

*Shrines of Switzerland  
and a Rhine River Cruise  
through Germany, Switzerland, France  
and Holland*

**with Highlights of Switzerland Pre-Tour  
with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio**

**11 Day – Air, Land, and Cruise**

**May 23-June 2, 2023**

**Optional pre-tour of Switzerland**

**May 20-24, 2023**



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**("Dr. Italy")**



Known as "Dr. Italy" Marcellino is a NY Times best-selling author who has been a guest commentator on Fox News, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. Mentored by renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert in the Bible and Church history who has led over 25 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Author of the ground-breaking study of Christ, filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life* (JesusWTL.info), Marcellino will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage. Learn more about him on [DoctorItaly.com](http://DoctorItaly.com).



**OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR: HIGHLIGHTS OF SWITZERLAND**

**✚ Saturday, May 20, Day 1: DEPART USA**

We depart on an overnight flight to Zurich. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane during the international flight. Airfare is not included. Please check with Select for air pricing which will be available in late July 2022. Business-class and premium economy upgrades and add-on airfare is available from most major cities upon request.

**✚ Sunday, May 21, Day 2: ZURICH – LUCERNE**

Upon arrival we meet our English Speaking tour guide and board the motorcoach for a drive to Lucerne considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. En route, we stop at Muri Abbey to visit and celebrate Mass. After lunch, we stop in Solothurn to visit Saint Ursus Cathedral. Settle into our hotel in Lucerne for dinner and overnight. (D)

**✚ Monday, May 22, Day 3: LUCERNE – MT. TITLIS**

We depart by motorcoach to Engelberg Abbey and then by cable car to the top of Mount Titlis, considered one of Switzerland's top destinations. Mass is celebrated at Engelberg Abbey and we have time to explore the lovely little Swiss town. We return to Lucerne for a walking city tour. Tonight we enjoy a typical Swiss dinner with a show in a local restaurant. Overnight in Lucerne. (B. Special dinner)

**✚ Tuesday, May 23, Day 4: LUCERNE – JUNGFRAUJOCH**

Discover Europe's highest train station on this full-day train tour to Jungfrauoch. We admire the Bernese Oberland on our way to Lauterbrunnen, where we complete our Alpine ascent by cogwheel train. On arrival, we take time to marvel at the UNESCO-listed landscape and explore summit attractions, such as the Ice Palace and Sphinx Observatory where we can soak up the panoramic views over Aletsch Glacier, Europe's longest glacier. Mass will be celebrated. Return to Lucerne for dinner at leisure. (B.)

**✚ Wednesday, May 24, Day 5: LUCERNE – ZURICH:**

After breakfast at the hotel we take the scenic Gotthard Panorama Express boat on Lake Lucerne before we transfer to Zurich to meet up with the rest of our group and join the participants of the Shrines of Switzerland and the Rhine River Cruise pilgrimage.

## MAIN TOUR: SHRINES OF SWITZERLAND AND THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE

### ✚ Tuesday, May 23, Day 1: DEPART USA

Depart from NYC area airport on an overnight flight to Zurich. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane during the international flight. Airfare is not included. Please check with Select for air pricing which will be available in late July 2022. Business-class and premium economy upgrades and add-on airfare is available from most major cities upon request.

### ✚ Wednesday, May 24, Day 2: ZURICH

We arrive in Zurich this morning and are greeted by our guides. Board the motorcoaches for a drive into the city where we celebrate Mass. We have a city tour and a boat ride down the Limmat River under the bridges. Visit the Fraumunster Church to see the incredible Chagall stained glass windows. Our welcome dinner is at the hotel tonight. Overnight Zurich area. (Welcome dinner)

### ✚ Thursday, May 25, Day 3: ZURICH – RAPPERSWIL – ST. GALLEN

After breakfast, which is included each morning, we board the motorcoach for a full-day excursion to visit Rapperswil, a Medieval Town where we can stroll along the restored wooden walkway by Lake Zurich, part of the pilgrimage route of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. After lunch on our own, we visit St. Gallen Abbey and Library, the oldest in Europe a UNESCO, World Heritage Site. Mass will be celebrated. We return to Zurich for dinner at leisure with an opportunity to try the local bratwurst with beer, a favorite food of the locals. Overnight Zurich. (B)

### ✚ Friday, May 26, Day 4: SWITZERLAND – EINSIEDELN MARIAN SHRINE – BASEL – EMBARKATION FOR THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE

We travel through Switzerland to the Einsiedeln Marian Shrine. Explore the magnificent Monastery with its elaborately decorated pastel ceilings, marble side altars, and a large high altar. The most important part of the Basilica is the Lady Chapel, which is reminiscent of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Above the chapel's altar is the Black Madonna, resplendent in rich robes and surrounded by gold clouds. We visit the Monastery and celebrate Mass here. Following lunch at leisure, we drive to Basel to embark on our privately chartered river cruise on the beautiful Amadeus Queen ship. After tea and sandwiches, settle into our cabins. The ship sails at 5:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome drink and orientation meeting in the lounge before dinner. Overnight on the cruise. (B.D.)

