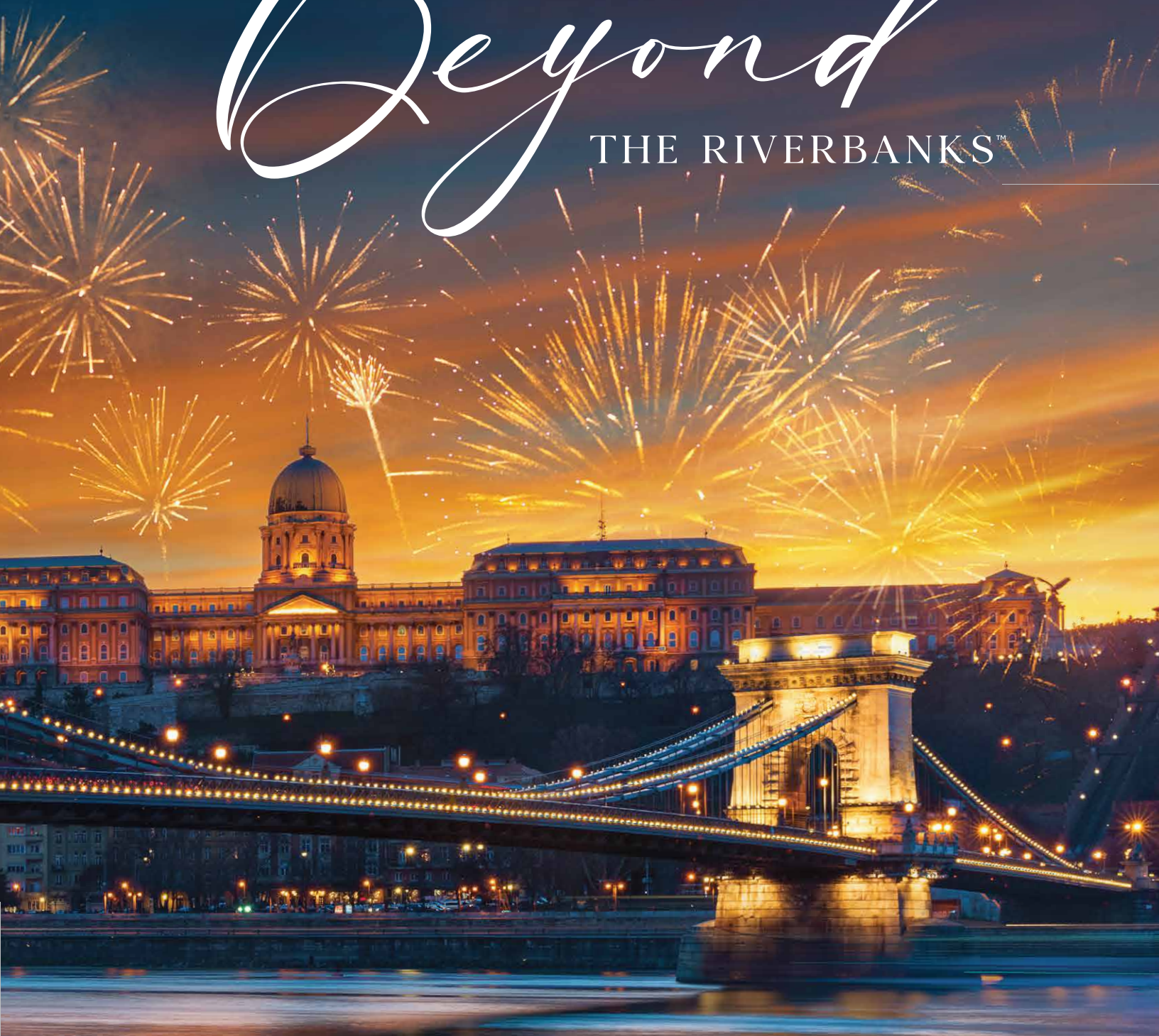




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Dear Valued Guest,

There has never been a time of year so closely associated with family. As many of us gather with our loved ones this year, we hope you will consider taking a future river cruise together – or traveling solo and embracing our AmaFamily as your own.

Inside this issue of *Beyond the Riverbanks*, there are several stories of how our journeys have impacted and inspired guests just like you. We hope you find new destinations and itineraries to dream about and we are here to support you with any goals you may have in the new year – from achieving greater wellness to expanding your horizons with us around the world.

Whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, the Winter Solstice or are simply celebrating being in the moment, we hope you know that you are always welcomed on board as part of our family.

Wishing you the very best in the New Year,



RUDI SCHREINER
Co-Founder
and President



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Co-Founder and Executive
Vice President





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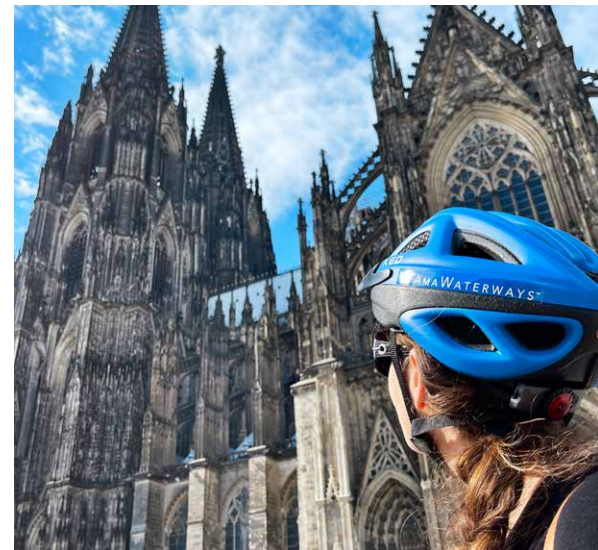


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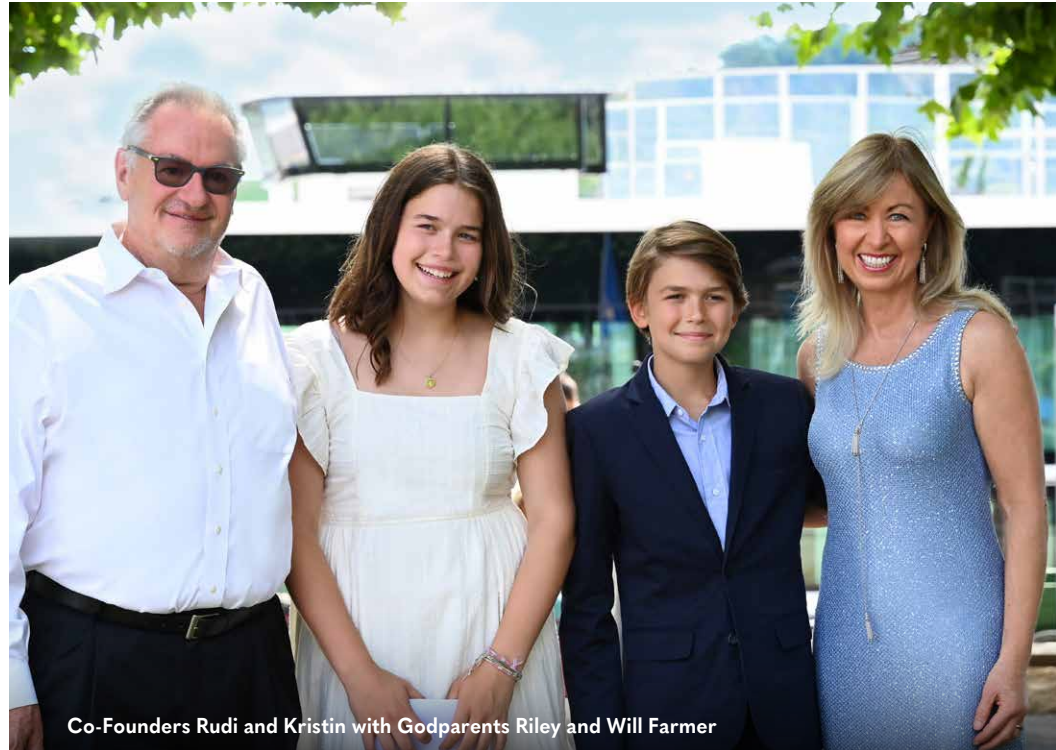
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Nurturing Global Citizens

Family owned and operated, AmaWaterways believes travel is a force of good in the world that helps us all develop a better understanding and acceptance of the different cultures we encounter. By encouraging younger generations to join us on the rivers, we are helping to create more culturally aware and inclusive global citizens who celebrate both the diversity that makes us unique and the human connections that unite us all.



Explore fascinating destinations



Co-Founders Rudi and Kristin with Godparents Riley and Will Farmer

Our Youngest-Ever Godparents

We were delighted to invite Will and Riley Farmer, ages 11 and 14, respectively, to be our youngest-ever Godparents as we christened our beautiful *AmaLucia* earlier this year on July 31st. Christenings of new ships are always festive occasions, and this one in Rudesheim, Germany was no different. Will and Riley performed the traditional naming ceremony followed by the “good luck” breaking of the champagne bottle on the hull of the ship. Guests on board joined Co-Founders Rudi Schreiner and Kristin Karst, Captain Arjan, Rudesheim Mayor Klaus Zapp and other local dignitaries, in welcoming this newest addition to our fleet of 25 ships.

