

Explore “The Great Rivers of Europe” with Southern Exposure!



Dates: October 1-16, 2012

Join your friends from Southern Exposure as we cruise the Great Rivers of Europe, including the historic Rhine, Main, and Danube. Medieval architecture beckons from every riverbank ... time-honored European winemaking traditions abound at hillside vineyards ... and landscapes seem to spring from the canvases of centuries-old masterworks. You will cruise in luxury aboard a private, fully equipped riverboat with all the amenities. Along the way, experienced guides will lead you through the visual and gastronomic delights of the Netherlands, Germany, and Austria.

Our 2012 Great Rivers adventure is focused on delightful locations in Holland, Germany and Austria, each featuring a unique mix of amazing cultural treasures. Key cities you'll visit include Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Passau and Vienna, with many side trips also available. You'll experience first hand the northern Europe has to offer, from ancient medieval castles and universities to stunning vistas and delicious local food. Best of all, you'll travel in style with your friends and hosts from Southern Exposure!

To reserve your place, please call the Southern Exposure office at **(269) 962-1255** or Curtis directly at **(269) 209-5889**. Space for this special journey is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is truly limited. To learn more about our itinerary and special trip offerings, please read on. All it takes to reserve your spot is a phone call and a \$500 deposit. Credit cards are accepted, so please call Curtis today to guarantee your reservation.



Itinerary: Great Rivers of Europe 2012

Day 1 – Depart U.S. on Flight to Amsterdam

Day 2 – Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Embark Ship

Arrive today in Amsterdam. You are met at the airport by a Grand Circle representative and transferred to the pier to embark on your river ship.

Enjoy a light lunch onboard and time before dinner to relax after your flight, or do some exploring on your own. Amsterdam is a thoroughly modern city that has taken extraordinary measures to retain its Old World charm and historical significance. The narrow Dutch houses with their tidy window boxes and hand-scrubbed stoops and sidewalks will charm you.

The city is easy to get around in and explore on your own. You may want to spend time in Dam Square, the heart of the city. This is the spot where the Amstel River once flowed. Due to flooding caused by high river tides, a dam was built – thus, the square's name. Or relax and do some people-watching in Rembrandt and Leidse squares.

During your cruise, whenever you have leisure time at a port along your route, you'll receive a briefing about the pier area and town prior to arrival so you can make the best use of your free time. Tonight, you'll gather for your first Ship Briefing. Then get better acquainted with your Program Directors and traveling companions over a Welcome Drink.

Day 3 – Amsterdam/Canal Boat Tour/Optional Amsterdam Museum Highlights Tour

After breakfast, join us for a boat tour introducing you to Amsterdam's famed canals, providing a matchless perspective on the city's remarkable architecture and relaxed pace. You also see the Mint Tower, which has retained its name even though gold and silver coins were minted here for only a few years, and other city highlights.

After lunch back onboard your ship, you'll have free time to explore Amsterdam on your own or, if you like, you can choose to join us an optional "Amsterdam Museum Highlights excursion."

What's Included in the Package:

- **International airfare** from and return to Detroit Metro and airport transfers.
- **Accommodations** – for 14 nights aboard a private Grand Circle river ship in an outside cabin.
- **42 meals** – 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches, and 14 dinners (with complimentary wine at dinner).
- **11 exclusive, included tours:** Amsterdam • Cologne • Koblenz • Mainz • Heidelberg • Wertheim • Karlstadt • Bamberg • Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau.
- **Exclusive Discovery Series events:** Silversmithing demonstration • Home-Hosted Visit • Discussions on local history and culture • Apfelstrudel baking lesson.
- **New! Complimentary wireless Internet access** available onboard in the reception area, library, lounge, and bar.
- **Personal headset** on all included and optional tours.
- **Exclusive services** of a Grand Circle Program Director.
- **Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions** and Dinners.
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips.



Travel by bus to the lush grounds of Amsterdam’s Museum Square, where you’ll have the option of visiting either the Rijksmuseum or Van Gogh Museum. Originally founded in The Hague in 1800, the impressive building housing the works of the Rijksmuseum (State Museum) was brought to Amsterdam in 1808 at the request of Napoleon Bonaparte’s brother, Louis.

