests — for a festive welcome dinner atop the Tour Montparnasse, Paris' tallest building. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: PARIS, REIMS & CHAMPAGNE / Private Cellar Visits

Board a TGV high-speed train from Paris to Reims, the unofficial capital of the Champagne wine region. Drive with your small





Toast your journey on a wine tasting at a top vineyard in Burgundy

group through the French countryside to Épernay. Take a Dom Pérignon tour at the Moët & Chandon estate, followed by lunch at a local Michelin-starred restaurant. Spend the afternoon exploring Reims, including a visit to the city's stunning Gothic cathedral. Return to Paris by TGV. *Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: B L*

### DAY 3: PARIS & BEAUNE / *Morning Food Walk*



Set out on a food walk in Montmartre with your intimate group of Connections guests, stopping to sample fresh-baked pastries, just-plucked produce and a variety of local delicacies. Then, travel by

private transport to Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy. Visit l'Hôtel-Dieu, a 15th-century charity hospital, before settling into your historic, boutique accommodations, an intimate hideaway brimming with antiques and period charm. *Hôtel Le Cep / Meals: B*

### DAY 4: BEAUNE / *Private Mustard Mill Tour & Tasting*



Visit a traditional family-run mustard mill for a private tour and tasting. In Puligny-Montrachet, join a local expert sommelier in his home for a tutored tasting of memorable vintage wines,

accompanied by lunch. Travel to Lyon for priority embarkation aboard your stylish, comfortable river ship, where you have time to settle into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony. This evening, gather for a welcome cocktail before dinner on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: MÂCON / *Artisanal Visits*



Arrive in Mâcon. Join a local expert as you set out by small group on a Connections-exclusive, full-day excursion into the Mâconnais region, complete with a goat cheese tasting in Taizé, a truffle tasting in Cortevaix and a country lunch, followed by a private wine tasting with fellow Connections guests.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE / *Local Delights*



Dock in picturesque Chalon-sur-Saône. A specialist guide leads your intimate group on a private exploration of local products, including wine, chocolate and baked goods at a typical *boulangerie*. Enjoy the

rest of your morning at leisure to explore this riverside town. After lunch on board, visit medieval Brancion to see Château de Cormatin and its splendid gardens. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: LYON / *Market Tasting Tour with Cooking Class*



Arrive in Lyon, France's gastronomic epicenter. As you explore the city by small group, exclusively discover its world-famous market, Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse, pausing for tastings of local

foods. During a Connections-exclusive cooking class, learn how to prepare regional appetizers, such as *cervelle des canuts*. Later, cruise





Sit down to an al fresco lunch in the shadow of Pont du Gard



Travel from Paris to Beaune, scenic wine capital of Burgundy

the Rhône River, attending a private Connections cocktail party, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, and an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner aboard. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 8: AVIGNON / *Magnificent Palais des Papes*



Travel with fellow guests for a Connections-exclusive full-day excursion, beginning at Pont du Gard, a stunning Roman aqueduct that you explore with your intimate group. Then, sit down to an al fresco lunch at its base. Upon returning to Avignon, see the medieval stone ramparts and the remains of Saint-Bénézet bridge (Pont d'Avignon). Visit the Gothic-style Palais des Papes, followed by time at leisure. This evening at a local restaurant, attend a cooking demonstration, followed by dinner ashore — culinary experiences planned by A&K, just for your small group of Connections guests. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 9: SÉNANQUE & ARLES / *Inspiring Explorations*



Join your intimate group of Connections guests on a day of exclusive excursions, beginning at the Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque. In Saint Paul-de-Mausole, see the asylum where Vincent van Gogh was voluntarily interned for a year, walking amid the environs that inspired a series of paintings. Then, stop at a family-run Provençal farm for an authentic French country lunch and opportunity to gain insight into rural life. End today in historic Arles, where you discover its massive Roman amphitheater, beautiful basilica and





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Embark on a Connections-exclusive excursion to Pont du Gard, enjoying lunch at a private table set just for you overlooking this iconic Roman aqueduct

the Place du Forum, where Van Gogh painted *Café Terrace at Night*. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 10: VIVIERS / Rhône Wines and Gala Dinner



Arrive in Viviers, a small walled city steeped in history. Disembark for an intimate, Connections-exclusive winery visit and tasting, then stroll a local village market. Tonight, join the captain for a

gala dinner to celebrate your journey.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 11: DEPART LYON

After breakfast, transfer to the Lyon airport and board your homebound flight. *Meals: B*

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## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



### Hôtel Le Cep (Beaune)

Historic, charming and richly decorated, this boutique hotel offers a central location; 16th-century courtyards; and a Michelin-starred restaurant, *Loiseau des Vignes*.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

## Dates & Pricing

### Departure Dates

Jun 11–21, Aug 27–Sep 6 ('*Amadeus Provence*')  
Single Supplement

**B-4**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$8,995  
\$1,895

**B-1**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$9,495  
\$2,795

**A-1**  
Mozart-Deck  
French Balcony

\$10,195  
\$3,695

**Amadeus Suite**  
Mozart-Deck  
Walk-Out Balcony

\$10,795  
\$5,895

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: ship arrival in Lyon at 8:00 a.m. on Day 11.





## The Heartland of Europe: Cruising the Rhine, Main & Danube

17 days priced from \$10,495

Featuring a 14-night cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest  
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise three of Europe's greatest rivers, with 17 days of Connections-exclusive sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Stay in centrally located boutique hotels in both Amsterdam and Budapest
- Tour a World War II art bunker in Nuremberg privately by small group, while learning about the war's history
- Partake in eight meals ashore with just your intimate group, including a garden party lunch at a local villa in Budapest

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner, exclusive to Connections guests. *Kimpton De Witt Hotel / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: VOLENDAM & EDAM / Dutch Charms



Join your small group, driving by private vehicle to the fishing town of Volendam to experience its folk culture. Continue to nearby Edam for a specially arranged cheese tasting. Return to board your

beautiful ship with priority embarkation. Take some time to settle into your premium cabin or suite, opening to a French or walk-out balcony. Later, relax over a welcome cocktail, served before dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*







Walk Bamberg's charming old quarter

### DAY 3: AMSTERDAM / *Getting to Know Van Gogh*

Meet your small group for a canal cruise and an exclusive guided tour of the Van Gogh Museum. Tonight, enjoy a private pre-dinner cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, just for Connections guests. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: COLOGNE, GERMANY / *Gothic Cathedral*



Drive to Bonn, former capital of West Germany. Pay a Connections-only visit to the Beethoven House and explore the city. After lunch, return to Cologne with your small group for a Connections-exclusive

walking tour of the city. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: OBERWESEL / *The Enchanting Rhine*

This morning, dock in Oberwesel and stroll its scenic streets. Cruise the Rhine Gorge, passing hilltop castles, terraced vineyards and charming villages. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: SCHLOSS MESPELBRUNN / *Medieval Moated Castle*

Arrive midday in Miltenberg. Take a walking tour of the historic old town. Then, pay a Connections-exclusive visit to Schloss Mespelbrunn in the thick of the Spessart Forest. It is home to the modern-day Counts of Ingelheim-Echter. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: WÜRZBURG / *Baroque Palace*

In Würzburg, join your small group for a Connections-exclusive tour of the 18th-century Residenz. Then, quench your thirst with a brewery tour and beer tasting, just for Connections guests, before

cruising again this afternoon. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 8: BAMBERG / *On the Main-Danube Canal*

Arrive in Bamberg. Join your Resident Tour Director for a walking tour of the old quarter, with its ornate Gothic cathedral and curious Altes Rathaus (town hall). Take a tour and attend a private, Connections-exclusive concert at Wernsdorf Palace. Later, hear an onboard lecture on the Main-Danube Canal, which you begin cruising this evening. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 9: NUREMBERG / *An Exclusive Art Bunker Tour*

Disembark for a day in Nuremberg, walking through the *altstadt* (old town). View the Palace of Justice and castle with its 900-year-old ramparts. Privately tour a World War II art bunker, a Connections exclusive, and see the Documentation Center Museum. Back on board tonight, sit down to a private dinner featuring a special Chef's Highlights menu. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 10: REGENSBURG / *Folk Entertainment*

Visit the Palace of St. Emmeram for a private tour with your intimate Connections group. After time at leisure in Regensburg, explore the city and cathedral on foot. Tonight, enjoy Bavarian music on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 11: PASSAU / *City of Three Rivers*

Step ashore for a small-group city walk in Passau. Only with Connections, visit Veste Oberhaus. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*





Ply the Danube River, seeing the stunning city of Bratislava



Take in the gilded majesty of Melk Abbey's High Altar

#### DAY 12: MELK & DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA / *Historic Abbey*

Pay an intimate visit to 900-year-old Melk Abbey. See Schloss Artstetten, Franz Ferdinand's final resting place and the home of his great-granddaughter, exclusive to Connections guests, followed by an off-ship lunch in Maria Taferl. Drive to Dürnstein, with time to taste local wines and stroll the streets with your Resident Tour Director. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 13: VIENNA / *City of Mozart and Strauss*



Visit Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace to see how apple strudel is made. Drive to the Ringstrasse and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Have lunch on your own (or included aboard ship). After tonight's

Connections-exclusive dinner ashore, attend a *Sound of Vienna* concert in the Kursalon, with premium seating.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 14: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA / *St. Martin's Cathedral*

Arrive in Slovakia's capital, Bratislava. Join your private guide and fellow Connections guests as you explore its old quarter, including St. Martin's Cathedral and Grassalkovich Palace. After lunch, visit the Imperial Festival Palace Hof and privately tour its secret passages and cellar vaults. Tonight, join the captain on board for a gala dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 15: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY / *Evening Danube Cruise*

Tour Buda and Pest with insight from your expert Connections guide. See Heroes' Square, climb the Fisherman's Bastion and hear





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Gain local insights into the medieval, moated castle of Schloss Mespelbrunn as your guide brings its six centuries of history to life.

a Connections-exclusive mini-concert at Liszt Academy. Visit the Great Synagogue and its Holocaust Memorial. Meet a Buda resident for lunch in the gardens of her villa, planned specially for Connections guests. Later, cruise the Danube through Budapest beneath the Chain Bridge, and enjoy a Hungarian folklore program on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

## DAY 16: SZENTENDRE / Enclave of Hungarian Art

Set out on a Connections-exclusive morning excursion to Szentendre, a lively artists' town. This afternoon, explore Budapest at your leisure. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a farewell dinner. *Prestige Hotel Budapest / Meals: B D*

## DAY 17: DEPART BUDAPEST

Transfer to Budapest airport for your flight. *Meals: B*

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## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



## Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See “Cruise Vessels” at back for deck plan.



