The Great Journey
through Europe

The Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Deluxe Amadeus Silver II
featuring the
Glacier Express

June 7 to 17, 2019
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Retrace the “Grand Tour,” an elite tradition undertaken by enlightened ladies and gentlemen of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries on this Great Journey through Europe. Traverse four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise the storied UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine Valley, passing the hillside vineyards of the renowned Rheingau wine region, and meandering through Holland’s expansive waterways, flanked by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Experience three of the world’s great railway journeys and have the opportunity to see six important UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the Five Star Hotel Schweizerhof, where glorious Alpine panoramas surround you. Then, cross the mountainous backbone of Switzerland aboard the ingeniously engineered Glacier Express railway to Zermatt. Marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, the country’s oldest cog railway. From Zermatt, journey through the foothills of the Bernese Oberland Alps to Basel. Stop in medieval Berne, where the storybook Old Town is a celebrated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe Amadeus Silver II, one of the finest ships to ply the waters of Europe, en route from Basel to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Port calls along the way include the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France, a fusion of both French and German cultures; and Mannheim (for Heidelberg), Rüdesheim, Koblenz and Cologne, Germany.

This popular Great Journey through Europe travel program is an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. Book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Gwen D. Harrington
Director of Travel Programs
Virginia Tech Alumni Association
U.S./Zurich, Switzerland/Lucerne
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart the U.S. for Zurich. Transfer through the scenic Swiss landscape to the lakeside, Five-Star Hotel Schweizerhof located in Lucerne. After checking in, enjoy the Welcome Reception in the hotel on Day 2.

Lucerne
Day 3
The rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi reflected in a deep blue lake make Lucerne a long-favored travel destination. Begin your walking tour surrounded by historic burghers’ houses in the Weinmarkt (wine market); then, see the Hofkirche (Court Church), an exceptional example 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 underneath tableaus of Swiss history and mythology painted on the arched roof of the 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, Lucerne’s most famous landmark, spanning the Reuss River.
Reach Mount Pilatus’s 7000-foot summit by panoramic gondola for a 360-degree vista of central Switzerland’s unforgettable topography and lunch in a summit restaurant. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, to descend nearly 5400 feet in less than three miles. Return to Lake Lucerne for a cruise along its placid waters—the glistening namesake of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata.”

Lucerne/Andermatt/Zermatt
Day 4
Relax during a scenic morning transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt. After lunch in Andermatt, board the fabled Glacier Express, “the world’s slowest express train,” and delight in the natural beauty along this ingenious rail route. Admire Switzerland’s stunning archetype of snowcapped peaks, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests.
Arrive in the Alpine resort of Zermatt, located beneath the dramatic pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn, and check into the chalet-style HOTEL ALEX. This evening, dine in the hotel’s handsome, traditional restaurant.

Zermatt
Day 5
Ascend through pine and larch forests, crossing meadows ablaze with wildflowers and past distant peaks blanketed by snow, aboard the highest cog railway in Europe, the Gornergrat Bahn. Sweeping vistas of breathtaking Alpine scenery unfold from atop the 10,100-foot summit, where the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and the Dufourspitze mountains and the vast Gorner Glacier extend beyond your periphery. Return to Zermatt at your leisure, with an optional stop at Riffelberg for a panoramic view of the Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn.
Enjoy dinner this evening in the hotel.

Zermatt/Berne/Basel
Day 6
Early today, journey from the soaring Alps through the Bernese Oberland. Admire the UNESCO World Heritage-designated...
Jungfrau, an imposing summit known as the “Top of Europe.” Visit Switzerland’s capital, Berne, and enjoy lunch in an 18th-century High Baroque-style granary, today a traditional Bernese restaurant. Tour its beautifully preserved Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site framed by its signature 15th-century arcades and the Aare River. Continue across the bucolic Swiss countryside to Basel and embark the ship. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Strasbourg, France

Day 7

The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses Old and New Europe with French and German influence. In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old City, cobblestone lanes weave around medieval houses, and the 13th-century Ponts Couverts, bridges flanked by watchtowers, span idyllic canals. In Strasbourg, John Calvin first established a reformed parish; view remnants of the Reformation in St-Pierre-le-Vieux, a simultaneum used by Protestant and Catholic parishioners. See the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, whose graceful sandstone exterior, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

The Petite-France district evokes a fairy tale, with its historic miller, tanner and fishermen’s quarter of half-timbered houses along the Ill River. Nearby, member nations of the European Union engage in the daily discourse of the European Parliament.

Mannheim, Germany, for Heidelberg

Day 8

This morning, transfer from Mannheim to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, the oldest in Germany, founded in 1386. To many on the historical “Grand Tours” of Europe, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of Romanticism.