You’ll find paintings and sculptures by some of the greatest Dutch artists, as well as a fine collection of Netherlands’ historical artifacts, including period weaponry, photography, and clothing. Or, if you like, you can choose to immerse yourself in the world’s largest collection of Van Gogh paintings. Marvel at some of the troubled artist’s greatest works in a sprawling building that is itself a work of art.

Later, enjoy a “Sail Away Party” as the ship begins its cruise on the Rhine River towards Germany. This evening, meet your crew and fellow travelers at the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Optional Tour: “Amsterdam Museum Highlights”

Day 4 – Cologne/Walking Tour

This morning, continue sailing and enter German waters. Arrive in Cologne in the afternoon for an included tour. Cologne was a Roman settlement called Colonia Agrippina after AD 50 and came under Frankish control in the fifth century. You can still see the ruins of Roman temples scattered through the city, and the Roman Gate near the cathedral was once part of the medieval town walls. During the 15th century, the city flourished as a member of the Hanseatic League.

Your tour will end at Cologne’s magnificent Gothic cathedral – the Dom. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cathedral largely escaped the World War II damage that ravaged the city and the rest of Germany. There’s evidence that Allied forces had orders to avoid damaging this beautiful structure. It is the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe, boasting beautiful stained-glass windows, an ornate gold shrine on its

elaborate altar, and the intricate detail common to 14th-century Gothic churches.

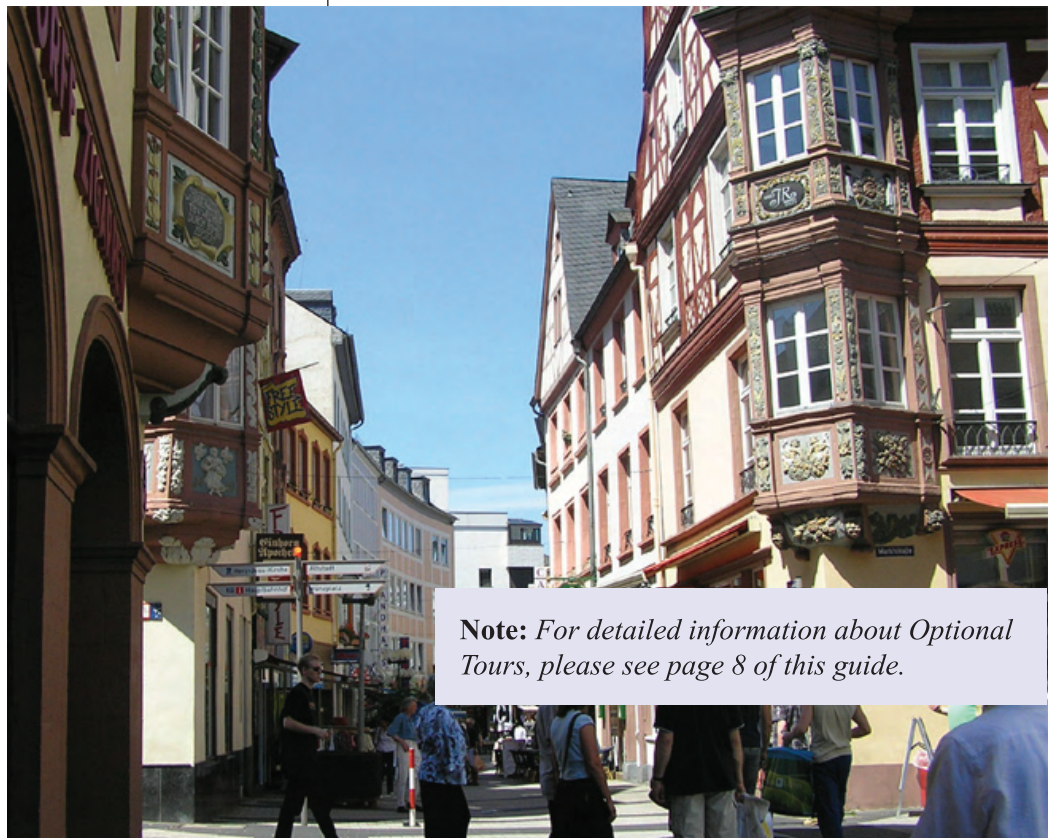
The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure or to continue your explorations. You may want to go inside the cathedral, or perhaps explore the Roman Germanic Museum to see its magnificent mosaic floor, discovered in the ruins of a Roman villa. Share your day’s experiences over dinner onboard tonight.