## Prestige Hotel Budapest

Family-owned Hungarian hotel in a former 1860s town mansion with Art Deco style, a pool and a spa, just steps from the Chain Bridge and Danube.

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## Dates &amp; Pricing

## Departure Dates

May 31–Jun 16 (*‘Amadeus Queen’*)

Single Supplement

**B-4**  
Strauss-Deck  
*French Balcony*

\$10,495  
\$2,195

**B-1**  
Strauss-Deck  
*French Balcony*

\$11,495  
\$3,695

**A-1**  
Mozart-Deck  
*French Balcony*

\$12,395  
\$4,695

**Amadeus Suite**  
Mozart-Deck  
*Walk-Out Balcony*

\$13,795  
\$8,995

## Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 16.





View the Chain Bridge over the beautiful Danube

## Prague & the Blue Danube

11 days priced from \$6,795

Featuring a 7-night cruise from Budapest to Passau

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Danube, with 11 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing, including a two-night stay in historic Prague
- Relax in boutique hotels in both Budapest and Prague
- Enjoy premier seating during a Sound of Vienna concert in the famous Kursalon
- Sit down to eight meals ashore, planned for Connections guests, and attend a strudel-making lesson at Schönbrunn Palace
- Visit picturesque Salzburg and Hitler's retreat, the Eagle's Nest

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Arrive in Budapest, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join fellow guests and your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. *Prestige Hotel Budapest / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: BUDAPEST / Evening City Cruise

Join your intimate group, visiting Baroque Gödöllő castle and its gardens. Meet your ship in Budapest for priority embarkation. This evening, cruise through Budapest, passing under the illuminated Chain Bridge, while a gypsy band performs on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*

#### DAY 3: BUDAPEST / Two Cities in One

See Buda's cobbled streets and Pest's 19th-century buildings. Enjoy a Connections-exclusive garden lunch at a Buda villa and an afternoon tour of Jewish heritage. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*





**DAY 4: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA & VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Arrive in Bratislava and visit its old quarter. In intimate company, view St. Martin's Cathedral and Grassalkovich Palace. Back on board, enjoy a private cocktail party and an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. Cruise to Vienna. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 5: VIENNA / Opulent Schönbrunn Palace**

Visit Schönbrunn Palace for a strudel-making demonstration. After leisure time, experience a Connections-exclusive dinner ashore, with preferred seating at a *Sound of Vienna* concert in the Kursalon. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 6: DÜRNSTEIN & MELK / Treasure Along the Danube**

Take a walking tour of Dürnstein, followed by a wine tasting. Sit down to a private lunch ashore at a restaurant in the Wachau Valley. Visit Melk Abbey, then enjoy a Connections-exclusive guided tour of Schloss Artstetten. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 7: SALZBURG / Beauty & History**

Discover Salzburg by small group. Pay a Connections-exclusive visit to the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's wartime getaway, where you pause for lunch. Rejoin your ship in Passau. This evening, the captain hosts a gala dinner on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 8: NUREMBERG & REGENSBURG, GERMANY**

In Nuremberg, privately tour a World War II art bunker, exclusive to Connections guests. Visit the city's *altstadt* (old town). See the Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice. Tour Regensburg and enjoy a Bavarian-themed evening on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 9: ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC / Radiant City**

Disembark in Passau and drive to Český Krumlov, where you visit the city's castle, theater and Old Town. After lunch, continue to Prague for an evening at leisure.

*Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B L*

**DAY 10: PRAGUE / Bohemia's Historic Capital**

Explore Prague's Old Town and its Jewish Quarter, birthplace of Franz Kafka. Take in the Town Hall's iconic astronomical clock, the Jewish Museum and the Jewish Cemetery. After an afternoon at leisure, gather for a farewell dinner. *Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B D*

**DAY 11: DEPART PRAGUE**

Today, transfer to Prague airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

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Step ashore for a Connections-exclusive excursion to a Nuremberg art bunker, gaining local insight into a collection of masterworks that narrowly escaped the ravages of World War II.

**Accommodations Spotlight**

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.

**Aboard Ship**

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.

**Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague**

This charming boutique hotel occupies a historic building. Ideally situated in the city center, the hotel affords easy access to Prague's best shopping and dining.

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**Dates & Pricing**

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>Walk-Out Balcony</i>
Jun 14–24 ( <i>'Amadeus Queen'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$6,995 \$1,495	\$7,695 \$2,195	\$8,195 \$2,795	\$8,995 \$4,795
Aug 18–28 ( <i>'Amadeus Silver II'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$6,795 \$1,395	\$7,495 \$2,095	\$7,995 \$2,695	\$8,795 \$4,695

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 12 years. First event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.





Visit Cologne's cathedral, an enduring Gothic masterpiece

## Along the Rhine

10 days priced from \$5,995

Featuring a 7-night cruise from Amsterdam to Basel

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



## Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Rhine through four countries, experiencing 10 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Stay in a boutique hotel in Amsterdam, an Alsatian château, and premium cabins aboard ship with open-air French or walk-out balconies
- See Holland's vibrant blooms firsthand at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction and a private tulip farm
- Experience local food and wine during four specially planned meals ashore, as well as wine tastings in Cochem, Rüdesheim and Strasbourg

### DAY 1: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your boutique hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director — exclusive to Connections guests — for a welcome dinner. *Kimpton De Witt Hotel / Meals: D*

### DAY 2: AMSTERDAM / Canal Cruise & House Museum

Take a canal cruise in Amsterdam. Visit Anne Frank's House and the Museum van Loon, which you discover in intimate company. Then, enjoy priority boarding. After settling into your premium cabin or suite, gather for a welcome cocktail and dinner aboard.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*





### DAY 3: AALSMEER / *Flower Auction*

Rise early and meet your small group for a Connections-exclusive visit to the auction at Aalsmeer, where millions of flowers are shipped worldwide. Later, visit a small family-owned tulip farm and sample traditional Dutch cheeses. This evening, enjoy a private Connections cocktail party. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: COLOGNE, GERMANY / *Gothic Cathedral*

Spend the morning cruising the Rhine en route to Cologne. On arrival, take a walking tour and visit the Gothic cathedral, followed by a beer tasting at a 100-year-old brewery, planned only for Connections guests. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: COCHEM / *Wine Tasting*

Arrive in Cochem on the Moselle River this afternoon; disembark to visit the castle and partake in a wine tasting. Tonight, sit down to a private Chef's Highlights dinner aboard. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: KOBLENZ & RÜDESHEIM / *Scenic Gorge*

In Koblenz, ride the cable car to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Then, cruise the lovely Rhine Gorge, arriving later in Rüdesheim. Join your Resident Tour Director for a Connections-exclusive wine tasting and dinner ashore at a local restaurant. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: HEIDELBERG / *Charming University Town*

Set out on a full-day excursion to Heidelberg, seeing the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. After lunch, proceed to the *altstadt* (old town) for time at leisure. Tonight, attend a captain's gala dinner aboard your vessel. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 8: STRASBOURG, FRANCE / *Alsatian Capital*

Take a small-group walking tour of Strasbourg's old town, with a Connections-exclusive wine tasting at the Cave des Hospices, the city's oldest wine cellar. Cruise to Basel. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 9: ALSACE / *Romantic Village*

Disembark to explore a colorful market in Basel. Then, set out for Eguisheim, strolling cobblestone streets flanked by half-timbered houses bedecked with flowers. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner at your charming château. *Château d'Isenbourg / Meals: B D*

### DAY 10: DEPART BASEL

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight. *Meals: B*

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## Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>Walk-Out Balcony</i>
May 15-24 ( <i>'Amadeus Silver III'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$5,995 \$1,495	\$6,295 \$2,195	\$6,795 \$2,795	\$7,495 \$4,795

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.



## local connections



Sample local wine, cheese and beer while meeting those who produce them during enriching, immersive excursions along the storied Rhine River.

## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



### Château d'Isenbourg

Set in the heart of Alsatian wine country, this charming boutique property overlooks the Vosges foothills, the Rhine Plain and the Black Forest beyond.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.





## Art & Architecture Along the Rhine

11 days priced from \$7,395

Featuring a 7-night cruise from Basel to Amsterdam

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Rhine River, taking in the region's iconic art and architecture as you experience exclusive Connections sightseeing, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Stay in centrally located boutique hotels in both Amsterdam and Basel, and enjoy premium cabins aboard ship with open-air French or walk-out balconies
- Get an authentic taste of Europe during six intimate meals ashore, including a traditional German dinner in Koblenz
- Join your small group of Connections guests for an excursion to Darmstadt, with a guided visit to Mathildenhöhe and the chance to view the Lorsch Abbey Gate
- Tour Cologne, visiting the Museum Ludwig with its collection of classical, modern, expressionist and American pop art works
- Discover the Kröller-Müller Museum and sculpture garden near Amsterdam, followed by a private architectural tour of Holland's capital city



### DAY 1: ARRIVE BASEL, SWITZERLAND



Arrive in Basel, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. After time at leisure, join your Resident Tour Director and small Connections group for a private tour at Tinguely Museum, followed by

a welcome reception and dinner. *Hotel Euler / Meals: D*





Wander the intimate, Gothic gem of Petite-France in Strasbourg

## DAY 2: WEIL AM RHEIN, GERMANY / *Amazing Architecture*



Travel to Weil am Rhein, where you take a private architectural tour of the Vitra Campus, an ensemble of remarkable buildings by renowned architects. Then, explore the Design Museum, created by

Frank Gehry. Wander through Basel's Kunstmuseum at leisure after a brief, guided introduction. Later, transfer to your modern river ship for priority embarkation. After settling into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony, relax with fellow guests over a welcome cocktail before dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*

## DAY 3: STRASBOURG, FRANCE / *Alsatian Wine Tasting*



Set out on a small group excursion that includes a visit to Strasbourg's Gothic cathedral with its beautiful stained glass windows. Get an authentic taste of French cuisine at a local restaurant, an experience

exclusive to Connections guests. Then, visit Riquewihr and Kaysersberg along the Alsatian wine route, pausing with your small group to taste local vintages. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

## DAY 4: SPEYER & MANNHEIM, GERMANY / *Artist Colony*

Embark on a Connections-exclusive excursion that begins in Speyer. Walk alongside your Resident Tour Director to the city's imposing cathedral, an 11th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on a scenic drive through Heidelberg to

Darmstadt, and take a guided visit of the longtime artists' colony of Mathildenhöhe. After a specially planned lunch at a local restaurant in Darmstadt, stop for photos at the 1,200-year-old gatehouse of the Abbey of Lorsch. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

