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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Retrace the “Grand Tour,” an elite tradition undertaken by enlightened ladies and gentlemen of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries on this Great Journey through Europe. Traverse four countries and the western heart of the Continent on this carefully planned, exclusive itinerary. Join fellow OU alumni and friends, along with alumni and friends from other colleges and universities, as we discover the storied UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley, passing the hillside vineyards of the renowned Rheingau wine region, and meandering through the Netherlands’s expansive waterways flanked by polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Experience three of the world’s great railway journeys and delight in the opportunity to experience six astounding UNESCO World Heritage sites.

In Zermatt, marvel at the iconic Matterhorn as you travel aboard the Gornergrat Bahn, Switzerland’s oldest cog railway. Then, cross Switzerland’s mountainous backbone aboard the ingeniously engineered Glacier Express railway and spend two nights in lovely Lucerne in the Five-Star HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF, surrounded by glorious Alpine panoramas. From Lucerne, journey through the foothills of the Bernese Oberland Alps to Basel. Stop in medieval Bern, where the storybook Old Town is a celebrated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III, one of the finest ships to ply the waters of Europe, from Basel to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Port calls include the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg, France, a fusion of both French and German cultures; and Mannheim (for Heidelberg), Rüdesheim, Koblenz and Cologne, Germany.

This popular Great Journey through Europe travel program is an excellent value with all excursions and deluxe accommodations included. This exceptional itinerary sells out year after year so book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Travel
OU Alumni Association
Depart the U.S. for Geneva. Transfer through the subtropical Swiss lowlands to the soaring Alps, Switzerland’s stunning archetype of snowcapped peaks, crystal-clear glacial lakes and densely wooded forests. Upon arrival in Zermatt, check into the deluxe HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF ZERMATT, located at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn. Attend the Welcome Reception in the hotel on July 9.

Zermatt
Friday, July 10
Ascend through pine and larch forests, crossing meadows ablaze with wildflowers and passing distant peaks blanketed by snow, aboard the highest cog railway in Europe, the Gornergrat Bahn. Sweeping vistas of breathtaking Alpine scenery unfold from atop the 10,100-foot summit, where the serrated profiles of the Matterhorn, the Liskamm and the Dufourspitze mountains and the vast Gorner Glacier extend beyond your periphery. Return to Zermatt at your leisure; enjoy stops including Riffelberg featuring a panoramic view of the Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn.

Zermatt/Andermatt/Lucerne
Saturday, July 11
Wind through the heart of the Alps to Andermatt aboard the fabled Glacier Express, “the world’s slowest express train,” and delight in the surrounding natural beauty through panoramic windows along this ingenious rail route.

Lucerne
Sunday, July 12
The rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi reflected in a deep blue lake make Lucerne a long-favored travel destination. Begin your walking tour amid historic burghers’ houses in the Weinmarkt (wine market); then, see the Hofkirche (Court Church), an exceptional example of German Renaissance architecture, and the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who gave their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution.
Walk underneath tableaus of Swiss history and mythology painted on the arched roof of the 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, Lucerne’s most famous landmark, spanning the Reuss River.
Reach Mount Pilatus’s 7000-foot summit by panoramic gondola for a 360-degree vista of central Switzerland’s unforgettable topography and lunch in a summit restaurant. Board the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway, and descend nearly 5400 feet in less than three miles to Lake Lucerne. Cruise along its placid waters—the glistening namesake of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata,” surrounded by the magnificent Swiss Alps.

Lucerne/Bern/Basel
Monday, July 13
Early today, journey from the foothills of the Alps through the Bernese Oberland to admire the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Jungfrau, an imposing summit known as the “Top of Europe.”

Cover photo: View the unforgettable peak of the iconic Matterhorn from the top of the highest cog railway in Europe, the world-renowned Gornergrat Bahn.