Day 5 – Koblenz/Walking tour/Optional Marksburg Castle & Brewery Tour

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Koblenz, set at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers. Originally established as an outpost of the Roman Empire and named Castellum apud Confluentes, the town became a city in the 13th century and served as a haven for French refugees during the French Revolution. During your tour, you’ll see the highlights of the Old Town.

You have the balance of the day to relax or explore on your own. Spend some time sipping local vintages and watching life pass by at one of the town’s many sidewalk cafés, or just stroll the streets and browse the markets. Or, join us on an optional excursion to Marksburg Castle, one of the most beautiful castles along the Rhine River.

The only 13th-century castle in the Middle Rhine unchanged by war or reconstruction, it offers a rare glimpse into the daily life of the time. Walking through



Note: For detailed information about Optional Tours, please see page 8 of this guide.

the three towers and the connecting rooms, you will fully feel what it was like to live in a castle. You'll climb a stone staircase leading to the romantic bed chamber (the only room heated with a stove), see the great hall with its enormous fireplace (large enough to grill a steer whole), and take in a commanding vista from the east bank of the Rhine as you stand atop the towers.

Then we stop at a family-owned micro-brewery. Here we will try a Bratwurst mit Kraut (sausage) and a home-brewed beer as we mingle with the locals at the beer garden. Before dinner, attend a silversmithing demonstration onboard – featuring a local artisan.

Optional Tour: “Marksburg Castle & Brewery”

Day 6 – Mainz/Walking tour/Optional Rudesheim Dinner Outing

In the morning, the ship cruises along some of the most beautiful and inspiring parts of the Rhine. Pass Lorelei, the large rock rising 440 feet above the river. Since ancient Greek mythology, there have been legends of sirens, women-creatures who lure sailors to their deaths with sweet songs. Ancient Germanic legend places one such siren here, and it is said she enticed sailors to destruction on the reef below the rock.

You have an early lunch aboard ship and then dock in Mainz, where you go ashore for a walking tour. On your tour, you'll see the town's great 11th-century Romanesque Cathedral. The Gutenberg press and Bible are housed here in the new Gutenberg Museum.

The inventor Johannes Gutenberg was born in Mainz, probably in 1397. He began his career selling Bibles and sometimes supplemented his income by creating and selling indulgences – papers that could be purchased and used as “coupons” by the faithful to absolve them of some of the time they had earned in Purgatory. It was probably in an effort to absolve himself of some of his own monetary debts that he began looking for ways to produce more indulgences.

His search led to the printing press when he created uniform-sized metal molds for letters that allowed him to

create error-free repeatable text. This was the beginning of moveable type.

You are free to relax over dinner onboard tonight. Or, this evening, enjoy an optional outing to the Drosselgasse wine alley in Rudesheim for a dinner with wine, food, song, and dance.

Optional Tour: “Rudesheim”

Day 7 – Frankfurt/Heidelberg City & Castle Tour

Join a full-day tour of Heidelberg. You begin by touring the impressive ruins of the city's Gothic castle (setting for the opera *The Student Prince*) where you'll have an expansive view of the surrounding area. Your tour continues with a guided walk in the city.

From here, you'll enjoy lunch in a traditional Gasthaus that has been part of Heidelberg's Old Town for centuries. After some free time to make discoveries on your own, you return to the ship in time for dinner onboard.

Day 8 – Wertheim/Walking Tour/Home-Hosted Visit

Disembark for a walking tour of Wertheim, a charming fairy-tale town located at the meeting of the Main and Tauber rivers. Admire the imposing ruins of its castle, set on a hill overlooking the town.