Will and Riley, children of our friend and business partner Colin Farmer,

were chosen to do the honors as they proposed the name for this new ship following a river cruise they shared together with Rudi and Kristin in 2019. Multilingual and multitasking, their love of travel, openness to change, respect of cultural diversity and their deep concern for protecting the environment really personify the values that AmaWaterways holds dear. By choosing this young brother and sister team as Godparents for *AmaLucia*, we are celebrating our commitment to families and the important life lessons that travel has to offer guests of all ages.

Turn the page to learn why our sailings on board *AmaLucia* are spectacular for families!



Kinderdijk, Netherlands

The Best Family Vacations on Board AmaLucia

“Ama means love
and we are all family.”

- Riley Farmer
Godparent, AmaLucia

Named by kids and accommodating families with connecting staterooms, an expansive Sun Deck with a heated swimming pool, and games, including cornhole, our beautiful AmaLucia is an exceptional ship for our guests traveling with children.* The itineraries she sails in 2023 and 2024 have also been well rated by tweens and teens—here’s why.

**On our programs in Europe and Southeast Asia, children under the age of 4 years old are not permitted on board and children 4-7 years old are not recommended.*



Enjoying the Sun Deck

Best of Holland & Belgium

7 nights roundtrip Amsterdam

Families Enjoy:

Listening to the collection of self-playing musical instruments at Museum Speelklok, referred to as “the most fun museum in the Netherlands”

Included excursions to three spectacular castles, including Utrecht’s Castle de Haar, with its towers, moat and drawbridge—the largest and most spectacular fortress in Holland

The super yummy Belgian chocolate tasting in Brussels, Belgium

Plenty of bike tours to burn off extra energy - and chocolate!



Castle de Haar, Utrecht, Netherlands

Enchanting Rhine and Captivating Rhine

7 nights each between Basel, Switzerland and Amsterdam, Netherlands

Families Enjoy:

The whimsy of witnessing the instruments in action at Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim, Germany

Riding a bike through Cologne—with enough free time to visit the city’s phenomenal Chocolate Museum on your own afterward!

Marveling at and hearing the stories of more than 40 castles while sailing through Germany’s Rhine Gorge

The canal cruise beneath the bridges of Amsterdam, Netherlands



Cologne, Germany

The Rivers’ Power to Heal: One Family’s Celebration of Life



Joan J. and her sisters, Mondsee, Austria

“We wanted to honor those we have lost and celebrate that we are not only surviving; we are thriving.”

From 2015 through 2020, Joan J. and her extended family experienced incomprehensible loss. It began with a string of difficult news in spring 2013, when Joan’s husband, Gary, her brother, Kevin, and her twin sister’s husband, David, were all diagnosed with different forms of cancer. David sadly passed away in 2015, and the next year, Joan’s other sister’s husband, Jeff, shockingly received his own cancer diagnosis. Following courageous fights, Gary and Jeff passed away in 2017 and 2020, respectively. The family patriarch, Joan’s father Paul, also passed away in

2020 at the age of 95. Joan’s brother Kevin continues his battle with cancer.

Joan knew her family needed something positive to look forward to—together. A loyal AmaWaterways guest, she could think of nothing more uplifting than to plan her next river cruise and take her sisters, her brother and his wife, and the nieces and nephews right along with her.

“We are survivors,” Joan stated. “We wanted to honor those we have lost and celebrate that we are not only surviving; we are thriving.”



On August 29th, 2022, the family of 20, including a few of Joan’s close friends, gathered within The Chef’s Table restaurant to enjoy the exquisite multi-course tasting menu on board *AmaBella* as the ship cruised out of Budapest. “Our Hotel Manager, Zhviko, was so thoughtful and organized a private party in the restaurant just for us,” Joan recalled. “All my adult nieces and nephews and their spouses sat together at one table. My sisters, my brother and his wife and I had so much fun watching the cousins enjoy each other.”

As *AmaBella* glided along the legendary Danube River, stopping in beautiful destinations such as Vienna, Weissenkirchen and Linz, for an excursion in Salzburg—a family favorite for the self-proclaimed *Sound of Music* fans—the weight of lingering tragedies grew lighter, with smiles and laughter taking their place.

“The whole experience was really magical,” recalled Joan. “There are things that absolutely would not have happened if we had all decided to vacation at a beach house.”



Joan and family, Basilica St. Michael, Austria



Joan’s River Cruise: Melodies of the Danube

Budapest, Hungary to Vilshofen, Germany

Journey along the Danube through three capitals—Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna—and charming villages such as Dürnstein and Melk. Along the way, discover why this storied river has inspired generations of artists, poets and musicians.





Joan's twin sister Jean C. and daughter Bethany F. in Salzburg, Austria

“When you talk about investing, river cruising together is such a great return for your money.”

Joan pointed out that some evenings in the Main Lounge turned into dance parties for even the most introverted of her nephews, inspiring other cruise guests to get up on the dance floor and bust a move. There was a jigsaw puzzle purchased by Joan's niece-in-law in one of the ports that the whole family worked on throughout the journey. Birthdays and anniversaries amongst the family were also marked by the wonderful crew with special cakes and serenades.

Joan added, “There were so many special conversations between my siblings

and me that would not have occurred if we had been in the kitchen prepping food or cleaning up dinner tables.” AmaWaterways gave her family the time, space, and luxury of focusing on what mattered most.

“When you talk about investing, river cruising together is such a great return for your money,” she said. “We invested in quality time, shared memories and private jokes. For the rest of our lives, we'll always have this experience, and after what we've all been through together, it's just...priceless.”



Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria



Colleen and Tom represented in the family photo

Joan made sure all members of her group were present for a family photo on the Sun Deck to commemorate their incredible sailing. Though her niece, Colleen, and husband, Tom, were not able to join the family on the cruise due to the recent birth of their child, they were not forgotten and were represented in the picture with an 8"x10" photo on a stick.

The final night of their journey, Joan proposed a toast celebrating the lives of David, Gary, Jeff and her father. It was a solemn moment of reflection for the whole family; that is, until Joan's twin sister raised her own glass for a speech. "She toasted the next river cruise I was going to plan!" laughed Joan.

Heritage on the River



From left: Driver Tibor Geissler, French genealogist Valère Kaletka, guest Mike S., friend Keith P., church historian Heiko Betz

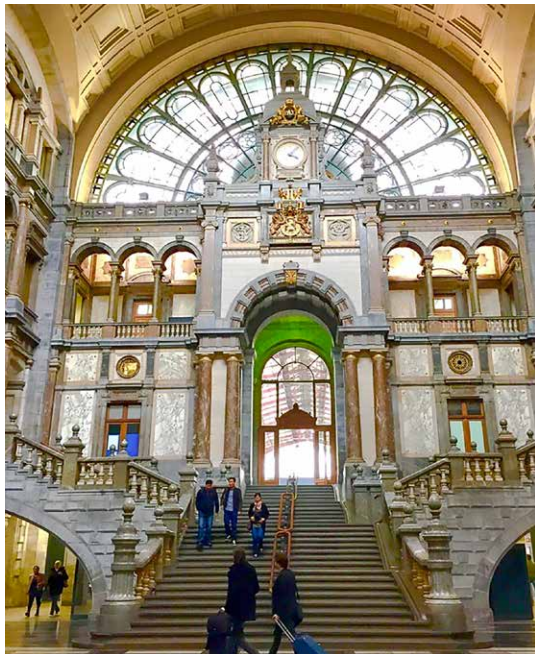
An Unforgettable Ancestry® Experience

This past July, 12 guests embarked upon AmaWaterways' first-ever *Heritage on the River* journey with great anticipation. Traveling alongside them on this enhanced *Captivating Rhine* itinerary, renowned AncestryProGenealogist® Laura House held the key to unlocking guests' personal family history—in some cases, more than they ever dreamed possible.

First-time guest Jane R. had a river cruise on her bucket list for several years. But she didn't act until she

saw a tweet on social media from the "Barefoot Genealogist," Crista Cowan, sharing that Ancestry would be cooperating on an experience with AmaWaterways. Jane's German ancestry was the catalyst. "That very day I started making my arrangements," she said.

The 12 guests, mere strangers at embarkation, had all reserved our special *Heritage on the River* package that included several hours of personalized genealogical research apiece. As they sailed



Top left: Antwerp Train Station; **Bottom left:** Hours of genealogist research and a private consultation are included in our *Heritage on the River* package; **Above:** Mike in front of church

through the Netherlands, France, Germany and Switzerland, each guest was treated to a private consultation with Laura House as well as two captivating presentations about genealogy on board. In addition, they were welcomed on an exclusive excursion to Antwerp's historic train station and Red Star Line Museum, adding a fifth country, Belgium, to their itinerary—not offered on our traditional Rhine River cruises.