Photo this page: Medieval castles and bucolic terraced vineyards capture the romance of Germany’s legendary, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley.
In Switzerland’s capital, Bern, enjoy lunch in a former 18th-century High Baroque-style granary, today a traditional Bernese restaurant. Tour its beautifully preserved Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site framed by the Aare River and its signature 15th-century arcades.

Continue across the bucolic Swiss countryside to Basel and embark the deluxe Amadeus Silver III. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Strasbourg, France
Tuesday, July 14
The lively Alsatian city of Strasbourg fuses Old and New Europe with French and German influence. In the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old City, cobblestone lanes weave around medieval houses, and the 13th-century Ponts Couverts, bridges flanked by watchtowers, span idyllic canals.

In Strasbourg, John Calvin first established a reformed parish; view remnants of the Reformation in St-Pierre-le-Vieux, a simultaneum used by Protestant and Catholic parishioners. See the Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, whose graceful sandstone exterior, according to the poet Goethe, rises “like a most sublime, wide-arching tree of God.”

The Petite France district evokes a fairy tale, with its historic miller, tanner and fishermen’s quarter of half-timbered houses along the Ill River. Nearby, member nations of the European Union engage in the daily discourse of the European Parliament. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Strasbourg.

Mannheim, Germany, for Heidelberg
Wednesday, July 15
This morning, transfer from Mannheim to Heidelberg, where luminaries such as Goethe and Schumann once came to experience the intellectual atmosphere of Heidelberg University, the oldest in Germany, founded in 1386. To many on the historic “Grand Tour” of Europe, Heidelberg epitomized Germany, nestled in the densely wooded valley of the Neckar River and alive with the spirit of Romanticism.

On the walking tour, see the preservation of Heidelberg’s authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, manifested in sites such as the eight remaining arches of its famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge). Visit the stately ruins of Heidelberg Castle, the 13th-century embodiment of the city’s medieval past, perched above the river.

Later, cruise through pastoral Rheingau, Germany’s most famous wine-growing region, renowned for its Riesling.

Rüdesheim/Koblenz
Thursday, July 16
Dock in Rüdesheim, the medieval heart of Germany’s wine country. Enjoy a tour aboard the whimsical Winzerexpress mini-train, while traveling through bucolic vineyards en route to a
private wine tasting, which highlights local Rieslings, including the crisp Klosterberg.

Cruise through the dramatic UNESCO World Heritage-designated Middle Rhine Valley, where with nearly each bend in the river, terraced vineyards rise on steep slopes, medieval castles crown remote crags and tranquil villages emerge along peaceful banks. See the famous Lorelei Rock—legend holds that a beautiful siren once lured sailors here with her enchanting song.

Stop in historic Koblenz, strategically positioned at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, for a walking tour. Here, Germany’s Roman past dates to 9 B.C., during Augustus Caesar’s reign. From the landmark Deutsches Eck (German Corner), view the 19th-century fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, the former residence of the powerful Archbishop-Electors of Trier, across the Rhine River, and see the twin-towered Basilica of St. Castor, built between the ninth and 13th centuries, showcasing the Rhineland’s distinctive Romanesque architecture.

Cologne
Friday, July 17
Arrive in one of Germany’s most ancient cities, founded as a Roman military outpost in 38 B.C. Since Charlemagne, Cologne has flourished as the Rhineland’s foremost mercantile and religious center, and it is the birthplace of the world-famous original Eau de Cologne perfume.

Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and visit the Köln Dom (Cologne Cathedral) UNESCO World Heritage site. The nation’s finest example of High Gothic architecture, the Köln Dom took six centuries to complete. Admire the cathedral’s lauded treasures, including medieval stained-glass windows, the bejewelled sarcophagus of the Shrine of Three Kings, the monumental, 10th-century Gero Crucifix and richly carved 14th-century choir stalls.

