

# The Great Rivers of Europe

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS • GERMANY: COLOGNE, KOBLENZ, BAMBERG, NUREMBERG, PASSAU • VIENNA, AUSTRIA

*aboard our privately owned Grand Circle Cruise Line river ship exclusively for American travelers*

16 days – including international airfare from Detroit, airport transfers from SVSU

and pre-trip dinner at SVSU – from **\$5295**

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS MAXIMIZE YOUR VALUE

Bruges, Belgium: 3 nights from **\$695**

Vienna, Austria: 3 nights from **\$595**

OR Prague, Czech Republic: 4 nights from **\$645**

Reserve by  
June 11th, pay in FULL  
by check, and  
save 10%



## Your Itinerary April 30, 2015

### PRE-TRIP OPTION: 3 NIGHTS IN BRUGES, BELGIUM

DAY	DESTINATION/HOTEL	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Fly U.S. • Amsterdam, the Netherlands		
2	Amsterdam Embark ship	12:30pm	
3	Amsterdam		2pm
4	Cologne, Germany	1pm	11pm
5	Koblenz Rudesheim	6:30am 6:30pm	12:30pm
6	Rudesheim Frankfurt (for Heidelberg)		12:15am 9am 7pm
7	Wertheim	10am	
8	Wertheim Wurzburg		1:30am 3pm 11:30pm
9	Gerlachshausen* Schweinfurt	8:30am 3pm	9:15am 11:45pm
10	Bamberg	7am	3pm
11	Nuremberg	12:15am	6:45pm
12	Kelheim* Regensburg	8:45am 12:30pm	9am 11pm
13	Passau	9:30am	5pm
14	Melk, Austria Vienna	6:30am 6:30pm	11:30am
15	Vienna		
16	Vienna Disembark ship Fly Vienna • Return to U.S.		

### POST-TRIP OPTIONS: 3 NIGHTS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA OR 4 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

\*Motorcoach excursion meets ship at next port.  
Itinerary subject to change.

Please mention this code when booking: **G5-24365**



## It's Included

Choose to purchase Grand Circle's airfare, and your airport transfers and government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements

**Accommodations:** for 14 nights aboard a private Grand Circle river ship in an outside cabin

**ALL meals:** 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches, and 14 dinners

**11 exclusive, included tours:** Amsterdam Canal Cruise • Cologne • Koblenz • Heidelberg • Wertheim • Wurzburg • Bamberg • Nuremberg with Room 600 visit • Regensburg • Passau • Vienna

### Exclusive Discovery Series

**events:** Glassblowing demonstration • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch • Main-Danube Canal discussion and transit • Germany Today discussion • Apfelstrudel baking lesson

**Personal headset on all included and optional tours**

**Program Director:** We are the only cruise line to provide the exclusive services of a resident Program Director (assigned to no more than 47 travelers).

Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners

**5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next Grand Circle trip—an average of \$301**

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

### Now included for 2015

**Beverages** during lunch and dinner onboard, including beer, wine, and soft drinks

**All port charges**—a value of \$165 per person

**Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your main trip

## Your Itinerary

### Day 1 Depart U.S.

### Day 2 Arrive Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Arriving today in the Dutch capital, you'll be greeted at the airport by a Grand Circle representative who will assist you with the transfer to your private river ship. Later, you'll meet your Program Director and those travelers who took the pre-trip extension to *Bruges, Belgium*.

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**Day 3 Amsterdam.** In the morning, enjoy a city tour by boat—cruising along Amsterdam's lovely canals and by the Anne Frank House. Later this afternoon, your River Cruise gets underway. Tonight, celebrate your voyage at a festive Welcome Dinner.

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**Day 4 Cologne, Germany.** After lunch onboard, you'll disembark in Cologne for an included walking tour, where you'll see the Roman Gate, the Hohenzollern Bridge, and the Gothic Cologne Cathedral. Before returning to your ship, enjoy free time to explore.

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**Day 5 Koblenz • Rudesheim • Included dinner off ship.** Today, you'll go ashore in Koblenz, where the Rhine and Mosel rivers meet. During an included walking tour, marvel at the Old Town, rebuilt after World War II, and stroll the famous Rhine promenade.

