

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

Our 2017 European River Cruise Journeys offer the most complete and authentic small-group experience on a river cruise available anywhere — a much more personal, boutique-style of travel from start to finish. Though you cruise on a ship of 150 or so passengers, you dine and go ashore in the company of no more than 24 like-minded Connections guests and a Resident Tour Director, establishing a relaxed camaraderie all but impossible on a typical cruise. All off-ship sightseeing is exclusive to your Connections group, as well as all meals, whether taken on ship or on shore.

Our 2017 portfolio includes three new journeys along the Seine, Rhine and Danube. We are also featuring a new river ship, 'Amadeus Provence,' demonstrating our commitment to constantly find ways to offer the finest river cruise experience.

We have also included a sample of our land-based Connections Worldwide Group Journeys, allowing you even more options for planning the ultimate European journey.

Enjoy reading this brochure, and start dreaming about your next journey.



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Contact an A&K travel consultant today by calling 800 323 7308 Monday through Friday (8-7 CT) and on Saturday (9-1 CT), or speak to your travel professional. Find more information online at abercrombiekent.com.







"Barbara was superb. She was very knowledgeable in history, culture and cuisine at all of our destinations." – Daniel; Atlanta, GA, June 2015



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

With more than 50 years of experience, six 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.

#### 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.





"Our Resident Tour Director had a wealth of knowledge and navigated us through Europe with ease. Her fun, confident personality made us feel happy and safe."

– Miriam; Fairfax, VA, August 2015





# The Advantages of Cruising in a Small Group

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 Onshore Vehicles**

When you disembark for a shore excursion led by your Resident Tour Director, a comfortable vehicle designated exclusively for your group is waiting 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.

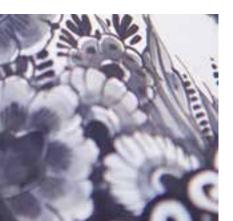
#### A Complete Itinerary on Both River and Land

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 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 Kensington in London, 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.



# 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 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, Connections Product Manager







# 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
Group Size of 24 or Less	
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
A&K Resident Tour Director	
Dedicated solely to your small group and accompanying you throughout your journey, on board and onshore	A tour director for each group of 40 to 50 passengers
Exclusive Shore Excursions in Private Vehicles	
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
Dining On and Off Shore	
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
City Stays in Boutique Hotels	
Pre- and post-cruise stays in boutique-style hotels as a part of your journey, with sightseeing and meals included	City stays before and after the cruise that cost extra and use larger hotels
Priority Boarding	
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 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.









# Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom

Siem Munster,
Slootdorp

Volendam

Amsterdam

Utrecht

HOLLAND

Ghent

Antwerp

BELGIUM

Antwerp

CRUISE





9 days priced from \$4,695

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 Belgium and Holland's finest cities and towns, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing with your private group, led by your Resident Tour Director
- · Stay in a centrally located Amsterdam hotel pre-cruise
- Sample local cuisine during culinary experiences ashore with Connections guests, including a lunch of moules-frites (mussels and fries) in Ghent and a tasting of stroopwafels in Veere
- 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
- · Visit a private tulip grower during an enriching excursion
- In Belgium, browse a famous springtime flower show

#### 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. *Park 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 prior to 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. Tour a brewery, savor a Connections-exclusive lunch of *moules-frites* (mussels and fries). Return to bustling Ghent with time to

explore before boarding your ship. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

#### DAY 7: BRUSSELS & ANTWERP / Home of Rubens

From Antwerp, journey to Brussels for a walking tour of Belgium's capital; then, experience one of its most famous flower shows. Back in Antwerp, visit the Rubenshuis with its beautiful gardens and 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 offer a dazzling glimpse at Holland's beauty. 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.



### 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.



#### Park Hotel

Fashionable boutique hotel just a 10-minute walk from Dam Square in Amsterdam, featuring a spa, rotating art in its public spaces, and a central location near museums and shopping.

Visit abercrombiekent.com for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

Dates & Pricing Departure Dates	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
Apr 5–13, Apr 12–20 ('Amadeus Silver II') Single Supplement	<b>\$4,695</b>	<b>\$5,195</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>	<b>\$5,995</b>
	\$795	\$1,395	\$1,795	\$2,995
May 8-16 ('Amadeus Silver')	<b>\$4,895</b>	<b>\$5,395</b>	<b>\$5,695</b>	<b>\$6,195</b>
Single Supplement	\$995	\$1,595	\$1,995	\$3,195

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. 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 8.



# London, Paris & a Seine River Cruise

13 days priced from \$10,495
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
- Stay in centrally located boutique hotels in London and Paris
- Embark on Connections-exclusive, small-group shore excursions, including a private, before-hours visit to Churchill's War Rooms in London and a full-day exploration of World War Il's Normandy invasion sites
- See Monet's Giverny and the final resting place of Van Gogh at Château d'Auvers
- Enjoy eight thoughtfully planned meals ashore, designed exclusively for Connections guests

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND

Arrive in London, 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. *The Kensington / Meals: D* 

#### DAY 2: LONDON / A Before-Hours Visit

Join your small group for private, before-hours entry to the Churchill War Rooms, a World War II bunker and museum. See the heart of Britain's war defense, continuing by private vehicle to



tour London's many sights. After an authentic lunch at a traditional British pub, attend a private lecture and guided tour of the stunning Impressionist paintings at London's renowned National Gallery. The Kensington / Meals: B L

#### DAY 3: LONDON / Tudor Times



Journey back to Tudor times when you visit the palace and gardens at Hampton Court, favored residence of Henry VIII. The remainder of your day is at leisure to further explore London's attractions.

