The Great Journey through Europe
The Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS

featuring the GLACIER EXPRESS

June 12 to 24, 2015
Dear Smith Alumae and Friends:

We invite you to join us on this Great Journey through Europe, a trip of a lifetime and opportunity to recreate a large part of the traditional 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century “Grand Tour.” Travel through four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise Holland’s waterways, surrounded by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea, and the fairy-tale beauty of the UNESCO-designated Rhine River and its Rheingau wine region; experience three of the world’s legendary railways and visit four more important UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS, one of the finest ships sailing Europe’s waterways, provides our accommodations en route from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland. Port calls along the way include Cologne, Koblenz, Cochem, Boppard, Rüdesheim, Mannheim for Heidelberg and Speyer, Germany, and the lovely Alsatian region of France, a fusion of both French and German cultures, including tours of the historic cities of Strasbourg and picturesque Colmar and of traditional, medieval villages famous for winemaking.

From Basel, travel overland through the verdant countryside of Switzerland. Stop in the medieval gem of Berne and in Interlaken, scenically situated near the magnificent Bernese Oberland Alps. Spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF, where glorious panoramas surround you. Then, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland aboard the celebrated, ingeniously engineered Glacier Express, and in Zermatt, marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the country’s oldest cog railway.

Please join us on this extraordinary Great Journey through Europe, an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. We encourage you to reserve now as capacity is limited and this popular program sells out quickly! Early Booking Savings are available only through January 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations
Smith College

Smith Host
Donna Lisker was appointed Dean of the College and Vice-President of Campus Life at Smith College in July 2014. Previously, she had a 15-year career at Duke University in Durham, NC, where she served as the Associate Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Education and Interim Vice-Provost for Duke Kunshan University and China Initiatives. She also founded the Baldwin Scholars, Duke’s prestigious women’s leadership program. Donna has also been a faculty member and administrator at Virginia Tech. A native of Philadelphia, Donna received her B.A. from Williams College and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam. Upon arrival, enjoy a private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canals, lined with 16th- and 17th-century gabled row houses. Then, embark the ship. Join fellow participants this evening for the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner.

Cologne, Germany
Day 3
Cruise the picturesque Rhine River to one of Germany’s most ancient cities, Cologne. Founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C., from the time of Charlemagne to present day, Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center and is the birthplace of the original Eau De Cologne perfume. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the historic Kölner Dom (cathedral), a UNESCO World Heritage site and the finest example of High Gothic architecture in Germany. Among its artistic treasures are the Milan Madonna and the Shrine of the Three Holy Kings.

Koblenz for Cochem/Boppard
Day 4
Go ashore in Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. From the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the impressive 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein—once the residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier—across the Rhine River, and enjoy a walking tour of this historic city. The twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, features the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

After lunch on board the ship, continue to “the Pearl of the Moselle River,” medieval Cochem. Tour its turreted 11th-century hilltop castle, Reichsburg, majestically overlooking the storybook village and steeply terraced vineyards that characterize the Moselle Valley. Enjoy a private tasting of world-class wine in Cochem. Reboard the ship in Boppard this evening.

Boppard/Rüdesheim
Day 5
Enjoy a walking tour of quaint Boppard, a viticultural center for the region’s renowned Riesling and Pinot noir, still partially surrounded by medieval walls. See the Romanesque St. Severus Church, which displays medieval frescoes honoring its patron saint, and the impressive Archaeological Park with the finest well-preserved Roman fortifications in Germany.

Cruise through the spectacular Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, legendary for its scenery and architectural treasures. Be on deck for a front row view of the steep terraced vineyards on the slopes of the riverbanks. With each bend in the river, a medieval castle crowns the crags and a tranquil village nestles along its banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Dock in the medieval town of Rüdesheim, the heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour through bucolic countryside vineyards en route to a private tasting of German wines.

Reboard the ship and cruise through the Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, known particularly for its Riesling.

Mannheim for Heidelberg/Speyer
Day 6
This morning, transfer to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, Germany’s oldest, founded in 1386. To many on the “Grand Tour” of Europe, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of German Romanticism. Heidelberg has preserved its authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, including the eight remaining arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge).
Visit imposing Heidelberg Castle, a magnificent, 13th-century edifice perched above the river. The stately ruins preserve Heidelberg’s links to its medieval past.

After lunch on board the ship, continue to Speyer, known for its Romanesque, 11th-century, UNESCO-designated Speyer Cathedral. Enjoy time on your own to explore the treasures of one of Germany’s oldest cities.

**Strasbourg, France**

**Day 7**

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses the Old and New Europe. The Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a treasure trove of medieval houses, and the charming Ponts-Couverts, covered bridges flanked by watchtowers, span the picturesque canals.

It was in Strasbourg that John Calvin first established a reformed parish. See remnants of the Reformation in the beautiful Protestant and Catholic Church of St-Pierre-le-Vieux; and see the graceful sandstone Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

Visit Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the medieval Zytglogge, the 13th-century tower with an ornate 15th-century astrological clock.