## DAY 5: RÜDESHEIM, ASSMANNSHAUSEN & KOBLENZ *Assmannshausen Excursion & Rhine Gorge Cruise*



Join your small group of travellers for a Connections-exclusive excursion as you ride the local train from Rüdesheim to Assmannshausen. Take the chairlift up the hill for panoramic, open-air views of the

wooded hillsides and a taste of local red wine. Return to your ship for lunch and an afternoon cruise through the scenic Rhine Gorge. Then, set out on a walking tour of Koblenz, passing St. Castor's Basilica and the Electoral Palace. Join your Resident Tour Director ashore for a Connections dinner in a typical local restaurant.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

## DAY 6: COCHEM / *Picturesque Medieval Streets*



Gather with fellow Connections guests for a visit to Cochem, a city settled in Roman times along the Moselle River. Enjoy a wine tasting, arranged specially by A&K for your small group, followed by a

Connections-exclusive guided tour of Cochem Castle. Aboard ship tonight, attend a private cocktail party and an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*





Tour the art-packed Mathildenhöhe artists' colony in Darmstadt



View the Kröller-Müller Museum's extensive Van Gogh collection

#### DAY 7: COLOGNE / *City Excursion*

Enjoy a tour of Cologne today, visiting its stunning cathedral in your small group, alongside your knowledgeable Connections guide. Designed with mathematically precise craftsmanship, it boasts gargoyles and corbel figures on its façade, with medieval sculptures and 19th-century mosaic flooring in its interior. Continue to the Museum Ludwig to view the collection of classical, modern, expressionist and American pop art works, a Connections-exclusive excursion. Then, enjoy free time for shopping and lunch on your own (or included aboard ship). This evening, join your captain for a gala dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 8: VOLENDAM, HOLLAND / *Tulip Farm*



Arrive in Holland and visit the old fishing village of Volendam, with its colorful period houses. Continue by small group to a local cheesemaker, where you enjoy an intimate tasting. Then, transfer to a nearby family-run tulip farm for exclusive insight into this uniquely Dutch industry. In Amsterdam, drive past vibrant Dam Square and the Museum Quarter before re-boarding your vessel for a final overnight stay. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 9: AMSTERDAM / *Canal District Architecture Walk*

Disembark for a private guided tour of the Kröller-Müller Museum and sculpture garden, home to the second-largest Van Gogh collection in the world, as well as works by Seurat and Picasso. After a local lunch with fellow Connections guests, return to Amsterdam for an architectural boat tour in the canal district,





## local connections



Learn about Alsatian wines from the local families who produce them, tasting your way through the picturesque, medieval towns of Riquewihr and Kaysersberg.

alongside your Resident Tour Director. See the picturesque canal houses, tiny alleyways, gardens and drawbridges that lend this cosmopolitan city its unique and lasting charm.

*Kimpton De Witt Hotel / Meals: B L*

### DAY 10: AMSTERDAM / Rembrandt & Restorations



This morning, pay a Connections-exclusive visit to the famous Rijksmuseum. During your guided tour, view thoughtfully selected masterpieces from its exceptional collection, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*. Relax

at leisure this afternoon, further exploring the museum or perhaps shopping for tulip bulbs. This evening, visit the Douwes family gallery, seven generations in the same family, for a reception and talk on art restoration. Later, gather for a farewell dinner to celebrate your journey. *Kimpton De Witt Hotel / Meals: B D*

### DAY 11: DEPART AMSTERDAM

Today, transfer to Amsterdam airport for your flight. *Meals: B*

**NOTE:** High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.

## Dates & Pricing

### Departure Dates

Jun 27-Jul 7 ('Amadeus Silver II')  
Aug 29-Sep 8 ('Amadeus Silver III')  
Single Supplement

**B-4**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$7,395  
\$7,395  
\$1,795

**B-1**  
Strauss-Deck  
French Balcony

\$7,895  
\$7,895  
\$2,595

**A-1**  
Mozart-Deck  
French Balcony

\$8,495  
\$8,495  
\$3,295

**Amadeus Suite**  
Mozart-Deck  
Walk-Out Balcony

\$9,295  
\$9,295  
\$5,295

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: museum visit at 4:15 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 10.

## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



### Kimpton De Witt Hotel

Contemporary boutique hotel nestled in the heart of Amsterdam's city center, featuring authentic regional amenities like a flower shop and a complimentary fleet of bicycles.

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Stroll the aisles of the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg



## Christmas Markets Along the Danube

9 days priced from \$4,995

Featuring a 6-night cruise from Vienna to Nuremberg

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cruise the Danube River, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Stay in carefully selected boutique hotels in the heart of lovely Vienna and Munich
- Visit the finest Christmas markets (Christkindlesmarkts) in southern Germany and Austria in the intimate company of your small group
- Hear an onboard Advent concert to kindle the Christmas spirit
- Set out on Connections-exclusive excursions designed by A&K, including the Imperial Treasury in Vienna with its glittering jewels

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Arrive in Vienna, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your dedicated Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. *The Ring / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: VIENNA / Handcrafted Porcelain

Travelling by small group, visit the Belvedere, seeing the stately palace complex, tranquil gardens and a Christmas market. View works by Austrian painter Gustav Klimt. Then, enjoy lunch at famous Café Central before a privately guided tour of the Augarten Porcelain Factory. Transfer to your vessel, with priority embarkation. After settling into your premium cabin or suite with





an open-air French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail, dinner and a festive holiday concert. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 3: VIENNA / *A City's Christmas Best*

Tour Vienna by small group, driving along the Ringstrasse; visiting St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Imperial Treasury at Hofburg Palace; and taking a Viennese waltz lesson — experiences exclusive to Connections guests. After lunch, visit Schönbrunn Palace and its Christmas markets. Tonight, visit the main Christmas market at the Rathausplatz. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: MELK / *Palatial Abbey*

Arrive in Melk, where you visit the Benedictine abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Originally constructed as a palace, the abbey boasts soaring gilded towers, an elaborately frescoed church and a vast library of medieval manuscripts. Pause for lunch ashore at a local restaurant in the scenic Wachau Valley. Later, enjoy a private pre-dinner cocktail party in the Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 5: PASSAU, GERMANY / *Historic Christkindlesmarkt*

Arrive in Passau. Take a guided city walk by small group, visiting the Christkindlesmarkt and St. Stephen's Cathedral to hear its organ. Linger over an authentic Bavarian meal and glass of wine at a charming restaurant, only for Connections guests. Then, explore the old historic center at leisure. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 6: REGENSBURG / *Walking Tour & Market Visit*

On today's Connections-exclusive excursions, walk through Regensburg and visit one of its oldest breweries for a tasting. Tour St. Emmeram's Palace and stroll its Christmas market. Join the captain for a gala dinner back on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: NUREMBERG / *Heart of the Old City*

Transfer to Nuremberg and see its 900-year-old ramparts, Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice. Privately visit a World War II art bunker with Connections guests. Explore the Christkindlesmarkt in the old city, with time to shop or savor homemade gingerbread. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 8: MUNICH / *Bavarian Capital*

Disembark in Nuremberg. Drive with your group to Munich. Take a guided walking tour of its old town. Visit the Frauenkirche cathedral and Marienplatz. *Platzl Hotel / Meals: B D*

### DAY 9: DEPART MUNICH

Transfer to Munich airport to depart. *Meals: B*

**NOTE:** High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.

## Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>Walk-Out Balcony</i>
Dec 11-19 ( <i>'Amadeus Silver III'</i> ) Single Supplement	\$4,995 \$1,195	\$5,495 \$1,695	\$5,795 \$2,095	\$6,295 \$3,595

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.



**local connections**  
& Marvel at some of the world's finest handcrafted porcelain on a private guided tour of the Augarten Porcelain Factory and Museum in Vienna.

## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



### Aboard Ship

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



### The Ring

A casual luxury boutique hotel with sleek, contemporary decor, located on the famous Ringstrasse in Vienna, where art, fashion and design converge.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.



Experience the many charms of Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart



## Christmas Along the Danube

9 days priced from \$4,995

Featuring a 6-night cruise along the Danube River  
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Celebrate Christmas on the Danube River, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Enjoy pre- and post-cruise stays in a centrally located, family-owned boutique hotel in Munich
- Travel in intimate company on Connections-exclusive shore excursions, including visits to local Christmas markets and an organ concert at the Abbey of St. Florian
- Sit down to five meals ashore, just for Connections guests, coupled with the chance to bake a Linzer Torte in Austria
- Awaken Christmas morning in magical Vienna for a small-group tour of the city bedecked in its Christmas finery



#### DAY 1: ARRIVE MUNICH, GERMANY

Arrive in Munich. You are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner.

*Platzl Hotel / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: MUNICH / Christmas Crafts

Tour Munich's old town and visit the Frauenkirche by small group. Shop for crafts in the Christmas market. Then, transfer to your riverboat in Passau for priority embarkation. After time to settle into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail, followed by dinner.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*



**DAY 3: SALZBURG & LINZ, AUSTRIA / *Mozart's Home***  
Join your Resident Tour Director for a full-day excursion to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Stroll the city's historic center, enjoy lunch and visit the Christmas market in Domplatz (Cathedral Square). Pay a Connections-only visit to the church of Mondsee, shop Linz's holiday market and attend an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner aboard. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 4: MELK & DÜRNSTEIN / *Charming Christmas Eve***  
Disembark by small group to visit the Wachau Valley, with a guided visit to the Benedictine abbey of Melk and a tasting of *glühwein* in Dürnstein. A special holiday celebration aboard your ship ends this festive day. Later, you may choose to attend mass in the village. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 5: VIENNA / *Enchanted Christmas Morning***  
Disembark to visit Schönbrunn Palace with your small group. Enjoy a strudel-baking demonstration and stroll the Palace market. After lunch aboard, drive by Connections vehicle along the Ringstrasse. See the State Opera and Hundertwasser House. Visit the Imperial Treasury at Hofburg Palace, exclusive to Connections guests, and stroll through Vienna's Christmas Market. This evening, mark Christmas with a special Connections-only dinner and concert ashore at the famous Kursalon. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 6: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA / *Historic Old Town***  
See Bratislava's castle district and old town. Visit the Church of St. Elisabeth, exclusive to Connections guests, and view the Slovak National Museum Residency. Enjoy a private cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by a gala dinner. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 7: LINZ, AUSTRIA / *Half-Timbered Houses***  
In Linz, take a guided Connections tour of the Abbey of St. Florian, with an organ concert. A sweet treat awaits this afternoon as you indulge in an exclusive Linzer Torte baking class at a top *patisserie*. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 8: MUNICH, GERMANY / *Bavarian Panorama***  
Disembark and drive to Munich, visiting the historic town of Landshut en route. Check in to your boutique hotel, with time to unwind. Gather for a farewell dinner.  
*Platzl Hotel / Meals: B L D*

**DAY 9: DEPART MUNICH**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. *Meals: B*

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**local connections**  
&  
Enjoy a Connections-exclusive Christmas celebration with a traditional Viennese holiday dinner and a concert at the Kursalon – a venue Johann Strauss II knew well.

## Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



**Aboard Ship**  
Spacious cabins and suites – all with French or walk-out balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



**Platzl Hotel**  
Family-owned and in the heart of Munich with a fine dining restaurant and traditional sausage house.

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## Dates & Pricing

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Dec 21-Dec 29 ( <i>"Amadeus Queen"</i> )	\$4,995	\$5,495	\$5,795	\$6,295
Single Supplement	\$1,195	\$1,695	\$2,095	\$3,595

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.





## New Year's Along the Danube

9 days priced from \$5,595

Featuring a 6-night cruise along the Danube River

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- *Ring in the new year on the Danube, with nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director*
- *Stay in an elegant hotel in the heart of Munich*
- *Partake in Connections-exclusive shore excursions, including a waltz lesson in Vienna with an experienced local instructor*
- *Enjoy a wide array of small-group experiences, including a hands-on Slovak cooking class in Bratislava, a Bavarian brewery tour and four meals ashore, planned for Connections guests*

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE MUNICH, GERMANY

Arrive in Munich, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director — exclusive to Connections guests — for a welcome dinner. *Hotel Bayerischer Hof / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: PASSAU / Cruising the Danube

Pay a guided small-group visit to the Residence Palace in Munich, followed by time to explore the city at leisure. Depart for Passau and board your ship with priority embarkation. After relaxing in your premium cabin or suite, meet fellow guests for a cocktail, followed by a welcome dinner on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B D*

#### DAY 3: VIENNA, AUSTRIA / Romantic City

Arrive this afternoon in glorious Vienna. Drive the famous





Ringstrasse in your vehicle. Take a Connections-exclusive guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and visit one of Vienna's most esteemed dance schools, where your private small group learns steps of the Viennese waltz. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 4: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY / *Ring in the New Year*

Arrive in Budapest at lunchtime. Join your small group on a guided tour of the city's main sights, including Fisherman's Bastion, Heroes' Square and the Great Synagogue, followed by a visit to the Parliament building. This evening, witness the sights illuminated as you cruise at dinnertime, with a Hungarian folklore program and festive New Year's Eve party aboard.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 5: BUDAPEST / *New Year's Day*

Spend the morning at leisure, with time to relax and welcome the new year. The ship leaves Budapest at lunchtime, with the remainder of the afternoon spent cruising the Danube.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 6: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA / *Culinary Wonders*

A Connections-exclusive morning sightseeing tour introduces you to Slovakia. See the castle and the "fairy tale" Blue Church by small group before joining a local chef for an interactive, Connections-only cooking class, during which you prepare classic Slovakian dishes. After lunch, explore the town at leisure. This evening, attend a captain's gala dinner on board your ship.

*Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 7: MELK, AUSTRIA / *Palatial Abbey*

Arrive in Melk, where you visit the Benedictine abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Originally constructed as a palace, the abbey boasts soaring gilded towers, an elaborately frescoed church and a vast library of medieval manuscripts. Tonight, attend a private cocktail party and Chef's Highlights dinner, only for Connections guests. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 8: MUNICH, GERMANY / *Bavarian Brews*

Return to Passau this morning and set out on a brief walking tour through town alongside your small group. Then, transfer to Munich and visit a traditional, family-owned brewery for a tasting and lunch. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow Connections guests for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

*Hotel Bayerischer Hof / Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 9: DEPART MUNICH

After breakfast, transfer to Munich airport and depart. *Meals: B*

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*Learn the time-honored secrets of a local, family-run Bavarian brewery as you meet the brewmasters, sample an expertly poured tasting, and enjoy an authentic local lunch.*

### Accommodations Spotlight

Take a closer look at your river ship as well as a boutique hotel featured on this journey.



#### *Aboard Ship*

Spacious cabins and suites – all with French balconies – and an open, modern design paired with Old World hospitality make for a superb, stylish cruising experience. See "Cruise Vessels" at back for deck plan.



#### *Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

Tracing its roots back to 1841, this classic luxury hotel boasts a colorful history and prestigious guest list. Today, the storied property remains an iconic landmark in the heart of Munich's city center.

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## Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	B-1 Strauss-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	A-1 Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck <i>French Balcony</i>
Dec 28-Jan 5, 2019 ('Amadeus Elegant')	\$5,595	\$5,995	\$6,395	\$6,895
Single Supplement	\$1,495	\$2,195	\$2,695	\$4,695

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.







# Connections Boutique Group Journeys by **Land**

The same authentic local connections and boutique, small-group ambience found on our river journeys make Connections Boutique Group Journeys the ideal way to experience the real Europe.

Connections Boutique Group Journeys showcase the finest destinations in Europe. Featuring historic, boutique hotels; a maximum group size of 24; and a Resident Tour Director leading the way, Connections Journeys reveal the wonders of Europe as you've always longed to experience them.

This brochure includes four bestselling Connections Journeys, highlighting some of the most indelible experiences in Europe's most popular destinations — all accompanied by A&K's unmatched local access and expertise.

## Intimate Groups of Just 24 Guests

Connections Boutique Group Journeys feature intimate groups of no more than 24 guests on every departure — and that makes an important difference in how you experience your destination. Small groups give you more opportunity to get to know your Resident Tour Director, as well as your fellow guests. They also allow us access to places and events larger groups can't manage.

## Boutique Accommodations for Real Local Character

A&K's locally based experts carefully select smaller, boutique accommodations closed to larger groups, and which embody your destination's authentic local character. Our hotels are selected to connect you with what matters most: a better, truer understanding of your destination.

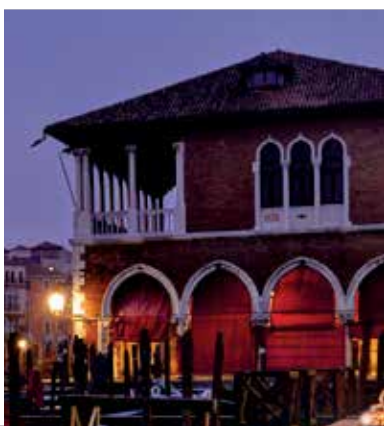
## Local Connections in Every Destination

While anyone can take you to see the sights, Connections Journeys aim to connect you to your destination in authentic and unexpected ways. Our itineraries are packed with a variety of local interactions that illuminate different aspects of your destination, from guided visits to the crafts and produce markets where locals gather, to private performances with local musicians.

## Remarkable Dining that Reveals the Locale

New cuisine is like a destination all its own, and the best way to explore a new culture is often through its food. We choose vibrant restaurants rich in local color. Carefully planned menus include authentic local cuisine as well as favorites from home. And, every journey also includes festive welcome and farewell dinners — a wonderful way to connect with the new friends you've made.

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See the influence of Gaudí in Barcelona's fantastic architecture



## Spain: Seven Cities

10 days priced from \$5,695

Featuring Barcelona, Granada, Ronda, Seville and Madrid

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Experience the best of Spain on a diverse and comprehensive journey that includes Barcelona, Ronda, the British territory of Gibraltar and unforgettable insider access moments
- Mingle with locals as you explore the Boquería in Barcelona
- Visit an authentic bodega to privately sample sherry in the famed region of Jerez
- Take a culinary adventure in Seville with an evening tapas tour
- Ride a horse-drawn carriage to a private palace in Seville, where passionate local flamenco dancers and singers put on an incredible performance, just for you
- 18 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners



#### DAY 1: ARRIVE BARCELONA, SPAIN

Upon arrival, you are met by your A&K representative and escorted to your trend-setting hotel. Get to know your fellow guests at tonight's welcome dinner. *Hotel Omm / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: BARCELONA / Heart of Catalonia

Embark on a panoramic tour of culture-driven Barcelona. Stroll the Boquería — one of Europe's finest food markets, explore the cobblestone streets of the Gothic Quarter and its fantastic Palau de la Música Catalana concert hall, and experience a tasting of Spanish olive oil. Enjoy more of this captivating city with an afternoon at leisure. *Hotel Omm / Meals: B*



### DAY 3: GRANADA / *The Edge of Andalusia*

Discover more of vibrant Barcelona. See hilltop Montjuïc with its sculptural gardens and castle before stopping at Antoni Gaudí's most notable creations, including the wild Sagrada Familia Basilica. After lunch, fly to Granada, where you enjoy dinner on arrival. *Hotel Villa Oniria / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: RONDA / *Spanish Paradise*

Visit the ancient palace and glorious gardens of the Alhambra, an incredible example of Moorish influence and Islamic architecture. Explore Granada at leisure before departing for clifftop Ronda, where you check in to your *parador*, a boutique hotel housed in a historic Spanish landmark.

*Parador de Ronda / Meals: B D*

### DAY 5: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM / *Last Outpost*

Travel west to the Rock of Gibraltar, visiting St. Michael's Cave and observing Gibraltar's Barbary macaques, the only wild monkeys in Europe. Return to Ronda with time to relax and explore one of Andalusia's most beautiful *Pueblos Blancos* (White Villages). *Parador de Ronda / Meals: B*

### DAY 6: SEVILLE / *Ronda and Jerez*

Begin your day with a walking tour that introduces you to the rich history of Ronda, famous for its legacy of bullfighting. Then, travel through the mountains to Jerez, home of golden sherry, where you visit a *bodega* to learn about sherry and taste its different varieties. Continue to Seville, where you embark on an evening tapas tour through the city's finest taverns for an authentic culinary adventure. *Gran Meliá Colón / Meals: B L D*



*A dramatic Boutique Connection finds you arriving by horse-drawn carriage at a palace in Seville, where the owners welcome you for dinner and where we've also arranged for a fiery private flamenco performance.*

### DAY 7: SEVILLE / *Sunny Santa Cruz*

Explore the sites in this uniquely lovely city: the Royal Palace of the Alcázar, the enormous Gothic cathedral and, of course, the flower-filled Santa Cruz district. The afternoon is at leisure to venture out on your own. Tonight, ride a horse-drawn carriage to a palace, where the owners host your private dinner. Then, enjoy a performance of flamenco dancing and singing on the patio of this historic home. *Gran Meliá Colón / Meals: B D*

### DAY 8: CÓRDOBA / *Streets of Flowers*

Set out for Córdoba to visit the extraordinary Mezquita, the cathedral and former great mosque of Córdoba, and walk the city's flower-lined streets. In the afternoon, board your high-speed AVE train to Madrid. *ME Madrid Reina Victoria / Meals: B L*

### DAY 9: MADRID / *Masterful Art & Architecture*

View works by Spanish masters El Greco, Velázquez and Goya in the Prado Museum. Then, visit the Royal Palace, followed by a short walk to the Plaza Mayor, and the marvelous iron-and-glass San Miguel market, where locals have been hawking and buying since the early 19th century. Later, join your Resident Tour Director for a farewell dinner. *ME Madrid Reina Victoria / Meals: B D*

### DAY 10: DEPART MADRID

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

## Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



#### Hotel Omm

*Stay in ultra-modern comfort within a sleek, striking building that overlooks Barcelona's Paseo de Gracia, a vibrant avenue of international shops.*



#### Parador de Ronda

*A 70-room parador at the edge of the gorge in Ronda's old Town Hall.*



#### Hotel Villa Oniria

*Contemporary luxury hotel set in a historic Granada manor house.*



#### Gran Meliá Colón

*In Seville's city center, find plush comfort and rooftop skyline views.*



#### ME Madrid Reina Victoria

*A historic façade reveals modern interiors in the Plaza de Santa Ana.*

## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Apr 16-25, May 14-23, May 28-Jun 6, Jun 4-13, Jun 25-Jul 4	\$5,995	\$1,995
Jul 9-18, Aug 6-15	\$5,695	\$1,695
Sep 3-12, Sep 10-19, Sep 24-Oct 3, Oct 15-24	\$5,995	\$1,995

\*Internal Airfare from Barcelona to Granada is included in the program price.

