

Join LOW AARP and the Germanna Foundation on a 2019 Fundraising *Christmas Markets on the Rhine* River Cruise

Schöni Wiehnachte, Joyeux Noël, Froehliche Weihnachten, and Zalig Kerstfeest—mean Merry Christmas in Swiss, French, German, and Dutch, so get ready to hear these sincere greetings as you experience the deep-rooted traditions of the Christmas season in the most idyllic and historic settings. Brimming with seasonal spirit, cities and towns dazzle. Strasbourg, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France, delights with fairytale half-timbered houses dressed in giant red-and-white hearts. Heidelberg, with its romantic backdrop of a castle, offers a warming glow of light along one of the longest pedestrian zones in Europe. Do what the Europeans have been doing for centuries—gather at the timeless Christmas Markets, warm up with a mug of steamy vin chaud in France or glühwein in Germany, shop for one-of-a-kind handcrafted treasures, and celebrate the true spirit of the season.

This fundraising cruise will take us to 10 cities and 9 Christmas Markets in 4 countries. Our 8-day, 7-night river cruise departs from Basel, Switzerland, on Sunday, December 8, 2019, and ends in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Our river boat, the **AmaWaterways AmaStella** shown here, is a beautiful new luxurious 78-stateroom, 156-guest, 433-foot-long state-of-the-art river boat. Consider sharing this memorable experience with your friends and family, who are welcome to join us.



AARP will earn fundraising dollars from AmaWaterways for every 5 cabins that its members and friends sail, and these funds will go toward the chapter's 2019 donations to local charitable organizations.

Our itinerary takes us to many Christmas Markets in cities along the Rhine River. In addition to Basel and Amsterdam, these cities include:

- Breisach, Germany
- Riquewihr, France
- Christkindelsmarik in Strasbourg, France
- Ludwigshafen and Speyer, Germany
- Rudesheim and Heidelberg, Germany
- Cologne, Germany
- We also sail through the Rhine Gorge.

This exciting Christmas Market river cruise is being offered so far in advance due to the popularity of the itinerary, and these sailings sell out quickly. If you are interested, I urge you to place your deposit now to hold your space. Final payment is not due until September 2019, so you have plenty of time to save for this highly-acclaimed cruise experience.



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Contact Skip Poole, LOW AARP member, for more information, including pricing.
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