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**Tri-State Travel reserves the right to change any arrangements listed in this itinerary. Should conditions necessitate changes: substitution of equal value or cancellations of the arrangements may occur. *Tri-State Travel reserves the right to add any fuel surcharges that we receive from all of our vendors i.e.: airlines, cruise lines, motorcoach companies, etc. Additional costs may be added any time prior to travel.*

Payment/Cancellation & Refund Policy:

\$1,000.00 per person deposit due with reservation

(Cancellations received on or before April 1, 2025 receive a 25% refund)

2nd Payment: \$2,250.00 per person payment due April 1, 2025

(Cancellations received on or before May 15, 2025 receive a 25% refund)

3rd Payment: \$2,250.00 per person payment due May 15, 2025

(Cancellations received after May 15, 2025 and prior to July 1, 2025 will be assessed 50% of the per person tour price)

Final per person payment due July 1, 2025

(Cancellations received on or after July 1, 2025 will forfeit full price of tour.)

***Final date for sign up (subject to availability) and payment is July 1, 2025**

Travel Protection Plan:

The Travel Protection Plan is not included but is available and strongly recommended. There are two plans available.

#1 Sign up for insurance and pay the premium at the time you register for the tour and pre-existing condition waiver is included. (See insurance brochure for details.)

#2 Sign-up for the travel insurance any time after your initial trip deposit and prior to the final date for trip registration and receive the same travel insurance inclusions except the pre-existing waiver will not apply.

The trips interruption and medical cancellation insurance premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotel's, etc) may result in an increase in the per person price of your package. For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel protection Plan, this may also result in increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan TPG013 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-existing condition will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received, and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is made.

Included In Your Tour Package:

- 7-Night Cruise on-board the AmaWaterways, AmaVenita
- 3-Night Lake Como pre-cruise
- Shore excursions designed to accommodate most levels of physical exertion- gentle, middle, active.
- All meals on board with menu emphasis on the local cuisine
- Sandwiches, tapas, snacks and refreshments served daily
- Evening entertainment
- Tri-State Travel tour coordinator duration of tour
- Complimentary shuttle to O'Hare (Galena, Dubuque, Quad Cities)
- Hotel airport transfers and all touring
- Transfers to/from the International airports to and from Lake Como
- Port charges
- Motorcoach Driver Gratuities
- Gratuity for the cruise
- Taxes, Tolls, and Fees

Not included:

- **Airfare** (Will be added when airline rates become available
**Estimated Airfare Cost: \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00*)
- Cruise drink package (Additional \$250.00)
- Travel Protection
- 4% Credit Card Processing Fees
- Luggage Fees (Assessed by Airline)

To help our travelers understand the general physical activity levels of this trip, we have assigned a Trip Difficulty Level Rating System that is based on the average a person and should be adjusted based on your experience and physical abilities. This rating should help you in choosing a trip that is appropriate for you and one that you will enjoy taking part in. Tri State Travel trips generally fall into the following four categories.

LEVEL 1 Easy and generally level walking on your own, up and down hotel, bus and museum steps and carrying your own carry-on bag.

LEVEL 2 Walking one or two city blocks at time and ability to handle two flights of stairs and some standing during tours.

LEVEL 3 Walking associated with several city blocks, including airport terminals and waiting in security lines. Climbing stair wells on sightseeing cruise boats and observation areas not equipped with elevators

LEVEL 4 Long walking tours, airports, security lines, hills and aggregate walking paths associated with national parks, high altitude and beaches.

***THIS TOUR IS RATED LEVEL 3**

SPECIAL FARES FROM:
\$5,695.00
per person based on double occupancy

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October 30th-November 10th, 2025 | AmaVenita

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10 NIGHTS · 3 NIGHTS LAKE COMO, ITALY, 7-NIGHT BASEL, SWITZERLAND TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS CRUISE

Discover fairytale castles, historic vineyards and the stunning remnant of a world frozen over with glaciers, Italy's Lake Como, as part of this all-encompassing Rhine River cruise and land fantasy. Start by spending time in Italy's haven for the rich and famous, Lake Como. Continue on to Basel before crossing the border into France's Alsace region in enchanting Strasbourg. Then it's off to Germany, where you'll discover not only the grand city of Cologne but charming villages like the winemaking hamlet of Rudesheim and the university town of Heidelberg. You'll also enjoy cruising through the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, where 40 castles are strung like pearls along the riverbanks. Conclude your cruise by exploring the canal-laden city of Amsterdam, with its neat rows of buildings and rich history. Encompassing the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy, as well as iconic landmarks and majestic mountain landscapes, this distinctive itinerary is truly a dream come true.