The Kensington / Meals: B

#### DAY 4: PARIS, FRANCE / Cruising the Seine

Take the Eurostar high-speed train this morning 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 5: 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 6: 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 *patisserie* and tea room, a Connections exclusive. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D* 

#### DAY 7: NORMANDY / Sobering History



Your ship docks in Le Havre this morning. Meet your Resident Tour Director 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 afternoon, with time to reflect on your day during dinner aboard. *Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D* 

DAY 8: 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 9: 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

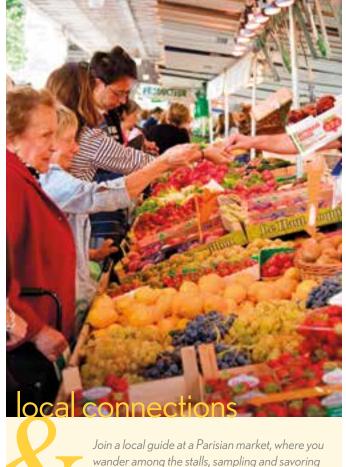
#### DAY 10: PARIS / The "City of Light"



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 artist's colony of Montmartre, home

to Paris' only vineyard, a visit planned specially for Connections guests. After lunch, discover its colorful 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 Highlights dinner. *Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D* 





### Accommodations Spotlight

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

the city's myriad of culinary wonders.

#### 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.



#### Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg

Intimate, Didier Gomez-designed boutique hotel with 18th-century-meets-modern decor and on-site dining from Yannick Alléno.

Visit abercrombiekent.com for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

#### DAY 11: VERSAILLES / Grand Architecture

Join fellow Connections guests as you explore Paris by classic Citroën 2CV. Later, head to Versailles for lunch, followed by a guided small-group tour of the magnificent royal château. This evening is free for you to enjoy Paris' many culinary offerings and relax in your boutique hotel, steps from the Place de la Concorde. Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg / Meals: B L

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

Further your art experiences during a guided, small-group tour of the Musée d'Orsay, 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. *Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg / Meals: B D* 

#### **DAY 13: DEPART PARIS**

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.

Dates & Pricing	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
Departure Dates	Strauss-Deck French Balcony	Strauss-Deck French Balcony	Mozart-Deck French Balcony	Mozart-Deck French Balcony
May 8-20, Jun 12-24,	\$10,495	\$10,995	\$11,295	\$11,795
Sep 25-Oct 7 ('Amadeus Diamond') Single Supplement	\$2,795	\$3,295	\$4,595	\$6,395

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. 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 12.



# Paris, Burgundy & a South of France Cruise

11 days priced from \$7,695 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 hands-on baking class at a Parisian boulangerie and a day trip to Sénangue and Arles
- Enjoy lunch beneath the ancient Pont du Gard and a tour of Avignon, where you marvel at the Roman aqueduct
- 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



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'oeil and Renaissance sculptures. Hôtel Le Cep / Meals: B

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

Meet your Resident Tour Director and 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 attend a Connections-only silk-screening demonstration in the heart of this region known for the craft. 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* 

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-Bénezet 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* 





#### 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

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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 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	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
May 29-Jun 8, Jul 17-27, Jul 31-Aug 10, Sep 4-14 ('Amadeus Provence')	\$8,395	\$8,895	\$9,195	\$9,695
Single Supplement	\$1,795	\$2,395	\$3,195	\$5,195
Aug 14-24 ('Amadeus Provence')	<b>\$7,995</b>	<b>\$8,495</b>	<b>\$8,795</b>	<b>\$9,295</b>
Single Supplement	\$1,695	\$2,295	\$3,095	\$5,095
Oct 23-Nov 2 ('Amadeus Provence') Single Supplement	<b>\$7,695</b>	<b>\$8,195</b>	<b>\$8,495</b>	<b>\$8,995</b>
	\$1,595	\$2,195	\$2,995	\$4,995

#### 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 \$8,795 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
- · Settle into centrally located boutique hotels in Paris and Beaune
- Immerse yourself in the flavors of France, enjoying seven 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



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. Later, back in Reims, visit the G.H. Mumm Winery, touring its Champagne caves, followed by a tasting. Explore Reims before returning to Paris by TGV. Hôtel Napoléon / Meals: B L

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



Set out on a food walk 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. Then, sample vintages at a premier Burgundy winery, 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 your Resident Tour Director 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

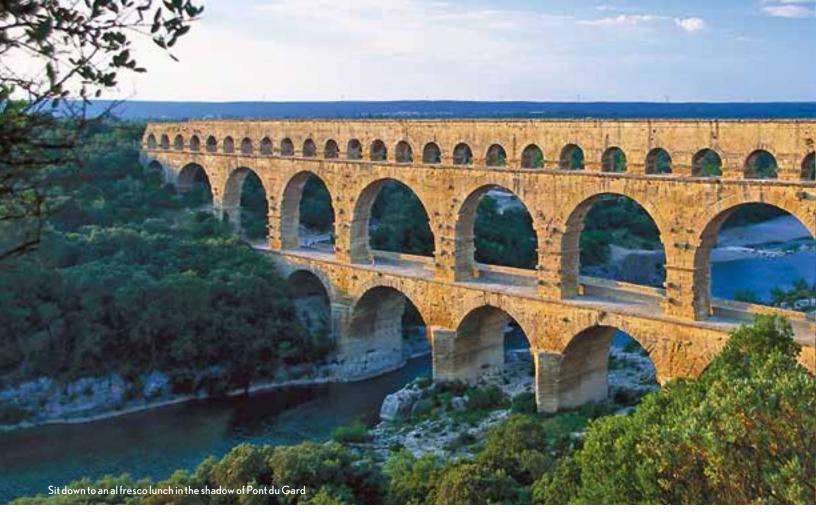
rest of your morning at leisure to explore this riverside town. After lunch on board, visit medieval Brancion to see Château de Cormatin and its splendid gardens. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

