



Embark on this exciting river cruise in Amsterdam, Holland, and explore everything the Rhine and Moselle Rivers have to offer as you stop at interesting and unique cities along Holland, Germany, Luxembourg and France.

Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, considered the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River, and see ancient castles standing majestically on cliffs 400 feet above the water.

At the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border sits Breisach—known to be the gateway to Germany’s famous Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty.



## Itinerary

### DAY 01 AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION) (B)

Welcome to Amsterdam. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

During tulip season, you may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs planted each year.

Outside of tulip season, join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

### DAY 02 AMSTERDAM (B, L, D)

Colorful Amsterdam—with Canals, Crooked Houses, and Cuisine of a Golden Age

#### Classic

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam’s “Golden Age.”

Join a Guided Optional Culinary Walk through Amsterdam to sample savory and sweet Dutch specialties.

You may choose to spend some free time this afternoon visiting one of Amsterdam’s many fascinating museums or galleries.

#### AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE

### DAY 03 COLOGNE, GERMANY (B, L, D)

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland’s Capital City

#### Active

Join a Guided Walk with your Avalon Adventure Host this afternoon, OR:

#### Classic

Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral, OR:

#### Discovery

Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne’s important Jewish heritage sites.

Don’t miss the chance to enjoy free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years! Local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

#### OVERNIGHT SAILING TO KOBLENZ

### DAY 04 KOBLENZ (B, L, D)

Fortress Walls and Manor Halls Where the Rhine and Moselle Meet

#### Classic

Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortress walls, towers, squares, and monuments, OR:

#### Classic

Visit the Sayn Manor House on a Guided Tour.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion this afternoon to visit Koblenz’s geopark, and learn about the region’s volcanic geological history.

Spend free time on a cable-car ride, or a hike to see the mountain-top Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Enjoy a leisurely walk across the town to shop or sample potato pancakes and regional wine. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

#### AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BERNKASTEL

## DAY 05 BERNKASTEL (B, L, D)

Gracious German Vineyards of the Moselle Valley

### Classic

Take a Guided Walking Tour of the charming wine village of Bernkastel—with its medieval marketplace and 17th-century gabled timber-framed houses, OR:

### Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a hike to nearby castle ruins, OR:

### Discovery

Join a Wine Tasting to experience the tradition of legendary German wine making.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO THIONVILLE

## DAY 06 THIONVILLE, FRANCE (B, L, D)

Ornate Palaces, Opera Houses, and Old Battle Lines

### Classic

Visit the historic Maginot Line—pre-WWII defensive fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, OR:

### Classic

Join a Guided Excursion to Metz—a city with 3,000 years of history—to see its gothic cathedral, Imperial Palace, and France’s oldest opera house.

You can choose to follow your excursion to Metz with a Guided Optional Excursion to the regal city of Nancy—with its gilded grand square and 18th-century Place Stanislas.

Alternatively, consider an afternoon bike ride on your own to leisurely explore Thionville.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO GREVENMACHER

## DAY 07 GREVENMACHER, LUXEMBOURG. EXCURSION TO TRIER (B, L, D)

Ancient Worlds, Old World Charm, and World-Class Wine

### Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an early Morning Run in Grevenmacher on the banks of the Moselle River in beautiful wine country.

This morning you may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to Luxembourg City—with its dramatic views, ancient ruins, and modern architecture along the deep gorge terrain.

### Classic

Take a Guided Sightseeing tour of Trier—Germany’s oldest city with ancient remnants dating from 144-152 AD. Starting from Porta Nigra, walk through the city center, OR:

### Classic

Join a history-focused Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn more about the history of Roman civilization in this Moselle River city, and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheater, and imperial baths.

### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BEILSTEIN

### DAY 08 BEILSTEIN, GERMANY (B, L, D)

The Sleeping Beauty of the Moselle

Enjoy free time in Beilstein—known as the “Sleeping Beauty of the Moselle” for its castle-dotted hills, vineyards, and inviting village of the Moselle River Valley.

Go for a morning bike ride through the unspoiled 15th-century buildings and chiming church bells before sailing to Treis-Karden.

### TREIS-KARDEN

Stiftskirche Steeples and Soaring Castles

### Classic

Choose from two Guided Tours to explore medieval castles towering on the slopes above the Moselle River.

