Holiday Markets
Cologne to Munich

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Dear Yale Traveler

During Advent, cheery wooden villages brightly trimmed with fresh pine boughs, fluttering red ribbons and twinkling lights spring up in town squares across Germany. Please join us as we visit these festive Christkindlmarkts and share in delightful yuletide traditions on a seven-night cruise from Cologne to Nuremberg, plus a three-night stay in Bavaria’s capital, Munich. On board the first-class, intimate MS Amadeus Silver, you’ll unpack just once and have more time to enjoy your destinations along the scenic Rhine and Main Rivers.

Stroll through pretty medieval towns like Miltenberg and Rothenburg, and be charmed by merry holiday markets in different ports. Each town proudly adds its own distinctive touches, from Nativity scenes, choir singers and rousing brass bands to golden angels, carousels and carriage rides. In every market, enticing aromas scent the air – gingerbread, roasted chestnuts, sizzling bratwurst, potato pancakes and spiced almonds.

Sail through the lovely Rhine Gorge, and gaze upward at the soaring spires of Cologne’s majestic cathedral. Together, we’ll venture into beautiful Koblenz and admire the stately halls of Würzburg’s palace. In Bamberg and Nuremberg, you’ll also enjoy a choice of engaging, included excursions.

Embrace the Old World holiday spirit, and let the heartwarming ambience of these Christmas markets cast their spell over you! Space on this popular trip is always in demand, so make your reservation today to ensure your spot on this magical journey.

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Yale Study Leader

The German Way
by Hyde Flippo
This clever A-to-Z guide to the quirks, attitudes, behavior and customs is a terrific resource for travelers seeking insight into why the Germans, Austrians and Swiss do what they do.

The Gothic Enterprise: A Guide to Understanding the Medieval Cathedral
by Robert A. Scott
An enthusiast, Scott delves into the history, design, architecture and wonder of Europe's medieval cathedrals.

Upcoming Trips

Yale Week in Dordogne
10/18/2018-10/26/2018
Prof. Howard Bloch

Cuba: Legacies & Landscapes
10/19/2018-10/29/2018
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Morocco & Canary Islands aboard Sea Cloud II
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11/29/2018-12/12/2018
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Book Corner

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WELCOME PHONE CALL  
*Tuesday, Nov. 13th (tentative)*  
Chat with the group at 4 p.m. EST during a pre-trip welcome call with the professor. Learn more about what to expect and ask questions.

IN TRANSIT  
*Tuesday, November 27*  
Depart for Frankfurt, Germany.

FRANKFURT - COLOGNE  
*Wednesday, November 28*  
Upon arrival, transfer to Cologne and embark the MS Amadeus Silver, which will dock in Cologne overnight. Tonight, meet your fellow Yale travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner. (D)

COLOGNE  
*Thursday, November 29*  
*Discovery: Cologne Walking Tour.* See the old town’s landmarks and marvel at the majestic cathedral.  
*Free Time:* Wander through the jolly holiday booths in front of the cathedral this afternoon, or visit the Wallraf-Richartz Museum of Art or the Cologne Chocolate Museum.  
*Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions.* From Advent wreaths to baking, learn about cherished customs shared by families at home. (B/L/D)

KOBLENZ - RHINE GORGE  
*Friday, November 30*  
*Discovery: Koblenz Walking Tour.* Walk off the ship for a guided tour through the romantic squares and lanes of this lovely town set where the Rhine and Mosel rivers meet. Later, cruise through the beautiful Rhine Gorge, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch of the river designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and pass the famed Loreley Rock. (B/L/D)

MILtenberg  
*Saturday, December 1*  
*Discovery: Miltenberg City Tour.* Step right off the ship into this very picturesque medieval town. Admire its half-timbered buildings and other highlights on a guided walk, then sip some fine brandies at a local winery. Later, revel in the cozy, cheery atmosphere of the town’s Christkindlmarkt, nestled in the tiny square. This evening, the ship sails to Würzburg. (B/L/D)