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



Explore Florence, the capital of Renaissance art



## Essence of Italy

11 days priced from \$6,995

Featuring Rome, Florence, the Cinque Terre and Venice

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



## Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- *Traverse soul-stirring Italy on a journey to its most remarkable regions, experiencing A&K access and the best of la bella vita*
- *In Rome's historic Trastevere district, enjoy wine tasting and dinner at the home of a local resident*
- *Learn the secrets of Florentine cuisine in an Italian cooking class guided by a chef*
- *Get a taste of local life with a visit to the buzzy market district around Venice's Rialto Bridge*
- *Tour a family-owned balsamic vinegar factory, sampling this regional favorite before lunch*
- *19 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners*



### DAY 1: ARRIVE ROME, ITALY

Arrive in Rome, Italy's Eternal City, where you are greeted by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel. In the evening, join fellow guests for a special welcome dinner.

*Boscolo Exedra Roma / Meals: D*

### DAYS 2-3: ROME / Ancient City & Holy See

Journey through history with a morning visit to the Imperial Roman Forum and the Colosseum. In the afternoon, explore the charming Campo de Fiori; the Piazza Navona and its remarkable Fountain of the Four Rivers; and the Pantheon, one of the most widely copied buildings in the Western world. Later, stop at the iconic Trevi Fountain before taking in the Spanish Steps,



which are said to comprise the widest stairway in Europe. The next day, explore Vatican City, where you view the magnificent Sistine Chapel with its legendary frescoes by Michelangelo, as well as St. Peter's Basilica. Tonight, venture out to Rome's Trastevere, where cobble-stone streets meet with labyrinth alleys, and where you join a welcoming local in her home for wine and a home-cooked feast.

*Boscolo Exedra Roma / Meals: B L (Day 2); B D (Day 3)*

#### DAYS 4-6: FLORENCE / *The Renaissance & Tuscany*

Travel north to the famed region of Tuscany and stop en route in medieval Siena. Here, your local expert introduces you to the Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio di Siena horse race. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the twice-yearly event honoring the Virgin Mary features a bareback horse race around the piazza. Continue to Florence, a vast and beautiful monument to the Renaissance and its art. The next day, in the company of a specialist art guide, visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's *David* and the Uffizi Gallery, home to some of the world's most important art treasures. On your last day, explore the Mercato Centrale market before participating in a three-hour culinary class, where your chef shares the secrets of Florentine cooking. *Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B D (Day 4); B (Day 5); B L (Day 6)*

#### DAY 7: LUCCA / *Roman Remnants*

Drive to Lucca, a city whose history predates the Roman Empire. Explore its historic center, its streets still mirroring the plan imposed by the Romans when they colonized the city. Continue on to your next destination, the stunning Italian Riviera.

*Grand Hotel Portovenere / Meals: B D*

#### DAY 8: CINQUE TERRE / *Beauty Along the Coast*

Discover the extraordinary beauty of the Cinque Terre ("Five Lands"), five scenic villages built along the steep coastal cliffs of Liguria on the Italian Riviera. See Manarola, a fishing village set amid terraced vineyards where you can walk to view the magical coast, and visit other villages nearby.

*Grand Hotel Portovenere / Meals: B L*

#### DAYS 9-10: VENICE / *Palaces & Canals*

Travelling by coach to Venice, stop en route to enjoy a private tasting of balsamic vinegar at a family-owned factory, with lunch to follow. Tonight, enjoy the incredible atmosphere at your boutique Venetian hotel set along the romantic Grand Canal. The next day, stroll through the famous Rialto Market before visiting St. Mark's Basilica, with its lavish decoration of marbles and golden mosaics, and the Doge's Palace. This evening, take in the atmosphere of a local *bàcaro* (wine bar) before gathering for a festive farewell dinner.

*Hotel L'Orologio Venice / Meals: B L (Day 9); B D (Day 10)*

#### DAY 11: DEPART VENICE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your flight home. *Meals: B*

## Amalfi Coast Pre-Tour Extension

4 days priced from \$2,495



**DAY 1:** Arrive in Vietri sul Mare, Italy. *Hotel Raito / Meals: D*

**DAY 2:** Visit a ceramics museum in Vietri sul Mare. Cruise the Amalfi Coast to Positano, then drive back along the famous coastal road. *Hotel Raito / Meals: B*

**DAY 3:** Marvel at the ancient Greek temples of Paestum. Meet a local organic mozzarella producer and learn how the cheese is made before enjoying a home-cooked meal at their farm. *Hotel Raito / Meals: B L*

**DAY 4:** Travel to Rome to join your main journey, stopping first in ancient Pompeii, which was buried in volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. *Meals: B L*

Available on all departures.

## Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



**Hotel L'Orologio Venice**  
A 42-room boutique hotel on the Grand Canal, near the Rialto Bridge.



**Hotel Brunelleschi**  
Once the property of a Renaissance nobleman, now a contemporary haven.

Visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 22-Jun 1, Jun 5-15, Jun 19-29, Jun 26-Jul 6, Jul 3-13	\$7,495	\$3,195
Jul 17-27	\$6,995	\$2,995
Sep 4-14	\$7,495	\$3,195
Sep 25-Oct 5, Oct 2-12	\$7,295	\$3,095

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:15 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.





## Croatia: Jewel of the Coast

9 days priced from \$3,995

Featuring Zagreb, Split, Brač, Dubrovnik and Kotor

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



### Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Contrast a glimmering Mediterranean coast with ancient cities, private tours and unforgettable meetings with locals
- Explore stunning Montenegro and the fjord of Boka Kotorska
- Visit Split's Mestrovic Gallery, as its curator opens the doors to you for a private guided tour
- Meet a local fisherman and sample his harvest of Croatia's famous oysters
- Learn about the Balkan Wars during a talk in Dubrovnik with a local who shares her experiences of the conflict
- 16 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE ZAGREB, CROATIA

On arrival, transfer to your historic Art Deco hotel, set within a gracious building dating back to 1925. Gather for a welcome dinner tonight. *Esplanade Zagreb / Meals: D*

#### DAY 2: ZAGREB / *The Stately Capital*

This morning, take a panoramic tour of the Croatian capital. Drive past the National Theatre, Miramar Museum and Academy of Arts and Sciences, and then walk among the loveliest parts of Zagreb, including St. Marc Square. Ride a funicular built in 1889 to reach the charming Upper Town quarter from Lower Town. Visit the Ban Jelačić Square, which divides the old and new regions of the city. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the capital. *Esplanade Zagreb / Meals: B*





### DAY 3: SPLIT / *Plitvice Lakes*

Drive to the coastal city of Split. En route, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Plitvice Lakes, where emerald forests surround 16 shimmering turquoise lakes linked by a series of breathtaking waterfalls. Enjoy lunch in this spectacularly scenic region before continuing to Split, where you check in to your boutique hotel in the heart of the city.

*Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 4: SPLIT / *The Emperor's Palace*

Set off on a morning walking tour of Split, starting with the Palace of the Emperor Diocletian; Peristil Square, where he made speeches; and his mausoleum, now a church. Take a private tour of the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery with its curator, marveling at the 86 bronze, marble and wood sculptures he fashioned. Explore more of captivating Split at your leisure. *Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B*

### DAY 5: BRAČ / *Source of Stone for the White House*

Board a ferry to Brač, a Dalmatian island famous for its stone, used in Split's Diocletian Palace and the White House in Washington, D.C. Visit Skrip, the oldest village on the island, and the Museum of Brač. Stop at a traditional restaurant for lunch, sampling local specialties of lamb, cheese, olives and wine before returning by ferry to Split. *Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B L*



*Croatia's world-famous oysters taste fantastic when plucked fresh from the sea, as you discover during a specially arranged Boutique Connection with a local fisherman.*

### DAY 6: DUBROVNIK / *The Culinary Road*

Set out for Dubrovnik, stopping at Ston, world-renowned for its oysters. Meet a local fisherman and sample one of these tasty delights paired with a local wine for a true taste of Croatia. Complete a superb lunch at a local seafood restaurant before continuing on to Dubrovnik.

*Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B L D*

### DAY 7: KOTOR, MONTENEGRO / *Seaside Charms*

Spend the day in marvelous Montenegro. Begin with a drive to Boka Kotorska, Europe's southernmost fjord, where precipitous mountains rise from azure waters, and where you take a boat to the Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Rocks, built on an artificial island created by a bulwark of rocks and sinking old and seized ships. After lunch, visit the walled city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its 12th-century Cathedral and Maritime Museum. Return to Dubrovnik.

*Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B L*

### DAY 8: DUBROVNIK / *The City Museum*

Enjoy a morning tour of Dubrovnik. Proclaimed a "city museum" by UNESCO, the Old Town is surrounded by impressive

medieval stone walls and towers. Mingle with local traders and craftspeople in its markets. Then, listen as a survivor of the Balkan War shares memories of the conflict. Follow an afternoon at leisure and a farewell dinner tonight with a traditional *klapa* performance, arranged just for you.

*Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B D*

### DAY 9: DEPART DUBROVNIK

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

## Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



### Grand Villa Argentina

*Nestled among terraced cliffside gardens overlooking the Adriatic, this contemporary waterfront property affords easy access to Dubrovnik's old town.*



### Cornaro Hotel

*A stylish design by a leading Croatian architectural firm defines this modern 78-room hotel within Split's city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*



### Esplanade Zagreb

*A glamorously restored 1925 Art Deco gem opened for Orient Express passengers, with a Champagne bar and one of Croatia's finest restaurants.*

## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 12-20, May 26-Jun 3, Jun 9-17, Jun 23-Jul 1	\$3,995	\$995
Jul 7-15, Sep 8-16, Sep 22-30	\$4,295	\$1,095
Oct 6-14	\$3,995	\$995

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.





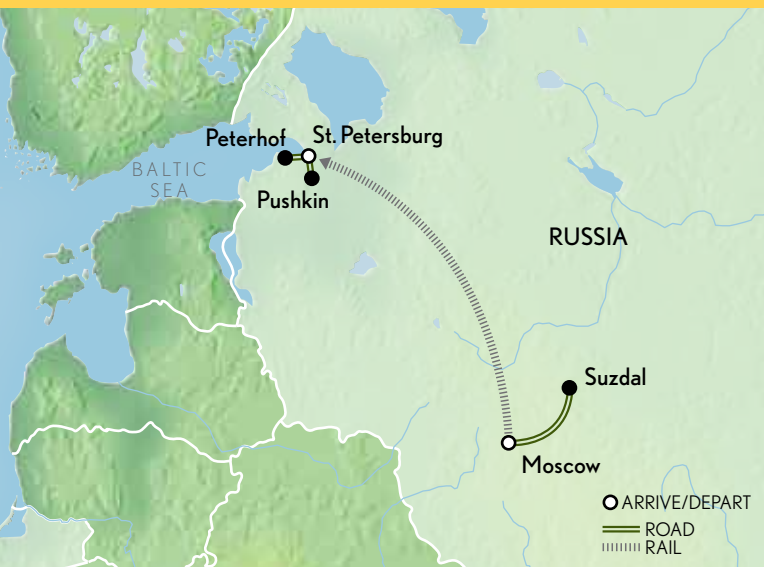
View vibrant St. Basil's Cathedral on a tour through Red Square

## Russia: Treasures of the Tsars

10 days priced from \$5,495

Featuring Moscow, Suzdal, St. Petersburg, Peterhof and Pushkin

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



## Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Discover Russia's mighty imperial cities, enjoying exclusive visits to legendary sites and access to the region's best local experts
- Explore medieval Suzdal and have lunch with a local family
- Enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar on Russia's past and present
- Avoid the crowds with before-hours visits to the Kremlin Armory Museum, Peterhof and the Hermitage
- Listen to a choir performance in Moscow's magnificent Church of St. Nicholas
- Meet Zoya Belyakova, an expert on the Romanovs, to learn about the fascinating history of Russia's last ruling dynasty
- 19 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners

### DAY 1: ARRIVE MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: D*

### DAY 2: MOSCOW / *The Stately Capital*

Tour Moscow, starting at the Kremlin, and beat the crowds with an exclusive before-hours visit to the State Armory. View its impressive collection of carriages, royal gala clothes and fabulous Fabergé eggs. Then, visit two Kremlin cathedrals: Assumption and Archangel. After lunch at a local restaurant, stroll Red Square to view Lenin's Tomb and St. Basil's Cathedral. See the





city from a different perspective when you ride the Moscow Metro, renowned for its ornate stations. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: B L*

### DAY 3: MOSCOW / *Russian Legends*

This morning, explore the colorful Danilovsky farmer's market. Then, see the New Maiden Cemetery, final resting place of Chekhov and other noted figures. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar. Later, visit the Tretyakov Gallery, one of Moscow's greatest treasures. Behind the gallery's whimsical façade lies the foremost collection of Russian fine art in the world. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: B L*

### DAY 4: THE GOLDEN RING / *Russia's Spiritual Heart*

Leave the city for the Golden Ring, the circle of venerable cities northeast of Moscow. Visit Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, the most important monastery in the Russian Orthodox Church. Continue to the old town of Suzdal, pausing to learn how the iconic Matryoshka dolls are made. Check in to your hotel and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride before dinner.

*Pushkarskaya Sloboda / Meals: B L D*



*Visit a factory to discover the clever manufacturing processes behind the creation of Russia's iconic Matryoshka nesting dolls.*

### DAY 5: SUZDAL / *Venice of the North*

Explore Suzdal, often described as an open-air museum of Russian history. Eat lunch with a local family. Then, take a masterclass revealing the art of Suzdal's local ceramics. After some time at leisure, enjoy a revitalizing visit to an authentic Russian bath. *Pushkarskaya Sloboda / Meals: B L*

### DAY 6: ST. PETERSBURG / *Venice of the North*

Pause in Vladimir on the way back to Moscow. Board a high-speed Sapsan train for the ride to St. Petersburg, the crowning glory of Peter the Great, arriving later in the evening.

*Hotel Astoria / Meals: B D*

### DAY 7: ST. PETERSBURG / *Legacy of a Dynasty*

Start the day with early, crowd-free access to the Hermitage, home to three million pieces of artwork. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn the history of the Romanovs when you meet with Zoya Belyakova, an expert on the subject. Cruise the city's canals and visit St. Isaac's Cathedral to marvel at its gilded dome, and the red granite columns that grace its façade.

*Hotel Astoria / Meals: B L*

### DAY 8: PETERHOF / *Private Grand Palace Tour*

Drive to Peterhof, summer estate of Peter the Great. Tour the Grand Palace, which is opened for you before official operating

hours. Return to St. Petersburg via hydrofoil and visit the fascinating Peter & Paul Fortress. *Hotel Astoria / Meals: B L*

### DAY 9: PUSHKIN / *Russia Past & Present*

Travel to Tsarskoe Selo (the Tsar's Village), also called Pushkin. View Catherine Palace and the world-famous Amber Room, now restored to its original glory. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, and tonight, join your fellow guests for a farewell dinner.

*Hotel Astoria / Meals: B D*

### DAY 10: DEPART ST. PETERSBURG

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. *Meals: B*

## Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



### Metropol Hotel

Fronting Revolution Square and the Bolshoi Theatre, this striking Moscow landmark once served as the headquarters of the Bolshevik party.



### Pushkarskaya Sloboda

This charming collection of villas occupies a sunny stretch of riverfront in the heartland of Russia; welcoming guests with a relaxed, park-like atmosphere.



### Hotel Astoria

Overlooking St. Isaac's Cathedral, this iconic St. Petersburg address boasts a fascinating guest registry including H.G. Wells and George W. Bush.

## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 11-20, Jul 20-29	\$5,995	\$1,795
Aug 3-12, Aug 17-26, Aug 31-Sep 9, Sep 14-23, Oct 5-14, Oct 19-28	\$5,495	\$1,595

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



# New 'Amadeus Queen'

Launching in 2018, this new vessels builds on the design successes of the award-winning Amadeus Silver ships, boasting panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in every suite, drop-down windows in premium A&K cabins and an enclosed swimming pool deck with an innovative retractable roof.

## 'Amadeus Queen' at a Glance

- 69 cabins and 12 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Approximately 45 crew members
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room, fitness room, shuffleboard and retractable-roof pool deck

## SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

## GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you, as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

## FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

The vessel features a fitness facility, massage room, hairdresser, lounge, panoramic al fresco bar and retractable-roof pool deck.

## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

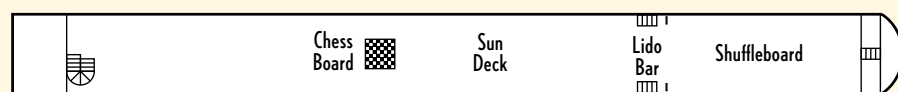
As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, the ship was designed and built in Europe for quality control.

NOTE: As of this writing, 'Amadeus Queen' is undergoing construction. Actual deck plan may vary.

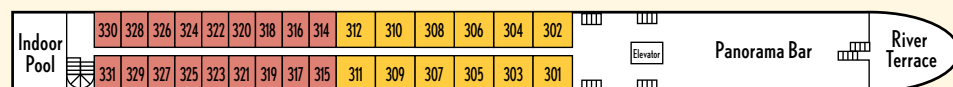


Pool deck with panoramic views

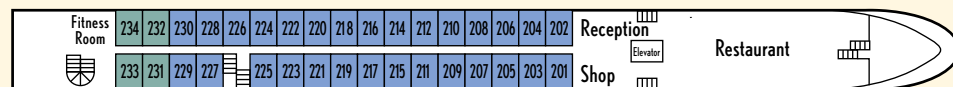
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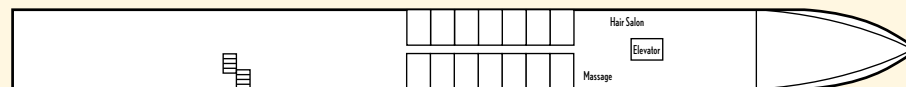
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HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Interior of a spacious Amadeus Suite



Cabin with a French balcony



# 'Amadeus Provence'

Launched in April of 2017, 'Amadeus Provence' takes inspiration from innovative, award-winning vessels 'Amadeus Silver III' and 'Amadeus Silver II.' Designed for sustainable travel with panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in suites, and drop-down windows in premium A&K cabins that transform into an open-air French balcony.

## 'Amadeus Provence' at a Glance

- 62 cabins and eight suites
- Launched in April of 2017
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Approximately 40 crew members
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room, fitness room, outdoor pool deck and shuffleboard

## SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

## GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you, as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

## FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

The vessel features a fitness facility, outdoor pool deck, massage room, hairdresser, lounge and panoramic al fresco bar.

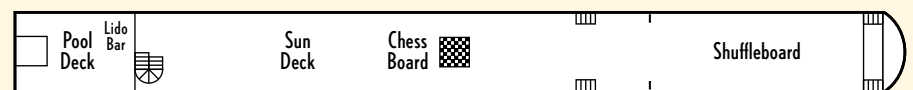
## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, the ship was designed and built in Europe for quality control.

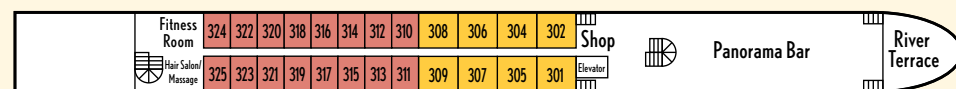


Pool deck with panoramic views

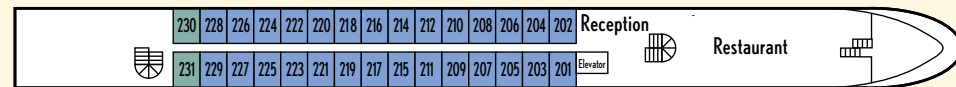
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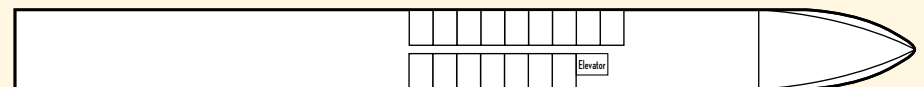
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HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Cabin with a French balcony



Interior of a spacious Amadeus Suite



# 'Amadeus Silver III' and 'Amadeus Silver II'

These sleek river ships took inspiration from their award-winning sister ship, 'Amadeus Silver.' Innovative and designed for sustainable travel, both vessels feature panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in suites and windows in A&K-selected cabins that transform into an open-air French balcony.