The *Heritage on the River* journey “brings your ancestry alive,” said

guest Neil with a glint in his eye. Enthralled by the entire experience, he shared, “My father was in World War II near the Black Forest. He mentioned it several times during my childhood, and we drove through [the region] today. Now I want to go back and walk where my father walked.” He and his wife now plan to continue visiting destinations inspired by their family history.

Making deeper connections to their past was expected by guests; unanticipated was the bond formed

among them. “You have a group of really passionate people who love family history and love learning,” shared Jon Lambert, Ancestry’s Senior Director of Global Client Relations, Sales and Marketing, who was also on this sailing. “Everyone tells their own stories and a lot of times they intermingle. It’s been nice having family history enthusiasts on board talking together.”

Guest Keith P. shared Jon’s sentiment: “We have made friendships that are going to last.”



Freiburg, Black Forest Region

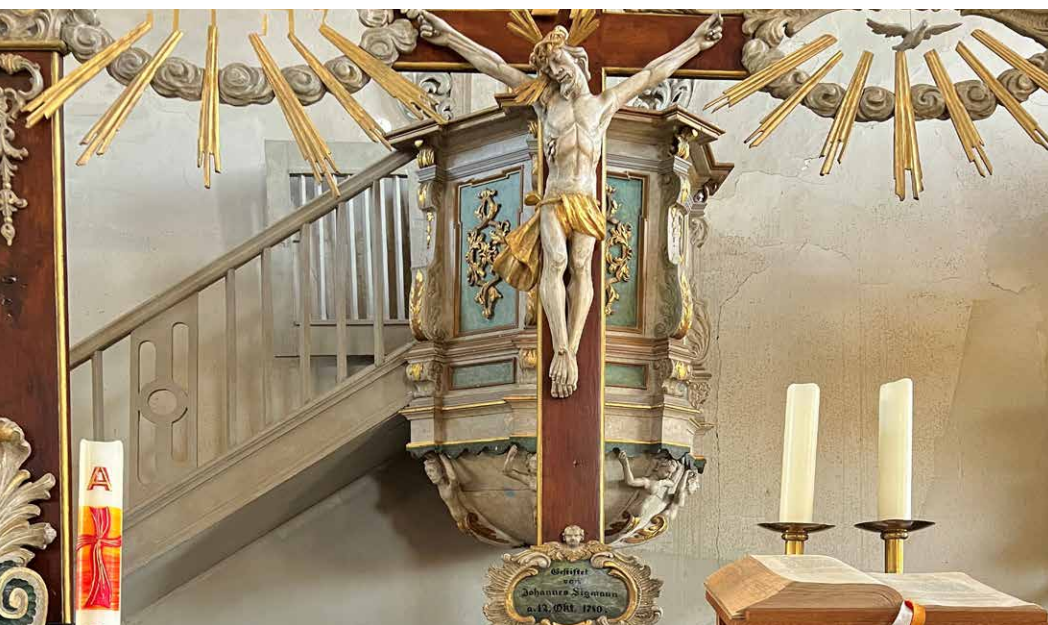
“I was not only completely satisfied by the experience, I was overwhelmed by it.”

Heritage on the River guests also had the opportunity to add an optional Ancestral Home Visit to the journey if their family’s roots were traced within a designated range of the river cruise itinerary. Part-time travel advisor Mike S. was fortunate enough to walk the path of his ancestors in the village of Hüffenhardt, Germany, where he was warmly welcomed into the church they once attended.

Mike was brought to tears numerous times during his visit, reflecting on the importance of family, the values and faith his family passed down through the generations, and the sight of a church altar hand-built by one of his relatives during the 16th century. There, a plaque marked his ancestor’s name, bearing a

variation on his own surname. It was a moment Mike will never forget. “There are three things in my life that I will always remember,” Mike recalled, his heart on his sleeve. “The first was my wedding 52 years ago...the second was the day I graduated with my two masters’ degrees...the third one was this trip, to be there where my family grew up and came from. It exceeded all my expectations.”

Mike went on to share that he had, in fact, researched visiting his ancestral hometown independently prior to this cruise, but that many of his phone calls to tour guides went unanswered, and the complications of how to arrange private transportation, a guide who spoke English and more were far too great



Above left: Cornerstone from second church built on site in Hüffenhardt; **Above right:** Mike having fun on AmaStella; **Above:** Altar with inscription of Mike's ancestor's name, Johannes

for him to handle alone. "It was well worth the price for me to let AmaWaterways and Ancestry take care of the details," he admitted. "They were very professional and organized, much more so than I could have been, and I was not worried that something wouldn't be taken care of correctly."

Mike was also amazed that Ancestry was able to trace his

family back another 150 years to 1523, as well as all the personal documents and photos provided to him, including a relative's handwritten baptismal records and a multi-page booklet received directly from a representative at the church. "I was not only completely satisfied by the experience," he confessed. "I was overwhelmed by it."

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Embark on Your Own Journey with Ancestry®

June 17, 2023

Legendary Danube (Nuremberg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary)

Featuring special guest Crista Cowan, the "Barefoot Genealogist"!

Explore the heart of Germany, Austria and Hungary, sail through the iconic Main-Danube Canal where modern-day river cruising began and learn about the historic migration experience in Vienna and Budapest alongside your genealogist.

November 2, 2023

Captivating Rhine (Amsterdam, Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland)

Visit four countries, see more than 40 castles in Germany's UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge and enjoy an exclusive excursion to the Antwerp Train Station and Red Star Line Museum with your genealogist —just for Ancestry® guests.

Contact your preferred travel advisor to reserve your family history journey today!



Our Favorite Land Packages for 2023



Prague, Czech Republic

Longer vacations are trending—and if you have one of our river cruises on your 2023 travel wish list, the easiest way to extend your vacation is by adding our optional land packages before or after your sailing. Here are some of our favorites.

The “City of Spires”

3 nights Prague, Czech Republic

Prague is considered the “City of a Hundred Spires” and its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During your pre- or post-cruise experience in this Czech capital, you will discover Prague’s medieval astronomical clock and castle, plus sample some of the world’s best beer during a special tasting.

Add to most Danube River itineraries

A Dracula Immersive

4 nights (2 nights Braşov and 2 nights Bucharest, Romania)

Take a walking tour of Braşov, then, venture to Sighisoara, birthplace of Transylvania’s most notorious ruler, Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for Dracula. In Bucharest, explore the “Little Paris of the East,” with its Palace of the Parliament, one of the largest administrative buildings in the world.

Add to these itineraries: 7-night Gems of Southeast Europe and 14-night Grand Danube



Bran Castle, Transylvania



San Sebastián, Spain



Nice, France



Lisbon, Portugal

Fine Art and Fine Food in Basque Country

2 nights Bilbao and 2 nights San Sebastián, Spain

Travel to Guernica, subject of one of Picasso’s most renowned paintings, and visit the open-air market, as well as Bilbao, where you will delight in the world-famous Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Gehry. Once in San Sebastián, take an evening stroll through Old Town and discover the charms of the “City by the Bay of Biscay,” which boasts the world’s second highest number of Michelin stars.

Add to this 7-night itinerary: *Taste of Bordeaux*

The French Riviera

3 nights Nice (plus Monaco)

Step into the paintings of Paul Cezanne in his birthplace, Aix-en-Provence, before touring Nice, the scenic capital of the French Riviera nestled on the banks of the Mediterranean. You will also see the hilltop town of Eze and medieval Monaco-Ville before taking in the luxury of Monte Carlo, famous for its opulent casino and annual Grand Prix Formula 1 race.

Add to this 7-night itinerary: *Essence of Burgundy & Provence*

Lovely Lisbon

3 nights Lisbon, Portugal

Discover three incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Belém Tower; Jerónimos Monastery, the burial place of Portuguese kings and heroes; and Tomar Castle, a brilliant work of 12th to 16th-century architecture. Plus, taste Pastéis de Belém, explore the mountain village of Serra de Sintra and tour fairytale Pena Palace.

Add to these 7-night itineraries: *Flavors of Portugal & Spain* and *Enticing Douro*

What’s Included on Our Land Packages

World-class 4- and 5-star hotels

Daily breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tours, museum visits, tastings and more

Convenient transfers to and from the ship

The services of a professionally trained Cruise Manager throughout your river cruise and land journey



Contact your preferred travel advisor to add a land package to your upcoming river cruise today!





“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.”

