



ROMANTIC RHINE (SOUTHBOUND)

8 DAY RIVER CRUISE AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

APRIL 20-27, 2027

- CAT D/E: \$4,276 per person*
- CAT B: \$6,175 per person*
- CAT A: \$6,275 per person*
- CAT P: \$6,325 per person*

*Prices are based on double occupancy, USD, and include all taxes & port charges. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person and non-refundable.



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.

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DAY 1

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
Meals (Dinner)

DAY 2

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4

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.*

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

*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.

DAY 5

LUDWIGSHAFEN.

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 Join a Guided Visit to Schwetzingen Palace—the heart of a stunning site consisting of the palace, palace gardens, and historic palace square, 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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 6

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7

BREISACH, GERMANY.

EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest.

ACTIVE EXCURSION Take a Guided E-bike Tour to experience the magical Black Forest from a unique point of view, OR:

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8

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.

Meals (Breakfast)