Day 1, DEPART O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Depart Chicago on an international flight to Lake Como.

Day 2, ARRIVE IN LAKE COMO, ITALY. Arrive in Lake Como and check into your hotel.

Day 3, LAKE COMO. Be treated to a walking tour of Lake Como, a former glacial lake and popular resort area for the rich and famous since Roman times. Gaze at the azure waters and impressive villas that line the lakeside from the hills above and perhaps recognize the scenery from such Hollywood blockbusters as Ocean's Twelve and Casino Royale. (B)

Day 4, LAKE COMO – BELLAGIO. Let the wind tousle your hair as you board your boat for a scenic ride along Lake Como to its stunning pearl, Bellagio. This intimate village offers postcard-perfect views whether you choose to stroll along the lakeside or venture up hill to its cobbled streets. Browse the shops or sample the local fare at Bellagio's restaurants before returning to the boat. (B)

Day 5, LAKE COMO – BELLINZONA – BASEL, SWITZERLAND. Check out of your Lake Como hotel and, en route to Basel, be treated to a Bellinzona orientation tour. Once you arrive in Basel, embark your ship for your Rhine Castles & Swiss Alps cruise. (B,D)

Day 6, BASEL – LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND. Enjoy getting to know Basel, Switzerland's third largest city. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval town hall, richly decorated market square and exquisite 18th-century patrician homes. Tour the city by foot or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries: Switzerland, France and Germany. Alternatively, go on a full-day excursion to Lucerne, or opt for one of the morning excursions and visit Lucerne in the afternoon. With either Lucerne excursion, you'll have the opportunity to see its Lion Monument – the figure of a dying lion carved into a hillside in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution in 1792 – which Mark Twain described as "the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world." You'll also see Lucerne's spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B,L,D)

Day 7, STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République before walking through its iconic "La Petite France" district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Day 8, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY. Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of four excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Or pedal along the river Neckar to the picturesque medieval city center of Ladenburg and enjoy some free time to explore the shops. Later in the day, cruise to the charming village of Rudesheim and let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)

Day 9, RÜDESHEIM. Join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards and drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching Lahnstein, where you will enjoy an exclusive evening visit at Burg Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)

Day 10, COLOGNE, GERMANY. Enjoy cruising to Cologne. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated Cologne Cathedral, one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces. Continue to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, plus see other historic sites. For a different view, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)

Day 11, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS. There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Alternatively, get a taste of local flavor, passing iconic canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges and house boats while tasting Dutch specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafes. (B,L,D) *Please note: A Taste of Amsterdam tour depends upon docking location and may be replaced with an alternate tour.

Day 12, AMSTERDAM – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home.



AmaVenita

Inspired by classic ocean yachts, AmaSerena and AmaVenita are the epitome of European river cruising elegance and a destination in themselves. Spacious staterooms, most with twin balconies, are just the beginning. Lounges with rich, vibrant color dazzle with exceptional riverside views while dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, serve award-winning cuisine featuring local flavors.



Main Lounge

ONBOARD FEATURES:

- » Panoramic Lounge with bar, piano and dance floor
- » Walking track, Sun Deck pool with swim-up bar and fitness room
- » Hair salon and massage services (additional costs apply)
- » Entertainment-On-Demand with high-speed Internet, movies, music and English-language TV
- » Marble bathrooms, multi-jet showers, soothing bath products, cotton bathrobes, slippers and hair dryer
- » Generous closet and storage space with in-room safe
- » Individually controlled air conditioning in stateroom

Category	Deck / Stateroom / Size
Suite	Violin / French & Outside Balcony - 300 sq. ft.
AA	Violin / French & Outside Balcony - 235 sq. ft.
AB	Cello / French & Outside Balcony - 235 sq. ft.
BA	Violin / French & Outside Balcony - 210 sq. ft.
BB	Cello / French & Outside Balcony - 210 sq. ft.
C	Violin & Cello / French Balcony - 170 sq. ft.
D	Piano / Fixed Windows - 160 sq. ft.
E	Piano / Fixed Windows - 160 sq. ft.