- Helen Keller

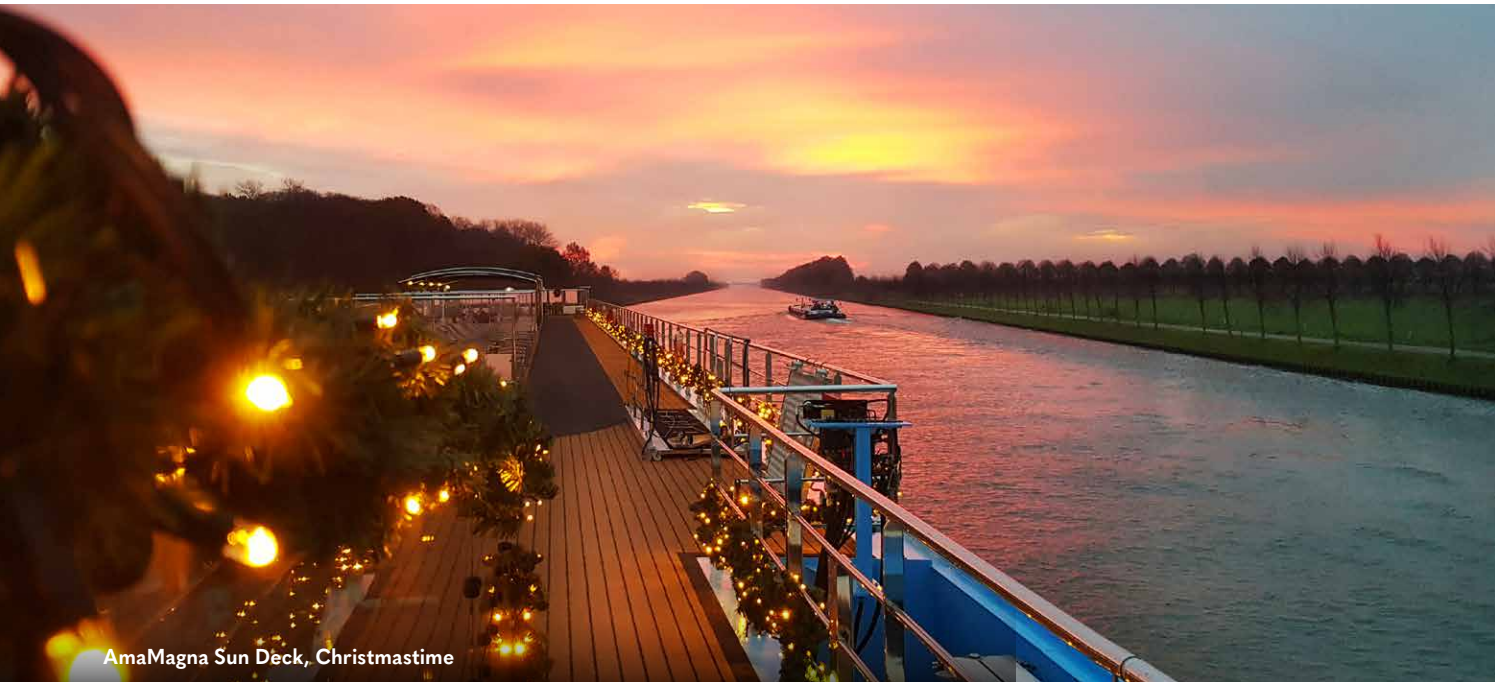
As the holidays grow nearer, we invite you to find inspiration in our beautiful Christmas Markets photos. Expand your mind with global holiday customs and European traditions you can experience on board and on shore. Roll up your sleeves to slice, dice and sauté some of our favorite festive recipes. And focus on the greatest gift of all: the ones you love—because what matters most is not which journey you choose, but the ones who are by your side as the next chapter of your story unfolds.



Christmas Market, Nuremberg, Germany

Why Reserve an AmaWaterways Christmas Markets River Cruise?

Holiday cheer fills the air as you wander through the Christmas Markets of European cities, transformed by the magic of the season. Illuminated by the soft glow of candles and decorative lights, vendors' stalls showcase intricate ornaments and handcrafted holiday souvenirs. Enticing smells of treats such as mouthwatering pan-fried *reibekuchen* and sweet sugar-glazed *bredels* waft over you as the mug of *glühwein* you are holding warms your hands. And the best way to experience it all is on our Christmas Markets river cruises.



AmaMagna Sun Deck, Christmastime



Hungary's famed "chimney cakes"



AmaWaterways' crew caroling on board

Top Christmas Markets in Europe

Each Christmas Market brings its own unique charm. While sailing the Danube River through Budapest, delight in the market at St. Stephen's Basilica, where handcrafted souvenirs showcase the skill and love of the local craftsmen. While sailing along the Rhine, visit Strasbourg, the self-proclaimed "Capital of Christmas," where you will be swept up in the lights and music of this famous Marchés de Noël. In Cologne, take to the city to explore the seven

different Christmas Markets throughout this incredible destination. In addition to Salzburg's Christkindlmarkt, Vienna's Rathaus Market and Basel's Weihnachtsmarkt, all of which can be experienced on our Christmas Markets cruises, *Condé Nast Traveler* named each of the above among the "Best in Europe" back in 2020 – and we couldn't agree with them more. But your incredible holiday river cruise experience does not stop with the markets on shore.

Our Signature Onboard Experience

After your excursions, return to your beautiful river cruise ship for the evening, where you will be greeted with bright smiles and perhaps a mug of hot cocoa or glühwein. Pass through your lavishly decorated ship, from the boughs of holly accenting the seasonal cheer to the magnificently decorated Christmas tree standing in the lobby. Later, indulge in a holiday feast with all the trimmings as well as mouthwatering delicacies well-loved in the region.



Strasbourg, France

With your appetite satisfied and your heart light with newly created memories, enjoy some time with your fellow cruisers regaling the day's events or taking to the dance floor before returning to your spacious stateroom for a restful night's sleep. When you awake, another wonderful day of food, festivities, and magical Christmas Markets awaits!

Seasonal Traditions On Board

Only with AmaWaterways will you help decorate the trees on board or find the shoes you left outside your door for St. Nick filled with treats the next day.

Whether it's the crew caroling on board your ship—guaranteed to be the most elegantly decorated on the rivers—or the classic plate of delightful Christmas cookies on your table, the atmosphere of nostalgia on board an AmaWaterways Christmas Markets river cruise is truly unmatched.

Join Us for a Countdown Spectacular

Did you know that we offer unforgettable New Year's river cruises as well? Imagine going off on an excursion December 31st and exploring the lingering holiday decorations of



Elegant onboard decorations

cathedrals and town squares. When you return to your ship, the Main Lounge has been dressed to the nines in black and silver, signs of 2024 everywhere you look. Don your best evening wear for the night's elegant gala complete with delicious cuisine and joyous dancing among newfound friends. Join us next year as we welcome 2024 with this memorable countdown event, champagne and Sun Deck festivities—we often spot the local cities' firework shows!



Glühwein (hot mulled wine)



New Year's celebration, Lucerne, Switzerland



Invite your loved ones to join you for one of our incredible Christmas Markets or New Year's cruises in 2023!



Christmas and Castles and Bears, Oh My

“Czech” Out
Český Krumlov
During the Festive
Holiday Season



Scan QR code
for more
Danube highlights

Imagine shaking a snow globe and watching the swirling snowflakes slowly drift down, gracing past a charming church steeple and dusting the red roofs of a small medieval town. Now imagine yourself inside, making fresh footprints along narrow cobblestone paths. This is winter in Český Krumlov—a quaint mountain village in the Czech Republic undisturbed by crowds, and one of our guests’ most beloved excursions on our Danube River itineraries year-round.

But along the Danube River Český Krumlov is not. It was built on the

banks of the river Vltava in the 13th century, beginning with its castle in 1240. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is the second largest castle in Bohemia with a complex of 40 buildings and palaces, encompassing the Old Town and showcasing some of the best-preserved medieval, Renaissance and Baroque architecture.

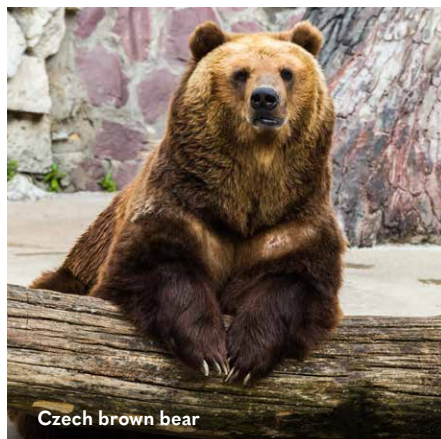
If you feel you’ve “seen one European castle, seen them all,” think again. Unusual to Český’s fortress are the “residents” of its protective moat. Furry, clawed and standing as tall as five feet at their shoulders, brown bears—yes, real



Český Krumlov, Czech Republic



Christmas Markets handicrafts



Czech brown bear



Czech beef goulash

bears—have lived in the surrounds of the castle since the early 18th century. Though the current bears “bear” none of the same lineage as the original four-legged inhabitants, they are nonetheless revered by the town. In fact, the imposing mammals are celebrated with a festival every Christmas Eve, during which local children bring them gifts of food – closely monitored, of course, by animal experts to ensure the bears are not endangered.

While you may not spot the bears while touring the castle courtyard, you certainly will not miss the cloud-

piercing tower of St. Vitus Church. An icon of the town included on your walking tour, the hilltop church in its current form was built in the early 15th century yet features construction, paintings and relics from nearly every century since.

