

GUEST SPEAKERS:  
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# ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS *on the Rhine*

7 NIGHTS ABOARD AMAWATERWAYS' AMAVIOLA

**DECEMBER 5-13, 2025**



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## DR. TODD LAKE & DR. JOY JORDAN-LAKE

**Dr. Todd Lake** is VP for Faith-Based Engagement & Church Relations at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Previously, he served as the Dean of Chapel and Dean for University Life at Baylor University. He has a degree in German Studies from Harvard and in Theology from Boston College, and has lived and studied in Germany.

**Dr. Joy Jordan-Lake** is a best-selling author of historical fiction. She and her husband, Todd, have Master of Divinity degrees and served as co-pastors of an interracial church in Cambridge, MA, and as chaplains at Harvard, in addition to teaching at several universities.



**DECEMBER 3 - 6, 2025 | STARTING AT \$830\***

### **December 3 - Depart the USA**

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### **December 4 - Arrive In Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

### **December 5 - Amsterdam**

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

### **December 6 - Amsterdam – Embarkation**

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, visit Zaanse schans to observe life as it used to be in the Netherlands. Authentic windmills, houses and ships were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th- to 18th-century village. (B,D)

**Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.**

# ITINERARY

Experience the deep-rooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets. Warm up with a mug of steamy glühwein while at the Cologne Christmas Market located in front of her Gothic cathedral. Let the Strasbourg, "Capital of Noël," captivate you the way it has for so many others for centuries. It's the oldest and largest in France. Meander through Heidelberg's majestic Christmas Market nestled idyllically amongst the historic squares of the Old Town. Then, in Gengenbach, marvel at the world's largest Advent calendar, where every evening at 6:00 PM, the brightly lit windows of the neo-classical town hall open to reveal a famous painting. See all the glory of the season and more in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine.

### **December 5 - Depart the USA**

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### **December 6 - Arrive in Amsterdam - Embarkation**

Board the ship in Amsterdam for your Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise. (D)

### **December 7 - Amsterdam**

Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, there are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

### **December 8 - Dusseldorf**

Enjoy a scenic cruise into Düsseldorf. In the afternoon, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne on a guided tour of its enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the fish market, which dates back to the 12th century and the Great St. Martin Church. Then, visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas Markets. Or explore historic Düsseldorf on foot with a knowledgeable local tour guide. Then, be treated to a tasting of Altbier, a clean and crisp beer developed in Düsseldorf that is crafted using traditional brewing techniques. Conclude the tour with a visit to the local Christmas Market. Alternatively, cover more ground with an active bike tour of the city. (B,L,D)

### **December 9 - Rhine Gorge – Rüdesheim**

Cruise through the castle-laden Rhine River Gorge before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Once in Rüdesheim, you will have four choices of morning excursions. Wine connoisseurs will want to go to a wine cellar for a wine tasting followed by a Christmas Market visit to enjoy holiday traditions from around the world. Or go on a hike through the vineyards. Alternatively, you can take a peaceful ride over the vineyards on Rüdesheim's gondola followed by a visit to the Christmas Market. You may also opt to join a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River before visiting the Christmas Market. Later in the day, you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee. (B, L, D)

### **December 10 - Ludwigshafen**

Choose to explore one of two of Germany's historically rich cities, along with their festive Christmas Markets. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, the Hauptstrasse, soaking up the Yuletide celebrations at the town's Christmas Markets. Or hike along the Neckar River on the historic Philosopher's Path followed by free time to enjoy the Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can bike along the Neckar River to the medieval town of Ladenburg and visit its Marktplatz, or explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also have time to visit its Christmas Market in front of the "Old Mint" (Alten Münze) in the famous Maximilianstrasse, with a view of the romantic Imperial cathedral (Kaiserdom). (B,L,D)

### December 11 - Strasbourg

Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterward, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Ile, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and through the lovely "La Petite France" district. Here, you will see the Cathedrale de Norte Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Later, visit the town's famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. Later in the day, opt to visit Gengenbach's Christmas Markets and the town's famous illuminated town hall Advent calendar. (B,L,D)

### December 12 - Breisach

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Journey into medieval Colmar, located in the enchanting Alsace region of France. Delight in the half-timbered houses lining the cobblestone streets as you take in the whimsical blend of French and German culture and the town's wonderful Christmas Markets. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." Then enjoy free time at the Freiburg Christmas Markets. Those wishing for a more active excursion can cycle through Breisach's countryside. (B, L, D)

### December 13 - Basel - Disembarkation

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Basel as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)



## CRUISE ONLY PRICING

D	FIXED WINDOW STATEROOM	\$4198*
CB	FRENCH BALCONY STATEROOM	\$4998*
CA	FRENCH BALCONY STATEROOM	\$5198*
BB	DUAL BALCONY STATEROOM	\$5798*
BA	DUAL BALCONY STATEROOM	\$5998*
AB	DUAL BALCONY STATEROOM	\$6198*
AA	DUAL BALCONY STATEROOM	\$6398*
S	SUITE	\$7298*

### YOUR CRUISE PRICING INCLUDES:

Shore Excursions as listed on itinerary • Most Meals  
Admin. Fees • Port Charges • Cruise Taxes

Flights are available from most U.S. Cities.  
Contact your Travel Advisor for a quote.