## 'Amadeus Silver III' and 'Amadeus Silver II' at a Glance

- 72 cabins and 12 suites
- 'Amadeus Silver II' launched in 2015 and 'Amadeus Silver III' launched in 2016
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 44 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include hairdresser, massage room, fitness room and walking track

### SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard both vessels offer space and comfort.

### GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you, as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

### FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to regions on your route.

### AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

Both vessels feature a fitness facility, a massage room, sun deck, lounge, panoramic bar and a hairdresser.

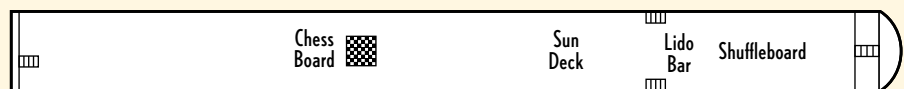
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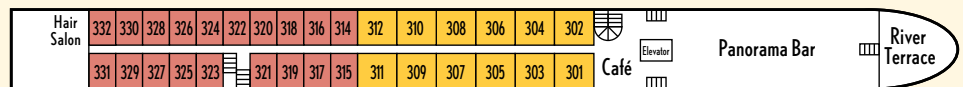


Elegant dining room

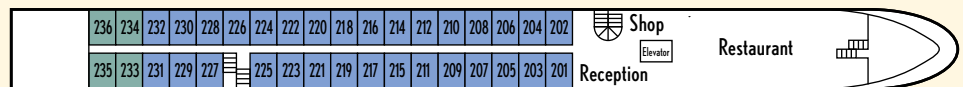
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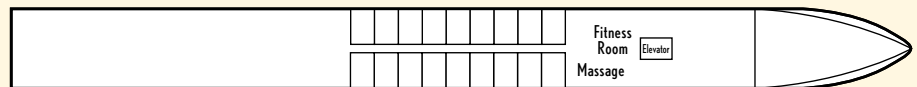
SUN-DECK



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STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Amadeus Suite on the Mozart Deck



Cabin with a French balcony



# 'Amadeus Silver'

The spacious flagship of the Amadeus line, 'Amadeus Silver,' welcomes you with panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in all suites, and drop-down windows in A&K-selected cabins that make a room into a French balcony.

## 'Amadeus Silver' at a Glance

- 78 cabins and 12 suites
- Built in 2013
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 46 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room, fitness room, walking track and a giant chessboard

## OPEN-AIR FRENCH BALCONIES

In all Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins, the spacious window drops down automatically, turning the cabin itself into a wide, open-air French balcony.

## GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you, as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions to experience Europe at its most authentic, each one led by an expert local guide. There are also options to explore on your own, on foot or on a complimentary bicycle.

## FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Throughout your voyage, enjoy fine cuisine prepared by your onboard chef, served with house wines and vintages chosen from the region you are exploring.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

'Amadeus Silver' features hotel-style amenities, including a fitness facility, massage room, lounge, panoramic bar and a hairdresser.

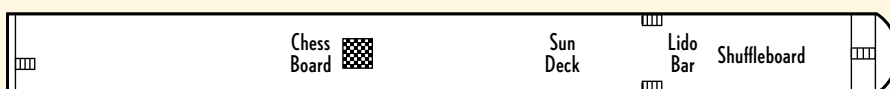
## COMMITTED TO QUALITY

'Amadeus Silver' was designed and built in Europe for quality control.



Elegant dining room

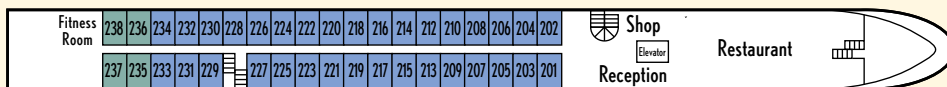
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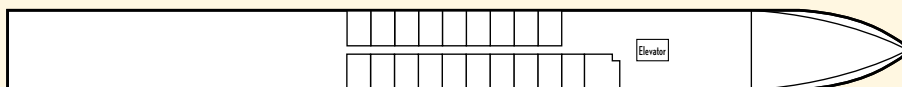
### SUN-DECK



### MOZART-DECK



### STRAUSS-DECK



### HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (258 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (172 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (172 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (172 sq. ft.), French balcony



Cabin with a French balcony



Mozart-Deck suite with walk-out balcony



# 'Amadeus Brilliant' and 'Amadeus Elegant'

Experience Europe at its finest on board relaxing sister ships 'Amadeus Brilliant' and 'Amadeus Elegant,' enjoying their spacious, stylish design and easygoing charm.

## 'Amadeus Brilliant' and 'Amadeus Elegant' at a Glance

- 'Amadeus Brilliant' built in 2011; 'Amadeus Elegant' built in 2010
- 68 cabins and eight suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 40 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room and shuffleboard court

## PANORAMIC VIEWS

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the lounge and a French balcony in Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins promise great views around every river bend.

## PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSIONS

Disembark for private shore excursions with your small group of no more than 24 Connections guests and your dedicated Resident Tour Director, who also serves as your onboard concierge. Experience Europe at its most authentic, led by expert local guides. Enjoy opportunities to explore on your own as well, on foot or by complimentary bicycle.

## SUPERB DINING AND FINE WINES

As you cruise Europe's great rivers, enjoy fine cuisine prepared by an onboard chef, paired with house wines chosen from the region you are exploring.

## HOTEL-STYLE AMENITIES

Each of these sleek river ships features amenities you might expect from a fine hotel, including a fitness facility, massage room, lounge, panoramic bar, sun deck and a hairdresser.

## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

Both vessels were designed and built in European shipyards for quality control.

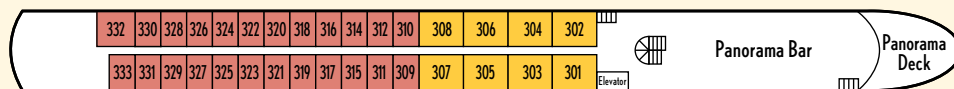


Expansive views from the Panorama Bar

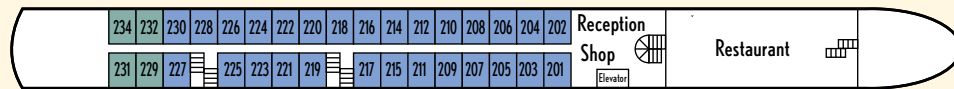
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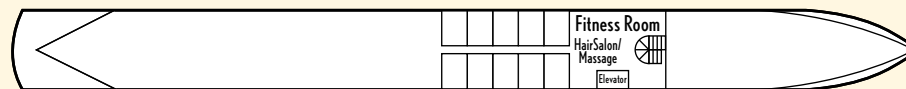
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STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (236 sq. ft.), French balcony
- A-1 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony



Cabin with a French balcony



Spacious, elegant suite



# 'Amadeus Diamond'

This floating hotel is the perfect gateway to the charm of northern France. As you cruise, join your fellow guests over a convivial cup of freshly brewed coffee, practice your putting on the Sun Deck or enjoy a relaxing massage.

## 'Amadeus Diamond' at a Glance

- Built in 2009
- 62 cabins and 12 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 40 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include hairdresser, massage room and shuffleboard court

## PANORAMIC VIEWS

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the lounge and a French balcony in Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins promise great views around every river bend.

## PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSIONS

Disembark for private shore excursions with your small group of no more than 24 Connections guests and your dedicated Resident Tour Director, who also serves as your onboard concierge. Experience Europe at its most authentic, led by expert local guides.

## SUPERB DINING AND FINE WINES

As you cruise Europe's great rivers, enjoy fine cuisine prepared by an onboard chef and served with house wines and vintages chosen from the region you are exploring.

## HOTEL-STYLE AMENITIES

'Amadeus Diamond' features amenities you might expect from a fine hotel, including a fitness facility, massage room and a hairdresser.

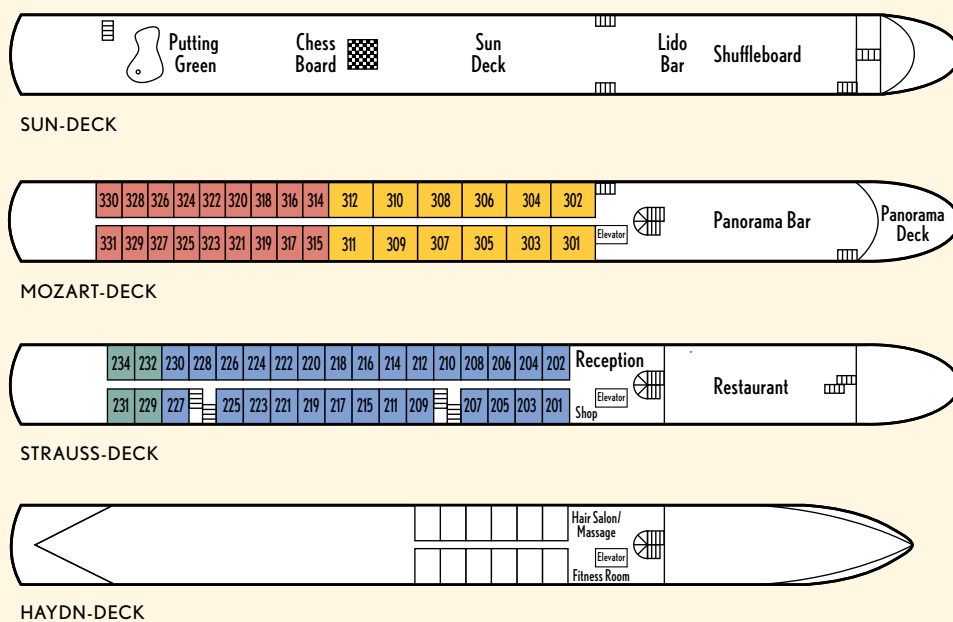
## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, 'Amadeus Diamond' was designed and built in Europe for quality control.