Of course, it is practically sacrilege to visit Český Krumlov in winter without popping into its tiny Christmas Market at Svornosti Square and you will have free time during your excursion to do just that. Open from the end of November through the first week of January, it consists of a handful of

enchancing wooden stalls adorned with garland. There you will find traditional Czech delights such as goulash, steamed dumplings, cinnamon-sprinkled *trdelník* (chimney cakes) and spicy *svařák* (hot mulled wine), with reasonably priced holiday trinkets to spare.

So, come join us on the Danube River in winter and choose Český Krumlov as your excursion from Linz. Not only will you add a fourth or fifth country to your itinerary, you’ll also revel in your chance to wander through this intimate Christmas village – snow not guaranteed.



Shining a Light on Global Holiday Traditions

Dohány Street Synagogue, Budapest, Hungary

Each corner of the world has their own unique traditions that they bring to our table from late November through January. Here are just a few that you may encounter on our special AmaWaterways Christmas Markets and winter sailings!

A Very Hungary Hanukkah

Hanukkah, the Jewish “Festival of Lights,” brings communities together – but Budapest takes it to another level. Every two years, many Hungarians such as our wonderful Cruise Manager, Reka, come together for the Quarter6Quarter7 Festival, named after the districts in the city’s historic Jewish quarter. Concerts, shows, and traditional food such as latkes are enjoyed during the 8-night celebration.

Explore this festival during your free time in Budapest on our Gems of Southeast Europe (Christmas) sailing from December 4-11, 2023 or our Iconic Christmas Markets sailing from December 11-18, 2023.

French Crèches in Provence

Visitors to Provence, France, will notice many nativity scenes known as crèches, a Christmas staple throughout the region. Every year, locals and lovers of the season, like our lovely Cruise Manager, Helene, flock to the Christmas Markets to purchase new santons, the figures that set these holiday scenes. These santons also make wonderful souvenirs to bring home for the holidays.

Witness the crèches for yourself on our Colors of Provence (Christmas) journeys.

Serbian Christmas Surprises

During a traditional Serbian Christmas, celebrated on the



Church of Saint Sava, Belgrade, Serbia



Portuguese Bolo Rei (King Cake)



Holiday santons

7th of January, locals such as our extraordinary Cruise Manager Vanessa often enjoy a special kind of bread called *česnica*. It is molded into a round shape with a coin baked inside. Each member of the family (including the house itself) is served a piece, and whoever finds the coin in their piece will be particularly lucky in the coming year. **Enjoy Serbian holiday treats in the Belgrade Winter Markets on our Gems of Southeast Europe (Christmas) itinerary.**

Czech Christmas Traditions

Christmas dinner, held on December 24, is a serious affair in the Czech Republic. Traditionally, Czech families like our Cruise Manager Veronika's serve a nine-course masterpiece consisting of dishes such as carp, fruit, and bread with honey. Those in attendance must clean their plates, and everyone rises from the table at the same time so that no tragedies will befall the first to stand.

Experience your own Czech Christmas Eve by adding a post-cruise Prague land package to our Iconic Christmas Markets sailing on December 16-23, 2023.

A Portuguese Pastry

In Portugal, Christmas Eve is typically marked with a dinner that includes boiled cod or octopus, while Christmas dessert the following day often features the *Bolo Rei* (King Cake). Beautifully displayed like a bejeweled golden crown, the cake symbolizes the gifts given by the Magi to the Baby Jesus. But the best part is the dry bean baked inside – whomever finds it is said to be blessed with good luck in the "Ana Novo," or the New Year.

Join us for Christmas during our extended season in Portugal on our Enticing Douro cruises in 2023 and 2024!

A Phenomenal Feast



Classic Glazed Ham

Ingredients

- 1 bone-out smoked ham approximately 8-10 lbs.
- 24 whole cloves (for studding ham)

Stock for poaching

- Approximately 2 gallons water (enough to soak ham)
- 1 medium onion, peeled
- 4 bay leaves, 5 whole cloves and 6 thyme twigs

Glaze for coating

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 ⅔ cups mirepoix, colored*
- ¾ cup plus 1 ½ tablespoons white wine cooking
- ½ cup Madeira plus 1 ½ tablespoons (fortified wine)
- 3 cups brown veal stock (beef stock will work as well)

Glaze for icing

- ⅓ tablespoon mustard with horseradish
- ¾ tablespoon raw sugar, brown
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons brown veal stock
- ¼ teaspoon cloves powder
- 2 teaspoons Madeira (fortified wine)
- ½ teaspoon chopped marjoram, fresh
- 1 ½ tablespoons raw brown sugar

1. Soak ham overnight in water to reduce sodium.
2. Preheat oven to 335°F. Cut incisions into the onions and stick thyme twigs into it; afterwards stuff the onions with bay leaves and cloves. Boil water, add the stuffed onions and poach the ham until temperature reaches 185°F (approximately three-fourths done). Afterwards, carefully remove the rind from the ham, then cut incisions in a crisscross manner into the fat layer. It should look grid-like with spaces of 1 cm in between. Prick in the cloves evenly at the cut surface. Wash the marjoram, pick the leaves, pat dry and chop finely. Then mix all ingredients together for the glaze.
3. Glaze mirepoix in butter in a braising pan. Deglaze with white wine and Madeira. Face the ham with the fat layer up onto the mirepoix and fill up with brown veal stock. Bring to a boil and braise the ham covered at a temperature of 335°F for 30 minutes. Afterwards, remove the lid and finish glazing the ham while occasionally pouring the stock and brushing in the glaze (without raw sugar). Shortly, increase the top heat of the oven to 390°F. Sprinkle raw sugar onto ham and let caramelize until golden yellow.
4. Take out ham and keep at warm temperature. Sieve the braising liquid through a fine mesh sieve into a deep sauté pan. Reduce to the desired consistency, if needed, thicken up with some cold mixed up starch flour and seasoning. Cut ham into even slices and arrange onto a platter. Serve sauce separately in a sauce boat.

Makes 8-10 servings

*Mirepoix is a mix of finely diced vegetables, typically onion, carrots and celery.

Searching for a new recipe for Christmas or New Year's Dinner? Look no further than our chefs' own classic glazed ham and potato dumplings, from our kitchen to your table!



Kartoffelkloesse (Potato Dumplings)

Potatoes are a staple in many European dishes and are featured in several Jewish holiday recipes, including latkes at Hanukkah. For a fresh potato recipe straight out of Germany, try our hearty potato dumplings.

Ingredients

- ¾ lbs. medium to small-sized potatoes with the skin on
- 1.5 lbs. petite potatoes, peeled

Alternatively to the above two ingredients, you may use 2 lbs Russet potatoes with approximately 1.5 lbs peeled and .5 lbs left unpeeled

- 4 egg yolks (pasteurized)
- ¼ lb. white rindless bread rolls
- ½ C whole fat milk
- 2 ¾ tsp
- ½ tsp fresh marjoram
- ½ tsp flat fresh Italian parsley
- White ground pepper to taste
- Grated nutmeg to taste
- 5 TBS unsalted butter

1. Steam the skin-on potatoes in a pressure steamer or boil in salt water until soft. Then, peel and puree the potatoes.
2. Finely grate the pre-peeled potatoes with a Bircher grater into a bowl with water
3. Strain the grated potatoes by putting them into a muslin cloth (etamine) and squeeze out as much liquid as possible.
4. Cut bread rolls into small ½ centimeter cubes. Toast the cubes with a little bit of butter until golden yellow and then add to a bowl with the warmed milk
5. Wash fresh marjoram and parsley, pick the leaves, dry and chop finely
6. Mix the dried, grated potatoes together with the pureed potato mixture and egg yolks
7. Add the milk-soaked bread cubes and chopped herbs, season with pepper and nutmeg to taste
8. Shape heavy dumplings out of the mixture (1.5 to 2.5 oz), then poach in salt water
9. As soon as the dumplings swim to the surface, carefully take them out and let them drain off onto paper towel
10. Arrange dumplings in a gratin platter or quickly toss in foamy butter, or serve with sauteed bacon cubes, onion strips and herbs.

Recipe Note: It is important to choose the right potatoes (cooking type C for European standards or Russet potatoes) which have a high starch content.



Scan for more
holiday recipes



Top Food and Wine Experiences in Europe, Asia and Africa

As we sail along storied waterways and immerse ourselves in the local cultures throughout Europe, Asia and Africa, we connect both to the land and the people who live in each destination we visit. A central part of this connection? Ensuring we offer culinary experiences that honor and celebrate the countries we sail through.



Kölsch beer tasting, Cologne, Germany



Vietnamese floating market



German sausage and cheese platter



Taste local wines on included excursions

When our founders, Rudi Schreiner, Kristin Karst and the late Jimmy Murphy, created AmaWaterways, they all shared a vision that included exceptional food and wine experiences – both on board and ashore – reflective of the culture and flavors of each region we sail through. Here are some of our favorites.

What’s Brewing in Bamberg?