#### 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 worldfamous 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 canut*. Later, cruise





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

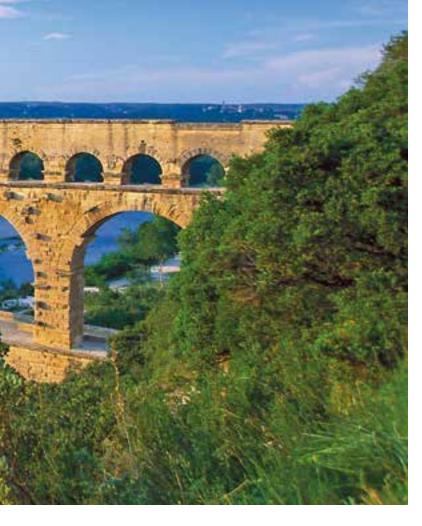
#### DAY 8: AVIGNON / Magnificent Palais des Papes

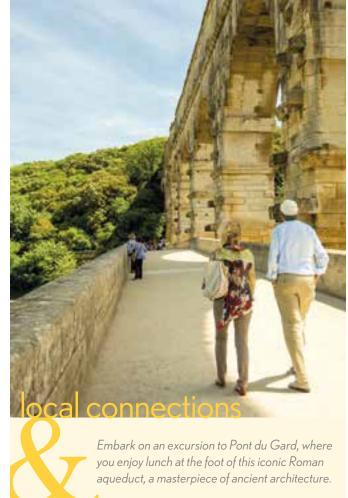


Travel with fellow guests for a Connections-exclusive full-day excursion, beginning at Pont du Gard, a stunning Roman aqueduct that you explore with your intimate group. Then, sit down to

an al fresco lunch at its base. Upon returning to Avignon, see the medieval stone ramparts and the remains of Saint-Bénezet 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 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 at Domaine Saladin, run by the same family since 1422. 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)

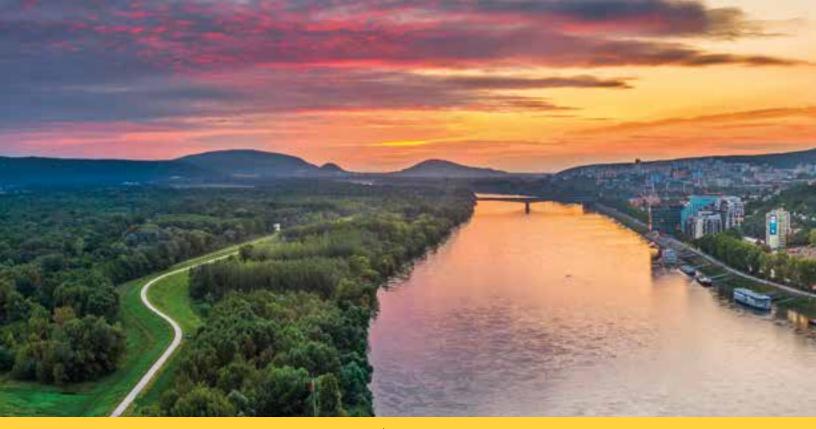
Historic, charming and richly decorated, this boutique hotel offers a central location, 16th-century courtyards and a Michelin-starred restaurant, Loiseau des Vignes.

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	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
Jun 12-22 ('Amadeus Provence')	<b>\$8,995</b>	<b>\$9,495</b>	<b>\$9,795</b>	<b>\$10,295</b>
Single Supplement	\$1,795	\$2,595	\$3,195	\$5,395
Aug 7-17 ('Amadeus Provence') Single Supplement	<b>\$8,795</b>	<b>\$9,295</b>	<b>\$9,595</b>	<b>\$10,095</b>
	\$1,695	\$2,495	\$3,095	\$5,295

#### 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 \$10,195 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. *Park 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 Amsterdam and

take a city tour and scenic canal cruise. 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



DAY 3: AMSTERDAM / Getting to Know Van Gogh Meet your small group for 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 Join your small group for a Connections-exclusive walking tour of Cologne. See the cathedral and Roman-German Museum. Enjoy local fare during lunch ashore, unique to Connections guests. Then, drive to Bonn, former capital of West Germany. Pay a Connections-only visit to the Beethoven House and explore the city. Return to your ship. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

DAY 5: OBERWESEL / The Enchanting Rhine
Cruise the Rhine Gorge, passing hilltop castles, terraced vineyards
and charming villages. This afternoon, dock in Oberwesel and
stroll its scenic streets. 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

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

music on board. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

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 upgraded Category A 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 a Connections-exclusive mini-concert at Liszt Academy. Visit the Great Synagogue and its Holocaust Memorial. Then, 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. Continental Hotel Budapest / Meals: B D

#### DAY 17: DEPART BUDAPEST

Transfer to Budapest airport for your flight. Meals: B

NOTE: Jun 12 and Aug 11 departures run in reverse, Budapest to Amsterdam, and timing and sightseeing vary. Contact A&K for details. High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.

