Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join fellow OU alumni and friends, along with alumni and friends from other colleges and universities in a land “filled with the marvelous.” These medieval castles, dense and mysterious woodlands, quaint villages filled with half-timbered houses and bucolic terraced vineyards inspired the Brothers Grimm, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Washington Irving to write of magical characters alternatively bewitching and rescuing real-life people in what have become epic fairy tales and folklore. The remarkable settings in the river valleys of Germany, so colorfully portrayed in these stories, are still happily intact and beckoning to be explored.

We are delighted to present the seven-night cruise of River Life™ along the Rhine, Main and Mosel, a carefully crafted itinerary visiting four UNESCO World Heritage sites and featuring three of Europe’s seminal waterways and Germany’s celebrated wine regions during the best time of year! Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. Amalyra, one of Europe’s newest and most state-of-the-art river vessels. Our specially arranged excursions explore the region’s rich heritage and Roman history, Bavaria’s Romantic Road culture and daily life in the heart of the famous Rheingau.

Among the many Cultural Enrichments you will enjoy is the exclusive Village Forum™, where local Einwohner (residents) will share personal insights about contemporary life and their cultural heritage along these conduits of commerce. En route, sample local Riesling wine and Bamberg’s distinctive Rauchbier (smoke beer) and learn to speak just enough German to make your interaction with the locals all the more enjoyable. Your cruise is anchored on either end with two exceptional opportunities in which you can choose to participate: a Prague Pre-Cruise Option to visit this UNESCO World Heritage site, one of Europe’s most spectacular cities, and a Luxembourg Post-Cruise Option to visit the only remaining grand duchy, a UNESCO World Heritage site often overlooked by travelers.

This exceptional travel value provides great appeal—all accommodations, all meals and all excursions are included, and you will unpack only once! I encourage you to make your reservations now, while Early Booking Savings are available.

Sincerely,

Tripp Hall
Vice President for
University Development

Rennie Cook
Associate Vice President for
Alumni Affairs and Executive Director,
OU Alumni Association

Cover photo: Fortresses like Pfalzgrafenstein, built on tiny islands throughout the Rhine River Valley, once collected tolls for “Mad King Ludwig.”

Quaint half-timbered houses and traditional wine taverns line Rüdesheim’s narrow lanes.
The true character, traditions and daily rhythms of Germany’s fabled wine country are best found in the cobblestone squares, fairy-tale castles and lush vineyards of the quaint villages and charming towns along three of Germany’s most picturesque rivers, the Rhine, Main and Mosel. An exceptional value, this custom-designed program in the Village Life™ series immerses you for one full week in a peerless, comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace; reserve by the Early Booking date for the best value! All accommodations, meals, excursions and featured Cultural Enrichments are included and are available only in this exclusively arranged offering. And, you will unpack only once!

The state-of-the-art M.S. Amalyra has been privately chartered for this exclusive itinerary and features deluxe accommodations and superior service. It is ideal for exploring Germany’s storied rivers.

Cultural Enrichments are key educational components of River Life™ along the Rhine, Main and Mosel and offer you a travel experience like no other:

♦ **Hear it from the experts!** Prominent faculty will accompany you and address a variety of historical and cultural topics throughout your cruise. Exclusive excursions led by experienced, English-speaking local guides will enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of the people of the region and their deep-rooted history and traditions.

♦ **Learn key phrases** and pronunciation that will enable a more personal interaction with locals during “Sprechen Sie Deutsch?” the specially arranged introduction to the German language.

♦ **Meet local Einwohner (residents) during** the exclusive Village Forum™ as they share their candid perspectives on daily life in Germany’s foremost wine regions. Meet the mayor and official Wine Queen of Zell to discuss the importance of wine production.

♦ **Experience** a performance of Der Meistertrunk in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a reenactment of the town’s rescue during the Thirty Years War.

♦ **Sample** the world-renowned flavors of Bamberg’s smoke beer and the Rheingau’s famous Riesling wine during specially arranged tastings.

♦ **Enjoy time on your own**—stroll along the cobblestone lanes of medieval walled cities, observe the rhythms of daily life while sipping local ale in a typical beer garden, or simply enjoy the spectacular passing scenery from aboard the ship.
**Day by Day Itinerary**

**Day Destination**

**Prague Pre-Cruise Option**

1. **Depart from the U.S.**
2. **Nuremberg, Germany/Embark M.S. Amalyra.**
3. **Bamberg**
   - Walking tour of the Old Town.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Tasting of the famous local Rauchbier (smoke beer).
4. **Würzburg/Rothenburg ob der Tauber**
   - Visit to the Würzburg Residenz (Residence Palace).
   - Walking tour of Rothenburg ob der Tauber and visit to the Church of St. Jakob.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Performance of Der Meistertrunk.
5. **Wertheim/Miltenberg**
   - Walking tour of historic Wertheim and visit to the Glass Museum.
   - Walking tour of Miltenberg.
6. **Heidelberg/Rüdesheim**
   - Visit to Heidelberg Castle.
   - Walking tour of Rüdesheim.
   - **Cultural Enrichments:**
     - Village Forum™ featuring local Eimeolmer.
     - Private Riesling tasting in a Rüdesheim wine cellar.
7. **Cochem/Zell**
   - Visit to Reichsburg Castle.
   - Free time in Cochem and in Zell.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Meet the mayor and Wine Queen of Zell for a discussion on wine.
8. **Trier/Remich, Luxembourg**
   - Tour of Trier’s Roman Monuments.
9. **Remich/Dissembark M.S. Amalyra/Return to the U.S.**

