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Anonymous
“We had a wonderful time in France enjoying the towns all along the river. Everyone was so welcoming, and we felt very comfortable with our group of alumni travelers. I would definitely take an alumni trip like this again.”

—Stephanie A. Stavro, BA ’90
Activity levels

**Lightly Active**
One to two hours of walking per day.

**Moderately Active**
Two to four hours of walking at a comfortable pace on flat or uneven terrain.

**Active**
Could involve lengthy excursions, a variety of terrains and/or higher altitudes.

**Cruise**
This symbol identifies that the entire journey or a portion is aboard a ship.

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This symbol identifies that the entire journey or a portion is aboard a train.

**Private deluxe motor coach**
This symbol identifies that the entire journey or a portion is aboard a bus.
HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN: CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

Japan

March
22 - 31, 2020

Experience Tokyo, Hakone and Kyoto, where springtime beauty blends with ancient history and cutting-edge culture. Japan seamlessly merges centuries-old history with a modern way of life. On this tour, hues of pink and aromatic scents fill city streets and lush parks as cherry blossoms bring new life to an already vibrant country. See ancient temples alongside modern architecture while experiencing the beauty celebrated each year during the Japanese cherry blossom season.

From $5,875 CAD
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RIVER LIFE ALONG THE DUTCH WATERWAYS

The Netherlands

April 28 - May 6, 2020

Come celebrate the beauty of Holland and old-world Flanders in springtime. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe, small river ship AMADEUS BRILLIANT when the vibrant Dutch tulip fields are in bloom. Meet residents during the exclusive RIVER LIFE® Forum for a personal perspective of daily life and cultural heritage in the Low Countries. Expert-led excursions include the historic canals of Amsterdam, storybook Bruges, the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum, famous Keukenhof Gardens, Hoorn, Maastricht and Antwerp. The Delft, Kinderdijk and The Hague Pre-Cruise Option and Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option are offered. This comprehensive itinerary is continually praised as the ideal Dutch and Flemish experience.

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NORWAY AND LAPLAND
Norway, Finland and Arctic Circle

May
8 - 23, 2020

Visit Norway’s stunning coastline, crossing into the Arctic Circle. Join fellow alumni on an amazing adventure to Lapland—the home of the Sami, the indigenous people of northern Scandinavia. On our journey, we will experience Norway’s beautiful fjords, charming ports, rare wildlife and travel to places no other cruise ships can access before venturing into northern Finland. Enjoy thrilling adventures filled with amazing scenery and active ‘frilufts liv’ (outdoor life) experiences. Information sessions offered. Call to register at 1-866-760-1987.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TUSCANY: WALKING TOUR
Italy

May
16 – 26, 2020

Life seems simpler in Tuscany. In the land of cypress trees and Chianti, a leisurely stroll may not be the fastest way to get around, but it’s certainly the most preferred. On this walking tour of Tuscany, you’ll step into historic cities like Florence and Siena, and amble through charming hamlets like Montalcino and Cortona for an authentic glimpse into the heart of Italy including Montecatini, Siena, Montepulciano Region, Rome.
42nd PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU including a Danube River Cruise (Sold out*)
Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary

June 7 - 17, 2020

From $4,470 USD plus air
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Experience one of the world’s greatest dramatic spectacles amid storybook Bavarian landscapes—the extravagant Passion Play staged once a decade by the quaint village of Oberammergau. With a cast of thousands and a legacy that encompasses nearly four centuries, Oberammergau is a rare and exceptional tradition. This custom itinerary blends remarkable history with stunning scenery, featuring a five-night deluxe cruise along the Danube River, two nights in the idyllic Bavarian Alps and two nights in Munich. Tour Budapest, Vienna, Melk Abbey, Bratislava and Salzburg, and see Neuschwanstein Castle. Budapest Pre-Program and Munich Post-Program Options offered.

*Please inquire about the wait list for this popular tour.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN: BARCELONA, MADRID & SEVILLE
Spain

June 11 - 20, 2020

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Discover just how varied and wonderful Spain can be. Within the borders of one country, uncover three distinct destinations. Barcelona, Madrid, and Seville display intriguing distinctions, from Andalusian architecture to Catalan castells. Explore Barcelona’s Gothic Quarter and Modernist landmarks, wander past Madrid’s imperial palaces, and cap off your trip in Seville, where Moorish architecture shines.
CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND
Iceland and Arctic Circle