### ✚ Saturday, May 27, Day 5: FRANCE – STRASBOURG

This morning, we arrive in the dynamic capital of Alsace. Following breakfast, we board our coaches for a short drive to the city. This ancient city's sights include the famous Strasbourg Münster and the Petite France Quarter, a former mill and tanner district that still maintains its medieval charm. We visit the beautiful Cathedral of Our Lady, which is home to the world's first documented Christmas Tree. The city of Strasbourg is the self-described 'Capital City of Christmas,' as the Strasbourg Christmas Market is the oldest and largest in France. Following a boat ride on the city canals, enjoy lunch on our own in Strasbourg. We meet at the Cathedral to celebrate Mass before returning to the ship. Enjoy dinner, followed by music in the ship's lounge. Overnight on the cruise. (B.D.)

### ✚ Sunday, May 28, Day 6: GERMANY – SPEYER – HEIDELBERG – MANNHEIM

We visit the Speyer Cathedral, the burial place of German kings before we board the bus for a tour, including a visit to the beautiful Maulbronn Abbey, which is now a UNESCO Heritage Site. The 850-year-old Romanesque monastery complex, surrounded by turreted walls and a tower gate, is one of the best-preserved examples of its kind in Europe. Following our

#### YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air from NYC\* area airport  
\*Add \$200 for DFW
- 2 nights first class hotel accommodations in the Zurich area with a buffet breakfast and a welcome dinner at the hotel
- 7 nights aboard the deluxe Amadeus Queen River Cruise in an outside river-view stateroom
- Gourmet dining with all meals included on the ship (breakfast, lunch, dinner and midnight snack in the elegant Panorama restaurant all in one seating)
- Free flowing wine and beer, as well as soft drinks, water, coffee or tea with meals on the ship
- Cocktail reception, Welcome dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Complimentary bottled water in the cabins
- All shore excursions as listed
- Entertainment onboard the ship
- Retreat and lectures with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
- English speaking tour managers
- Transportation by private deluxe bus
- All port taxes
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Private Daily Mass
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

#### Pre-Tour: Highlights of Switzerland

- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Buffet breakfast and 2 dinners
- Touring as listed in the itinerary
- Private bus transportation
- English speaking tour guide
- Local Taxes
- Daily Mass
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

#### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Tips for the cruise staff, bus drivers, and guides in the amount of \$220.00 will be added as a line item to your invoice and collected ahead for your convenience
- Personal expenses
- Medical insurance
- Anything not mentioned in above inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Church donations

#### BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports and hotels for more than one suitcase per person



tour, we move on to Heidelberg, a romantic city considered one of the most beautiful in Germany, nestled between the Neckar river and the foothills of the Odenwald forest. We celebrate Mass in the magnificent Jesuitenkirche, built-in 1712 by the Jesuits. In the afternoon, enjoy exploring Heidelberg's key sites, including the majestic castle, bridges, and scenic "Philosopher's Walk." Lunch is on our own. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

**✚ Monday, May 29, Day 7: GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM – ST. HILDEGARD – KOBLENZ – SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT**

After breakfast, we visit the Benedictine Abbey of St. Hildegard, where we enjoy a guided tour, celebrate Mass, and visit the shrine of St. Hildegard of Bingen. Hildegard was called "a light for her peoples and her time" by Pope John Paul II and was later made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict in 2012. The Abbey, located on a hill above Rudesheim, has a magnificent view of the Middle Rhine Valley. Set amidst scenic vineyards, the Abbey is home to a community of nuns who continue to live by the rules of Saint Benedict, dedicating themselves to prayer and work. You may choose to walk from the town to the Abbey or take the bus. Rudesheim am Rhein is one of Germany's most prolific and scenic wine regions. It offers beautiful hikes through its mountains and prime views over the dazzling Rhine river valley. Explore this lovely city on your own before we return to the ship for lunch. After lunch, enjoy the magnificent scenery as we travel to Koblenz. Upon disembarkation, we board our buses to travel to the nearby village of Schoenstatt Vallendar, the town that belongs to Our Lady. We visit the Original Shrine that gave origin to the Schoenstatt Movement and the Church of the Most Holy Trinity (Adoration Church) with the tomb of Father Kentenich nearby. We then drive a short distance to the 2000-year-old city of Koblenz, ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. Koblenz is a small, walkable city where we may wish to explore St. Castor Basilica, the Church of Our Beloved Lady, and other major sites on our own. Dinner and overnight are on the ship. (B.L.D.)

