



*The Pantagraph's Bill Flick*  
*Ama Waterways European River Cruise*  
*FIDST (Flick International Disaster Survivors Trip)*

*Medieval Treasures*

*September 12-20, 2018*

*Basel to Nuremburg with optional  
post cruise Prague extension available*

AWARD WINNING AMA DANTE  
FROM \$4,499.00  
per person based on double occupancy



# *7 Nights Cruise from Basel to Nuremburg*



**Countries Include:** FRANCE, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND

**Rivers Include:** MAIN & RHINE

Starting from Basel, experience the romantic Rhine and peaceful Main rivers. Ancient castles, grand palaces and medieval towns are yours to enjoy. Revel in the architectural gems on display—the Würzburg Residenz and Mannheim Baroque Palace. Visit the Alsatian capital of France, Strasbourg and the metropolitan capital of Germany, Frankfurt. Discover the many medieval treasures on this unforgettable journey.



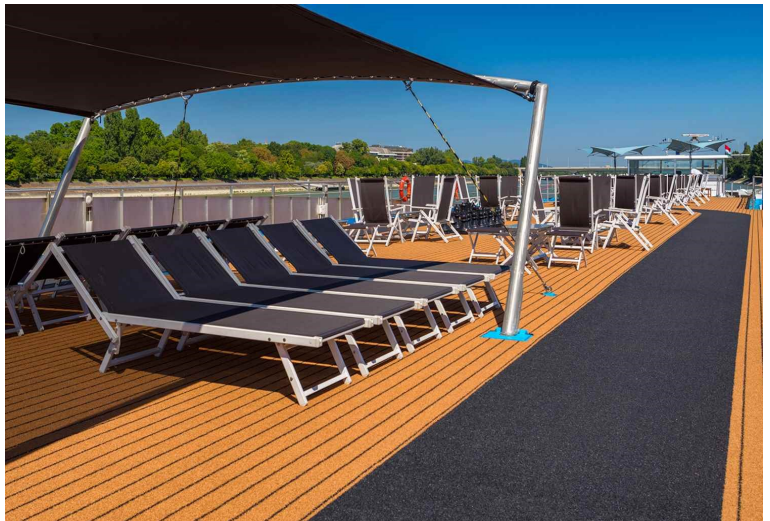






# *Medieval Treasures Itinerary Day By Day*

	Date	Time	Activity	Port of Call	Country
Thur	9/13/2018	03:00 PM	EMBARK	BASEL (PORT)	SWITZERLAND
Thur	9/13/2018	10:00 PM	DEPARTURE	BASEL (PORT)	SWITZERLAND
Fri	9/14/2018	12:00 PM	ARRIVAL	STRASBOURG	FRANCE
Fri	9/14/2018	11:00 PM	DEPARTURE	STRASBOURG	FRANCE
Sat	9/15/2018	8: 00 AM	ARRIVAL	MANNHEIM	GERMANY
Sat	9/15/2018	1:00 PM	DEPARTURE	MANNHEIM	GERMANY
Sat	9/15/2018	6:30 PM	ARRIVAL	RÜDESHEIM	GERMANY
Sat	9/15/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	RÜDESHEIM	GERMANY
Sun	9/16/2018	9:00 AM	DEPARTURE	RÜDESHEIM	GERMANY
Sun	9/16/2018	12:00 PM	ARRIVAL	RUESSELHEIM	GERMANY
Sun	9/16/2018	12:30 PM	DEPARTURE	RUESSELHEIM	GERMANY
Sun	9/16/2018	4:00 PM	ARRIVAL	FRANKFURT	GERMANY
Sun	9/16/2018	11:00 PM	DEPARTURE	FRANKFURT	GERMANY
Mon	9/17/2018	3:00 PM	ARRIVAL	MILTENBERG	GERMANY
Mon	9/17/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	MILTENBERG	GERMANY
Tue	9/18/2018	1:30 PM	ARRIVAL	WÜRZBURG	GERMANY
Tue	9/18/2018	7:00 PM	DEPARTURE	WÜRZBURG	GERMANY
Wed	9/19/2018	2:30 PM	ARRIVAL	BAMBERG	GERMANY
Wed	9/19/2018	7:00 PM	DEPARTURE	BAMBERG	GERMANY
Thur	9/20/2018	6:00 AM	ARRIVAL	NUREMBERG (PORT)	GERMANY
Thur	9/20/2018	8:30 AM	DISEMBARK	NUREMBERG (PORT)	GERMANY
Thur	9/20/2018	2:30 PM	ARRIVAL	PRAGUE *	CZECH REPUBLIC
Sun	9/23/2018	6:30 AM	DEPARTURE	PRAGUE *	CZECH REPUBLIC



\* Prague Extension is available for additional purchase of \$799.00 per person and it is HIGHLY Recommended. Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and our hotel is within 5 minutes walk to the tourist area of old town.