WÜRZBURG - ROTHENBURG  
*Sunday, December 2*  
*Discovery: Würzburg.* Visit the sumptuous Würzburg Residence, one of Europe’s finest palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Next, in the historic center, see the Old Town Hall, St. Kilian’s Cathedral, Neumünster Church and the lively holiday market.  
*Discovery: Rothenburg—Romantic Road.* Southern Germany’s most captivating scenery lies along this scenic route. This afternoon, travel to the picture-perfect town of Rothenburg, so evocative of the Middle Ages. During your walking tour, explore the towers, turrets, and ramparts on the city walls that protected medieval residents. Tonight, after dinner on the ship, enjoy an exclusive show by a musical trio, entertaining you with operatic selections, show tunes and carols. (B/L/D)

BAMBERG  
*Monday, December 3*  
*Personalize Your Cruise - Choose one of these excursions:*  
*Bamberg.* Walk with a guide to see the Gothic and baroque gems of this UNESCO World Heritage site.  
*Culinary Delights.* Taste delectable Franconian specialties and learn how they are prepared. (B/L/D)

NUREMBERG  
*Tuesday, December 4*  
*Personalize Your Cruise - Choose one of these excursions:*  
*Nuremberg Sightseeing.* See the Palace of Justice building, the site of the momentous post-World War II trials. On a guided walk, visit Kaiserburg Castle, where rulers of the Holy Roman Empire held court during the Middle Ages. Continue to Hauptmarkt square to see the 14th-century fountain, the Frauenkirche and St. Lorenz Church.

Warm your hands on a mug of glühwein as you stroll through the merry market, filled with colorful wooden nutcrackers, sparkling glass ornaments and handmade decorations.
Documentation Center Museum.
In the 1930s, the National Socialist party erected a complex of massive buildings intended as a display of power for their rallies. At the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds museum on the site, explore the “Fascination and Terror” exhibit about the National Socialist reign of terror.

Rural Life.
Travel to the tiny village of Moggast, home to fewer than 500 people. On a family-owned farm, get an intimate look at everyday life. Tonight on board, share in a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner in honor of your cruise. (B/L/D)

NUREMBERG - REGENSBURG - MUNICH
Wednesday, December 5
Disembark the ship in Nuremberg and transfer to Munich.

Discovery: Regensburg. En route to Munich, take in the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage site, a wonderfully preserved medieval city. Continue by motor coach to Munich, and check in to the deluxe Hotel Bayerischer Hof. (B)

MUNICH
Thursday, December 6
Discovery: Munich. On a panoramic tour, witness the city’s broad range of architectural styles. Step inside Nymphenburg Palace, the summer residence of Bavarian monarchs, and tour the superb chambers and galleries. Enjoy a guided city walk to see the Old Town Hall, the Marienplatz, the Frauenkirche and the Church of St. Peter. (B/L)

MUNICH
Friday, December 7
Free Time: Look forward to a thrilling day on your own! Explore the city’s acclaimed museums, such as the Munich Residence or the Alte Pinakothek. This evening, toast your yuletide journey with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception. (B)

IN TRANSIT
Saturday, December 8
After breakfast, transfer to the Munich airport for the return flight to your gateway city. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

What is Included:
• Program of lectures and discussions with Joel Baden.
• Accommodation on double occupancy basis as per the itinerary.
• All entrance fees to monuments as per the itinerary.
• Services of a Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
• Welcome Dinner.
• Meals as per the itinerary including tea/coffee with all meals and beer and wine with lunch and dinner on board.
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• Assistance at the airports.
• All taxes.
• Daily bottled water and transportation in air-conditioned vehicles.
• VOX listening devices.
• Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance.

What is Not Included:
• Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, etc.
• Any Insurance.
• Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
• International airfares.
• Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.

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Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Located in Munich’s old city center within walking distance of major landmarks, the hotel offers stylish, luxurious rooms and amenities. Choose from five elegant restaurants, including Atelier, a two-starred Michelin establishment; Palais Keller, serving Bavarian dishes; and Trader Vic’s, offering exotic Polynesian fare. Unwind at the Blue Spa, a peaceful oasis set in the rooftop garden.

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