Prior to the 19th century, beer around the world had a distinctly smoky taste. While sailing the Rhine River on our

Europe’s Rivers & Castles, Medieval Treasures and *Treasures of the Main & Rhine* itineraries, you will visit Bamberg, Germany, where a handful of breweries have preserved this tradition. If you choose our included Special Interest Tour in Bamberg, you will delight in this aromatic specialty, paired with a side of mouthwatering German sausage. As they say in Bamberg, “the second *seidla* (half-liter) tastes better than the first, and the third already tastes better than the second!”

Local Favorites in Lamego

Beautiful views, historic sites and delectable wine and food await you as you sail along the Douro River through Portugal. The *Bôlas de Lamego* are a must-try. These sandwiches are a favorite among the locals and are typically filled with marinated pork, ham or cheese. Complement this specialty with *Espumante*, a Portuguese sparkling wine, while visiting Lamego on our excursion, included on both of our Douro River itineraries.



The Chef's Table, AmaDara

Mekong Delights

While traveling with us on our *Charms of the Mekong* and *Riches of the Mekong* itineraries, delight in a wonderful blend of fragrant herbs and spices, freshly caught fish, vegetables and fruits bursting with flavor, noodles and rice. Enjoy hearty Pho, the ultimate Vietnamese comfort food, and Goi Cuon (summer rolls) on board the distinctive *AmaDara*.

Discover exotic fruits, vegetables and regional delicacies at Sa Dec market. Look out for mangosteen and pomelo —and if you can handle the infamous smell, taste durian for a truly unique flavor experience.

The Ultimate Dining Experience

At The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, the kitchen becomes a part of your mealtime experience. On our ships throughout Europe and Asia, enjoy this special dinner with

AmaWaterways' compliments and watch the chef prepare a unique multi-course meal alongside an intimate group of fellow travelers. Plus, enjoy free-pouring fine wines, specially chosen for this evening of gastronomic excellence.

Hands-On Demonstrations

We love to share our passion for food with guests who are interested in rolling up their sleeves—and perhaps rolling out some dough as well! Join us at



Waterford Estate Wine Tasting Tour, South Africa



Truffle Hunting, Provence



Vietnamese Pho Bo



Apple Strudel

a banitsa pastry making lesson in Bulgaria, or indulge your sweet tooth at a chocolate making workshop in Ghent, Belgium. We even have demonstrations led on board by our own chefs, such as a Viennese apple strudel making presentation on select Danube River sailings.

Uncork More than the “Big Five”

Did you know that South Africa is home to one of the world’s great wine capitals? Treat your tastebuds in the winelands of Cape Town while on one of our *Africa Safaris & Wildlife River Cruises*.

While touring some of Cape Town’s most famous wine estates, learn about the local Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinotage and Shiraz. Indulge in two wine tastings as well as a gourmet lunch on itineraries such as *Discover Africa, Rivers & Rails of Africa* and *Stars of South Africa*.

Fine French Fungi

One of our most popular Special Interest Tours takes you to a

Provençal farm where you will encounter “the diamonds of the kitchen,” otherwise known as truffles. During your included excursion, available on our *Colors of Provence and Essence of Burgundy & Provence* itineraries, you will observe a specially trained truffle hunting canine in action—and will also enjoy a tasting, much to your taste buds’ delight!

AmaWaterways offers many included Special Interest Tours and experiences on our itineraries that are wonderful for foodies, including our Celebration of Wine River Cruises.



Did you know while you are on board you can request any recipe you’ve enjoyed from the Reception Desk? Try it!



Nubian villager, Egypt

Embracing the Diversity of our Global Family

AmaWaterways is proud of the loyal guests, valued travel advisors, and wonderful employees that come together to form our precious AmaFamily. Across many countries and continents, we have bonded over our love of enriching travel, breathtaking rivers, and enchanting memories forged together.

We Love Your Language

On our “Latin Touch” journeys, guests can read our newsletter in Spanish, enjoy one excursion per day in Spanish, indulge in two Latin

nights and order exquisite, Latin-inspired cuisine from menus written in Spanish.

Cruise Manager Debbie, who sailed our *Latin Touch* journey in March 2022, shared, “The atmosphere was just pure happiness. I tremendously enjoyed the chance to speak my mother tongue with our guests. They all just loved the cruise and the experience en español!”

Embark on our next Latin Touch Colors of Provence sailing on October 26, 2023!

We Celebrate Your Heritage

Our first-ever *Soulful Epicurean Experience* highlighting Black heritage embarks August 24, 2023 along the Rhône and Saône rivers, with a special 3-night pre-cruise land package in Paris. Paris especially brims with the fascinating history of influential Black artists, musicians and writers such as Josephine Baker, Ada “Bricktop” Smith, and Sidney Bechet.

Join us on our Colors of Provence Soulful Epicurean Experience on August 24, 2023.



AmaWaterways' Wade Korzan and Leo Starico, Keukenhof Gardens, Netherlands



A Soulful Epicurean Experience features included jazz performances

"I am extremely grateful to have been a key participant in AmaWaterways' journey and commitment of becoming an increasingly diverse and inclusive brand," said Jazzmine Douse, Director of National Accounts. "Our most recent industry recognition of being awarded a prestigious Magellan Gold Award from Travel Weekly for our diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives confirms that we are on the right track. I look forward to seeing our brand continue to develop, both inwardly and outwardly, as we lead the way in this worthy and most important cause."

We Honor Your Traditions

For our Canadian guests, we mark Canada Day and Canadian Thanksgiving with maple leaf decor and festive dishes in the Main Restaurant. We also honor the Jewish High Holidays and Passover with traditional foods. Guests can also work with their travel advisor to plan custom Jewish Heritage excursions in Europe when cruising with groups of 20 or more.

We Embrace Your Identity

Regardless of who you are and who you love, we ensure that all our guests feel safe and welcome as part of our AmaFamily. One of our long-time guests, Brent H., expressed this sentiment after his recent *Secrets of the Nile & Egypt* journey with his husband – the fourth AmaWaterways cruise on which the couple has embarked. "Someone asked me, 'Did you feel safe in Egypt?'... And we totally did—I don't think we felt anything other than welcome and safe every step of the way—for all of our AmaWaterways river cruises."

Interested in reserving a river cruise with your LGBTQ+ group? Reach out to your preferred travel advisor.

We continue to look at new ways to extend our reach to encompass the many cultures, languages, and identities that reflect our beautifully diverse global family.

We are always listening. Is there an experience you would like to see on board? Share with your travel advisor and email us at myamastory@amawaterways.com.



Kristin and Rudi with Cruise Managers

“We have a very diverse team from all over the world. It’s all about finding people that connect with each other who can, in turn, connect with our guests.” - Wade Korzan, European Operations

Meet our Newest Cruise Managers

When you step aboard AmaWaterways, each day brings a genuine smile that warms the heart—and those smiles are brought to you from none other than our extraordinary Cruise Managers from around the world. We know how important these incredibly hard-working individuals are to your overall river cruise experience. Providing peace of mind, insider destination knowledge

and those extra special touches that let you know just how cared for you are throughout your journey, they are all a vital part of our AmaWaterways family.

With this in mind, we would like to introduce you to some of our newest Cruise Managers who joined us in 2020 and 2022, whom you will have the pleasure of meeting on board.

Crystal A.

Our South African Cruise Manager Crystal still holds a sprint record in Johannesburg she set when she was just 16! Crystal meditates every morning and enjoys eating our delicious, healthy cuisine on board – though she makes sure our guests indulge in Riquewahr’s delicious coconut macarons or Heidelberg’s “Student’s Kiss” chocolates!

Jonathan B.

Prior to his career as a Cruise Manager, Jonathan had a long history of working

in television as a producer, broadcaster and presenter! His bubbly on-camera personality and high energy translate well to his work on board—and have captured the charm of many of our guests.

Kristina S.

Kristina is originally from Serbia and is currently living in Belgrade – though she admits she may be anything but Serbian! A citizen of the world, Kristina has worked in Greece and Spain and has lived in Norway as well as New Jersey. In addition to Serbian, Kristina

also speaks Norwegian, Spanish, and French to varying degrees—and English, of course!

Fintan K.

Fintan is a writer and wine expert based in Barcelona, Spain, where he specializes in the wines of Spain, France, Italy and Germany. When he is not exploring the wine regions of Europe with AmaWaterways, you will find him writing for international wine publications and serving as a judge at wine competitions.

