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## 2026 ENCHANTING ITALY, LAKE COMO & LUCERNE PLUS ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER CRUISE

*Enjoy an 8-Night Enchanting Italy Land Tour, followed by a 3-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in Lake Como, 1-Night Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in Lucerne & a 7-Night River Cruise from Basel to Amsterdam*

**19 Nights / 22 Days • Escorted from Honolulu**

**Travel to Rome, Italy & Return from Amsterdam, Netherlands**

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**May 12 – June 2, 2026 • Tour Managers: Darrell Chung & Arlene Oshima**

**COUNTRIES:** Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France & the Netherlands

**RIVER:** Rhine River

**VACATION OVERVIEW:** With more room to roam in Rome and space to savor the pleasures and treasures of Umbria and Tuscany, you'll never miss a sight, bite, or decadent delight from the Eternal City to the timeless traditions of culture, cuisine, and captivating romance in Venice and Florence. Share the sweet life with your small group companions while dipping into chocolate, discovering secret recipes, daydreaming by gondola, or drinking wine with a few of your closest amici. And find more amore in the avenues and venues that are perfect for small groups on this che bella Small Group Discovery tour in Umbria and Tuscany.

Your cruise vacation begins with a 3-night stay in Lake Como and 1-night stay in Lucerne, with a special excursion up Mount Pilatus (or Mount Stanserhorn per seasonal accessibility) for spectacular Swiss Alpine panoramas. In Como, an included guided walking tour features the charming historic district, the Gothic Town Hall, the impressive Duomo, and a boat ride on the lake. In Lucerne, your guided walking tour includes the Lion Monument, the Chapel Bridge, and a special highlight excursion to Swiss Alps.

Embark on your Rhine River cruise through France, Germany, and the Netherlands. Board your Avalon Suite Ship® in Basel, Switzerland, then head for Breisach, Germany, at the foot of the Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border. Here you'll find the gateway to Germany's Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, and marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city, or stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Sail to the charming wine town of Rüdesheim, and a visit to the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, then pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge — the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Last stop in Germany is Cologne — a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral.

At the conclusion of your Rhine River cruise, you'll spend time in colorful Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city on an included canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Spend free time discovering world-famous museums, and an abundance of restaurants in the vibrant, modern capital of the Netherlands.

**GLOBUS SMALL GROUP DISCOVERY TOURS:** Smaller groups. Magnified moments. Devoted to providing a travel style for every type of traveler, Globus is excited to go small in a great, big way! Introducing Small Group Discovery tours! An entirely new type of tour, Globus Small Group Discovery tours were specifically designed for travelers who crave the intimacy of small group travel yet want worldwide experiences in epic proportions.

Orchestrating life-size moments in pared down settings, Globus Small Group Discovery tours afford you unique accommodations, exclusive excursions and special access throughout Europe, Globus Small Group Discovery tours take you straight to the heart of your destination, warming yours every minute of the way.

Designed from the ground up for a **maximum of 18 guests** in Europe, this Small Group Discovery tour has everything you need to explore with up-close-and-exclusive experiences that go beyond traditional tours.

We've packed everything you need for the perfect tour — from hand-selected hotels and dining to the friendly expertise of Globus Tour Directors and Local Guides (with headsets to hear every word), to seamless transportation between destinations and VIP access to the world's most iconic sites! Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi. Enhance your free time with your GlobusGO mobile app!

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**Day 1: Tue, May 12** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

**Day 2: Wed, May 13** – IN TRANSIT.

**Day 3: Thur, May 14** – ROME, ITALY. Welcome to Italy! After completing arrival formalities, meet your Globus Representative and transfer by coach to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city on your own. At 6:00 pm, meet your Tour Director and Travel Companions for a **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant. FIUME or Similar (2 Nights) (D)

**Day 4: Fri, May 15** – ROME. Join your group for an informative **orientation tour** to get to know "the Eternal City" with striking views of its legendary landmarks. Work up an appetite for a food tour of romantic Roma! (B)

**Day 5: Sat, May 16** – ROME – NARNI – PERUGIA. Enjoy an intimate walking tour to explore the sights of the ancient hilltop town of Narni. Next, visit a **local frantoio farm** for a **special olive oil tasting** and light lunch in the 14<sup>th</sup> century city of Perugia – one of the most beautiful and beloved villages in Italy. SINA BRUFANI or Similar (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 6: Sun, May 17** – PERUGIA – PIENZA. Enjoy the sweet experience of a guided walking tour, including an **exclusive chocolate-tasting experience** in Perugia. Keep the samples coming with a **savory pecorino cheese-tasting** in Pienza. RELAIS IL CHIOSTRO or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 7: Mon, May 18** – PIENZA – EXCURSION TO BAGNO VIGNONI. Visit the small village of Bagno Vignoni in the Val d'Orcia Region of Tuscany, renowned for its unique thermal baths which have been used since Roman times. Join your small group for a unique **wine tasting in the Montepulciano Region**. (B)

**Day 8: Tue, May 19** – PIENZA – MONTERIGGIONI – SAN GIMIGNANO – FLORENCE. Enjoy a **private cooking class in Monteriggioni**, followed by lunch in one of Italy's oldest villages. In