# *Medieval Treasures Detailed Itinerary*

**OVERNIGHT FLIGHT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**ARRIVE IN BASEL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

Today we will depart from Central Illinois and travel by motor coach to Chicago O'Hare Airport and board our overnight flight for Basel. Meal, snacks and entertainment provided on the flight. When we arrive in Basel we will be greeted by AMA Waterways and transfer to ship. Embark your cruise in Basel. Tonight, meet your fellow passengers on board. (D)

**DAY 2:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

**STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

Join a tour of the city that takes you past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République and then walk through the iconic "La Petite France" district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through these charming streets and past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, the active adventurer can go on a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)



**DAY 3:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY**

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit the Mannheim Baroque Palace—one of the largest palaces in Europe. Alternatively, join a walking tour of one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Altpörtel, Old Gate; or visit the intriguing Speyer Technical Museum. Later in the day, sail to Rüdesheim, where you'll be treated to a Riesling wine tasting. (B,L,D)





# *Medieval Treasures Europe Itinerary Continued*

## **DAY 4:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

### **RÜDESHEIM – FRANKFURT**

Continue your exploration of Rüdesheim with a choice of excursions. Those who fancy a more whimsical adventure will want to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of the greatest collections of self-playing musical instruments. For an adventure of a different kind, soar over the vineyards of Rüdesheim on a gondola to the Niederwald Monument; or opt to take a bike ride along the Rhine. You can also join a full-day excursion to Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Later in the day, cruise to the metropolitan capital of Germany, Frankfurt, where you'll take in the sights on a panoramic city tour and then immerse yourself in the local flavors with an authentic Römerberg beer tasting. (B,L,D)



## **DAY 5:**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

### **MILTENBERG**

Enjoy a scenic cruise to Miltenberg, the “Pearl of the Main River.” While on your walking tour, you'll discover why this medieval town seems to leap from the pages of a fairytale with its 14th- and 15th-century half-timbered, gabled houses; the famed Crooked House; and the venerable Royal Inn, which has been a working hotel since the 17th century. Alternatively, indulge in regional specialties of Franconia; or go on a guided bike ride along the Main River. (B,L,D)



**DAY 6: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

### **WÜRZBURG**

Nestled along the “Romantic Road” in the middle of Germany's largest wine producing region lies Würzburg. Join a walking tour of this beautiful city bursting with Baroque splendor. Or you can visit its crown jewel, the Baroque Residenz Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features an opulent interior, including a grand fresco by Tiepolo. Get more active with a hike up to the Marienberg Fortress, the most prominent landmark on the left bank of the Main River. During the afternoon, participate in a special Franconian wine tasting at the famous wine cellars located underneath Würzburg. (B,L,D)



# *Medieval Treasures Itinerary Continued*

## **DAY 7:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

### **BAMBERG**

Explore enchanting Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in one of three ways. Join a guided walking tour of this medieval gem to see its cathedral, Old Town Hall and elegant old mansions. Or taste your way through the city sampling smoked beer, licorice root and Hornla pastry, a local favorite whose recipe dates back to 1427. And for those wishing to explore the town more actively, hop on a bike for a guided bike tour along the Main River and to its quirky quarters beyond the town center. (B,L,D)



## **DAY 8:**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

### **NUREMBERG– DISEMBARKATION**

Disembark the ship in Nuremberg and if you did not purchase the Prague extension you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. For those that are purchasing the extension we will transfer to Prague. En route, stop at Pilzen, where you'll enjoy a highlights tour before continuing on to Prague. (B)





# ***Prague Post Cruise Extension***

## ***\$799.00 per person***

### **DAY 9:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

### **PRAGUE**

Discover fairytale Prague via a city tour or a hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive and vibrant cities, with a historic city center that's recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See all the key highlights, including the National Museum, Wenceslas Square, the 1,000 year-old Prague Castle and Old Market Square, home to the Astronomical Clock. (B)

### **DAY 10:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

### **PRAGUE**

Discover fairytale Prague via a city tour or a hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive and vibrant cities, with a historic city center that's recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See all the key highlights, including the National Museum, Wenceslas Square, the 1,000 year-old Prague Castle and Old Market Square, home to the Astronomical Clock. (B)

### **DAY 11:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

### **DEPART PRAGUE FOR HOME**

Bid farewell to Prague and prepare for your homeward flight. (B)