Enjoy the rest of the morning exploring Wertheim on your own. You may want to climb the stairs to the castle and follow the trail around the castle walls. Or you could visit the renowned Glass Museum in Wertheim. Its exhibitions trace the history of glassblowing and



showcase many exquisite pieces, from the historic to the contemporary.

In the early afternoon, we visit with a local family and share coffee and cake with your hosts. This is a great opportunity to experience what life is like for a typical family in this section of Europe.

Day 9 – Europeans Today Discussion/Karlstadt Walking Tour

In the early morning, start sailing from Wertheim to Karlstadt. As you cruise, take part in an interactive discussion on Europeans Today.

This afternoon, we'll dock in Karlstadt, a small village on the Main River in Bavaria. This 13th-century town is noted for its narrow streets, which reflect a perfectly laid-out grid. This early "city planning" was designed in order to better defend the Wurzburg territory against its enemies.

We'll enjoy an included walking tour here, followed by a few hours of leisure time to explore this historic town on your own. Perhaps you'll visit St. Andrew's in Church Square – a 14th-century Gothic hall church containing ancient treasures such as the great sandstone monumental sculpture of Christ the Savior, and its recently re-excavated wall paintings from the twelfth and 13th centuries.

While exploring, don't miss out on sampling some of the region's most noteworthy dishes like Weisswurst (white sausage), Brezen (soft pretzels), and Kloe (boiled dumplings made from mashed potatoes). Although beer holds the most accolades for this region of Bavaria,



wine is still produced in this village from the two local vineyards: the Rosstal and Im Stein.

Day 10 – Schweinfurt/Optional Rothenburg Tour
Spend the day on the water as we cruise the Main River and sail into Schweinfurt this afternoon.

Or, disembark during a stop in Gerlachshausen for an optional tour of Rothenburg. This lovely old town sits on the Tauber River and boasts undamaged 14th-century city walls and beautifully preserved fortifications.

During your walking tour, you'll see stately towers and imposing burghers' houses. After an included lunch, you have the afternoon free to make your own discoveries in this charming town before transferring to meet the ship in Schweinfurt.

Optional Tour: "Rothenburg"

Day 11 – Bamberg/Walking Tour

Go ashore this morning for a walking tour of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in AD 902. Bamberg began to prosper in the twelfth century and was the center of southern Germany's Enlightenment in the late 18th century. The great German philosopher Hegel lived here, and Bamberg was the second city (after Mainz) to introduce book-printing.

Today, Bamberg boasts 2,000 buildings listed as historical monuments, and its old city center is Europe's largest existing group of historic buildings. The city was awarded the title of "World Cultural and Natural Heritage of Mankind" by UNESCO in 1993.

On your tour, you'll see two grand former residences of the prince bishops – the imposing 16th-century Old Court and the New Residence – and many of the city's impressive churches. You have some free time to explore Bamberg on your own before returning to the ship. Later this afternoon, you'll set sail for Nuremberg.

Day 12 – German Life Since 1933 Discussion/Nuremberg/City Tour/Optional Documentation Center Tour

After breakfast, you are invited to attend an exclusive Discovery Series discussion on German Life Since 1933. We then disembark for an included tour of Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city and the most important city in Franconia. Once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire, Nuremberg

evokes its exalted past with its imposing medieval Kaiserburg (Imperial Castle). However, its more recent history is intricately linked to its role in World War II.

Nuremberg was devastated by bombs in World War II. After the war, much of the city was rebuilt, and its Old World charm was painstakingly restored. Today, the city thrives as a bustling industrial and commercial center. Nuremberg's many celebrated craftspeople specialize in fine metalwork and toy-making, and every year the city draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to its month-long Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market).

During your included tour here, you'll see remnants of the old medieval city walls and you'll pass sections of the Old Town. You'll also browse the cobbled main market square and admire the intricately carved, 62-foot-high Schoner Brunnen fountain towering there.