## Accommodations Spotlight

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the Counts of Ingelheim-Echter.



#### Aboard Ship

built by a 15th-century knight and owned today by

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.



#### Park Hotel

Fashionable boutique hotel just a 10-minute walk from Dam Square in Amsterdam, featuring a spa, rotating art in its public spaces, and a central location near museums and shopping.

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Dates & Pricing Departure Dates	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out or *French Balcony
May 4–20 ('Amadeus Elegant')	<b>\$10,695</b>	<b>\$11,495</b>	<b>\$11,995</b>	<b>\$12,995</b> *
Single Supplement	\$2,095	\$3,895	\$4,495	\$8,295
Jun 12-28 ('Amadeus Silver III') Single Supplement	<b>\$10,995</b>	<b>\$11,795</b>	<b>\$12,295</b>	<b>\$13,295</b>
	\$2,295	\$4,095	\$4,695	\$8,495
Aug 11-27 ('Amadeus Silver II') Single Supplement	<b>\$10,195</b>	<b>\$10,995</b>	<b>\$11,495</b>	<b>\$12,495</b>
	\$1,895	\$3,695	\$4,295	\$8,095

#### 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.



# Along the Danube







10 days priced from \$5,995
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 10 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing by private small-group vehicle, alongside your Resident Tour Director
- Stay in centrally located boutique hotels in both Budapest and Munich
- 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. Continental 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. After time to settle into your premium cabin or suite with an openair French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail prior to dinner. 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, meet your small group for a Connections-exclusive dinner ashore, with Category A 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 a Wachau restaurant. Enjoy a Connections-exclusive guided tour of Schloss Artstetten. Later, visit Melk Abbey. 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

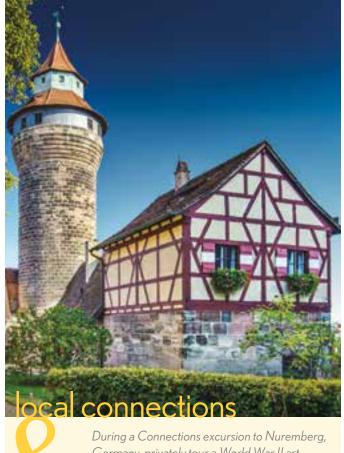
In Nuremberg, privately tour a World War II art bunker, exclusive to Connections guests. Visit the city's *altstadt* (old town). See the Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice. Tour Regensburg and enjoy a Bavarian-themed evening on board. *Aboard Ship / Meals: B D* 

DAY 9: MUNICH / Bavaria's Charming Capital
Disembark in Passau. Drive to Munich and take a walking
tour of the old town, with time to explore Marienplatz and the
Frauenkirche. Gather for a farewell dinner. Platzl Hotel / Meals: BD

#### DAY 10: DEPART MUNICH

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

NOTE: June 5 and October 13 departures run in reverse, Munich to Budapest, and timing and sightseeing vary. Contact A&K for details. High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary.





During a Connections excursion to Nuremberg, Germany, privately tour a World War II art bunker, and visit the town's altstadt (old town) as well as the Imperial Castle, shown above.

### 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

Traditional Bavarian, family-owned hotel filled with Old World charm and set in the heart of Munich, near the city's most popular sights and only available to small groups.

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Dates & Pricing  Departure Dates	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out or *French Balcony
Apr 28–May 7 ('Amadeus Brilliant') Oct 13–22 ('Amadeus Silver') Single Supplement	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$6,795	\$ <b>7,295</b> *
	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$6,795	<b>\$7,295</b>
	\$995	\$1,595	\$2,095	\$3,895
May 18-27 ('Amadeus Elegant') Jun 5-14 ('Amadeus Silver III') Jun 30-Jul 9 ('Amadeus Brilliant') Jul 28-Aug 6 ('Amadeus Silver II') Single Supplement	\$6,695	\$7,195	\$7,495	\$7,995°
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	\$6,695	\$7,195	\$7,495	\$7,995
	\$1,095	\$1,695	\$2,195	\$3,995

#### 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.



# Along the Rhine







10 days priced from \$6,195
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 smallgroup vehicle, 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
- 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 a wine tasting in Cochem and an intimate tasting with a chocolatier in Basel

#### 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. Park Hotel / Meals: D

DAY 2: AMSTERDAM / Canal Cruise & House Museum Take a canal cruise in Amsterdam. Visit 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: BD

#### 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. Reboard your vessel for 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: BASEL, SWITZERLAND / Chocolatier Visit Disembark in Basel. See its cathedral and market. After lunch at leisure, visit a chocolatier for a tasting with Connections guests. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner. Hotel Basel / Meals: BD

#### **DAY 10: DEPART BASEL**

Transfer to the 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.



#### Hotel Basel

A perfect base for exploration, this boutique hotel set in the center of Basel features spacious rooms and contemporary comforts.