**Luxembourg Post-Cruise Option**

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**Bamberg**

The Bavarian UNESCO World Heritage site of Bamberg, a virtual showcase of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, has carefully preserved its historic, artistic and architectural heritages, having remained untouched during World War II. See the brilliant Baroque and rococo frescoes of Bamberg’s Gothic Old Town Hall, its picturesque “Little Venice” of restored half-timbered fisherman’s cottages and the 13th-century Bamberger Dom (cathedral) revered for its splendid sculptures, especially the enigmatic Bamberg Rider, the first equestrian statue in the West since Classical antiquity.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Enjoy a tasting of Bamberg’s traditional Rauchbier.

**Würzburg**

Capital of the Franconian wine region, Würzburg is the starting point of Germany’s famous Romantic Road. Its opulent 18th-century Würzburg Residenz (Residence Palace), designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, was designed to rival the palaces in Vienna and Versailles and has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque...
Cultural Enrichments program in the Village Life™ series immerses you for one full week in a peerless, picturesque area of the world. The unique Rhine, Main and Mosel offer you a travel experience like no other: a journey back in time to the true character, traditions and daily rhythms of Germany’s fabled wine country. You are best found in the cobblestone squares, fairy-tale castles and lush vineyards of the Rhine River Valley—s Troll along the cobblestone lanes of medieval walled cities, visit the Würzburg Residenz and Reichsburg Castle in picturesque Cochem, and enquire about the Cathedral of Trier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The true character, traditions and daily rhythms of Germany’s fabled wine country for the best value!

_Luxembourg Post-Cruise Option_

Wine-producing communities. Zell is best known as the source of the famous Zellersteiner wine. Meeting the mayor and official Wine Queen of Zell to discuss the importance of wine production. A reenactment of the town’s rescue during the Thirty Years War. The ruins of the Burg (castle) date to the 12th century. The local Glass Museum displays the long tradition of glass-blowing in Wertheim, which is world-famous for its production of holiday ornaments.

**Rothenburg ob der Tauber**
Perched high above the River Tauber, the beautifully preserved town of Rothenburg is a quintessentially German town and one of the oldest along the Romantic Road. Its authentic medieval atmosphere—manifest in the 12th-century walls, quaint Altstadt and historical festivals—transports you to the Middle Ages like no other town in Germany. The 14th-century Gothic Church of St. Jakob is a historic Lutheran church with an extraordinary wood-carved altarpiece depicting the Last Supper carved by renowned Würzburg sculptor Tilman Riemenschneider. Cultural Enrichment: Attend a performance of Der Meistertrunk.

**Wertheim**
A one-thousand-year-old hamlet, lovely Wertheim is built around a medieval town center surrounded by traditional German half-timbered houses and narrow streets. The ruins of the Burg (castle) date to the 12th century. The local Glass Museum displays the long tradition of glass-blowing in Wertheim, which is world-famous for its production of holiday ornaments.

**Miltenberg**
Miltenberg is traditional Bavaria at its very finest. A Renaissance fountain is the focal point of its traditional Marktplatz; narrow, cobblestone lanes lead from the 14th-century Old Town Hall to magnificent Mildenburg Castle; and Germany’s oldest inn, Gasthaus zum Riesen, has provided uninterrupted service since the 15th century.

**Heidelberg**
To many on the “Grand Tour” of Europe, fashionable in the 18th and 19th centuries, Heidelberg was Germany. This city, Germany’s oldest university town, epitomized the spirit of German Romanticism. It has preserved its authentic Renaissance-Baroque character, including the nine arches of the famous Alte Brücke (Old Bridge) that still span the Neckar River. High above, the magnificent red sandstone Heidelberg Castle contains the legendary Grosses Fass (“Great Vat”), the world’s largest wine barrel, made from 130 oak trees and with a capacity of 55,000 gallons.

**Rüdesheim**
In the heart of Germany’s wine country lies the charming town of Rüdesheim. The quaint Drosselgasse pedestrian street leads to a tram that ascends into the hills offering sweeping vistas of the surrounding Rheingau (Rhine River Valley), the most scenic section of the Rhine designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its stunning landscapes and architectural treasures. Nearby is the Lorelei Rock—ancient legend holds that a beautiful maiden lured sailors here with her enchanting song. Cultural Enrichment: During the Village Forum™, local residents discuss contemporary and cultural issues affecting their daily life. Cultural Enrichment: Visit a wine cellar for an exclusive wine tasting of the region’s famous Riesling.