## DECEMBER 13 - 17, 2025 | STARTING AT \$1,760\*

### December 13 - Disembarkation - Lucerne

Disembark the ship and, before transferring to Lucerne, go on a highlights tour of Basel. Once in Lucerne, go on a walking tour along its cobblestone streets, spotting the Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest wooden bridges in Europe. Later, check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening. (B)

### December 14 - Lucerne

Discover Lucerne's unrivaled beauty on a walking tour that includes the Lion Monument, beautifully carved into rock in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. (B)

### December 15 - Lucerne - Zurich

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring via motorcoach to Zurich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. Once in Zurich, check into your hotel. (B)

### December 16 - Zurich

Switzerland's largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zurich is a visit to Old Town, where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. (B)

### December 17 - Depart Zurich

After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

## INCLUDED FEATURES

7 Nights Deluxe Cruise Accommodation

Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary

Infotainment System in all Staterooms with Free Internet, Hit Movies,  
Music Library & English TV Stations

Terry Bathrobes and White-on-white plush bedding in all Staterooms

Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise

Free-flowing Red & White Wines from Europe's great Wine Regions,  
beer & soft drinks with every Dinner

Bottled Water in every stateroom replenished daily

Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner

Special Highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners,  
onboard Music Performances and afternoon & evening Piano Music

Use of Bicycles to explore on your own

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

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Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: 12/05/25 (C)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Selection:  Basic Program Only  Add Amsterdam Pre-Tour  Add Swiss Post-Tour

Guest 2: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Selection:  Basic Program Only  Add Amsterdam Pre-Tour  Add Swiss Post-Tour

Cabin Selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required, only used if 1st choice is unavailable)

Fixed Window Stateroom (D)  French Balcony Stateroom (CB)  Dual Balcony Stateroom (BB)

Dual Balcony Stateroom (BA)  French Balcony Stateroom (CA)  Dual Balcony Stateroom (AB)

Dual Balcony Stateroom (AA)  Suite (S)

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 07/07/25.

Guest 1:

I Accept  I Decline

Guest 2:

I Accept  I Decline

\$250 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 07/08/24

via check # \_\_\_\_\_  via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: TW25 Date: 120525 Code: C ID: 40612 V.001 07/10/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427X

Table with 8 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Rows show various price ranges and corresponding costs.

Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Rows include Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Trip Delay, Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Baggage and Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE TRAVEL PROTECTION COVERAGE SUMMARY WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE PLAN OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME.

The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistancefees@tripmate.com.

Conditions and Limitations

The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistancefees@tripmate.com.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Cruise - Cruise Tax of \$231 - Deluxe cruise accommodations (based on double occupancy) - Most shore excursions - All meals on ship, meal beverages, and other meals as indicated - Administrative Fee

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: International Airfare and overseas transfers - Fuel Surcharges - Port Tax - Pre-Tour, Post-Tour and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure - Visa(s) - Onboard Gratuities (These will appear automatically on your onboard statement, and are the guest's responsibility to pay on board the ship) - Any additional services or fees not included above - Optional Travel Protection Plan (see premium schedule) - Miscellaneous fees such as passports, laundry, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature - \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS: Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single room/stateroom supplement has the following additional charges: Category D - \$2099; CB - \$2499; CA - \$2599; BB - \$2899; BA - \$2999; AB - \$3099; AA - \$3199; S - \$4499. Single room charge on Amsterdam Pre-Tour \$440; Switzerland Post-Tour \$110. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available, the single room/cabin charge applies.

Table with 3 columns: Payment, Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit, Second Deposit, Third Deposit, Full Payment, and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 08, 2024: We welcome registrations after 07/08/25. Registrations received between 07/09/25 - 09/06/25 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 09/07/25 - 09/21/25 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person.

CANCELLATION FEES: 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is covered. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 365 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee and any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT: Participants on the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on our buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated.

PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS: Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 07/07/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES: All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS: In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded (excluding Air transportation to your destination) without penalty.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING: All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES: You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS: Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.

PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS: As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel.

VALIDITY DATE: This brochure is valid until 01/10/25. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION: Payment of deposit indicates a permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.