

The Great European Journey



May 26 – June 6, 2026

Embark on an exhilarating European adventure steeped in storied history, grand architecture and breathtaking scenery on this fabulous 12-day, 11-night itinerary. Board the sumptuous *Viva One*, boasting luxurious amenities and impeccable service, to enjoy a deluxe 7-night river cruise. Soak up the timeless beauty of the Rhine and Moselle rivers as you wind past storybook towns, terraced vineyards and forested hills crowned by castles. After embarking in Amsterdam, Netherlands, call at Cologne, Germany; Cochem; Rüdesheim; Heidelberg; and finally, Strasbourg, France. Disembark in Switzerland, where you'll discover unforgettable Montreux, hub of music and culture. Marvel at the beauty of Lake Geneva on a sightseeing cruise and the sweeping grandeur of the Alps during a panoramic train ride. Add to your amazing European exploration with an optional pre-tour extension in Amsterdam.

Exclusive Highlights

- Seven-night river cruise aboard *Viva One*, an exclusively chartered, deluxe river boat.
- Three nights in Montreux, Switzerland at a first-class hotel.
- Four UNESCO World Heritage sites — in Amsterdam, Netherlands Cologne and Upper Middle Rhine Valley, Germany; and Strasbourg, France
- One UNESCO Creative City in Montreux, Switzerland



Above: Alte Brücke, Heidelberg, Germany
Cover: Reichsburg Castle, Cochem, Germany



Dear Texas Ex:

Join us for an exceptional, 11-night European journey carefully crafted with the ease of a luxury hotel stay and the carefree comforts of river cruising. You'll wend your way along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers for seven nights through the Netherlands, Germany and France, then bask in Switzerland's sensational scenery along the shores of Lake Geneva for three nights.

Begin your fascinating explorations onboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *Viva One*, and savor the unfolding riverside scenery of terraced vineyards, castles and fairy-tale towns as you relax on deck. Daily shore excursions introduce you to Amsterdam, Netherlands; then Cologne, Cochem, Rudesheim and Heidelberg, in Germany; ending in Strasbourg, the Alsatian capital, in France. Disembark in Switzerland and spend three nights at the first-class *Royal Plaza Montreux*. Cruise on Lake Geneva and explore the unforgettable towns of Gruyères and Basel.

This well-rounded itinerary, featuring guided excursions, luxurious accommodations and delectable cuisine on both land and water, has been an enticing favorite among travelers. Make plans today to secure your place on this Great European Journey for the best value!

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and take your reservation. Group size is limited on this popular program and likely to sell out quickly. Additional information about all Texas Exes Flying Longhorns trips can be found at travel.texasexes.org.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,
Margaret, Janice, and Alysha

**Contact the Flying Longhorns office to secure your spot:
1-800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org**



Day 1 | May 26

Depart home city for Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Day 2 | May 27 **R-D**

Amsterdam, Netherlands | Embark

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to the deluxe riverboat *Viva One*, where you can settle in to your cabin and unpack. Set off on a private cruise of Amsterdam’s world-famous canals, which have been connecting the city since the early 17th century. Glide under iconic bridges and past brightly colored houses, stately stone buildings and hundreds of cyclists! This evening, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard.

Day 3 | May 28 **B-L-D**

Amsterdam | Sailing

As we sail to Germany, enjoy time on the riverboat. Exercise in the fitness center, indulge in a sauna or simply relax on deck with a book. Savor three delicious meals and enjoy lectures by expert speakers.

Day 4 | May 29 **B-L-D**

Cologne, Germany
One of the largest European cities in medieval and Renaissance times, Cologne is known for its lively spirit. On a walking tour in the medieval Old Town, appreciate the colorful buildings, stately squares and riverfront views. Cologne may be most famous for its magnificent Gothic cathedral, Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This location has been occupied by Christian churches since the fourth century, and the current cathedral was

built over a period of more than 630 years, completed in 1880.

Day 5 | May 30 **B-L-D**

Cochem

Sail through a splendid, narrow section of the Moselle River, lined with colorful towns and tiered vineyards, then dock in charming Cochem. On a walking tour, stroll the cobbled streets and take in the squares and half-timbered houses. Visit Reichsburg Castle, perched atop a forested cliff high above the river, valley and town... the perfect photo opportunity!





Rüdesheim vineyards



Kölner Dom, Cologne, Germany

Day 6 | May 31

B-L-D

Lorelei Passage | Rüdesheim

Cruise the enchanting Upper Middle Rhine Valley, also known as the Rhine Gorge. This UNESCO World Heritage site is dotted with some 40 hilltop castles, palaces and fortresses. Marvel at the breathtaking vistas, complete with vineyard terraces along the steep valley walls. Admire the striking outcrop called Lorelei Rock — a symbol of Rhine Romanticism that inspired myriad poems and songs. After lunch, arrive in the heart of Riesling wine country. Aboard a mini train, tour the vineyards and take in a stunning view of Rüdesheim and the Rhine. Wrap up with a wine tasting in the picturesque Old Town.



Montreux, Switzerland

Day 7 | June 1

B-L-D

Mannheim for Heidelberg

Journey to romantic Heidelberg to visit the ruins of its grand castle, built in the 13th century, overlooking the picturesque Neckar Valley. Take a walking tour in the lively, cobblestoned Altstadt (Old Town), filled with Renaissance and Baroque gems such as the old bridge, Alte Brücke.