**✚ Tuesday, May 30, Day 8: GERMANY – MORNING RETREAT – WINE TASTING – COCHEM**

This morning, our host Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio will lead a re-

treat on the ship. Following our retreat, we enjoy lunch, taking in the scenery as we sail down the Rhine. We disembark in Cochem, where we celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Martin Cochem. Before returning to our ship, we stop at a local winery for a wine tasting. Dinner and overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

**✚ Wednesday, May 31, Day 9: GERMANY – COLOGNE – ST. EDITH STEIN**

Early this morning, we arrive in Cologne, a 2000-year-old city, spanning the Rhine River and the region's cultural hub. Here, we have a guided tour of the Cathedral and Treasury. The immense Cathedral is the most visited tourist attraction in Germany. Amazingly, although much of the city was destroyed around it during World War II, and the Cathedral itself was hit by fourteen bombs, it emerged mostly unscathed. St. Edith Stein studied Catholicism in Cologne and converted on Jan 1, 1922, at St. Martin's Church. She was beatified on May 1, 1987, in Cologne, by Pope St John Paul II, and canonized by him in 1998 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. We hear the story of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and her journey as she left Cologne for Echt, Holland. We also see the Church of St. Andrew and the tomb of St. Albertus Magnus. We celebrate Mass and have time at leisure to explore Cologne. Tonight, we enjoy the Captain's Gala Dinner and entertainment aboard the ship. Overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)

**✚ Thursday, June 1, Day 10: HOLLAND – AMSTERDAM**

Enjoy watching the beautiful scenery as we sail into Holland. This morning we drive to the Shrine of Our Lady of All Nations for Mass and a visit. In the afternoon return to Amsterdam for an afternoon at leisure to explore the city on our own or visit a local museum. We may return to the ship for lunch or stay in the city of Amsterdam and have lunch on our own\*. Dinner and overnight on the ship. (B.L.D.)\*

**✚ Friday, June 2, Day 11: AMSTERDAM DISEMBARKATION – RETURN TO USA**

Early this morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B.)

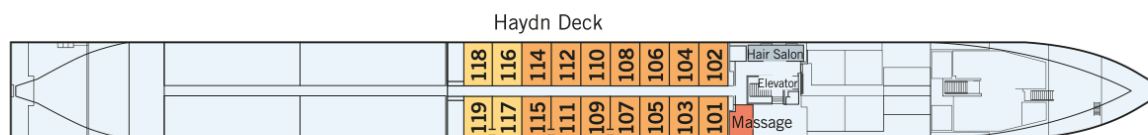
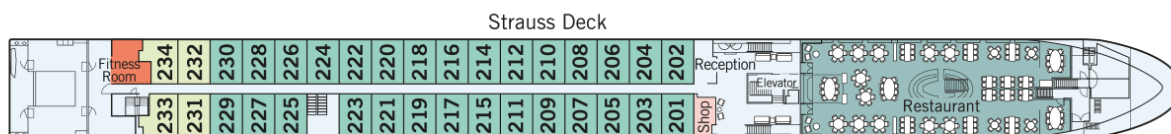
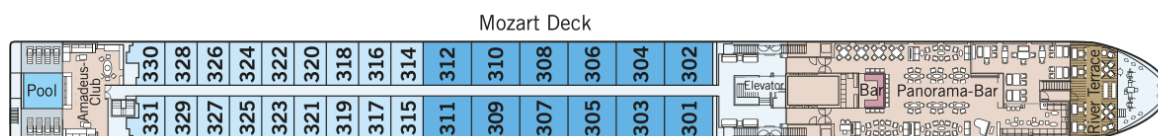
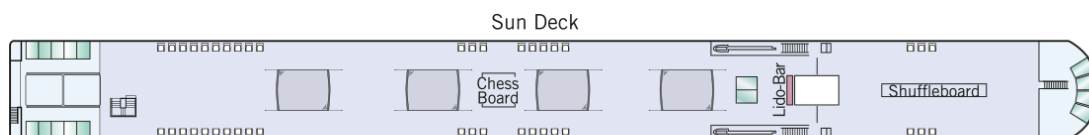
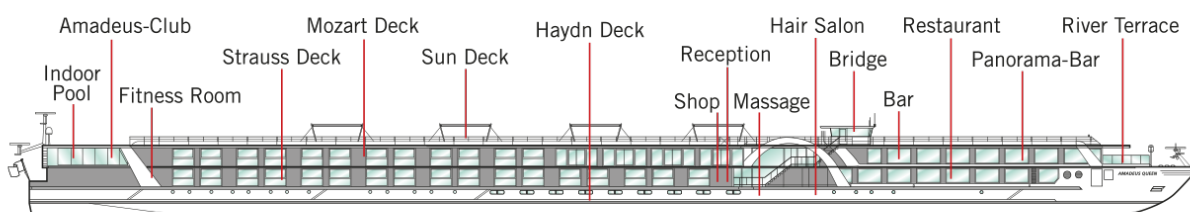