We return to the ship for lunch. Later, you might join us for an optional tour of the new Documentation Center on the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds. During your tour here, you'll visit many of its fascinating historical sites, including the massive stadium where Hitler held his notorious rallies. In 1998, the city of Nuremberg held an architectural competition for the Center's design, for which designers had to fit the proposed Center in the Congress Hall, and deal with the site's intimidating architecture and ominous premise. Today's optional tour features the winning center and surrounding grounds, including the Zeppelin Field, where the Nazi Party held rallies for up to 100,000 spectators.

Tonight, after dinner onboard, enjoy an exclusive Discovery Series discussion outlining the amazing history of the great Main-Danube Canal. The technological workings of this canal are an engineering marvel. During the night, you cross the European watershed (at 1,332 feet, the highest point of the canal). This ridge of higher land divides the areas drained by the two different rivers, the Main and Danube. Here, rain north flows to the North Sea, and rain to the south flows to the Black Sea.

Tonight, as we sail to our next destination, we break out the Champagne to toast our crossing of the watershed.

Optional Tour: "Documentation Center"



Day 13 – Kelheim/Optional Bavaria: Baroque & Beer Tour/Regensburg/Walking Tour/Germany Today Discussion

This morning, we sail to Kelheim and Regensburg. You can enjoy leisure activities aboard ship.

Or, delve deeper into the Danube's scenic splendor this morning during our optional Bavaria: Baroque & Beer excursion, which leaves from Kelheim to the Weltenburg Monastery, a Baroque construction of stucco, polished marble, gilt, and painted ceilings. There, you have the opportunity to reflect in the cool stillness of the abbey – Germany's oldest, founded at the beginning of the seventh century by the Abbot Eustasius.

The compound also houses the oldest monastery brewery in the world. Here, visitors have enjoyed its famous dark brew for nearly 1,000 years, and you can too, while sitting in the courtyard beer garden beneath ancient chestnut trees.

Then board a ferry for a ride through the beautiful Danube Gorge, Donaudurchbruch, the river's narrowest and deepest stretch. From your ship's outdoor deck, you'll enjoy up close views of towering Jurassic-era limestone cliffs as you wend your way along this scenic passage. Your ferry ride takes you back to Kelheim, where you'll discover the town's impressive Befreiungshalle, or Liberation Hall. Built by Bavarian King Ludwig I in the mid-18th century, the tower-like structure honors the German tribes who banded together to defeat the French during the Napoleonic wars

of 1813-1815. You'll then transfer by motorcoach to Regensburg, where the ship has cruised to meet you.

After lunch onboard, enjoy a walking tour of Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Since the historic city center was undamaged during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved.

Your tour features the Old Town Hall and the famous Stone Bridge (Germany's oldest bridge), constructed during the twelfth century. You also see soaring St. Peter's Cathedral, a Gothic church adorned with beautiful stained glass. Admire the narrow medieval streets and the relics of Regensburg's Roman past at the ruins of Castra Regina fort – the Porta Praetoria – containing a stone inscribed in AD 179, when Marcus Aurelius was emperor. After your tour, enjoy time to explore on your own, or join our discussion of Germany Today before dinner onboard.

Optional Tour: "Bavaria: Baroque & Beer"

Day 14 – Passau/Walking Tour

After breakfast, you enjoy a guided walking tour of Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, the Ilz, and the Inn rivers. Called the Dreiflussesstadt (City on Three Rivers), Passau is an elegant town that has served as a German cultural and intellectual hub for centuries. You see the impressive Bishop's Residenz, the 14th-century Town Hall.

You walk to the Dom, the lavish St. Stephen's Cathedral. This magnificent 17th-century cathedral contains one of the world's largest pipe organs, with 17,774 pipes and 234 resounding stops. If you visit from May 2 through October, you can enjoy the public performances (given daily except Sunday at noon) on your own.

The cathedral's original Gothic plan is still evident through the 17th-century reconstruction it received in the grand Baroque style. One of its most striking features is the gorgeous octagonal dome that hovers over the intersection of the nave, where the congregation sits, and the transept, which runs perpendicular to it. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Our evening cruise carries us into Austria, the third country on our itinerary. Join your traveling companions for a cocktail, toasting the close of your cruising days with this group. Then, the crew bids you an official adieu at the Captain's Farewell Dinner, as the ship cruises toward Melk.

