

Canals, Vineyards & Castles – Northbound

8 Day River Cruise Remich to Amsterdam



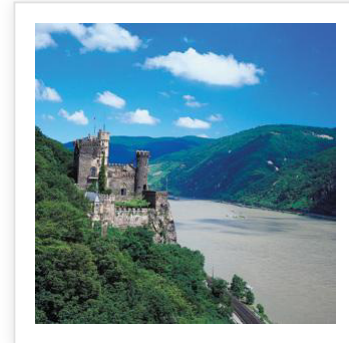
Vacation Overview

Board your Avalon Suite Ship in Remich on the beautiful Moselle River. An excursion to historical Luxembourg City offers unique and dramatic views, as the town is set on two levels—high above on straddling hills and dropping into two river valleys. Enjoy a guided walk in the charming wine village of Berncastel and taste some of the region's best wines.

Continue on the Moselle River to the picturesque town of Cochem where the Riesling grape is cultivated. Visit Reichsburg Castle, nestled among vineyards and offering breathtaking views of the town and river valley below. Sail into the Rhine River to the quintessential Rhine valley town of Rudesheim. Here visit the amazing Mechanical Musical Instruments Museum, and enjoy a stroll through the town's famous cobblestone Drosselgasse lined with shops, restaurants, and lively taverns.

You'll sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Your last stop in Germany is Cologne, a 2,000-year-old city known for its gothic architecture. On a guided walk, see the famous twin-spired cathedral and explore the cobblestone streets of the Old City.

Before this fabulous European river cruise concludes, you'll visit Holland's popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city from a unique perspective—on a canal cruise along the elegant Grachten. Experience spectacular scenery and discover legendary cultures along your Moselle and Rhine river cruise vacation.





Itinerary

Day 1 **REMICH, LUXEMBOURG (EMBARKATION)**

Welcome to Luxembourg! Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Luxembourg City must arrive by 3 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

The day is yours to explore Remich—the Pearl of the Moselle—with panoramic views of surrounding forests and vineyards. Enjoy dinner on board this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN REMICH

 Dinner

Day 2 **REMICH. EXCURSION TO LUXEMBOURG**

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

This morning, you might take a history-focused Guided Optional Excursion to Roman Trier to learn more about the history of Roman civilization in the oldest city in Germany. After your tour, enjoy some free time in Trier.

CLASSIC Join a Guided Tour of Luxembourg City—with its dramatic views, ancient ruins, and modern architecture along the deep gorge terrain.

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BERNKASTEL

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 3 **BERNKASTEL, GERMANY**

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.

Spend some free time at your leisure this afternoon—hike to view the vast vineyard landscapes, bike through the Renaissance-style village, or relax with a glass of German wine.

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

Tonight, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COCHEM

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 4 **COCHEM**

Reichsburg Castle, Riesling Wine, and the Charm of the Moselle Valley

CLASSIC Join a Guided Walk of Cochem to see the charming town's half-timbered houses and winding streets. Visit Cochem's hilltop Reichsburg Castle with a bird's-eye-view of the Moselle Valley and river bend.

Relax on the Sky Deck of your ship while sailing through the Moselle Valley, famous for the beautiful growing villages and their vineyards.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 5 **RÜDESHEIM—RHINE GORGE**

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, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting.

Later, relax on the Sky Deck while sailing through the magnificent Rhine Gorge.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ENGERS

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 6 **COLOGNE**

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland's Capital City

Start your day with a Morning Stretch with your Avalon Adventure Host.

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

DISCOVERY Join 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!

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 7 **AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND**

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 the city's "Golden Age."

Join a Guided Optional Culinary Walk through Amsterdam to sample savory and sweet Dutch specialties. Or you may enjoy an Optional Bike Tour to discover the Dutch countryside.

Alternatively take a Guided Optional Excursion to Muiderslot Castle—the most beautiful and best-kept medieval castle in Holland.

You may choose to spend some free time this afternoon by visiting one of Amsterdam's many fascinating museums or galleries. Tonight, enjoy the vibrant nightlife of Amsterdam on your own.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 8 **AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Vacation Highlights

Day 1 Remich (Embarkation): onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Remich. Excursion to Luxembourg City: guided tour in Luxembourg City

Day 3 Bernkastel: choice of guided walk, or hike up to the castle ruins with your Avalon Adventure Host; wine tasting

Day 4 Cochem: guided walk, visit Reichsburg Castle

Day 5 Rudesheim–Rhine Gorge: visit Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum; special treat; cruise through the Rhine Gorge

Day 6 Cologne: choice of Cologne highlights walking tour, or Jewish Heritage walking tour

Day 7 Amsterdam: canal cruise

Day 8 Amsterdam (Disembarkation): your vacation ends this morning

- 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 is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.



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