Complete list of new Cruise Managers

Cruise Manager	Country
Andrijana N.	Serbia
Nicoleta S.	Romania
Crystal A.	South Africa
Dajana J.	Croatia
Fintan K.	UK
Jasmina S.	Serbia
Matija M.	Croatia
Nikola R.	Croatia
Alex S.	Romania
André G.	Portugal
André C.	Portugal
Bogdan D.	Romania
Caroline S.	France
Catarina F.	Portugal
David R.	Hungary
Ferran V.	Spain
Ionela C.	Romania
Isabel (Bel) J.	Portugal
Jonathan B.	UK
László B.	Hungary
Marcelo R.	Portugal
Milan M.	Croatia
Nemanja (Nema) V.	Serbian
Ricardo R.	Portugal
Stefan S.	Romania
Teodora C.	Croatia
Kristina S.	Serbia



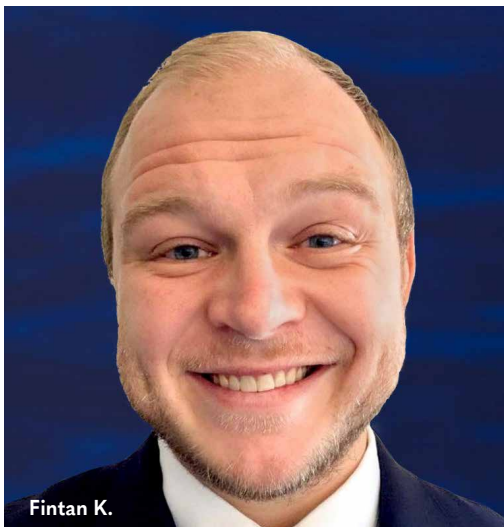
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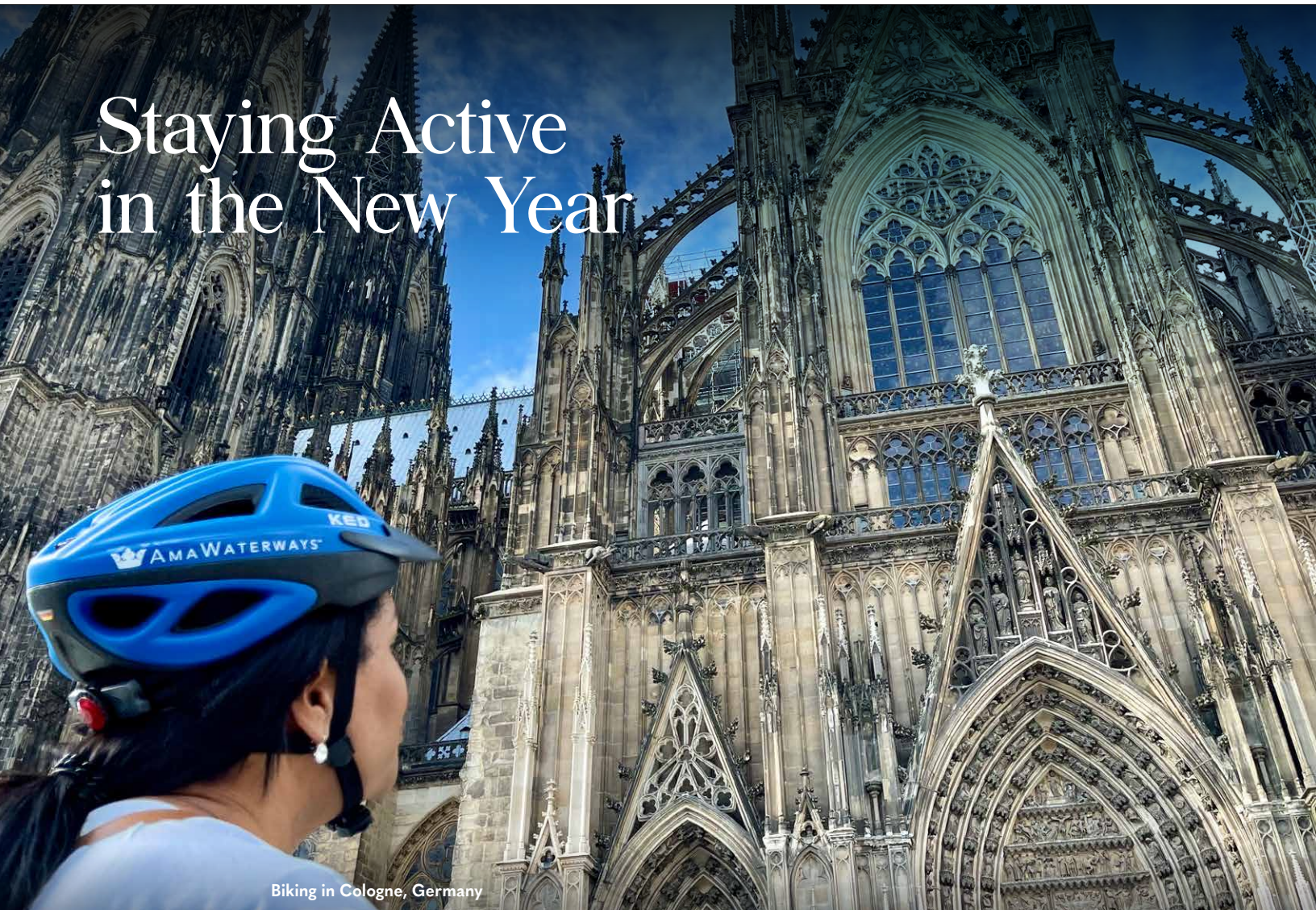


Fintan K.



Scan for more Cruise Managers

Staying Active in the New Year



Biking in Cologne, Germany

With the New Year—and perhaps New Year’s resolutions—just around the riverbend, now is the time to focus on your overall health and wellness. From a variety of guided biking and hiking tours in scenic destinations to special classes and activities led by an exceptional Wellness Host as a part of our complimentary Wellness Program, there are wonderful ways to achieve greater wellness while enjoying your AmaWaterways journey.*

*Note: AmaWaterways’ Wellness Program is available on our Europe and Mekong sailings.



Outdoor spin bikes, AmaMagna

Best Ship for Wellness Enthusiasts: AmaMagna

The most innovative and luxurious ship on the Danube River, our award-winning *AmaMagna* leads the way in wellness along the rivers with its amazing Zen Wellness Studio. An expansive space with a fitness center, two massage rooms and a refreshing juice bar, this studio has everything you need to reinvigorate your mind, body and spirit, and offers an extensive list of activities to help you meet your wellness goals.

Spin al fresco on the only Danube River ship with outdoor spin bikes! Take in gorgeous views of the river as you sail through breathtaking destinations such as the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley, Budapest, Vienna and more. Sip freshly-squeezed fruit juices or a variety of waters infused with citrus—or even gemstones!—at the juice bar. Join fellow guests in a variety of activities like a stretching



Juice bar, *AmaMagna*



Pool, *AmaMagna*



Hiking in Cochem, Germany

class or even a champagne yoga session held on the Sun Deck when the weather welcomes it, or you can utilize the studio's state-of-the-art equipment for a workout of your own design. Soothe any aches or sore muscles with the help of our expertly skilled masseurs. Plus, enjoy the expansive Sun Deck, home to a wonderful walking track and both a pool and a whirlpool for aquatic activities.

There are many pathways to being the best version of yourself, and *AmaMagna's* Zen Wellness Studio provides a variety of choices so you can customize your experience based on your health goals while enjoying an exceptional view of delightful destinations along the Danube River.



Exercising on the Sun Deck

Frequently Asked Questions about our Wellness Program

I haven't ridden a bicycle in years – will I be able to safely go on a bike tour?

Guests with various levels of athleticism can enjoy our guided bike tours or pedal through port destinations on their own time with our fleet of bicycles stored on board. The Wellness Hosts will assess you to assure you will be steady and give you time to get reacquainted on the bike. There is also usually someone at both the front and back of the tour group to ensure that no one gets left behind. If there are any concerns about your safety, your Wellness Host will speak to you one-on-one.

Are bike tours available in winter?

Yes! We offer our guided bike tours all year round when the weather permits, so you can enjoy these special tours throughout Europe. Just ensure you have warm clothing, gloves and layers if you are preparing to ride in November or December!

Will I get charged for participating in wellness classes?

All of our classes are included as part of your river cruise experience, so you will not be charged for your attendance.



Hiking in Rudesheim, Germany



Wellness Host, Budapest, Hungary

Do I have to show up for wellness classes every day?

Wellness goals and interest in activities are different for everyone, so on our ships, you can enjoy classes at your own leisure – no sign-up required!

Will classes be too difficult if I'm not in "good shape"?

Not at all! Our wellness classes cover a variety of activities and activity levels, and we accommodate everyone who wishes to join them. Wellness Hosts also take into account if a guest has any injuries, sensitivities or limitations to ability, and can modify certain exercises. From expert athletes to those just beginning their active adventures, there is a place in our classes for everyone.



Biking through Kinderdijk, Netherlands

Did you know? A limited number of Nordic walking sticks are also available on board. Excellent additions to a hiking tour, they offer extra balance and comfort during your experience.

Find your ideal river cruise destination and join us to activate your New Year's fitness resolution today!



Scan here to learn more about our Wellness Hosts!

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A variety of famous rivers flow through Europe, breathing life into the incredible countries throughout this beautiful continent. With all these amazing options, how can you choose which river to sail next? AmaWaterways has a solution to this dilemma: just sail them all, or at least seven of them.