June 28 - July 6, 2020

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Discover the beauty of Iceland on a seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation. Cruise aboard the newest FiveStar expedition ship, LE BELLOT, launching in 2020, featuring only 92 suites and staterooms. See landscapes of ancient Viking ruins and crystalline glaciers atop a volcano. Cross the Arctic Circle on Grímsey Island and cruise along Surtsey, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is a trip of a lifetime at an exceptional value.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CROATIA & SLOVENIA: THE OLD-WORLD ADRIATIC
Croatia and Slovenia

July 16 - 27, 2020

From $4,680 CAD
plus air
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Discover Old-World European romance, perfectly preserved. See Dubrovnik’s storied city walls overlooking the pristine blue waters of the Adriatic. Step back in time as you explore the impressive Diocletian’s Palace complex in seaside Split. Wander past emerald scenery and tranquil waterscapes in the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. And experience “Europe in miniature” in Ljubljana, the stunningly green (and endlessly cultural) capital of Slovenia.
GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE ALONG THE RHINE RIVER
Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands

July
8 - 18, 2020

From $4,160 USD
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This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake and mountain travel including five nights aboard the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III. Journey through Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands, cruising the Rhine River. Spend two nights each in Lucerne and Zermatt, Switzerland; ride aboard three legendary railways—the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, the Gornergrat Bahn for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn and the Glacier Express from Andermatt to Zermatt—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. Amsterdam post-program option is available.
FALL AND WINTER 2020

ISLAND LIFE AROUND THE GREEK ISLES

Greece

October 22 – 30, 2020

From $4,990 USD plus air

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An unparalleled nine-day Aegean odyssey cruising round-trip Athens, Greece, aboard the exclusively chartered, newest five-star small ship LE BOUGAINVILLE. Call on the islands of Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and Santorini, and the Peloponnese Peninsula. Visit extraordinary Meteora, where 14th and 15th-century monasteries stand high atop natural sandstone pinnacles, and walk through legendary sites of antiquity; including the ancient citadel of Mycenae and historic Epidaurus. Meet and engage with local residents during the specially arranged ISLAND LIFE® FORUM for a personal perspective on the true character of the Aegean Sea’s maritime culture.
VILLAGE LIFE AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES
Italy

September
12 – 20, 2020

From $3,950 USD
plus air
Gohagan & Company

Immerse yourself in the true essence of Italian life in the fabled Lake District for one full week, with charming accommodations in the PALACE HOTEL in the heart of lovely Como. Cruise by private boat on Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta. Excursions feature Bellagio, Villa del Balbianello, Stresa, Isola Bella and the Sacro Monte di Orta. Visit Milan’s Duomo and Teatro alla Scala and see Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper. Enriching lectures and the exclusive VILLAGELIFE® FORUM with local residents bring personal perspectives of the region’s modern life and cultural heritage.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AMERICA: RIO, IGUAZÚ FALLS & BUENOS AIRES
Brazil and Argentina

October
17 – 27, 2020

From $4,490 CAD
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Move from sophisticated cities to wet and wild waterfalls. Take in all the highlights of Brazil and Argentina, from spicy and seductive Rio de Janeiro to elegant and refined Buenos Aires. Between these two cultural hot spots, you’ll experience the ultimate in outdoor adventure, with the chance to admire the formidable Iguazú waterscape from every angle.
ISRAEL, EGYPT AND JORDAN
Jerusalem, Cairo, Luxor, Petra and Dead Sea

November 23 – December 9, 2020

Explore some of the world’s greatest age-old monuments, with the added luxury of travelling aboard a modern, elegant mega yacht with only 21 cabins; the Harmony G. Your on-board Egyptologist will enhance the experience with insights that bring each destination to life. Together we will explore the ancient city of Jerusalem, cross the Suez Canal, sail the Red Sea, visit the world-famous sites of Luxor and the Giza Pyramids in Cairo, discover the monuments of Petra, and float in the Dead Sea. Information sessions offered. Call to register at 1-866-760-1987.

AFRICAN EXPLORER
South Africa and Namibia

January 28 – February 15, 2021

From Johannesburg to Windhoek to Cape Town, experience the immense beauty of Southern Africa on an epic railroad journey across some of Africa’s most spectacular landscapes. Deep canyons, wide-open plains, wild animals and the highest sand dunes in the world. From Namibian deserts to lush forests, the African Explorer private rail is your key to adventure. Have a glass of world-class South African wine in the bar car. Take in the fresh African air from an outdoor observation platform or relax inside the air-conditioned lounge car. There is simply no better way to experience the wonders of Africa. Information sessions offered. Call to register at 1-866-760-1987.
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