# *Medieval Treasures Rates*

## **AMA Magnificent Europe on AmaDante**



The 144-passenger AmaDante made her debut in 2008. Relax in spacious, elegantly appointed staterooms, ranging in size from 170-225 sq. ft., or in a single stateroom of 140 sq. ft. You can always indulge even more in one of the suites at 255 sq. ft. Most staterooms have a French balcony. Additional stateroom amenities include Entertainment-On-Demand, featuring free high-speed Internet access, unlimited Wi-Fi, movies, music and English language TV stations; climate-controlled air conditioning; and an in-room safe. In the marble bathroom, enjoy multi-jet showerheads, soothing bath and body products, robes and hair dryers. Suites feature added enhancements, including a larger sitting area with sofa and two chairs, and an expansive bathroom complete with a bathtub and separate shower. The AmaDante offers a host of added comforts and conveniences, including a sauna, whirlpool, massage and hair salon, a stylish and inviting Main Lounge, and specialty coffee station. As a member of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the exclusive international culinary society, you'll be treated to exquisite, locally-inspired cuisine always paired with unlimited wine, as well as beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner. You'll also enjoy a variety of dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, featuring an exquisite tasting menu prepared right before your eyes. With a walking track on the Sun Deck, a fitness room and a fleet of onboard bicycles to use on your own or on one of the many guided bike tours, as well as healthy menu choices, you'll have everything needed to stay active and healthy while sailing Europe's great rivers.

**RATES ARE PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.**

- Category D Fixed Window: \$4,499.00
- Category B French Balcony: \$5,299.00
- Category A French Balcony: \$5,499.00
- Category AA French / Outside Balcony: \$5,999.00
- Suite French / Outside Balcony: \$6,199.00

### **PRICING BASED ON AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

**Beverage Package:** \$169.00 per person-24 hours unlimited Selected Premium liquors, beer, wine and soft drinks; the drinks package includes beverages by the glass including selected premium liquors, Aperitifs, Champagne Cocktails, Liqueurs, Long Drinks, Bitters, sparkling wine as well as regional wines, but not Fancy Cocktails, Martinis, Champagne or other imported or vintage wines.





## ***Included in your 8 Night Package:***

- Round-trip transportation from Central Illinois
- Round-trip overnight flight to Europe
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- 7 night cruise accommodations aboard the AmaDante
- All meals onboard the vessel
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, or soft drinks with every dinner plus coffee and tea available throughout the day.
- 8 guided sightseeing tours, fully hosted by English-speaking guides
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship

**Not Include in cruise price:** 3 nights hotel accommodations in Prague for the optional extension, ship staff gratuities, alcoholic beverages, trip cancellation/medical insurance, some cruise shore excursions, items of a personal nature and possible airline baggage fees.

## ***Booking Information***

A deposit of \$600.00 per person is due at time of booking. Final payment is due on June 8, 2018. Cancellations at any time will result in complete forfeiture of all monies paid.

Once deposit is received all cancellations/name changes are assessed a penalty therefore we recommend purchasing Travel Insurance. Protecting your travel investment, your belongings and most importantly you, for those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip is very important.

*Direct Travel* highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance.

***Insurance is available at \$399.00\* per person and is non-refundable. It is strongly recommended that you book early as participation is limited. Please note: In the event of a trip cancellation the cost of the Travel Protection Plan is not a refundable expense.***

\*Trip insurance rate is based on cost of trip. Some people may have higher rates for upgrades or extensions that are added to the base cruise package.













**RESERVATION FORM – Bill Flick Medieval Treasures Cruise September 12-20, 2018**

Please return with your deposit to: *Direct Travel Group Department 2412 E Washington Street Suite 4A, Bloomington, IL 61704*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list names as they appear on your proof of citizenship)

Rooming With Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$600.00 per person deposit is required for this sailing on the AmaDante:**

- ☐ Category D \$4,499.00 per person (Fixed Windows)
- ☐ Category B \$5,299.00 per person (French Balcony)
- ☐ Category A \$5,499.00 per person (French Balcony)
- ☐ Category AA \$5,999.00 per person (French/Outside Balcony)
- ☐ Category Suite \$6,199.00 per person (French/Outside Balcony)
  
- ☐ Three Night Post Cruise Prague Extension \$799.00 per person
  
- ☐ I/we are purchasing the trip cancellation insurance \$399.00\* per person
- ☐ I/we decline to purchase the trip cancellation insurance

**Form of Payment:**

- ☐ Enclosed please find my personal check for \$600.00 per person deposit (Please make payable to **Direct Travel**).
- ☐ Please charge my credit card for deposit: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

(security code is located on the signature line for Visa/MasterCard/Discover or front of an American Express card)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** (Please review all travel documents and inform us immediately if there are discrepancies. Legal names as they appear on government issued documentation are required. Prices are subject to change until full payment has been made. Payment constitutes understanding and acceptance of our cancellation policy, terms and conditions outlined below: Final payment will be charged to this card on June 8, 2018 unless you specify another form of payment. Cancellations must be provided in writing, email notification is not valid unless you have a confirmation email reply [reservations@directtravelgroups.com](mailto:reservations@directtravelgroups.com) accepting your cancellation. \* Trip insurance rate is based on cost of trip. Some people may have higher rates for upgrades etc.