The Amadeus Queen sails along on the Danube, Rhine, and Main. It can also be found cruising the Dutch and Belgian Waterways. Similar to its prominent predecessors, this ship continues our orientation to high-quality river cruises in Europe. This beautiful vessel follows the award-winning model of the AMADEUS Silver ships but offers even further innovative developments. The popular concept of spaciousness has been maintained. This includes not only generous public areas but also spacious cabins: 12 large suites impress with an outdoor balcony, and a cozy reading corner whilst the 69 standard cabins mainly have panoramic window fronts which can be automatically lowered and luxurious bathrooms. A new on-board highlight is the indoor pool, the roof of which can be opened in fine weather. In the evenings, this area may also be used for informative talks and functions. The ship's exclusive "River Terrace" open-air lounge is in the bow, and its specially designed glazing provides an incomparable view of the passing riverside scenery while simultaneously providing protection against wind and rain.

## The Amadeus Queen Deck Plan

Amadeus Suite
Stateroom A-1
Stateroom B-1
Stateroom B-4
Stateroom C-1
Stateroom C-4







## 11 Day Air from NYC\*, Land, and Cruise Tour – MS Amadeus Queen \*Add \$200 from DFW

### MOZART DECK *Price per person*

#### 12 Suites

Land and Air

Cash Price

6,995.00

Credit Card

7,275.00

### MOZART DECK *Price per person*

#### 18 Staterooms

Land and Air

Cash Price

6,395.00

Credit Card

6,651.00

### STRAUSS DECK *Price per person*

#### 33 Staterooms

Land and Air

Solo Occupancy-Land and Air

Cash Price

6,095.00

Credit Card

6,339.00

8,107.00

### HAYDN DECK – 18 Cabins *Price per person*

Land and Air

Solo Occupancy-Land and Air

Cash Price

5,895.00

Credit Card

6,131.00

7,899.00

### OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR to Switzerland

(Minimum 20 people required)

Price per person

Land

Solo Occupancy

Cash Price

1,495.00 per person, based on 2 people

Credit Card

1,555.00

411.00





## Rules and Regulations

**Deposits and Final Payment:** This is an exclusive by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour. A non-refundable **deposit of \$1,000.00** per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 10, 2023. Final payment is due by February 22, 2023. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payments to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com. **Your passport must be valid through December 2, 2023. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on cash payments. See pricing table on page two for cash prices and credit card prices.

**Solo Travel:** A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

**Land Only Option:** Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

**Pilgrimage Prices:** Prices are based on minimum 120 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 120 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.16 per Euro is assumed.

**Tour Cancellation Policy:** Individual deposits are refundable except for 750.00 per person up to 120 days prior to departure. From 120- 90 days prior to departure \$ 1000.00 is non-refundable. Within 90 days, all payments are non-refundable. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Travel Protection**. Call or visit our website for details on the cost per person for the Group Deluxe and Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) plans. CFAR is not available in N.Y. State. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. This document contains highlights of the plans. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. See travel protection information for details, [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com).

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**Walking:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during, or after the trip.

**Safety Procedures:** Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies, and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip.

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**Shipping & Handling:** \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.



**REGISTRATION/CONSENT FORM:**

**Shrines of Switzeland and a Rhine River Cruise through  
Switzerland, Germany, France and Holland  
with Marcellino D'Ambrosio**

**May 23-June 2, 2023    Optional Pre-Tour of Switzerland: May 20-24, 2023**

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**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Air from DFW   ☐ Air from NYC Area   ☐ Air from \_\_\_\_\_ Land only   ☐ Yes or   ☐ No

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/Dietary Needs** \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Optional Pre-Tour to Switzerland

**Name of Roomate(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **If single:** ☐ Match me with a roommate   ☐ Solo (in room by myself)

**Emergency Contact (Name and Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **for my initial deposit.**

☐ I'll take travel protection   ☐ No thanks, I'll risk my trip   **Enclosed is \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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