

# CAPTIVATING RHINE

## AMSTERDAM TO BASEL, SWITZERLAND



Contoured by vineyard-clad hills and castles from yesteryear, the legendary Rhine captivates. Experience the allure of France's Alsace region in its welcoming capital, Strasbourg, and its priceless gem, Riquewihr. Then there is Breisach, rising above the vineyards of the Rhine, and Freiburg, one of Germany's sunniest cities and gateway to Black Forest. Fabled towns lost in time present you with the chance to taste local flavors—Rüdesheimer coffee and Kölsch beer—and to touch history up close with guided hikes and bike rides. From Amsterdam's colorful canals to the majestic Swiss Alps,



**2022** – Mar 15, 17, 31W | Apr 14, 28 | May 7, 12, 19, 21, 26 | Jun 2, 4, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Jul 2, 14, 16, 21, 28, 30 | Aug 4, 11, 13, 18, 25 | Sep 1, 8, 10, 15, 22, 24, 29 | Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Oct 8, 13, 20, 22, 27W | Nov 1, 5, 10W, 15, 17, 24

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**DURATION:** 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

**DISEMBARK:** BASEL, SWITZERLAND

**FROM:** \$2,399 – Plus Port Charges

**After up to \$1,000 per person Savings**



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Arrive in Amsterdam and board your luxurious river cruise ship. Join fellow guests for a special welcome aboard wine toast. (D)



### DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Get acquainted with Amsterdam on a scenic canal cruise, where you will see the beautiful wooden Skinny Bridge and Anne Frank's House. Continue with a walk to the Begijnhof and be charmed by its Middle Age buildings followed by a city tour that includes the Royal Palace and Westerkerk. Later in the day, enjoy scenic cruising. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 – COLOGNE, GERMANY

Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral. Continue to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Overstolzenhaus and the Festival Hall. For a different view of the city, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne, and Reibekuchen, potato pancakes typically served with apple sauce. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)



### DAY 4 - RÜDESHEIM - RHINE GORGE

Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Wine connoisseurs will want to go on a walking tour through the vineyards where you'll stop to sample wines at three different tasting stations. Or choose to drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue. For a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer Coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)



### DAY 5 – LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and be rewarded with panoramic views of the





city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Altpörtel, Old Gate. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6 – STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, has flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location, which you'll get to discover. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République followed by a walking tour through its iconic "La Petite France" district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. You'll also see the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. The active adventurer can join a guided bike tour, which also takes you through the Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 7 - BREISACH**

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate, and enjoy a visit to a winery for a tasting of locally produced Alsatian wines. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth," followed by a wine tasting. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the countryside, or hike in the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8 - BASEL, SWITZERLAND - DISEMBARKATION**

Bid Farewell to Basel as you prepare for your flight home or your continued journey(B)



#### **PRE – AND POST-CRUISE LAND TOURS**

##### **Pre-Cruise Itinerary-**

##### **DAY 1 - Amsterdam - Hotel check-in**

Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

##### **DAY 2 – Amsterdam - Walking Tour**

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

##### **DAY 3 – Amsterdam - Floriade\* - EMBARKATION**

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, enjoy a rare experience with a journey into the Netherlands' Floriade Expo\* in Almere – very close to Amsterdam – which will feature stunning gardens, innovative sustainable gardening exhibits, live entertainment, souvenirs and food stalls. (B,D)

\*Please note: The Floriade 2022 Expo opens from April 14 to October 9, 2022.

##### **Post-Cruise Itinerary -**

##### **DAY 10 - Transfer to Lucerne - Lucerne walking tour - Hotel check-in**

##### **DAY 11 – Lucerne - Lion Monument and medieval city walls**

Today, stop at the iconic Lion Monument, sculpted in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. You'll also visit the spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B)

##### **DAY 12 - Lucerne - Lucerne Lake cruise and scenic drive to Zurich - Hotel check-in**

Transfer via motorcoach to Zurich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. Later, check into your Zurich hotel. (B)

##### **DAY 13 – Zurich - "Little Big City" tour**

Switzerland's largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zurich is a visit to Old Town where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. (B)

##### **DAY 14 – Zurich - Return flight home**

After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)





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BASE – CAT E	\$2,799	\$2,899	\$3,099	\$3,299	\$3,599	\$3,799	\$3,899	\$4,099	\$4,199	\$3,999	\$3,499	\$3,199	\$3,399
2023 RATES -	Mar 14-16	Mar 30	Apr 13 Nov 23	Apr 18 Nov 14	Apr 27 Nov 2	May 11	May 18 - Aug 17 Oct 19	Aug 24 Oct 12	Aug 31	Sep 7- Oct 5	Oct 26	Nov 9	Nov 16
BASE – CAT E	\$2,799	\$3,099	\$3,299	\$3,399	\$3,599	\$3,799	\$3,889	\$3,999	\$4,099	\$4,199	\$3,699	\$3,499	\$3,199
Plus Port Charges - \$210													
CABIN UPGRADE	D	CB	CA	BB	BA	AB	AA	SUITE					
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