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Dates & Pricing	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
Departure	<b>Strauss-Deck</b>	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
Dates	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
May 31-Jun 9 ('Amadeus Silver II')	\$6,195	\$6,695	\$6,995	\$7,495
Jul 10-19 ('Amadeus Silver')	\$6,195	\$6,695	\$6,995	\$7,495
Sep 4-13 ('Amadeus Silver III') Single Supplement	<b>\$6,195</b>	<b>\$6,695</b>	<b>\$6,995</b>	<b>\$7,495</b>
	\$1,395	\$2,195	\$2,795	\$4,795

#### Journey Details

 $Minimum\ age\ is\ 12\ years.\ First\ event:\ welcome\ briefing\ at\ 6:30\ p.m.\ on\ Day\ 1.\ Last\ event:\ farewell\ dinner\ at\ 7:00\ p.m.\ on\ Day\ 9.$ 



# Art & Architecture Along the Rhine







11 days priced from \$6,995 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, experiencing 11 days of Connectionsexclusive sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, 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 Basel / Meals: D

DAY 2: WEIL AM RHEIN, GERMANY / Amazing Architecture Travel by intimate group 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 the 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. Tonight, attend a private cocktail party and an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

#### 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, 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. Park 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. *Park 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.

### Accommodations Spotlight

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

Alsace wine region of France.



#### 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.



#### Park Hotel

Fashionable boutique hotel just a 10-minute walk from Dam Square in Amsterdam, featuring a spa, rotating art in its public spaces, and a central location near museums and shopping.

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Dates & Pricing  Departure Dates	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite	
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck	
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony	
Jun 7-17 ('Amadeus Silver II')	<b>\$7,395</b>	<b>\$7,895</b>	<b>\$8,195</b>	<b>\$8,695</b>	
Single Supplement	\$1,495	\$2,295	\$2,895	\$4,895	
Jul 17-27 ('Amadeus Silver')	<b>\$6,995</b>	<b>\$7,495</b>	<b>\$7,795</b>	<b>\$8,295</b>	
Single Supplement	\$1,395	\$2,195	\$2,795	\$4,795	
Sep 15–25 ('Amadeus Silver II')	<b>\$7,395</b>	<b>\$7,895</b>	<b>\$8,195</b>	<b>\$8,695</b>	
Single Supplement	\$1,495	\$2,295	\$2,895	\$4,895	

#### 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.



## 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 historic Schloss Artstetten and 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. To night, 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: SCHLOSS ARTSTETTEN / Eventful History

Visit historic Schloss Artstetten, taking a private guided tour with your intimate group of Connections guests. The castle is home to the great-granddaughter of Archduke Ferdinand, whose assassination led to World War I. Continue to Melk and tour its 900-year-old abbey perched high above the Danube. 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. Enjoy an exclusive lunch ashore. Explore the Christkindlesmarkt in the old city, with time to shop or savor homemade gingerbread. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

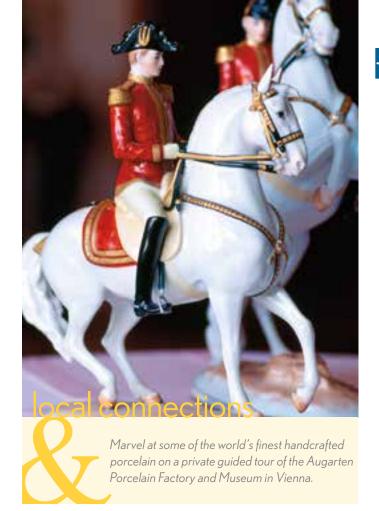
#### DAY 8: MUNICH / Bavarian Capital

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

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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.



#### The Ring

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

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Dates & Pricing	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite
Departure	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
Dates	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
Dec 10-18 ('Amadeus Silver II')	<b>\$4,995</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>	<b>\$5,795</b>	<b>\$6,295</b>
Single Supplement	\$895	\$1,495	\$1,995	\$3,795

Journey Details

 $Minimum\ age\ is\ 12\ years.\ First\ group\ event:\ welcome\ briefing\ at\ 6:15\ p.m.\ on\ Day\ 1.\ Last\ group\ event:\ farewell\ dinner\ at\ 7:30\ p.m.\ on\ Day\ 8.$ 



## 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 smallgroup vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- Enjoy pre- and post-cruise stays in a centrally located, familyowned 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 smallgroup 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. Hotel Torbräu / 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. Take a private, guided tour of Schloss Artstetten, a Connections exclusive. A special holiday celebration aboard your ship ends this festive day. Later, you may choose to attend mass in town. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

#### DAY 5: VIENNA / Enchanted Christmas Morning

Awaken on Christmas morning in Vienna. 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. After lunch aboard, disembark and visit Schönbrunn Palace by small group. Enjoy a strudel-baking demonstration and stroll the Palace 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 the Slovak
National Museum Residency. Enjoy a private pre-dinner cocktail
party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour
Director, prior to a gala dinner. Aboard Ship / Meals: B L D

DAY 7: GREIN & LINZ, AUSTRIA / Half-Timbered Houses Dock in Grein for a Connections-only, small-group tour of Schloss Greinburg. 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 include 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 Landshut and the ruins
of its ancient castle. Check in to your boutique hotel, with time to
unwind. Gather for a farewell dinner. Hotel Torbräu / Meals: B L D

#### **DAY 9: DEPART MUNICH**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. 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.



#### Hotel Torbräu

Fourth-generation, family-owned hotel replete with Old World charm, set in the heart of Munich, near the city's most popular sights and only available to small groups.