Based on the popularity of our inaugural Seven River Journey season, we are delighted to offer two more unforgettable Seven River Journeys in 2024 with our longest ever continuous sailings! Explore the heart of 15 fascinating European countries in full bloom in spring or in the summer sunshine on an enthralling 49-night river cruise as you sail along the Scheldt, Maas, Waal,



Kinderdijk, Netherlands



Dalmatian pelicans, Danube Delta



AmaMora cruising the Rhine, Germany



Iron Gates, Serbia

Rhine, Moselle, Main and Danube rivers, as well as through the history-making Main-Danube Canal that brought modern-day river cruising to life. This cross-continental itinerary also adds a 7-day exploration of the Danube Delta and its wonderful cities that stretch out to the beautiful Black Sea, so guests will sail the full length of the navigable Danube River with us for the first time ever.

In 2024, experience this extraordinary voyage without transferring between ships – the entire river cruise taking place on board the luxurious AmaMora. This award-winning ship will be your home away from home for all 49 nights, allowing you to unpack once and enjoy the incredible scenery. In the spring, see tulips in

the Netherlands and blossoming cherry trees in Austria or Germany, and in the summer, sail past thriving vineyards on the Moselle River and vibrant apricot trees in Austria’s Wachau Valley – sometimes, right outside your spacious stateroom. Sailing on board one ship also means that one Cruise Manager and one fantastic crew will accompany you for the entire length of your voyage, getting to know your needs and creating lasting connections with you and your fellow guests.

Limited space is still available – we hope you will consider reserving your stateroom on board the magnificent AmaMora for one of these transformative river cruises departing April 22 or June 10, 2024!

Bookend this once-in-a-lifetime experience with incredible pre- and post-cruise land packages. Explore the famous “City of Lights” during a 3-night stay in Paris, France. Visit the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for the legendary Count Dracula, during your 4-night stay in Transylvania, Romania, or add another country (and continent) to your itinerary with a 3-night stay in Istanbul, Turkey, with highlights such as the Grand Palace of Topkapi and the iconic Grand Bazaar.



Learn more about Seven River Journeys

With Gratitude: Our 2023 Loyalty Appreciation Cruises

Have you had the pleasure of joining us for one of our special Loyalty Cruise departures? If you've experienced the warm welcome and personalized service of our extraordinary crew before, you're in for even more surprises, delights and exceptional care on these exclusive itineraries and dates.

Essence of Burgundy & Provence

AmaCello, April 27, 2023

Arles to Chalon-sur-Saône, France

There is nothing like Provence in the spring when the lovely châteaux are surrounded by blooming flowers, and market stalls brim with seasonal produce such as artichokes and asparagus. The weather is perfect for you to participate in any of this itinerary's impressive nine bike tours through such cities as Valence and the culinary capital of Lyon.

Melodies of the Danube

AmaBella, August 14, 2023

Budapest, Hungary to Vilshofen, Germany

Experience the Danube River's grand capitals and charming villages for the first time or come back and enjoy it in a new season. Embark upon the graceful *AmaBella*, newly reimagined in 2021 and featuring our new Café Bistro. Plus, enjoy our exclusive Oktoberfest celebration and visit to Greinburg Castle with a private reception—both just for AmaWaterways guests.



Rhine Castles & Swiss Alps

AmaSerena, July 3, 2023

Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands

Celebrate the 4th of July on board our beautiful *AmaSerena* and revel in the summer sunshine along the Rhine River. Cool off with a Kölsch beer in Cologne, marvel at more than 40 fairytale castles while gliding through Germany's Rhine Gorge and pedal through three countries—Switzerland, France and Germany—in one epic excursion!

Riches of the Mekong

AmaDara, October 23, 2023

Siem Reap, Cambodia to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Admire the artistry of Vietnamese water puppets, a tradition dating back to the 11th century. Immerse yourself in culture while visiting a colorful Buddhist monastery. Wrap yourself in handcrafted silks in Tan Chau and Angkor Ban. Witness the hustle and bustle around floating markets flush with seasonal produce. And open your heart to the tranquil spirit of Vietnam and Cambodia.

For the most up-to-date information on our Loyalty Cruise departures, visit [AmaWaterways.com/loyaltyevent](https://www.amawaterways.com/loyaltyevent).

Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle

AmaPrima, October 24, 2023

Amsterdam, Netherlands to Wasserbillig, Luxembourg

Delight in sun-kissed vineyards, castles enveloped in crimson and gold leaves and perfect jacket weather for hiking and biking. Sip Rieslings just after the harvest in Rudesheim, admire the stunning blue stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall at the Mainz Cathedral, learn the fascinating history of the "Bernkasteler Doctor" and enjoy an exclusive visit to Lahneck Castle.



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Best of Holland & Belgium

AmaCerto, November 7, 2023

Roundtrip from Amsterdam, Netherlands

Autumn colors surrounding fairytale castles, warm stroopwafels, iconic windmills and fascinating World War II history awaits on this newer itinerary highlighting the Netherlands and Belgium beyond spring. What's always in season: a visit to Museum Speelklok featuring its fascinating mechanical musical instruments and our popular Belgian chocolate making workshop!

The Inside Scoop

As part of our AmaWaterways family, we want you to be among the first to hear news from on board, on shore and behind the scenes.



Wayne and Carol with 1st Captain Cristian and their special anniversary cake

There Was No Sock

Wayne and Carole L. met at a laundromat. When Carole bumped into Wayne days later, hoping to strike up another conversation, she shouted out "I have your sock!" The sock was never produced, but the story lived on as the two hit it off and later went on to get married and have children. Fast forward to this year, when their daughter, Diane, booked her parents an AmaWaterways river cruise in celebration of their 50th anniversary. When Wayne and Carole entered

their beautiful suite, Cruise Manager David told them that their stateroom came with additional services and surprises. They couldn't be more delighted when they realized that Diane and her husband were a part of their suite package! Wayne and Carole had a wedding vow renewal while on board, complete with a couple's dance to the crooning voice of our Hotel Manager, Gerry. At the renewal, it was finally revealed: There was no sock!

Behind the Scenes in Basel

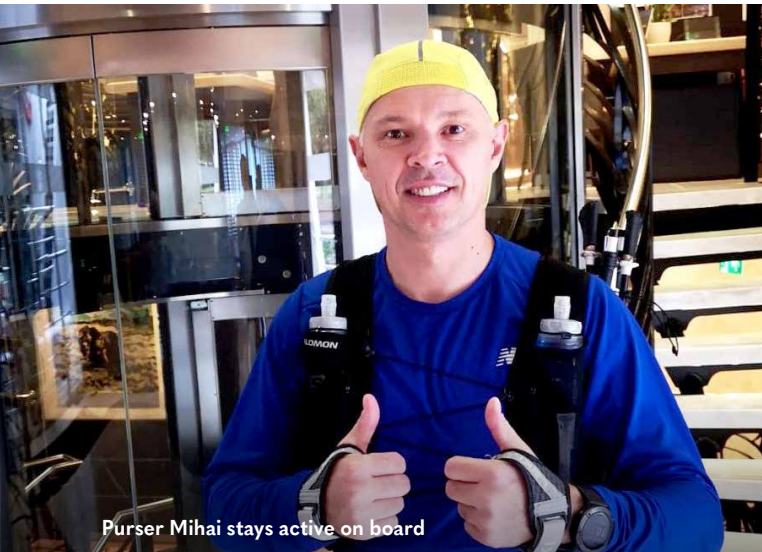
Aboard our ships and on during our pre- and post-cruise land packages, there are hundreds of items that play a part in your AmaWaterways experience, from the hats and scarves you are gifted on board to the “lollipop” signs our tour guides hold to our ships’ Halloween and Christmas decorations. Coordinating these supplies is a tremendous task and for that, we thankfully have Milan M., one of the valued members of our team in Basel, Switzerland, who coordinates our European storage facilities there as well as in Passau, Lyon, Bordeaux, Rouen and Porto. This photo reveals just a small area of one of our storage rooms. What do you think is inside?



Milan showing off our floor-to-ceiling storage

Keeping an Active Lifestyle

Mihai is not only a friendly purser who is well liked by our guests, but he also embodies the overall health and wellness our AmaFamily so strongly values. After recently completing a 19-mile run from Bonn to Cologne, Germany, he decided on a longer challenge. In this photo from *AmaSerena*, you can see him preparing for his 31-mile run from Rüdeshheim to Lahnstein, Germany – which he completed in 8 hours! Congratulations, Mihai!



Purser Mihai stays active on board

Calabasas Film Festival

AmaWaterways is proud to support the arts in our local community in Calabasas, California where our US headquarters is located. As sponsors of the Calabasas Film Festival, our team was delighted to gather with loyal guests and travel partners this September in celebration of the independent cinema that helps bring our city to life.



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Above: Bob H. took this amazing shot of La Sagrada Familia from his optional land package in Barcelona as part of his *Colors of Provence* river journey.



Above right: It's a Girl! Carolyn H.'s daughter got in touch with our Cruise Manager, Raul, a few days before her mother's *AmaSonata* embarkation with some extra special news. Raul helped orchestrate this very special surprise gender reveal for the grandmother-to-be.



Right down: Rita P. took a moment to look closer, capturing this colorful view of jugs and mugs in Les Baux de Provence during her *Colors of Provence* river cruise.

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