You'll then rejoin your ship and continue sailing toward Rudesheim. En route, you'll pass Lorelei Rock, where legend has it, the beautiful siren would distract sailors with her melodious voice. Upon arrival in Rudesheim, you'll disembark for an included dinner featuring traditional folk music at a local restaurant.

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**Day 6 Frankfurt • Heidelberg.** This morning, you arrive in Frankfurt. Join today's included tour of Heidelberg, set on the edge of the Odenwald Forest, where you'll visit the 15th-century Heidelberg Castle.

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### Day 7 Wertheim • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch.

#### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

As you cruise, enjoy a glassblowing demonstration.

Visit Wertheim, a charming fairy-tale town at the meeting of the Main and Tauber rivers. Get acquainted with the town during a walking tour and free time here.

#### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

This afternoon, venture to a nearby village and enjoy a traditional *Kaffeeklatsch* in the home of a local family. Sample coffee and cake as you learn about everyday German life.

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**Day 8 Wurzburg.** Early this morning, your ship will start cruising to Wurzburg. You'll arrive this afternoon, disembarking for an included walking tour of this charming city—a Main River port in Bavaria.

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**Day 9 Gerlachshausen • Schweinfurt • Optional Rothenburg tour.** This morning, enjoy a full-day optional tour to Rothenburg. Or relax onboard as you cruise to Schweinfurt.

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**Day 10 Bamberg.** Today, you'll take a walking tour of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to AD 902. This afternoon, relax onboard as you cruise toward your next port.

#### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

As you enter the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, you'll learn about the construction and history of this engineering marvel. *Please note: During the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal transit, it may be necessary for the Captain to close the Sun Deck because of low-standing bridges.*

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### Day 11 Nuremberg • Visit to Room 600.

This morning, arrive in Nuremberg—its name evoking the post-World War II Nazi war trials. Here, you'll join an included city tour with a local guide, visiting the Zeppelin Field rally grounds, as well as Room 600, site of these war crime trials.

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## What to expect

### Pacing

- 15 days, with 14 nights aboard a private Grand Circle river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

### Physical Requirements

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- You must be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs

### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 40-73°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time

### Terrain

- Travel over diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones

### Transportation

- Travel by 45-seat coach and 140- to 164-passenger river ship

### River Cruising

- Throughout the River Cruise season, weather conditions and tides affect European river depths; water levels may require adjustments to your itinerary

### Cuisine

- Meals will be a mix of local specialties and familiar American standards
- Meals onboard feature a variety of entrée options, including vegetarian

**Day 12 Kelheim • Optional Bavaria: Baroque & Beer tour • Regensburg.** This morning, you'll arrive in Kelheim. Here, you can join an optional tour of the Baroque-era Weltenburg Monastery, where you'll take a scenic ferry cruise through the Danube Gorge and sample some beer brewed at the monastery. Then, transfer by motorcoach to Regensburg, where your ship awaits. If you're not joining the optional tour, you'll have time to relax en route to Regensburg.

This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of historic Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. You'll see the twelfth-century Stone Bridge (*Steinerne Brücke*) and the towering St. Peter's Cathedral—Bavaria's most impressive Gothic wonder and home to a famous boys' choir.

#### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

Tonight, join an enlightening *Germany Today* discussion onboard with a local expert.

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**Day 13 Passau.** Today, you'll stop in Passau and enjoy a walking tour. Along the way, you'll see St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest church organ outside the U.S. You'll also enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.

Later, reminisce with your fellow travelers during the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

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**Day 14 Melk, Austria • Optional Melk Abbey tour • Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour.** A highlight today is an optional tour of the 900-year-old Melk Abbey. Then return to the ship and enjoy lunch as you glide through the stunning Wachau wine region.

#### Exclusive Discovery Series Event

As you sail, you can attend an *Apfelstrudel* baking lesson.

This evening, you'll arrive in the Austrian capital. Join us for an optional *Musical Vienna* performance.

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**Day 15 Vienna • City tour.** Join your Program Director for an included half-day city tour, featuring the *Ringstrasse*, the wide boulevard that circles the city center, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. You'll also see the Spanish Riding School, home of the famous Lipizzaner stallions, and the well-known Hofburg Palace.

The afternoon is yours to make your own discoveries.

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**Day 16 Vienna • Return to U.S.** Today, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or get to know this vibrant cultural capital better on our optional *Vienna* extension.