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Dates & Pricing  Departure  Dates	B-4	B-1	A-1	Amadeus Suite	
	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck	
	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony	
Dec 21-29 ('Amadeus Silver II')	<b>\$4,995</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>	<b>\$5,795</b>	<b>\$6,295</b>	
Single Supplement	\$895	\$1,495	\$1,995	\$3,795	

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 7:15 p.m. on Day 8.



# New Year's 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.

- 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 a boutique hotel in the heart of Munich pre-cruise
- 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. Platzl Hotel / 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 / Ringing 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, Hero's 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, Connectionsonly 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 / Stunning Castle

Arrive in Melk, where you visit the Benedictine abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Proceed to Schloss Artstetten, paying a Connections-exclusive visit to the former summer seat used by the Austro-Hungarian Habsburg dynasty. 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. Platzl Hotel / Meals: B L D

#### DAY 9: DEPART MUNICH

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

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





Take an inside glimpse at a family-run brewery, followed by a beer tasting and authentic Bavarian 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 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

Traditional-meets-modern, familyowned Bavarian hotel, with gourmet onsite dining and a location steps from the Marienplatz and New Town Hall.

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Dates & Pricing	B-4	R-1	A -1	Amadeus Suite
Departure	Strauss-Deck	Strauss-Deck	Mozart-Deck	Mozart-Deck
Dates	French Balcony	French Balcony	French Balcony	Walk-Out Balcony
Dec 28– Jan 5, 2018 ('Amadeus Silver II') Single Supplement	<b>\$4,995</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>	<b>\$5,795</b>	<b>\$6,295</b>
	\$895	\$1,495	\$1,995	\$3,795

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 12 years. First event: welcome briefing at 6:15 p.m. on Day 1. Last event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.



## Connections Journeys by Land

The same authentic local connections and boutique, small-group ambience found on our river journeys make Connections by Abercrombie & Kent the ideal way to experience the real Europe.

Connections by Abercrombie & Kent 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 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 Journeys feature intimate groups of no more than 24 guests on every voyage — 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 Market Connections that introduce you to the crafts and produce markets where locals gather, to Musical Connections that feature 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.

Visit A&K online at abercrombiekent.com to view the complete collection of Connections Worldwide Group Journeys.





## 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

## Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- 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
- Explore the Boquería in Barcelona on our Market Connection
- Visit an authentic bodega to privately sample sherry in the famed region of Jerez
- Make a Culinary Connection in Seville on an evening tapas tour
- Take 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. Walk 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 along the waterfront, fly to Granada, where you enjoy dinner on arrival. AC Palacio de Santa Paula / 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 cliff-top 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 as part of an A&K Culinary Connection. *Gran Meliá Colón I Meals: B L D* 

#### 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, celebrate a Musical Connection when you 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 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



### Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



Hotel Omm

Stay in ultra-modern comfort in the heart of vibrant Paseo de Gracias.



Parador de Ronda In Ronda's old Town Hall, a 70-room parador set at the edge of the gorge.

Visit abercrombiekent.com for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Apr 24-May 3, May 15-24, May 29-Jun 7, Jun 5-14, Jun 19-28	\$5,995	\$1,995
Jul 3-12, Jul 10-19, Jul 31-Aug 9, Aug 14-23, Aug 28-Sep 6	\$5,695	\$1,695
Sep 11-20, Sep 18-27, Sep 25-Oct 4, Oct 2-11, Oct 16-25	\$5,995	\$1,995

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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



## 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

## Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Cross 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 on a charming Neighborhood Connection
- Make a Culinary Connection as you 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
- 20 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 5 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 to Rome's Trastevere, where charming cobble-stone streets meet with labyrinth alleys. There, join a welcoming local at 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 and stone

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, savor the sights of 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: PISA / World-Famous Leaning Tower

Drive to Pisa, where you see the extraordinary Leaning Tower and explore the Pisa Cathedral and Baptistery with a local guide. Stop in Lucca to tour its lovely pedestrian quarter, then continue on to your next destination, the stunning Italian Riviera.

Grand Hotel Portovenere / Meals: B L 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. Then visit Verona, known to the world as the

setting for *Romeo and Juliet*. Tonight, enjoy 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 \$3,295



DAY 1: Arrive in Sorrento, Italy. Grand Hotel Cocumella / Meals: D

**DAY 2**: Take a walking tour of elegant Sorrento before travelling to the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

Grand Hotel Cocumella / Meals: B

DAY 3: Cruise by hydrofoil to the island paradise of Capri. Meet a local mozzarella producer and learn how the cheese is made before enjoying a home-cooked meal at their farm.

Grand Hotel Cocumella / Meals: B D

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

Available on the May 30, Jun 6, Jun 20, Jul 11, Jul 25, Sep 5, Sep 19 and Oct 10 departures.

### Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



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.