Spend a leisurely afternoon cruising along the picturesque Rhine River and later, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Amsterdam, the Netherlands/U.S.
Saturday, July 18
Following breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on the Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Program Option or depart for the U.S.
The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect conclusion to your Great Journey. Visit the world-class Rijksmuseum and enjoy a full-day excursion to quaint Edam, world famous for its cheese, and historic Hoorn, one of the great seafaring towns of the Golden Age. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Amsterdam's bridges and canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.
Included Features

◆ Eleven-day program, including four nights in the Swiss Alps, featuring three of the world’s great train journeys, and a five-night Rhine River cruise.

In Zermatt

◆ Two nights in the deluxe Hotel Schweizerhof Zermatt, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Rail journey aboard the scenic Gornergrat Bahn, one of the most picturesque train rides in the world, with breathtaking views of the great Matterhorn.
Experience one of the great rail journeys of the world from Zermatt to Andermatt aboard the legendary Glacier Express, followed by lunch and a scenic transfer from Andermatt to Lucerne.

In Lucerne

◆ Two nights in the Five-Star Hotel Schweizerhof, with Swiss breakfast each morning.
◆ Walking tour of historic, 12th-century Lucerne.
◆ Panoramic Mount Pilatus gondola ascent with lunch at the summit, and the dramatic descent aboard the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel train.
◆ Scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.
Scenic transfer from Lucerne to Basel, with a stop in Switzerland’s historic capital of Bern and lunch in a traditional Bernese restaurant.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III

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◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Farewell Dinner.
◆ Excursion to Heidelberg’s 13th-century hilltop castle ruins.
◆ Visit to the medieval town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the Rheingau, featuring a private tasting of local wines.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Koblenz including the famous Deutsches Eck (German Corner), located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

◆ View of the imposing Jungfrau summit.
◆ Tour of Bern’s storybook Old Town.
◆ Walking tour of Strasbourg’s historic Grande Île (Big Island) city center.
◆ Cruise through the Middle Rhine Valley’s scenic Lorelei Passage.
◆ Cologne walking tour, including a stop to see the magnificent Kölner Dom.

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Legendary Railways of the Swiss Alps

Appreciate the visionary work and vast scope of Switzerland’s impressive railways as you experience firsthand the sublime majesty of the iconic Alps from incredible perspectives. Journey on three of the world’s great Alpine railways—the panoramic Glacier Express, the scenic Gornergrat Bahn and the dramatic Pilatus Railway—and, while admiring the ingenious engineering necessary to create your routes, savor vignettes of the quintessentially Swiss landscape—including 14,000-foot-high mountain peaks, flowing streams, cavernous gorges and crystalline glaciers.

The Gornergrat Bahn is Switzerland’s oldest electrified cog railway, in operation since 1898. In the brief span of five miles, you will climb nearly 5000 feet from Zermatt to lofty Gornergrat. En route and at the summit, prepare to be mesmerized by the unforgettable views of the great Matterhorn, hanging glaciers and the blue waters of glacial mountain lakes.

Lucerne’s Pilatus Railway offers breathtaking bird’s-eye views of Swiss farms and coniferous forests along its three-mile route from the summit of Mount Pilatus to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Its vertical descent of nearly 5400 feet over a grade as steep as 48 percent is highlighted by its stunning 360-degree views.

No feat required greater skill and determination than the engineering of boldly curving iron rails and soaring viaducts for the Glacier Express (1930) across the spine of the towering Alps. Experience this spectacular and leisurely journey showcasing unmatched views of the Swiss countryside: weathered chalets and mountainside farming hamlets, picturesque trails dotted with hikers, livestock grazing on green grasses, glacial waterfalls and snowcapped mountains. A true engineering marvel, the railway penetrates the mountain barrier separating the cantons of Valais and Uri through the nine-and-one-half-mile-long Furka Tunnel and crosses arched stone bridges that stretch across the tumbling headwaters of the Rhine and Rhône Rivers.

Travel in comfort through Switzerland’s stunning Alpine heart aboard the celebrated Glacier Express.
† Amadeus Silver III has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from

*T axes are an additional $240 per person and are subject to change.

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