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*Please note: We reserve the right for our Program Directors to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group's experience.*

## Expand your discoveries with our exclusive optional tours

### Melk Abbey

(Day 4, \$60 per person)

### Bavaria: Baroque & Beer

(Day 7, \$80 per person)

### Rothenburg

(Day 10, \$100 per person)

*Optional tour prices listed are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.*

Extend your Discoveries—and Maximize your Value—on our Optional Trip Extensions

# Bruges, Belgium

3 nights pre-trip from **\$695** Travel from only \$232 per night



## Your optional extension includes:

- **Accommodations:** for 3 nights at the First-Class NH Bruges or similar
- **3 meals:** 3 breakfasts
- **Included tours:** Bruges, Ghent, and Delft
- Exclusive services of a resident Grand Circle Program Director
- All transfers

### Now included for 2015

- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your extension and all optional tours

### Plus, consider this optional tour:

Brussels (\$135 per person)

## Day 1 Depart U.S.

**Day 2 Arrive Bruges, Belgium.** You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Later, meet your Program Director and enjoy a Welcome Drink.  
NH Bruges or similar

**Day 3 Bruges.** After breakfast, you'll set off on a walking tour of this former capital of Flanders, a city still defined by its canals. Your walking tour takes you to the Church of Our Lady, Market Square, and the Holy Blood Chapel. Then, you'll visit a lace shop to see some of the world's finest lacemakers at work, followed by a delicious tasting of one of Belgium's well-known treats: Belgian waffles. Your tour continues with a look at Bruges from another vantage point—a tour aboard a canal boat.

B—NH Bruges or similar

## Day 4 Bruges • Optional Brussels tour.

Continue your discoveries of Bruges on your own today. Or, join us for an

optional tour of Brussels, where you'll enjoy a walking tour, and visit a famous local *chocolaterie*, where custom-made, personalized chocolate confections of the highest quality are a specialty.

B—NH Bruges or similar

## Day 5 Bruges • Ghent • Delft • Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

After breakfast, you'll depart for your transfer to Amsterdam. En route, you'll stop in Ghent and Delft, arriving in Amsterdam in the late afternoon to join your main trip.

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**Single Supplement: FREE**  
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*This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details.*

## FEATURED HOTEL



## NH Bruges (First Class) Bruges, Belgium

Housed in a former 17th-century monastery, the First-Class NH Bruges reflects the historic charm of Belgium's best-preserved medieval city. Amenities include a restaurant serving Belgian-French cuisine, bar/lounge, fitness room, and heated indoor swimming pool. Your air-conditioned room features a direct-dial telephone, cable/satellite TV, minibar, coffee- and tea-making facilities, in-room safe, and private bath with shower and hair dryer.

*Please note: Select departures feature similar accommodations.*

Reservations & Information: Call Toll-Free: 1-800-597-2452 • Press 2

Make the most of your international airfare: Stay longer and discover more with your choice of these extensions ...

## Prague, Czech Republic

4 nights post-trip from **\$645**  
Travel from only \$162 per night



### Your optional extension includes:

- **Accommodations:** for 4 nights at the First-Class Dorint Hotel Don Giovanni or similar
- **6 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner
- **Included tours:** Bratislava, Slovakia; Prague; Prague Castle & St. Vitus
- Exclusive services of a resident Grand Circle Program Director
- All transfers

### Now included for 2015

- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your extension and all optional tours

### Plus, consider these optional tours:

Charm of the Czech Countryside (\$85 per person)

Sychrov Castle (\$105 per person)

Terezin (\$75 per person)

**Single Supplement: FREE**

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## Vienna, Austria

3 nights post-trip from **\$595**  
Travel from only \$199 per night



### Your optional extension includes:

- **Accommodations:** for 3 nights at the Ramada Encore Vienna City Center or similar
- **Transportation:** Complimentary public transportation pass
- **3 meals:** 3 breakfasts
- **Included tour:** Audio-guided Schoenbrunn Palace tour
- Exclusive services of a resident Grand Circle Program Director
- All transfers

### Now included for 2015

- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your extension and all optional tours

### Plus, consider this optional tour:

Imperial Spa Town (\$125 per person)

**Single Supplement: FREE**

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Prices are per person for 16 days with airfare, port charges, and roundtrip transfers, based on double occupancy, and included meals and tours as specified in the It's Included section.