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## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 23-Jun 2, May 30-Jun 9	\$7,295	\$2,995
Jun 6-16, Jun 13-23, Jun 20-30	\$7,495	\$3,195
- Jul 11-21, Jul 25-Aug 4, Aug 1-11, Aug 15-25	\$6,995	\$2,895
Sep 5-15, Sep 12-22, Sep 19-29	\$7,495	\$3,195
Sep 26-Oct 6, Oct 10-20	\$7,295	\$2,995

#### 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 7:15 p.m. on Day 10.

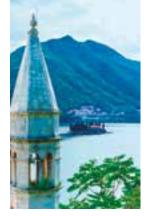
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



## Croatia: Jewel of the Coast







9 days priced from \$3,795 Featuring Zagreb, Split, Brač, Dubrovník and Kotor Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director

## Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- 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 Mestrović 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 on our Culinary Connection
- Make a Neighborhood Connection during a talk in Dubrovnik with a local who shares her experiences during the Balkan Wars
- 16 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE ZAGREB, CROATIA

On arrival, transfer to your historic Art Deco hotel. 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 your favorite parts of 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: BLD

#### 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

Mestrović 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

#### 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 Culinary Connection. Complete a superb lunch at a local seafood restaurant before continuing on to Dubrovnik. Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik / Meals: B L D

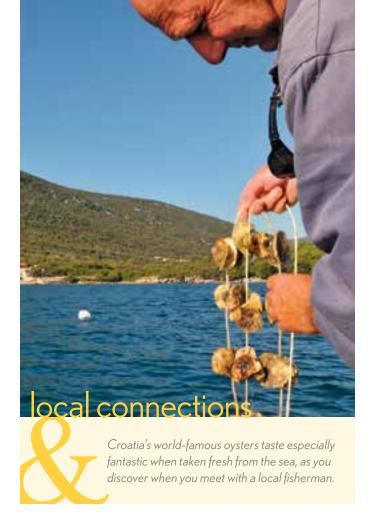
DAY 7: KOTOR, MONTENEGRO / Seaside Charms Spend the day in marvelous Montenegro. Begin with a drive to Boka Kotorska, Europe's southernmost fjord, where precipitous mountains rise from azure waters, and where you take a boat to the Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Rocks. After lunch, visit the walled city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its 12th-century Cathedral and Maritime Museum. Return to Dubrovnik. Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik / 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, for a very special Neighborhood Connection. Follow an afternoon at leisure and a farewell dinner tonight with a traditional *klapa* performance, arranged just for you. *Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik / Meals: B D* 

#### DAY 9: DEPART DUBROVNIK

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



### Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



Cornaro Hotel Stay in a central location at this modern, 36-room boutique hotel.



Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik A 100-year-old grand hotel just steps away from Dubrovnik's Old Town.

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## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 13-21	\$3,795	\$895
May 27-Jun 4, Jun 3-11, Jun 17-25, Jul 8-16, Sep 2-10, Sep 9-17	\$3,995	\$995
Oct 7-15	\$3,795	\$895

#### 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.



## Amsterdam, Paris & London

9 days priced from \$6,695 Featuring Amsterdam, Paris and London Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director





## Connections at a Glance

 $\label{thm:cover} Discover your \ destination \ through \ these \ local \ connections.$ 

- Discover three fascinating world capitals, experiencing landmark architecture and cruises on timeless rivers
- Tour Paris in a classic French Citroën 2CV
- For a local Market Connection, join your Resident Tour Director for a walk in a charming food market and meet the vendors
- Join a local artist in Paris who teaches you how to sketch for a lively Artisan Connection
- Take a flight on the London Eye for a spectacular view of the city
- 16 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your art-gallery inspired hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for an unforgettable welcome meal, dining at a historic restaurant that sheltered Jews during World War II. Park Hotel / Meals: D

DAY 2: AMSTERDAM / Canal Cruise & Anne Frank's House Embark on a walking tour of this beautiful city, visiting the house in which Anne Frank wrote her celebrated diary. Then cruise through Amsterdam's legendary canals. Enjoy a lunch at a local Dutch restaurant followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore on your own. Park Hotel / Meals: B L

#### DAY 3: AMSTERDAM / Treasure Trove of Dutch Art



Begin with a private visit to Douwes Fine Art, a gallery offering a firsthand look at art restoration. Come away with a deeper understanding of the process before visiting the Rijksmuseum to admire

works by the Dutch masters, such as Vermeer. This afternoon, take the high-speed train to Paris, the City of Light.

Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg / Meals: B D

#### DAY 4: PARIS, FRANCE / Parisian Markets



Spend the morning enjoying a guided food walk through Paris, visiting local markets along the way. Then explore the city from the seat of a vintage Citroën 2CV car, viewing the city's most famous

sights, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées and Notre Dame Cathedral. With time at leisure, stroll through the Tuileries Gardens. Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg / Meals: B

#### DAY 5: PARIS, FRANCE / Louvre Museum

Visit the magnificent Louvre Museum today. Among the world's most prized museums, this rich palace of art showcases more than 35,000 works from masters like Michelangelo and Rembrandt. Tonight, embark on a romantic cruise along the meandering Seine River followed by dinner.

Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg / Meals: B D

#### DAY 6: PARIS / The Colors of Montmartre



This morning, discover the charms of the storied Montmartre District, a hotbed of creativity since the 19th century. Walk its winding back streets and join a local artist who teaches you how to sketch.

Later, board the Eurostar to London, and settle into your boutique hotel before dinner in a traditional English pub. The Kensington / Meals:  $B \ L \ D$ 

#### DAY 7: LONDON, ENGLAND / Legacy of Churchill



This morning, take advantage of exclusive before-hours entry to the Cabinet War Rooms, nerve center of Winston Churchill's defense of Britain during World War II. Then set off on a

panoramic tour that includes Buckingham Palace, the elegant Tower Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral, before visiting the storied Tower of London. After lunch, cruise to the London Eye for a spectacular bird's-eye view of the city. The Kensington / Meals: B L

#### DAY 8: LONDON / Royal Windsor

Visit historic Windsor Castle, an official Royal residence for more than 900 years and the largest occupied castle in the world. Explore the city at leisure this afternoon before gathering tonight for a celebratory farewell dinner. The Kensington / Meals: B D

#### DAY 9: DEPART LONDON

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





Connect with local vendors on a food wall through a neighborhood market in Paris, for an engaging look at daily life here.

### Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.





The Kensington Stylish boutique Victorian-era townhouse in buzzy South Kensington.

Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg Comfortable, fashionable connected mansions in a great central location.

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## Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 20-28, Jun 17-25	\$6,995	\$2,395
Jul 22-30, Aug 5-13	\$6,695	\$2,195
Sep 9-17, Oct 7-15	\$6,995	\$2,395

#### 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 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

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

## New 'Amadeus Provence'

Launching in 2017, 'Amadeus Provence' takes inspiration from innovative, awardwinning 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 dropdown windows in premium A&K cabins that transform into an open-air French balcony.

#### 'Amadeus Provence' at a Glance

- 62 cabins and eight suites
- · Launching in 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.



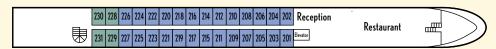
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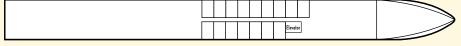
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#### MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-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





## '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.

#### CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, both ships were designed and built in Europe for quality control.



### Deck Plan



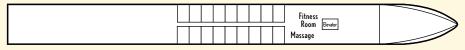
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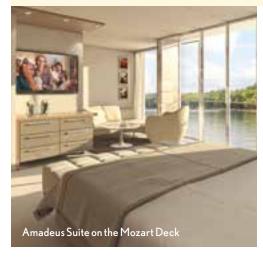
#### MOZART-DECK



#### STRAUSS-DECK



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





## Spacious, Modern '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, a massage room, lounge, panoramic bar and a hairdresser.

#### **COMMITTED TO QUALITY**

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



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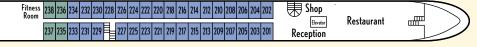
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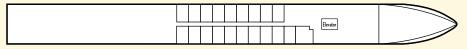
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MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-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





## '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, a 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.



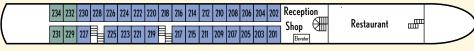
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MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-DECK

Fitness Room	
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- 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





## 'Amadeus Diamond'

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



#### Deck Plan



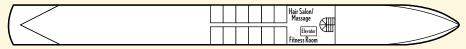
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MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-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





## Terms & Conditions

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC ("A&K") Terms and Conditions apply to group journeys including Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, and Wings Over the World Journeys, as well as Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions, departing between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, Luxury Expedition Cruises departing between March 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 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.

#### **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 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 with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruise Journeys; local bottled water during sightseeing; porterage of two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access (where available on land; excluded on all trains and cruises; 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 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, 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 cruises and trains; 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

Luxury Small Group Journeys suite upgrade package with preferred pricing based on availability. Upgrades available on request at individual hotels on Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Wings Over the World Journeys. Hotel upgrades not available on Connections Journeys. 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 porterage 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. 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 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 AND 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 higher 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.

#### RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit per Person Required at Time of Book	ing
Luxury Small Group and Marco Polo Journeys	\$1,000
Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys	\$500
Expedition Cruises	\$2,450
Wings Over the World Journeys	\$2,500

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: Amazon Adventure: Rainforest & River Cruise; Cruising the Mekong: Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; India: The Taj Mahal & a Ganges River Cruise; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Southern Africa Safari by River & Rail; Tai 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; Scotland & Ireland by Luxury Train; and The Royal Palaces of India.

#### **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

#### Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Connections Land Journeys, and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions

91 days prior to departure or more	\$500
90-61 days prior	20% of
to departure	program price
60-31 days prior	50% of
to departure	program price
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

#### Expedition Cruises, Connections European River Cruise Journeys, Select Journeys indicated above and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions

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

Wings Over the World Journeys	
121 days prior to departure or more	\$2,500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% 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

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 U.S. State Department's travel website at 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), 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**

A&K reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in its published materials and to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time as the result of any material changes to legislation or regulation. All amended Terms and Conditions shall automatically be effective upon being posted by A&K to the website abercrombiekent.com. Accordingly, guests should check the website abercrombiekent.com prior to travel in order to ensure they are aware of any changes

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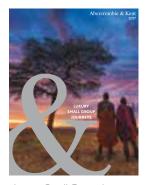
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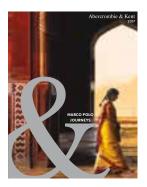
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NEW! London, Paris & a Seine River Cruise	14	\$10,495	13	7					•	•			•			
Paris, Burgundy & a South of France Cruise	18	\$7,695	11	7					•		•	•	•	•		
Food & Wine of France: Paris, Burgundy & Provence	22	\$8,795	11	7						•		•				
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Christmas Along the Danube	40	\$4,995	9	6												•
NEW! New Year's Along the Danube	42	\$4,995	9	6												•
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Croatia: Jewel of the Coast	50	\$3,795	9						•	•	•		•	•		
Amsterdam, Paris & London	52	\$6,695	9						•	•	•	•	•	•		
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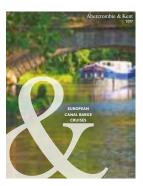
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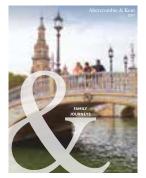
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