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The Great Journey through Europe

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July 8 to 18, 2020

Featuring the Glacier Express

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Dear York University alumnus/alumna,

Join fellow alumni and their friends on this incredible journey through Europe to retrace the “Grand Tour,” an elite tradition undertaken by enlightened ladies and gentlemen of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Traverse four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Cruise the storied UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley, passing the hillside vineyards of the renowned Rheingau wine region, and meandering through the Netherlands’s expansive waterways flanked by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Experience three of the world’s great railway journeys and delight in the opportunity to experience six astounding UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III, one of the finest ships to ply the waters of Europe, from Basel to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Port calls 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. This exceptional itinerary sells out year after year so book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

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Warmest regards,

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North Sea
Canada/Zurich,
Switzerland/Lucerne
Wednesday, July 8 and
Thursday, July 9
Depart Canada 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 July 9.

Lucerne
Friday, July 10
The rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and
Rigi reflected in a deep blue lake make
Lucerne a long-favoured travel destination.
Begin your walking tour amid 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 2133-metre 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, and
descent nearly
1646 metres in less than five kilometres
to Lake Lucerne. Cruise along its placid
waters—the glistening namesake of
Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata,” surrounded
by the magnificent Swiss Alps.

Lucerne/Andermatt/Zermatt
Saturday, July 11
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 surrounding beauty through
panoramic windows 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 and
check into the deluxe HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF
ZERMATT, located beneath the dramatic
pinnacle of the iconic Matterhorn.

Zermatt
Sunday, July 12
Ascend through pine and larch forests, crossing meadows ablaze with
wildflowers and passing 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
3078-metre 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; enjoy stops including
Riffelberg featuring a panoramic view of the
Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn.

Zermatt/Bern/Basel
Monday, July 13
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.”

Cover photo: View the unforgettable peak of the iconic Matterhorn from the top of the highest
cog railway in Europe, the world-renowned Gornergrat Bahn.

Photo this page: Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of
Germany’s legendary UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley.
Visit Switzerland’s capital, Bern, and enjoy lunch in a former 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 deluxe Amadeus Silver III. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Strasbourg, France

Tuesday, July 14

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 Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, whose graceful sandstone exterior, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

Walk across Strasbourg’s Ponts Couverts in the enchanting Petite France district on the Grande Île (Big Island).

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.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Strasbourg.

Mannheim, Germany, for Heidelberg

Wednesday, July 15

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 historic “Grand Tour” 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 its famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge). Visit the stately ruins of Heidelberg Castle, the 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

Thursday, July 16

Dock in Rüdesheim, the medieval heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the whimsical Winzerexpress mini-train, while travelling 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 Middle Rhine 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
Friday, July 17
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 centre, and it is the birthplace of the world-famous original Eau de Cologne perfume.

Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral) UNESCO World Heritage site. The nation’s finest example of High Gothic architecture, the Kölner Dom took six centuries to complete. Admire the cathedral’s lauded treasures, including medieval stained-glass windows, the bejewelled sarcophagus of the Shrine of Three Kings, the monumental, 10th-century Gero Crucifix and richly carved 14th-century choir stalls.

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

Amsterdam, the Netherlands/Canada
Saturday, July 18
Following breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option or depart for Canada.

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.

The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Silver III features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The 84 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (16 to 26 square metres). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower; most have a minibar.

The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi (conditions permitting), beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio and Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has earned the important “Green Globe Certificate” of environmental sustainability.
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.

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

In Zermatt

◆ Two nights in the deluxe Hotel Schweizerhof Zermatt, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ 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 Bern and lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Amadeus Silver III

◆ 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 access (conditions permitting).
◆ 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 in the heart of the Rheingau, featuring a private tasting of local wines.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Koblenz including 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 Bern’s storybook Old Town.
◆ Walking tour of Strasbourg’s historic Grande Île (Big Island) city centre.
◆ Cruise through the Middle 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.
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Marvels of Engineering

Legendary Railways of the Swiss Alps

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 4267-metre-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 eight kilometres, you will climb nearly 1524 metres from Zermatt to lofty Gornergrat. En route and at the summit, prepare to be mesmerized by the 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 five kilometre route from the summit of Mount Pilatus to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Its vertical descent of nearly 1646 metres 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 engineering of boldly curving iron rails and soaring viaducts for the Glacier Express (1930) across the spine of the towering Alps. Experience 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 15-kilometre-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that stretch across the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel in comfort through Switzerland’s stunning Alpine heart aboard the celebrated Glacier Express.
Amadeus Silver III has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from T axes are an additional $240 USD per person and are subject to change. Singles are available in category 5 at $9295 USD* and in category 2 at $11495 USD* on or before December 6, 2019. All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by cheque, wire transfer or credit card by April 3, 2020.

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☐ 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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☐ Gravity Class
☐ Upgraded Economy
☐ Business Class
☐ First Class

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☐ Double at $1045 USD per person.
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