Take some free time to stroll through the romantic village before enjoying live entertainment on board tonight.

### EVENING CRUISE TO BOPPARD

### DAY 09 BOPPARD—RHINE GORGE (B, L, D)

A Peaceful Jewel in the Rhine Gorge

### Active

Go for a Run this morning through the village of Boppard with your Avalon Adventure Host.

Alternatively, choose to explore Boppard’s beautiful views and forested surroundings on a bike ride or hike at your own pace. Spend free time this morning visiting a local café for a cup of German coffee.

Enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Rudesheim.

### RÜDESHEIM

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

### Discovery

Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience, OR:

### Active

Take an open-air cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument. Ride or walk back down through the vineyards, OR:

### Active

Combine a cable-car ride and a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host to explore the picturesque hills and vineyards of Rudesheim.

## Discovery

Based on your departure, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN

## DAY 10 LUDWIGSHAFEN. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG (B, L, D)

Philosophical Views, a Hilltop Castle, and the World's Biggest Barrel of Wine

### Classic

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:

### Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below.

You'll have free time to stroll or shop in Heidelberg this afternoon.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

## DAY 11 STRASBOURG, FRANCE (B, L, D)

Gothic Giants and Varietal Vintages

### Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Morning Walk, OR:

### Classic

Take a City Sightseeing Tour, including the city's gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Alsace for an afternoon in a French wine country village.

Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city centre. Sample local culinary specialties, such as Tarte flambée.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH

## DAY 12 BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO THE BLACK FOREST (B, L, D)

History, Artistry, and the Beautiful Black Forest

### Classic

Visit the charming village of Colmar on a Guided Tour of its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings, OR:

### Discovery

Join a full-day Guided Visit to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional Bavarian butter-making demonstration.

Follow your visit to Colmar with a free afternoon in Breisach. Take a bike from the ship, or walk among the pastel-painted houses above the Rhine.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL

## DAY 13 BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION) (B)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Zürich airport before 10 am.

**B = Breakfast. L = Lunch. D = Dinner.**

**\*NOTE:** In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program. Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change becomes necessary, a substitute will be offered. Prices are per person, based on double occupancy, subject to change. Port charges are additional \$312 per person. Travel insurance is not included, we highly recommend you purchase the insurance for cancellation and medical protection. Ask for details.

### Included:

- Deluxe 12-night cruise from Basel to Amsterdam in an outside stateroom with hotel-style beds
- Full breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions with sparkling wine and canapés; daily afternoon tea, daily night fare, farewell dinner, complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard
- Free bottled water daily.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour, self-serve beverage station with premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Cookies & fresh fruit available throughout the day.
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer.
- Bathrobes & slippers.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels.
- Individual climate control.
- Library with books, cards, and games.
- Onboard cultural & artisan experiences.
- Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes.
- Complimentary Bicycles available for time on shore.
- Included sightseeing with headsets by Certified Local Guides.

### Highlights & Sightseeing:

**Day 1 Amsterdam (Embarkation):** Onboard welcome reception

**Day 2 Amsterdam:** Canal cruise

**Day 3 Cologne:** Choice of Cologne highlights walking tour, or Jewish Heritage walking tour

**Day 4 Koblenz:** Choice of guided tour, or visit Sayn Manor House

**Day 5 Bernkastel:** Choice of guided walk, or hike to castle ruins with your Adventure Host; wine tasting

**Day 6 Thionville:** Choice of guided tour in Metz, or excursion to the Maginot Line area

**Day 7 Grevenmacher. Excursion to Trier:** Choice of guided sightseeing in Trier, or "Roman Trier," see the Porta Nigra

**Day 8 Beilstein–Treis-Karden:** Free time in Beilstein; excursion to a medieval castle

**Day 9 Rhine Gorge–Rüdesheim:** Cruise through the Rhine Gorge; choice of visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, or cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument in Rüdesheim; special treat

**Day 10 Ludwigshafen. Excursion to Heidelberg–Speyer:** Guided tour of Heidelberg Castle, see the Great Vat

**Day 11 Strasbourg:** Guided tour, visit La Petite France district and the gothic cathedral

**Day 12 Breisach. Excursion to Black Forest:** Choice of excursion to Black Forest, or guided tour in Colmar

**Day 13 Basel (Disembarkation):** Your vacation ends this morning



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