Day 8 | June 2

B-L-R-D

Strasbourg, France

Discover the medieval grandeur of Grand-Île, the historic center of Strasbourg and a UNESCO World Heritage site, during a walking tour. See the bridges and watchtowers of the 13th-century Ponts Couverts, and meander past the half-timbered houses in the canal-lined Petite France



Strasbourg, France

district, where tanners, millers and fishermen lived during the Middle Ages. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, an exquisitely ornamented Gothic beauty. Join the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 9 | June 3

B-L

Basel, Switzerland | Disembark | Montreux

After breakfast, disembark in Basel, Switzerland, the country's only port. Ancient Basilia was a Roman settlement established in 44 B.C. — nowadays it's a vibrant, art-filled city. Enjoy a



Gruyères, Switzerland

guided tour and lunch at a local restaurant. Take a scenic transfer to beautiful Montreux and check in to the first-class *Royal Plaza Montreux*, with panoramic views of Lake Geneva and the Alps.

Day 10 | June 4 **B-L**

Montreux | Lake Geneva
Begin the day with a guided walk of Montreux, known as the Jewel of the Swiss Riviera. Stroll along the lakeside promenade and through the picturesque Old Town. Visit the 13th-century Chateau de Chillon, an imposing medieval castle situated at the lake's edge. Then board a belle époque paddle-wheel steamboat for

a cruise along the shores of Lake Geneva. This scenic body of water — the largest lake in central Europe — was a requisite stop on the Grand Tour of Europe during the 19th century, and its beautiful vistas inspired many artists and writers. Savor a delicious lunch in the ship's elegant dining room as forested hillsides and lovely villages glide by.

Day 11 | June 5 **B-R**

Gruyères
By train, travel along the Golden Pass route — gazing out at breathtaking Alpine scenery — from Montreux to Montbovon. From there, a short

countryside drive takes you to the charming medieval town of Gruyères. At a local cheese factory, discover the secrets of the town's world-famous cheese, watch its production and try some samples. After lunch in one of the town's charming restaurants, continue to the small village of Broc. Tour a chocolate factory to learn the secrets of chocolate-making and taste the delicious final product!

Day 12 | June 6 **B**

Geneva | Return to Home City
Check out of the hotel and transfer to the Geneva airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.



Rhine River and Katz Castle, Germany



Royal Plaza Montreux

Located on the quays of Montreux, the *Royal Plaza Montreux* offers a unique setting with panoramic views of Lake Geneva and the Alps. Their 155 rooms & suites will seduce you with a comfortable, warm atmosphere and a breathtaking view of the lake. All are equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, an assortment of hot drinks, bathrobes, slippers and complimentary toiletries.

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



Amsterdam

May 24 to 27 (Program Begins: May 25)

Explore this captivating city graced with leafy canals and historic, gabled houses. Visit a local farm to learn about cheese-making and try your hand at making Gouda. Soak up the inviting ambience and architecture of the picturesque harbor town of Edam. And view acclaimed art by great Dutch Golden Age masters at the incomparable Rijksmuseum. Accommodations for two nights at the *Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel*.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,195

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,695

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES



- 7-night deluxe cruise from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland.
- 3 nights at the first-class *Royal Plaza Montreux* in Montreux, Switzerland.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included meals | 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners.
- All beverages — liquor, wine, beer and nonalcoholic drinks and minibar — throughout the cruise and complimentary house wine and beer at lunch and dinner and nonalcoholic beverages at all meals during the land program.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Enjoy breathtaking Alpine scenery as you travel from Montreux to Gruyères on the Golden Pass train.
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TERMS ***The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 10/17/25 and paid in full at booking.**

These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

- Single supplements apply in select categories at 125% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- Deposit amount is \$1,500 per person. Final Payment is due on January 26, 2026.
- Full ship information and deck plans are available on our website at gohagantravel.com.
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MS VIVA ONE

The *MS Viva One* debuted in 2022. Guests are welcomed on board by friendly, multilingual and international crew members who take care of guests' well-being and comfort from morning til night. The ship's appointments are luxurious, yet the feeling is relaxed and easygoing. All staterooms and suites are equipped with flat-screen TV, included minibar, beauty products from RITUALS®, hair dryer, safe, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. The upper and middle deck staterooms and suites all have French balconies.



2026 DEPARTURE DATE | May 26 to June 6 | Tour Begins: May 27

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
D	Stateroom with panoramic window (does not open). 183 sq ft Emerald (Deck 1), mid.	\$6,495	\$5,495
C	Stateroom with French balcony. 183 sq ft Ruby (Deck 2), mid/aft.	\$7,395	\$6,395
B	Stateroom with French balcony. 183 sq ft Diamond (Deck 3), mid/aft.	\$8,695	\$7,695
A	Stateroom with French balcony. 194 sq ft Ruby & Diamond (Decks 2 & 3), fwd/aft.	\$9,895	\$8,895
S	Stateroom with walk-out balcony; lounge area. 269 sq ft Diamond (Deck 3), fwd.	\$11,095	\$10,095

All staterooms are river-view and feature: air-conditioning with in-room temperature control and fan; spacious en-suite bathrooms; table with two armchairs; hair dryer; toiletries; complimentary Wi-Fi; electronic safe; Nespresso coffee maker; refillable water bottles.

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated)

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- Beverage Package
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- Travel Director(s)



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