**Day 15 – Melk, Austria/Optional Melk Abbey Tour/
Vienna/Optional Musical Vienna Performance**

You arrive at Melk early in the morning. From your ship, you'll be able to see the formidable Melk Abbey as it rises up from the surrounding countryside along the Danube. After breakfast, you can disembark to explore on your own or join an optional excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque abbey.



This magnificently ornate structure has a long and storied history. Strategically situated on a steep, cliffside perch, Melk Abbey's earliest incarnation was as a Roman border post. Later, it served as a tenth-century Babenberg fortress. It became a Benedictine monastery in 1089 and earned a distinguished reputation for medieval scholarship. Its library includes more than 70,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts, chiefly from the ninth through the 15th centuries.

Umberto Eco, author of the well-known book

The Name of the Rose, a murder mystery of monastic intrigue, was inspired by the grandeur of Melk Abbey. Heinrich von Melk, a Benedictine brother from Melk Abbey who wrote the ironic poem “About Priestly Life,” is one of the novel’s main characters. The novel contains a great deal of scholarly information about the Middle Ages (Eco is known primarily as a scholar) and the compelling politics of medieval religion. The book’s setting is fictional, but the story climaxes with a devastating fire that mirrors the real history of Melk Abbey, which was ravaged by fires in 1297 and 1683. The stately Baroque edifice that stands today, with its twin towers and 208-foot-high dome, dates from its reconstruction in 1736.

The Abbey houses a remarkable cherub-filled library of thousands of books and manuscripts, and 365 windows – one for every day of the year. The interior of the Abbey’s church is a kaleidoscope of red, orange, and gold – with a magnificent carved pulpit and shimmering ceiling frescoes. During your tour, you’ll get the chance to observe and explore it up close, learning more about Melk Abbey’s fascinating story. The cost of this optional tour includes a winetasting in the Abbey’s restaurant.

After setting sail again, your travel on the river takes you through the lovely landscape of the Wachau Valley – past terraced vineyards and lush flowering fields – on your way to Vienna.

This afternoon, enjoy an Apfelstrudel demonstration onboard in the galley.

In the early evening, you arrive in Vienna, Austria’s capital. This evening, you can relax or spend the evening exploring and dining on your own.

Come with us on an optional Musical Vienna tour this evening. Vienna without music wouldn’t be Vienna. So, subject to availability of tickets, you can enjoy an unforgettable evening in one of Vienna’s famed concert halls. You’ll hear enchanting performances of some of the most wonderful melodies of classical Austrian music by professional singers.

Optional Tour: “Musical Vienna”

Day 16 – Vienna/Return to U.S.

After breakfast, you disembark ship and are transferred to the airport for your flight home to Detroit Metro Airport.

“Great Rivers” Optional Tours:

The following optional tours are offered throughout your Great Rivers adventure. Participation is entirely at your discretion. You’ll find that these learning adventures are well worth the time!

Optional Tour for Day 3 – “Amsterdam Museum Highlights” (\$35 per person)

Take a short bus ride to Amsterdam’s Museumplein (Museum Square) and discover one of two exquisite collections of artwork in either the Rijksmuseum or Van Gogh Museum. The State Museum, or Rijksmuseum, is a stately building adorned in Neoclassical embellishments, and houses a wide array of works from artists all over the world.

A highlight of the museum is its extensive collection of paintings from the Dutch Golden Age, including “Night Watch”—one of Rembrandt’s most famous paintings. Across the lush grounds of the Museumplein, standing in stark contrast to the old-world appearance of the Rijksmuseum, the modern-looking Van Gogh Museum offers you the opportunity to revel in the world’s largest collection of Van Gogh’s work.

Marvel at the troubled painter’s self-portraits, still lifes, landscapes, and more, before sipping some espresso in the stylish museum cafe. The cost of this optional tour includes transportation and entrance to your choice of the two museums.