In the Petite-France district, the historic millers’, tanners’ and fishermen’s quarter along the Ill River, the fairy-tale look of a past era lives on, while nearby, 28 nations engage in the daily discourse of the European Union Parliament.

Enjoy lunch aboard ship. The afternoon is free for independent pursuits.

**Breisach for Alsatian Villages**

**Day 8**

Enjoy a full day in Alsace, distinctive in its Franco-German culture and one of the most picturesque regions of France. Settled on the borders of Switzerland and Germany, Alsace is renowned for the “Route du Vin,” where lush rolling vineyards encompass more than 100 idyllic villages showcasing half-timbered houses and medieval ramparts.

Visit Kaysersberg, one of the region’s finest wine producers since Tokay vines—the source of Pinot gris—were transplanted here from Hungary in the 16th century. Walk through the charming, fortified village dominated by the impressive ruins of a medieval castle. Continuing on the “Route du Vin,” tour the premier winemaking village of Riquewihr, where flower boxes brimming with color adorn late Gothic homes along cobblestone streets.

After lunch on board the ship, return to the Alsatian vineyards to visit Eguisheim, where local viticulture dates back to Roman times. Here, enjoy a private tasting of the renowned regional wines.

In Colmar, the region’s capital and a town seemingly unchanged since the Middle Ages, stroll along narrow cobblestone lanes past pastel-colored, half-timbered houses. See Petite Venise (Little Venice), where quaint bridges cross the canals, and visit Unterlinden Museum, housed in a 13th-century Dominican cloister, to admire the monumental late-Gothic Isenheim Altarpiece, celebrated for its vivid Biblical scenes.

The Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner is on board the ship this evening.

**Basel, Switzerland/Berne/Interlaken/Lucerne**

**Day 9**

Disembark in Basel and transfer across the rolling Swiss countryside to Berne, Switzerland's capital. Visit Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the medieval Zytglogge, the 13th-century tower with an ornate 15th-century astrological clock.
Cruise beautiful Lake Lucerne and enjoy picturesque views of its fjord-like landscape, Mounts Pilatus and Rigi in the distance and its four surrounding cantons of Lucerne, Schwyz, Unterwalden and Uri.

historic capital. Visit the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site noted for its arcaded sidewalks. Have lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

Continue on through one of the most stunning areas of Switzerland, the spectacular Bernese Oberland, traveling from subtropical lowlands to the snow-crowned heights of the Alps. Admire the impressive snow-capped mountain peaks, green, rolling hills, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.

Stop in the charming resort town of Interlaken, located between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz, the perfect vantage point for admiring the towering Jungfrau, known as the “Top of Europe.”

Then, enjoy a scenic motorcoach transfer to Lucerne, where you will check into the lakeside, Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF LUCERNE.

Lucerne Day 10
Lucerne is set against the backdrop of its deep blue lake and the rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi. Begin your walking tour in the Weinmarkt (wine market), surrounded by historic burghers’ houses. See the Hofkirche (Court Church), one of the finest examples of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution.

Walk across Lucerne’s most famous landmark, the 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, adorned with 17th-century paintings. Ascend Mount Pilatus by panoramic gondola to its 7000-foot summit for a magnificent 360-degree view of central Switzerland’s mountains, forests and lakes. Enjoy lunch in a summit restaurant followed by free time. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, then descend more than 5300 feet in less than three miles on return to the shores of Lake Lucerne, where you will enjoy a scenic lake cruise.

Lucerne/Andermatt/Zermatt Day 11
Relax during a scenic transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt. Lunch is included in Andermatt before you board the fabled Glacier Express, “the world’s slowest fast train.” Travel through the heart of the Alps, where the natural beauty of the mountains rivals the ingenuity of the engineers who created this challenging rail route—requiring the construction of more than 290 bridges and 90 tunnels.

Arrive in the Alpine resort of Zermatt, dramatically located beneath the pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into the chalet-style MONT CERVIN PALACE and enjoy dinner in the hotel.

Zermatt Day 12
Today, travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the highest cog railway in Europe. Ascend through pine and larch forests and cross meadows ablaze with wildflowers to the 10,000-foot-high Gornergrat. From the observatory atop the ridge, look out over breathtaking Alpine vistas—the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and Dufourspitze mountains and vast Gorner Glacier. Return to Zermatt at your leisure, with the option to stop en route at Riffelberg for the panoramic view of Monte Rosa and the majestic Matterhorn. The Farewell Reception and dinner is in the hotel this evening.

Zermatt/Geneva/U.S. Day 13
Following breakfast, transfer to Geneva for your return flight to the U.S.

Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.
**M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS**

The elegance and romance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the **M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS**, which features the comforts of a floating deluxe hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 80 deluxe river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (up to 236 square feet) and Staterooms (from 161 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railing). Each has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower (Suites have bathtub with shower), individual climate control, telephone and television, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with library, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes. The Sun Deck has an outdoor dipping pool, golf putting green and walking track. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary audio headset available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The **M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS** meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

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**Amsterdam Pre-Program Option**

The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect prelude to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to the quaint port towns of Edam, world-famous for its cheese, and Hoorn, where the historic and modern coexist happily. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe [RENAISSANCE AMSTERDAM HOTEL](#).

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amsterdam’s charming bridges and picturesque, UNESCO-designated canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.
Included Features

◆ Twelve-day program, including a seven-night Rhine River cruise and four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring the celebrated Glacier Express.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe m.s. AMADEUS PRINCESS

◆ Seven-night cruise from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland, with port calls at Cologne, Koblenz, Cochem, Boppard, Rüdesheim, Mannheim for Heidelberg, and Speyer, Germany; and Strasbourg, Breisach for Alsatian villages, and Colmar, France.

◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.

◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings—easily accessible early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.

◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Farewell Dinner.

◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s picturesque canals.

◆ Walking tour of Cologne, including a visit to the magnificent Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Excursion in Koblenz, picturesquely located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

◆ Visit to Cochem’s Reichsburg Castle, followed by a wine tasting.

◆ Tour of Boppard, featuring its well-preserved Roman ruins.

◆ Cruise through the scenic Lorelei Passage of the Rhine River Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Visit to the charming medieval town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the Rheingau, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including a private tasting of local wines.

◆ Excursion to Heidelberg’s 13th-century hilltop castle.

◆ Tour of Strasbourg’s historic Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Follow the “Route du Vin,” the wine-growing region of Alsace, including a private tasting of Alsatian wines.

◆ Visit to Colmar’s renowned Unterlinden Museum.

Scenic motorcoach transfer from Basel to Lucerne, with stops en route in Switzerland’s historical capital of Berne, and the idyllic village of Interlaken. Tour Berne’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

In Lucerne

◆ Two nights in the Five-Star Hotel Schweizerhof Lucerne, with Swiss breakfast each morning.

◆ Walking tour of historic Lucerne.

◆ Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel train.

◆ Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Scenic transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt, followed by lunch and one of the great rail journeys of the world aboard the legendary Glacier Express en route to Zermatt.

In Zermatt

◆ Two nights in the traditional, first-class, chalet-style Mont Cervin Palace, with Swiss breakfast each morning.

◆ Two dinners with house wine in the hotel.

◆ Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, for breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.

◆ Farewell-Reception.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced local guides.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers for included excursions.

◆ Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant while on guided excursions during the cruise.

◆ Hospitality desks in the hotels and aboard ship.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Magnificent. Dynamic. Awe-inspiring. Superlatives that describe not only Switzerland’s majestic 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers, but also three of the world’s great cogwheel railways—the panoramic Glacier Express, the scenic Gornergrat Bahn and the dramatic Pilatus Railway—and the ingenuity and engineering achievements it took to create them. Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of these magnificent railways as you experience the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible, up-close perspectives.

The Gornergrat Bahn is Switzerland’s oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb 4868 feet from Zermatt to the lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for stunning views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the robin’s-egg blue waters of mountain lakes. Lucerne’s Pilatus Railway, completed in 1889, offers breathtaking bird’s-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the shores of Lake Lucerne to the summit of Mount Pilatus. Its vertical ascent of 5364 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat required greater skill and determination than the laying of the track for the Glacier Express (1930) across the spine of the towering Alps. Enjoy this spectacular and leisurely journey showcasing unmatched views of the Swiss countryside: weathered chalets and mountainside farming hamlets, picturesque trails dotted with hikers, livestock grazing on green grasses, and glacial waterfalls and ice-blue, snow-capped mountains. A true engineering marvel, the railway penetrates the mountain barrier separating the cantons of Valais and Uri through the nine-and-one-half-mile-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that span the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel through Switzerland’s dazzling alpine heart in absolute comfort aboard the marvelous and celebrated Glacier Express.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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- Singles are available in category 2 at $9595 and in category 1 at $11295 on or before January 9, 2015. Add $1000 for reservations made after January 9, 2015.
- Taxes are an additional $220 per person and are subject to change.
- M.S. AMADEUS PRINCESS has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**The Great Journey Through Europe Reservation Form**

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**Program Reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Amsterdam Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.**

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

**Card Number Exp. Date**

Signature as it appears on credit card

**All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 9, 2015.**
The romance of a bygone era still lives in Heidelberg, whose medieval castle rises above the Old Town and the 18th-century Alte Brücke.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including PrePost Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective unless written in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($30 PrePost Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 PrePost Program(s)) per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariffs; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariffs; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Insurance information will be sent to you by Smith Travel on receipt of your registration.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Physical Accessibility, the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing. In any such proceeding, the substantive, but not procedural law of Illinois will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself or herself or any other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.