On the walking tour, see the preservation of Heidelberg’s authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, manifested in sites such as the eight remaining arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge). Visit the stately ruins of Heidelberg Castle, a 13th-century embodiment of the city’s medieval past perched above the river. Later, cruise through pastoral Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, renowned for its Riesling.
Rüdesheim/Koblenz

Day 9
Dock in Rüdesheim, the medieval heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the whimsical Winzerexpress mini-train, while traveling through bucolic vineyards en route to a private wine tasting, which highlights local Rieslings, including the crisp Klosterberg.

Cruise through the dramatic UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rhine River Valley, where with nearly each bend in the river, terraced vineyards rise on steep slopes, medieval castles crown remote crags and tranquil villages emerge along peaceful banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Stop in historic Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, for a walking tour. Here, Germany’s Roman past dates to 9 B.C., during Augustus Caesar’s reign. From the landmark Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, the former residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier, across the Rhine River, and see the twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, showcasing the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

Cologne

Day 10
This morning, arrive in one of Germany’s most ancient cities, founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C. Since Charlemagne, Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center, and it is the birthplace of the world-famous original Eau de Cologne perfume.

Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and see the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral); the nation’s finest example of High Gothic architecture, the Kölner Dom took six centuries to complete.

Spend a leisurely afternoon cruising along the picturesque Rhine River and later, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Amsterdam, the Netherlands/U.S.

Day 11
Following breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on the Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option or depart for the U.S.

Towering spires crown Cologne’s majestic Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), one of the finest Gothic structures ever built.
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 conclusion to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to quaint Edam, world famous for its cheese, and historic Hoorn, one of the great seafaring towns of the Golden Age. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel.

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

Amsterdam’s bridges and canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.
Included Features

- Eleven-day program, including four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring three of the world’s great train journeys, and a five-night Rhine River cruise.

In Lucerne

- Two nights in the Five-Star Hotel Schweizerhof, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception.
- Walking tour of historic, 12th-century Lucerne.
- Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and the dramatic descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel train.
- Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Experience one of the great rail journeys of the world from Andermatt to Zermatt aboard the legendary Glacier Express, following a scenic transfer from Lucerne to Andermatt and lunch.

In Zermatt

- Two nights in the delightful chalet-style Hotel Alex, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
- Two dinners with Swiss Rhône Valley wine in the hotel.
- Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, with breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.

Scenic transfer from Zermatt to Basel, with a stop in Switzerland’s historic capital of Berne, and lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Amadeus Silver II

- Five-night cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- Air-conditioned, river-view Suite or Stateroom.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Farewell Dinner.
- Excursion to Heidelberg’s 13th-century hilltop castle ruins.
- Visit to the medieval town of Rüdesheim, featuring a private tasting of local wines.
- Walking tour of picturesque Koblenz featuring the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

- View of the imposing Jungfrau summit.
- Tour of Berne’s storybook Old Town.
- Walking tour of Strasbourg’s historic Grande Île (Grand Island) city center.
- Cruise through the Rhine Valley’s scenic Lorelei Passage.
- Cologne walking tour, including a stop to see the magnificent Kölner Dom.

Always Included

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers for included excursions.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship and on included excursions.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of Switzerland’s impressive railways as you experience firsthand the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible perspectives. Journey on three of the world’s great Alpine railways—the panoramic Glacier Express, the scenic Gornergrat Bahn and the dramatic Pilatus Railway—and, while admiring the ingenious engineering necessary to create your routes, savor vignettes of the quintessentially Swiss landscape—including 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers.

The Gornergrat Bahn is Switzerland’s oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb nearly 5000 feet from Zermatt to lofty Gornergrat. En route, look for unforgettable views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the blue waters of glacial mountain lakes.

Lucerne’s Pilatus Railway offers breathtaking bird’s-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile run from the summit of Mount Pilatus to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Its vertical descent of nearly 5400 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, glacial waterfalls and snowcapped 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 stretch across the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Comfortably travel through Switzerland’s Alpine heart aboard the celebrated Glacier Express.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** Excluding taxes*  

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Singles are available in category 5 at $8995* and in category 2 at $10995* on or before November 8, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after November 8, 2018.

*Excludes taxes and additional $240 per person and are subject to change.

The Great Journey through Europe Reservation Form

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-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 Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to: 
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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 4, 2019.

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Please make my/our reservation(s):  
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- Double occupancy (two twin beds).  
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).  
- Single accommodations.  
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).  

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The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option  
- Double at $995 per person.  
- Single at $1395 per person.  
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).  
- I/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised, from:  
  - (fill in departure city)  

- Economy Class  
- Upgraded Economy  
- Business Class  
- First Class  

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.  
- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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