



One of Europe’s most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along the Rhine River, which takes you across Germany—and touches in Holland, France, and Switzerland!

Enjoy a canal cruise in splendid Amsterdam as well as guided sightseeing in Cologne, Koblenz, and Strasbourg.

Delight in excursions to Germany’s Black Forest and to Heidelberg, Germany’s oldest university town with its imposing castle.

Also sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, see the legendary Lorelei rock, and visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz.



Day 01 Arrive in Amsterdam, Holland (Embarkation) (D)

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, or a Guided Optional Excursion to Muiderslot Castle—Holland's most beautiful, best-kept medieval castle.

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

Classic

Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steeped 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!

Later local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT SAILING TO KOBLENZ

Day 04 Koblenz-Rhine Gorge-Rudesheim (B, L, D)

Travel Through 2,000 Years of Monumental History

Classic

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

Relax on the Sky Deck for an afternoon cruise through the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim. Sail past the legendary rock of The Lorelei—where the siren of mythology sang songs to lure ill-fated sailors.

RÜDESHEIM

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

Discovery

Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience.

Discovery

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

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

Day 05 Mainz. Excursion to Heidelberg (B, L, D)

Printing Halls, Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Barrel of Wine

Classic

Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing.

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 an afternoon Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

Day 06 Strasbourg, France (B, L, D)

Gothic Giants, Military Marvels, and Varietal Vintages

Classic

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—an impressive installation of pre-WWII defensive fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH

Day 07 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 Tour 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 CRUISE TO BASEL

Day 08 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 \$182 per person. Travel insurance is not included, we highly recommend you purchase the insurance for cancellation and medical protection. Please ask for details.

Included:

- Cruise: 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.
- Special 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:

CRUISE: deluxe 7-night cruise in an outside stateroom

AMSTERDAM: welcome reception; canal cruise

COLOGNE: choice of highlights walking tour or Jewish Heritage walking tour

KOBLENZ-RHINE GORGE-RUDESHEIM: guided sightseeing in Koblenz; scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge; visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim; special treat

MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG: guided walk, visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz; guided tour of Heidelberg; see the Great Vat

STRASBOURG: guided sightseeing, visit the La Petite France district and the gothic cathedral

BREISACH. EXCURSION TO THE BLACK FOREST: choice of excursion to Black Forest, or guided tour in Colmar



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