Optional Tour for Day 5 – “Marksburg Castle & Brewery” (\$85 per person)

On this tour, you’ll explore the only 13th-century castle in the Middle Rhine to escape destruction by war. Here, you’ll climb a stone staircase leading to the romantic bed chamber (the only room heated with a stove), see the great hall with its enormous fireplace (large enough to grill a steer whole), and take in a commanding vista from the east bank of the Rhine as you stand atop the towers.

After learning about life here in centuries past, we connect with contemporary German people when we stop at a family-owned micro-brewery on our way back to our hotel. Here, we’ll try a Bratwurst mit Kraut and a home-brewed beer as we mingle with local people in the brewery’s beer garden.

Optional Tour for Day 6 – “Rudesheim” (\$80 per person)

Tonight, spend a memorable evening at Rudesheim’s renowned Drosselgasse wine alley, a narrow street lined with charming taverns serving the area’s famed wines. This tour includes time at leisure before dinner, dinner, locally produced wine, and live entertainment.

Optional Tour for Day 10 – “Rothenburg” (\$90 per person)

Disembark during a stop in Gerlachshausen for a full-day optional tour of Rothenburg. This lovely old town sits on the Tauber River and boasts undamaged 14th-century city walls and beautifully preserved fortifications. During a guided walking tour, you’ll see stately towers and imposing burghers’ houses. After an included lunch, you have the afternoon free to make your own discoveries in this charming town before transferring to meet the ship in Schweinfurt.

Please Note: *On the Amsterdam to Vienna itinerary, this optional tour includes lunch and costs slightly more per person. On the Vienna to Amsterdam itinerary, lunch is included onboard.*

Optional Tour for Day 12 – “Documentation Center” (\$60 per person)

In 1998, the city of Nuremberg held an architectural competition for the design of a Documentation Center on the former Nazi Party rally grounds. During your tour here, you’ll visit many of its fascinating historical sites, including the massive stadium where Hitler held his notorious Nazi rallies.

The designers had to fit the new building in to the Nazi Congress Hall, while dealing with the site’s intimidating architecture and ominous premise. Today’s optional tour features the museum design that won this competition, which features extensive contemporary exhibitions on the Nazi Party and World War II.

Optional Tour for Day 13 – “Bavaria: Baroque & Beer” (\$80 per person)

Delve deeper into the Danube’s scenic splendor this morning during an optional excursion from Kelheim to the Weltenburg Monastery, a Baroque edifice of stucco, polished marble, gilt, and painted ceilings. There, you have the opportunity to reflect in the cool stillness of the abbey—Germany’s oldest, founded at the beginning of the seventh century by the Abbot Eustasius. The compound also houses the oldest monastery brewery in the world, and you’ll have the chance to sample some for yourself during your tour. Later, you board a smaller river craft for a ride through the beautiful Danube Gorge, the river’s

narrowest and deepest stretch. Your ferry ride takes you back to Kelheim, where a motorcoach waits to bring you to visit Liberation Hall.

Optional Tour for Day 15 – “Melk Abbey” (\$60 per person)

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Important Travel Notes:

- This trip features a fair amount of walking over uneven, unpaved, or cobbled surfaces.
- For your comfort and safety, we recommend this tour for individuals in good physical condition. If you have difficulty walking, this would be a difficult trip for you.
- We reserve the right to cancel this tour due to insufficient registration. Full refund will be given if tour is canceled due to insufficient registration.
- If traveling alone, we will match you up with a roommate (this tour is double occupancy only).
- You must have a valid U.S. passport (for each person traveling) before departing from Detroit.
- If you have further questions, please contact Curtis at the Southern Exposure office at (269) 962-1255 during normal business hours.

Pricing Summary (Per Person)

Trip Name: The Great Rivers of Europe
Cantata "E" Deck
Departure Date: October 1, 2012
Return Date: October 16, 2012
Departure City: Detroit, MI
Occupancy: Double

Airfare: \$900.00
Cruise Direction: Amsterdam - Vienna
Ship Name: M/S River Concerto
Cabin Category: Cantata Deck Category E
Occupancy: Double

Sub-Total: \$5,195.00

Taxes and Fees

Port Tax:
\$165.00
International Transportation Tax \$32.60
Agricultural Inspection Fee \$5.00
Passenger Facility Charge \$16.00
Federal Inspection/Immigration Fee \$7.00
Customs User Fee \$5.50
Transportation Tax \$149.90
Sub-Total \$381.00

