

8 DAY ROMANTIC RHINE (WAZ)





One of Europe's most legendary rivers takes you across Germany and touches in Holland, France, and Switzerland! This magnificent Rhine River cruise begins in the ever popular, modern city of Amsterdam, Holland. Cruise on its famous canals along the elegant grachten--the best way to see the treasures of this 700-year-old city dating back to the "Golden Age." Visit Cologne, Germany—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture—and see its famous twin-spired cathedral and Old Town with many shops, cafés, and taverns.

Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—offering the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Cruise to the charming wine town of Rüdesheim and visit the unique

Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Continue your Rhine River cruise to Mainz for a guided walk and visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum or take an excursion to Heidelberg to visit the ruins of its red-walled castle. In Strasbourg, France, marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Also, stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Stop in Breisach, Germany, the gateway to Germany’s Black Forest. Here, find unrivaled natural beauty in the area best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock.

CRUISE OVERVIEW

8

DAYS



4

COUNTRIES



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- Netherlands
- Germany
- France
- Switzerland

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

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AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. 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



Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Windmills, Canals & Cheese of The Netherlands

Discover the Netherlands legendary story of land reclaimed from the sea in the stunning Beemster Polder, where windmills stand as they have for centuries amid cheese farms and captivating landscapes

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



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AMSTERDAM

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



CLASSIC 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:

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

This afternoon, choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Bites & Highlights of Amsterdam

Discover Amsterdam's charming Jordaan district, and taste the authentic foods the locals know and love on this enjoyable guided foodie walking tour.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$\$



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COLOGNE, GERMANY

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland



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-steepled gothic cathedral.

Spend 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 CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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RHINE GORGE–RÜDESHEIM

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

En route to Rüdesheim, 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.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

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



CLASSIC 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, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a Guided Visit to the historic 18th-century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle and enjoy a delicious wine tasting.*

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

*This excursion will not be operated on departure June 23 and will be replaced by a Guided Tour to Eberbach Monastery with a wine tasting.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

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



ACTIVE EXCURSION

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



CLASSIC EXCURSION

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

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KEHL



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.



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.

Choose 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.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Into the Alsace Countryside with Wine Tasting

Travel along the famed Alsace Wine Route on this enchanting half-day excursion that visits a traditional medieval Alsace village and includes a cellar tasting of the local wines.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



Defending France: The Maginot Line of WWII

Explore France's awe-inspiring WWII Maginot Line, one of the greatest networks of defensive fortifications ever built, on this guided visit through the underground barracks, storehouses, and railways.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



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BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest



CLASSIC 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, with half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Storybook Colmar, France's Little Venice

Discover the fusion of German and French culture on this wonderful guided tour through storybook Colmar, the "Little Venice" of France and capital of the Alsace wine region.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



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BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Zürich airport before 10 am or Basel airport before 8 am.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Amsterdam



Movenpick Amsterdam City

Piet Heinkade 11



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A stylish 408-room hotel in the perfect location, this waterfront property offers Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout. The chic restaurant serves creative international cuisine and there is a fabulous bar serving drinks and light snacks which is also a great spot for a nightcap. For relaxation there is a Lifestyle Studio featuring a gym, Finnish sauna, bio sauna & ice fountain.

Hotel Amenities

• Spa Services

• Business Center

- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Gift Shop
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Smoking Rooms
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Pay Movies
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Air Conditioning

Westcord Jakarta Javakade 766

 WiFi

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A unique sustainable hotel in Amsterdam, where two worlds connect. At the former location where ships left for Jakarta, lies a green oasis in the centre of the city. Hotel offers 200 luxurious rooms with a Indonesian influenced style. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner at Café Jakarta or get a drink at the Malabar. Be pampered in luxury and relax in our wellness and swimming pool with views towards the river IJ.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available

- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Beauty Salon
- Bar/Lounge
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Complimentary Newspaper
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Pay Movies
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Air Conditioning
- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Complimentary Toiletries

Zurich

Renaissance Zurich Tower Turbinenstrasse 20

 WiFi

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

This 300 room luxury hotel is housed in a modern tower building located in the vibrant Zurich West quarter. The exclusive Grill restaurant serves urban cuisine and the lounge bar offers drinks, snacks and cocktails. Other amenities include a fitness area on the 15th floor with city views, sauna and steam bath.

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