San Gimignano, join your group for an enlightening **orientation walking tour**. B&B HOTELS FIRENZE PITTI PALACE AL PONTE VECCHIO or Similar (2 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 9: Wed, May 20** – FLORENCE. Take a guided walking tour in Florence with a visit to the **Ferragamo Museum**. Celebrate in style with a **wine tasting served from a buchetta del vino (wine window)**. (B)

**Day 10: Thur, May 21** – FLORENCE – VENICE. Travel to Venice via **high-speed train**. Later, grab your favorite few for a **private gondola ride** followed by a **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant. PAPADOPOLI VENEZIA or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 11: Fri, May 22** – VENICE – LAKE COMO. Travel by motorcoach from Venice to Lake Como. Exploring this delightful town on the Lake Como. This gorgeous city offers you plenty of opportunities to get the most out of your three nights stay. STARHOTELS ROSA GRAND or Similar (3 Nights) (B)

**Day 12: Sat, May 23** – LAKE COMO.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Walking Tour which includes the charming historic center, the **Broletto (Town Hall)** with its fascinating Gothic façade, and the imposing, marble-clad Duomo. Embark on a **boat ride on Lake Como** which includes a stop in beautiful Bellagio.

(B)

**Day 13: Sun, May 24** – LAKE COMO. Enjoy the day at leisure to relax, recharge or explore the lakeshores. There is no shortage of ways to enjoy your free time in Lake Como! Choose a boat trip on the lake, a relaxing walk on the riverbanks or some shopping. And be sure to taste the authentic Italian specialties in a local restaurant! (B)

**Day 14: Mon, May 25** – LAKE COMO – LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND. Travel to Lucerne.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour to explore beautiful Lucerne which includes Thorvaldsen's poignant **Lion Monument** and the famous **Chapel Bridge**.

ASTORIA or Similar (1 Night) (B)

**Day 15: Tue, May 26** – LUCERNE – SWISS ALPS – BASEL – EMBARK AVALON ENVISION – CRUISE TO BREISACH, GERMANY.

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** This morning enjoy a **special Highlight Excursion to Mount Pilatus** (or Mount Stanserhorn per seasonal accessibility) for spectacular views over Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

Transfer to Basel to board the Avalon Envision. The ship will cruise this evening to Breisach. (B, D)



LA PETITE FRANCE DISTRICT, STRASBOURG, FRANCE

**Day 16: Wed, May 27** — BREISACH — EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST — CRUISE TO KEHL. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy the view on a relaxing **bike ride along the Rhine** with your Adventure Host, OR:

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical **Black Forest** to experience the **Vogtsbauernhof Open-Air Museum**, visit an authentic **water mill**, and see a **traditional butter-making demonstration**, OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Tour to explore **Freiburg's medieval city center**, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings. The ship will cruise this evening to Kehl. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Thur, May 28** — KEHL — EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE — CRUISE TO MAINZ, GERMANY.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Discover **Strasbourg by bike** with your Adventure Host, OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, **stained-glass cathedral** with its celebrated ancient murals and **astronomical clock**, as well as the magical **La Petite France District**.

You may also choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line — the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center. The ship will cruise this evening to Mainz. (B, L, D)

**Day 18: Fri, May 29** — MAINZ — EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG — RÜDESHEIM.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring **walk in Heidelberg**, the Philosophers' way, OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a Guided Tour to **Heidelberg Castle** to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed **Great Vat**, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel," OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the **Gutenberg Museum** to see the captivating history of printing.

Enjoy live entertainment onboard your ship after a short sailing to Rüdesheim, where the ship will be docked overnight. (B, L, D)

**Day 19: Sat, May 30** — RÜDESHEIM — RHINE GORGE — KOBLENZ.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque **vineyards of Rüdesheim**, OR:



RHINE GORGE, GERMANY

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Tour of the incredible **Mechanical Music Museum** for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the **authentic Rüdesheimer coffee**.

En route to Koblenz, sail through the **Rhine Gorge** (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary **Rock of the Lorelei** — where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors. Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening onboard with dinner and live entertainment. The ship will dock overnight in Koblenz. (B, L, D)

**Day 20: Sun, May 31** — KOBLENZ — COLOGNE — CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **bike ride like the locals** in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's **important Jewish heritage** sites, OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne — with its soaring twin-steeped **Gothic cathedral**.

Spend free time over a glass of kölsch pale lager — locally brewed for over 100 years! Cruise to Amsterdam. (B, L, D)

**Day 21: Mon, June 01** — AMSTERDAM.

**🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an **early morning walk** in Amsterdam, OR:

**🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an **off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour** through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city, OR:

**📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

You may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. You may also choose an Optional Biking Tour to discover the countryside. Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops. The ship will be docked in Amsterdam overnight. (B, L, D)

**Day 22: Tue, June 02** — AMSTERDAM — DISEMBARK AVALON ENVISION — HONOLULU. Bid farewell to the Netherlands as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

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- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
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- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily à la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef's features including carving and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon Tea featuring teas, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
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