## Departure Date and Prices

APRIL 30, 2015

Deck:		Member	Non-Member*
A	Serenade Deck	\$6695	\$6755
B	(Top Deck w/balcony)	\$6495	\$6555
C	Sonata Deck	\$6095	\$6155
D	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5995	\$6055
E	Cantata Deck	\$5895	\$5955
F	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5795	\$5855
G	Prelude Deck	\$5595	\$5655
H	(Lower Deck w/small window)	\$5295	\$5355

\*Includes OLLI Membership fee

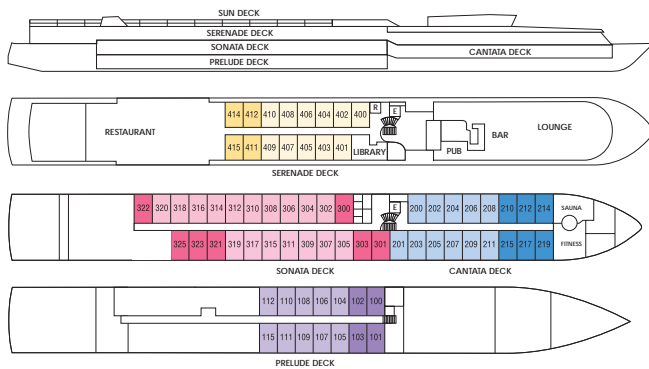
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## Air Add-On

Detroit	Included
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

## M/S River Concerto



### Cabin Categories

A	E
B	F
C	G
D	H
ELEVATOR (Does not go to Prelude Deck)	
RESTROOM	

**Deposit:** \$500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** \$745. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

**Guaranteed Travel Protection Plan:** Please visit [www.gct.com/tpp](http://www.gct.com/tpp) for details on this optional program. Standard Terms & Conditions apply when purchasing this program. Visit our website at

## SAVE up to 10% and lock in your price!

PAY IN FULL prior to your departure date	YOUR SAVINGS off your total trip price*
12 months or more prior to departure	10% off
11 months prior to departure	7% off
10 months prior to departure	6% off
9 months prior to departure	5% off
8 months prior to departure	4% off
7 months prior to departure	3% off
6 months prior to departure	2% off
5 months prior to departure	1.5% off
Make your final payment by check within the last 120 days	\$50 off

EXAMPLE: Based on a \$5000 trip price  
 Paid in full by check 12 months prior to your departure date, you **save \$500** (10% of your trip price)  
 Paid in full by check 8 months prior to your departure date, you **save \$200** (4% of your trip price)  
 Paid in full by check 6 months prior to your departure date, you **save \$100** (2% of your trip price)  
 \* You will save a minimum of \$50 when you pay in full by check.

## MORE value, MORE choices with Grand Circle Cruise Line's Lowest Price Guarantee

- Reserve early to receive our **LOWEST PRICE** on any 2014 or 2015 departure of a Grand Circle Cruise Line vacation—guaranteed.
- We'll **AUTOMATICALLY REFUND** you the difference of the cruise-only price if we reduce your main trip price more than 60 days from departure.
- Act fast for **BEST SELECTION**. The earlier you reserve, the better your chances are that your first choice of cabins and pre- and post-trip extensions will be available.

**Price note:** Grand Circle Cruise Line's Lowest Price Guarantee applies to the cruise-only price based on the lowest cabin category; and does not include pre- or post-trip extensions, cabin categories, optional extensions, and airfare.

**GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES** The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. **Government and other authority taxes and fees:** **September 11th Security Fee** of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)** of up to \$18 per passenger. **Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee** of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). **U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges** of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at [www.gct.com/tc](http://www.gct.com/tc).

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After you reserve your trip, toll-free customer service is available Monday–Friday 9 am to 8 pm ET, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 7 pm ET, and (Air Department only) Monday–Saturday 9 am to 5 pm ET at 1-800-321-2835.

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**For a detailed trip brochure contact the SVSU-OLLI office at 989-964-4475 or visit the website: [www.svsu.edu/olli](http://www.svsu.edu/olli)**

Please be ready to give the reservations agent the following information

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 Departure date: April 30, 2015

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