



**10 DAY**

# **REFLECTIONS ON THE RHINE (WDZ)**






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.” Next discover the beautiful cities of Nijmegen and Arnhem. 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 Frankfurt for a guided walk 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, you’ll find unrivaled natural beauty in the area best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock.

CRUISE OVERVIEW

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DAYS COUNTRIES

-  COUNTRIES
- 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.

This afternoon, you may 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 Captivating 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:



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

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 vibrant streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

### AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO NIJMEGEN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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### Medieval Muiderslot Castle

From Golden Age paintings to 13th-century arms and armor, discover the wonders of Muiderslot Castle, one of Holland's most beautiful medieval castle fortresses, on this captivating half-day guided tour.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



### 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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## NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM

### Wildlife and WWII Valor



#### ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore the beautiful landscape of lush fields and blue water on a bike ride through The Ooijpolder Nature Reserve, OR:



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of Nijmegen— the oldest town in the Netherlands. Learn how this city was first built more than 2,000 years ago by the Romans and see the archaeological Roman-era ruins in the city that was also damaged in WWII.

During lunchtime, enjoy a brief cruise to Arnhem

### ARNHEM

### WWII Valor and Medieval Castle



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

This afternoon, discover Arnhem, a key site during WWII's Operation Market Garden, and enjoy a Guided Tour featuring the city's historical highlights and war memorials, followed by a tasting of herb and vegetable products at a medieval castle, OR:

Join a Guided Tour of the Airborne Museum of Hartenstein commemorating the 1944 WWII Battle of Arnhem.

### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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## COLOGNE, GERMANY

### Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Discover the people and true spirit of one of Cologne's hippest and most creative districts on this fascinating Guided Walking Tour through the Belgian Quarter, OR:



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Learn all about the 5,000-year history and production process behind “Brown Gold”—chocolate—on this fun hands-on Guided Tour and Tasting at Cologne’s incredible Chocolate Museum, 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:



#### ACTIVE EXCURSION

Take an open-air cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument. Ride or walk back down through the vineyards; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee, OR:



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee.

#### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO FRANKFURT



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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### FRANKFURT

Charm in Frankfurt



#### ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a biking experience in the city of Frankfurt with your Adventure Host, OR:



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Frankfurt to see the city's cultural landmarks and gleaming financial headquarters combined with the cozy ambience of quaint neighborhoods.

Spend free time this afternoon exploring Frankfurt on your own.

### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SPEYER



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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## SPEYER. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

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

Take a Guided Tour of Speyer, see its imperial Cathedral, one of the largest and most significant Romanesque edifices in Germany, OR:

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 STRASBOURG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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## 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

Winemaking and Wonderful Woods of the Black Forest



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernohf 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



#### 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

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- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Beauty Salon
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

## Room Features

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- 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



## 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.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Ice Machine
- Parking/Valet
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge

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