



# THE RHINE & MOSELLE WITH ONE NIGHT IN AMSTERDAM PRE-CRUISE (SOUTHBOUND)

12 DAYS FROM AMSTERDAM TO BASEL MAY 13 to 24, 2023

PRICING: Category B - \$8,910 Per Person Category A - \$8,981 Per Person Category P - \$9,196 Per Person Category D - \$7,267 Per Person Category E - \$6,911 Per Person PRICE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH PORT TAXES. AIRFARE, EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS, AND TRANSFERS ARE EXTRA. PLEASE INQUIRE.

# Save \$2,600.00 Per Couple if booked by November 14, 2022!

# **VACATION OVERVIEW**

Begin your vacation on the Rhine and Moselle your way with a one-night stay in Amsterdam! Join us for an off-the-beaten-path guided walking tour through its cobblestone streets before starting your European river cruise vacation with a canal cruise through the elegant Grachten lined with stately homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Explore the magnificent city of Cologne, Germany, which spans both sides of the Rhine River, then visit Koblenz, strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Explore the charming wine village of Bernkastel with its half-timbered houses from the Middle Ages still standing! Take a guided walk through the delightful marketplace, see the renaissance-era Town Hall, and taste famed Moselle wines! Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, considered the most beautiful view of the Rhine River, and see ancient castles standing majestically on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Visit the charming Rhine Valley wine town of Rüdesheim, and visit the ruins of Heidelberg's Castle, towering magnificently over the city.





# DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Welcome to Holland. Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

# DAY 2: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Amsterdam Off the Beaten Path. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding. CLASSIC 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. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Zaanse Schans where you'll see a wonderful collection of well-preserved historic windmills and Dutch houses. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM (B,D)

### **DAY 3: AMSTERDAM**

Colorful Canals of Amsterdam Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host. CLASSIC 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. Alternatively spend some free time this afternoon visiting one of Amsterdam's many fascinating museums or galleries. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE (B,L,D)

# **DAY 4: COLOGNE, GERMANY**

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland. ACTIVE Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR: CLASSIC 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! Local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT SAILING TO COCHEM (B,L,D)

### **DAY 5: COCHEM**

The Charm of the Moselle Valley. This morning, select a Guided Optional Excursion to Eltz Castle. ACTIVE Bike along the Mosel river with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY Visit the former bunker of Germany's Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) and immerse yourself in the underground vault where millions of German Mark were kept during the Cold War, OR: 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. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO REMICH (B,L,D)

# DAY 6: REMICH. EXCURSION TO TRIER

Ancient Worlds and Old World Charm. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. ACTIVE Explore Trier on foot, hike around the city with your Adventure Host, OR:CLASSIC Take a Guided Sightseeing tour of Trier—Germany's oldest city with ancient remnants dating from 144-152 AD. Starting from Porta Nigra, walk through the city center, OR: CLASSIC Join a history-focused Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn more about the history of Roman civilization in this Moselle River city, and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheater, and imperial baths. This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BERNKASTEL (B,L,D)



### **DAY 7: BERNKASTEL**

Hillside Vines and German Wines. ACTIVE Bike along the Mosel river with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided Walking Tour of the charming wine village of Bernkastel—with its medieval marketplace and 17th-century gabled timber-framed houses. This afternoon, select a Guided Optional Excursion to a local winery for a wine tasting. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KOBLENZ (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: KOBLENZ-RHINE GORGE**

Fortress Walls and Manor Halls. ACTIVE Explore Koblenz's Mosel side by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortresses walls, towers, squares and monuments, OR: CLASSIC Visit the Sayn Manor House on a Guided Tour.

Enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Rüdesheim. RÜDESHEIM. Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country. Enjoy free time this evening to explore this picturesque village. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: LUDWIGSHAFEN. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG-SPEYER

Philosophers' Views and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel. Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities. ACTIVE Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below, OR: CLASSIC Take an entertaining Guided Tour to the famous Frankenstein castle, nestled in the hills of the Western Odenwald area, and enjoy a breathtaking view on the Rhine Valley, OR: CLASSIC 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." This afternoon a short sailing will bring you to Speyer, where you will have free time to explore at your own pace. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG (B,L,D)

# **DAY 10: STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France. ACTIVE Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Take a City Sightseeing Tour, including the city's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District. This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum or stroll across the city center. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH (B,L,D)

# DAY 11: BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest DISCOVERY 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: DISCOVERY Visit to a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL (B,L,D)

# DAY 12: 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. (B)



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