Scenic views from the Panorama Bar

## Deck Plan



■ Amadeus Suite (236 sq. ft.), French balcony

■ A-1 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony

■ B-1 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony

■ B-4 (161 sq. ft.), French balcony



Cabin with a French balcony



Spacious, elegant suite



# Terms & Conditions

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC ("A&K") Terms and Conditions apply to group journeys including Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, and Wings Over the World Journeys, as well as Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions, departing between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, Luxury Expedition Cruises departing between March 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019 and bookings for future years until updated. For all other terms and conditions including all journeys to Cuba and Signature Series Journeys, please refer to [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com).

## **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**

All group journeys excluding Connections European River Cruise, Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Wings Over the World, and Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons. Guaranteed departures will operate except only in cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

## **A&K PRICE ASSURANCE**

The A&K Price Assurance applies to all group journeys available through A&K excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent, international and internal air and extra services. The A&K Price Assurance applies only to advertised rates on [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for the same program, travel date and accommodation classification. A&K reserves the right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

## **INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS**

All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary; airport transfers to/from hotel/ship in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included on start and end dates only); services of A&K Resident Tour Director or appropriate Guide on Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at all designated welcome and farewell dinners except for Iran journeys and with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruise Journeys; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access (where available on land and Connections European River Cruise Journeys; excluded on all other cruises and trains; service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes; and gratuities throughout, except to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides.

## **Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family and Wings Over the World Journeys Additional Inclusions:**

A&K's Travelling Bell Boy Service is provided; however, because of security regulations, this service may be limited at airports, rail stations and points of embarkation for cruises. A&K's Traveller's Valet includes laundry service for eight (8) pieces (excludes Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions and Mount Kilimanjaro). Dry cleaning is not included.

## **Expedition Cruises (Antarctica, Arctic and Japan)**

### **Additional Inclusions:**

Complimentary standard bar drinks, beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee drinks, juices and bottled water (excluding premium wines, spirits and Champagnes) while on board; all shore excursions and full lecture program while on board; services of an A&K Expedition Staff and local guides; gratuities for the ship's crew and A&K Expedition Staff; a post-cruise expedition logbook; and a complimentary expedition parka and backpack provided on board Antarctica/Arctic cruises.

## **Africa Journeys Additional Inclusions:**

Medical evacuation service, when available, including air transportation to medical care facilities, is included within Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For Climb Kilimanjaro program participants, medical evacuation is included from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro to Nairobi. Hospitalization and medical expenses are at an additional cost.

## **NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS**

A&K's Guest Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; sightseeing not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses

such as laundry (except for A&K's Traveller's Valet as noted), communication charges, Internet access for all trains and cruises except Connections European River Cruise Journeys; and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

## **HOTEL CHECK-IN**

Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the midafternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it can be arranged for an additional charge. Please ask A&K for details and prices.

## **ROOM UPGRADES/SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Upgrades are available on request at individual hotels. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that while every effort will be made to secure a special request, it cannot be guaranteed.

## **ITINERARIES**

A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels, aircraft and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

## **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typically not included and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on a suitable alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airlines (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K. A&K is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

## **BAGGAGE**

A&K provides portage of two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/domestic or charter flights, your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply.

Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

## **PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

Quoted program prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Marco Polo Club discount is not eligible on Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys for memberships established prior to November 1, 2015. For full program terms and conditions visit [akmarcopolo.com](http://akmarcopolo.com). Marco Polo Journeys have two prices; a higher price that allows us to guarantee departures for small groups of two to six guests and a lower price for groups of seven or more guests. The higher price will be noted on your initial invoice and reduced before you depart if your group has seven or more guests. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions are only available to guests booked on related group journeys. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect the published program price.

## **CHILD POLICY**

The minimum age is 10 years old unless noted on the itinerary and all children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum age is 18 years for Iran journeys, 12 years old

for Connections European River Cruise Journeys and varies for Family Journeys. Some activities contained within an itinerary may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the time of booking. A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on Family Journeys to accommodate a family.

## **ACTIVE ELEMENTS & CONDUCT**

Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the trips as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any trip and/or could create a hazard to him or herself or to other members of the group. Due to ship restrictions, women over six (6) months pregnant are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises. The guest represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. A&K reserves the right to decline acceptance of anyone whom it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

## **A&K'S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Our Guest Protection Program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the program price and is recommended. The plan must be purchased within 14 days of deposit in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Call A&K for details.

## **Special Requirement for Antarctica and Arctic Cruises:**

Due to the remote locations, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$50,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for all Antarctica and Arctic cruises. This minimum amount is included in the A&K Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for further coverage on request. If you do not purchase the A&K Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage. Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides for covering the cost associated with emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective policy; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

## **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

It is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents. A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Many destinations also require a visa for U.S. citizens; this will be indicated in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey. You may be refused boarding or disembarked from a vessel without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations.

Special Requirement for Iran: Visas for U.S. citizens to travel to Iran must be obtained prior to arrival in Iran. Authorization is required to apply for a visa which A&K will assist you in obtaining. Instructions will be provided upon deposit. You must complete the Visa Information Form and return to A&K no later than 120 days prior to departure. Failure to provide A&K with this information will result in the cancellation of your booking and forfeiture of any monies paid.

## **RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Deposit per Person Required at Time of Booking	
Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Family Journeys	\$1,000
Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys	\$500
Expedition Cruises	\$2,500
Wings Over the World Journeys	\$5,000

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire



cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. For all Expedition Cruise, Connections European River Cruise, Wings Over the World and Select Journeys indicated below, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. An additional nonrefundable permit fee is required at time of booking for Uganda: Gorillas & Beyond (\$1,350 per person) and the Uganda Extension (\$600 per person).

**Select Journeys:** Celebration Journeys; Cruising the Mekong; Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Southern Africa Safari by River & Rail; Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India (Holiday and Pushkar Fair departures); India Wildlife Safari: Lions, Tigers & Leopards; Legends of the East by Luxury Train: Bangkok to Singapore & Bali; Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Gobi Desert; Namibia & Botswana: Dunes, Delta & the Kalahari; Paris, Champagne & Alsace: Villages & Vineyards by Barge; and Persia: A Tapestry of Ancient and Modern Iran.

#### CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt, fax or email. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

#### CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON

<b>Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Family Journeys, Connections Land Journeys, and related Group Pre/Post Tour Extensions (except Select Journeys as listed above)</b>		
91 days prior to departure or more		\$500
90-61 days prior to departure	20% of program price	
60-31 days prior to departure	50% of program price	
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price	
<b>Connections European River Cruise Journeys, Select Journeys listed above and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions</b>		
121 days prior to departure or more		\$500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price	
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price	
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price	
<b>Expedition Cruises and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions</b>		
181 days prior to departure or more		\$500
180-121 days prior to departure		\$1,500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price	
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price	
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price	
<b>Wings Over the World Journeys</b>		
181 days prior to departure or more		\$2,500
180-121 days prior to departure		\$5,000
120-91 days prior to departure	50% of program price	
90 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price	

**Partial Room Cancellation:** If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

#### CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR

All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

#### CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K journeys are subject to specific cancellation penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

#### CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our **Limits on A&K's Responsibility** clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL

A&K reserves the right to take photographs and video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with A&K, guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs and video. Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their program.

#### LIMITS ON A&K'S RESPONSIBILITY

A&K, its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns, does not own or operate any property or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated A&K companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, A&K is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person. In addition and without limitation, A&K is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury, or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Guest assumes all such risks associated with participating in these trips.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, hot air ballooning, ziplining, high altitude treks, climbing, whitewater rafting, primate tracking and any activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risk of serious illness, injury or death ("Activities") then you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release A&K and its affiliates, their agents, employees and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities; you release A&K, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against A&K for, property damage, cancellation of any Activities for any

reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury, or death arising out of your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct), and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by anyone else which (a) related to your participation, or (b) which would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made the claim directly yourself.

#### TRAVEL ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS

It is the responsibility of the guest to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the US State Department's travel website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or by phone at 888 407 4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the guest still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the guest assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

#### ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause, to any A&K brochure, to any information regarding any A&K trip, service or package, or to any A&K-related trip, activity, service or package, shall be submitted exclusively to and resolved in binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois under the CPR International Non-administered Arbitration Rules (which can be found at [cpradr.org](http://cpradr.org)), before a single arbitrator appointed by CPR. Any party or their representative may appear for the arbitration by telephone or video conference. Each party shall bear its own fees, costs and expenses and an equal share of any arbitrator and administrative fees.

ANY PAYMENT TO A&K CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN AND IN MORE SPECIFIC PRETRAVEL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE GUEST INFORMATION FORM.

A&K accepts all major credit cards.

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#### AMENDMENTS

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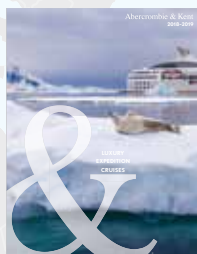


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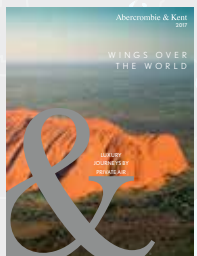
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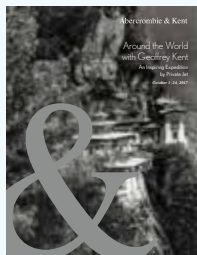
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Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom	12	\$3,995	9	7				●								
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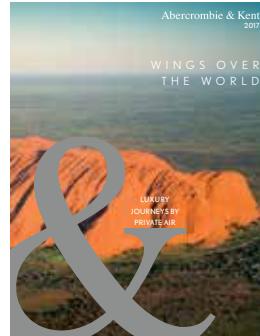
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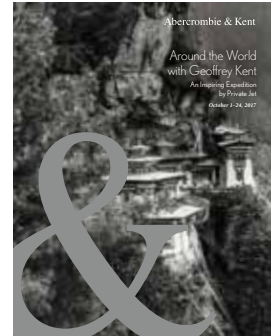
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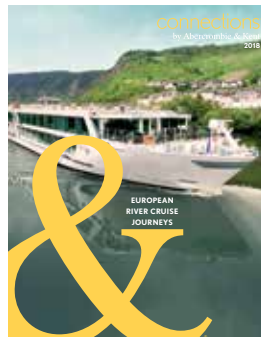
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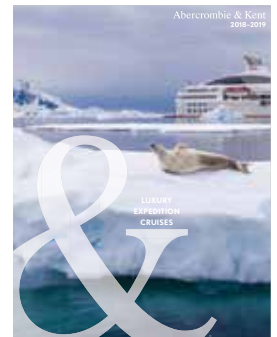
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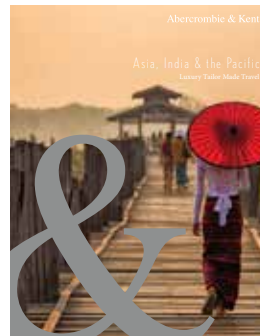
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