Travel Protection Plan \$570.00

Recommended optional MOTORCOACH TRAVEL
to/from Detroit Metro with Dinner \$200.00

GRAND TOTAL \$6,346.00

TOUR RESERVATION POLICY:

Reservations can be made by calling Southern Exposure Farm at (269) 962-1255 or contact Curtis Whitaker directly at (269) 209-5889 with a \$500 deposit. Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

Tour Cancellation Policy and Travel Protection Plan

Please read the following cancellation policy and Travel Protection Plan:

Cancel For Any Reason Waiver

When you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, you also qualify for the Grand Circle Travel Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Grand Circle Travel Arrangements before your scheduled departure FOR ANY REASON.

Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion Waiver

The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions will be waived if payment for this plan is received by Grand Circle Travel within 14 days of your initial deposit, payment for your Trip.

Below is a brief listing of the plan benefits:

Part A - The Travel Arrangement Protection Benefits of this Part A are provided by Grand Circle Travel.*

Schedule of Benefits - Part A

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$750
Travel Delay	\$750 (Up to \$150 Per Day)

Part B - The Travel Insurance Benefits of this Part B are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company.

Schedule of Benefits - Part B

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$25,000
Medical Expense, Emergency Assistance Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$50,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$500,000
One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services	Included
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$250

If your Trip is Canceled or Interrupted, Your Travel Investment is Protected

If you are like a lot of people these days, you don't just look forward to your vacations, you need them. A vacation is your opportunity to rest, relax, and recharge your batteries. Or to catch up with friends and family. Unfortunately, many things happen that might cause you to cancel your travel plans or cut them short. Illness or injury. The death of a family member. The worst part is, without adequate protection, you can lose your travel investment. The Grand Circle Travel Protection Plan protects your travel investment if your Trip is canceled or interrupted for a covered reason such as injury, illness or death of you, a Family Member, a Traveling Companion or a Business Partner.

If you must interrupt your Trip or return home early for a covered reason, the plan will pay (up to the original cost of your Trip) for your unused land or water Travel Arrangements, less any refund paid or payable, plus the Additional Transportation Cost to return home or rejoin your Trip.

Medical Expense and Emergency Assistance Benefits Could Be a Real Lifesaver!

If you have a serious illness or injury, the last thing you want to worry about is getting the care you need. The Grand Circle Travel Protection Plan gives you peace of mind with benefits that cover, up to the plan's limits, everything from medical expenses (incurred within 60 days of a sickness or injury that began during your Trip) to special transportation (such as an air ambulance) required for medical reasons.

Travel Delayed? You're OK!

You'll be reimbursed up to \$150 per day (to a maximum of \$750 total) for

meals and accommodations if your Trip is delayed for more than 12 hours for a covered reason.

**Baggage Lost or Damaged?
You're Protected!**

It's a traveler's nightmare. You arrive at your destination, but your baggage has disappeared. Or has been stolen or damaged. What do you do? If you're protected by the Grand Circle Travel Protection Plan, you'll be reimbursed up to \$1,500 to replace or repair your lost or damaged luggage and personal articles.

**Baggage Delayed?
Need Clothes and Toiletries? Count on us!**

The Grand Circle Travel Protection Plan reimburses you up to \$250 to help cover the cost of clothing, toiletries and, or personal items if your baggage is delayed for more than 24 hours while you are on your Trip.

Accidental Death Benefit

Your beneficiaries will receive payment according to the plan's Schedule of Benefits for Accidental Death which occurs within 180 days of an injury sustained while you are on your Trip.

The Travel Protection Plan is Administered by:

Trip Mate, Inc.*
9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200
Kansas City, Missouri 64114
Tel: 1-800-888-7292
Plan Number: F394G

The Travel Insurance is Underwritten by:

United States Fire Insurance Company under Form series TP 401. In KS, LA, SD, TX, and UT Form #'s TP-401 CW. In WA under Form #TP-401-WA. In OR under Form #TP-401 OR.