**Cochem**
“The Pearl of the Mosel River,” medieval Cochem enchants visitors with its delightful riverfront promenade. Its turreted 11th-century hilltop castle, Reichsburg, has been restored to its original majesty and overlooks the steeply terraced vineyards and tiny, storybook village that characterize the Mosel Valley’s legendary wine country and scenic beauty.
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

Early Booking date arranged offering. And, you will unpack only once!

The true character, traditions and daily rhythms of Germany's fabled wine country, which is best found in the cobblestone squares, fairy-tale castles and lush vineyards of Rhine, Main and Mosel and offer you a travel experience like no other: exclusive to the world-renowned flavors of Bamberg's smoke beer and the Rheingau's famous Riesling wine during specially arranged tastings.

The quaint Drosselgasse pedestrian site of Bamberg, a virtual showcase of architecture, heritage, having remained untouched through World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. Above its grand Baroque façade, the local Glass Museum has been restored to its former glory following World War II. 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Enjoy time on your own

Experience the world-renowned flavors of Bamberg’s smoke beer and the Rheingau’s

RHINE during the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM™ as they share

in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a

EUROPE

A one-thousand-year-old hamlet, lovely

12th century. The local Glass Museum

are served with dinner. The Restaurant provides

a private bathroom, individually controlled

style and superior personal service provided by

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Rhine River

Main River

altarpiece depicting the Last Supper

staircase, Giovanni Tiepolo’s original ceiling

Perched high above the River Tauber, the

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Bamberger Dom (cathedral) revered for its

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Der Meistertrunk

World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the cathedral.

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Capital of the Franconian wine region,

opulent 18th-century Würzburg Residenz

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Bohemian royalty and center of political power

meander through the haunting and evocative

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join fellow OU alumni and friends, along with alumni and friends from other colleges

MAIN AND MOSEL, a carefully crafted itinerary visiting four UNESCO World Heritage sites

wine and Bamberg’s distinctive Rauchbier (smoke beer) and learn to speak just enough

Complimentary house wine and beer served with dinner.

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS
LED BY EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES
Walking tour of medieval Bamberg, a UNESCO

World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the cathedral.

City tour of Würzburg, highlighted by a visit to the

Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Walking tour of perfectly preserved Rothenburg ob der Tauber and viewing of the magnificent wood

altarpiece in the 14th-century Church of St. Jakob.

Walking tour of historic Wertheim, including a visit
to the Glass Museum.

Walking tour of medieval Miltenberg to see its lovely, well-preserved architecture.

Excursion to Old Heidelberg and Heidelberger

Schloss (Heidelberg Castle) in Germany’s oldest

university town.

Walking tour of charming Rüdesheim.

Visit to Reichsburg Castle in picturesque Cochem.

Tour of Trier, the oldest city in Germany, featuring its UNESCO World Heritage sites, the important

Roman monuments.

EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS
Private tasting of Bamberg’s famous Rauchbier

(smoke beer).

Performance of Der Meistertrunk, a reenactment

of the town’s rescue during the Thirty Years War.

Private Riesling wine tasting in an authentic

Rüdesheim wine cellar.

Onboard visit with Zell’s mayor and Wine Queen.

Exclusive VILLAGE FORUM™ with local residents for an engaging discussion about contemporary life

along the Rhine, Main and Mosel.

Language introduction of basic German phrases

and pronunciation.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL SERVICES
All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all

participants who have made their air arrangements

through Gohagan & Company and whose

arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.

Gratuities for local guides and drivers on excursions.

Experienced Program Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.

Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by

Gohagan & Company.
the Czech Republic’s elegant capital city, World War II; and Vianden Castle, former

LUXEMBOURG POST-CRUISE OPTION *
for more than 1,000 years; tour the Staré Mesto

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, though small, offers
architecture has earned it a designation as a UNESCO

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Stateroom

Two small fixed windows. Piano Deck.

$3195 $4195

Two small fixed windows. Piano Deck, forward.

$3795 $4795

French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with railing). Cello and Violin Decks, aft.

$4395 $5395


$4895 $5895


$4995 $5995

French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with railing), separate bathtub and large sitting area. Violin Deck. (very limited availability)

$5495 $6495

Junior Suite
Suite with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with railing), separate bathtub and extra large sitting area with sofa and two chairs. Violin Deck. (limited availability)

$5995 $6995

* Singles are available in category 3 for $8195 and in category 2 for $8495 on or before March 18, 2011. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 18, 2011.

† Taxes and fees are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

PRAGUE PRE-CRUISE RESERVATIONS:
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- Single at $1195 per person.
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- Single at $1095 per person.
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If we want you to book my/our air from

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Class:  Economy  Business  First

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If we will make my/our own air arrangements.
Cruise through a wondrous landscape of steep wooded hills crowned by storybook castles.

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