

ROMANTIC RHINE SOUTHBOUND WITH TULIPS OF HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



BASEL

The Rhine is a truly impressive river with more highlights than you could ever see in a lifetime, but you'll experience a lot of them during this week-long luxury cruise! Embark in Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, where a day trip to the incredible Keukenhof gardens shows off the colorful explosion of millions of blooming tulips. Then, cruise into Germany for stops in Düsseldorf, the former capital of Bonn, charming Rüdesheim, and Mannheim with one of the largest palace complexes in the world. Also visit France's stunning Strasbourg before disembarking in Switzerland's Basel, where three countries converge in a delightful melting pot of cultures.

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Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 5 – Mannheim/ Speyer
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Day 4 – Rhine Valley/ Rüdesheim	Day 7 – Breisach
	Day 8 – Basel



DATES IN 2027

1 Apr



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a Rüdesheim original with a VIP twist! Visit a 15th-century knight's residence for a carnival-like music encounter at Siegfried's, then enter a recreated silent movie theater for a private champagne reception as a genuine silent film plays, accompanied by music performed on a restored historical organ!

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, the Netherlands' exciting capital and Venice of the North with its vast and winding network of canals. Embark the luxurious *Riverside Debussy* and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Breakfast, coffee, and Amsterdam—when you begin your day like that, you can't go wrong. With a fantastic *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* selection of excursions, how about an unforgettable trip to Keukenhof for a quintessential Dutch tulip experience? Europe's most famous garden features more than 7 million colorful blooms across 79 acres (32 hectares)—the largest tulip display in the world! Or, you could spend time with Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh, and other Dutch masters at the world-famous Rijksmuseum; or use virtual reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank. For a complete list of the excursions available on your cruise, visit our website.

DAY 3 – DÜSSELDORF

Arrive this morning in Düsseldorf, capital of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia and a thriving international hub of business and finance. A wonderful menu of excursions will introduce you to its history, culture, and cuisine, and will explain why the dialect here is closely related to Dutch. Taste the food, sample the famous Altbier, and learn about the Düsseldorf Cartwheel, Düsseldorf's oldest tradition and a symbol found throughout the cityscape.

DAY 4 – RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

After a morning of scenic cruising through the castle-filled Rhine Valley, you'll find there's a lot to see and do in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim. You could soar over the area by cable car and savor an authentic Rudesheimer Coffee; stroll through local vineyards and taste the area's exquisite wines; or pedal your way past Ehrenfels Castle and the 12th-century Abbey of St. Hildegard during an e-bike tour. Tonight, after a delicious gourmet dinner on the ship, don't miss the *RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE* visit to the town's must-see collection of musical curiosities at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. Afterward, enjoy an old-time silent movie experience—complete with champagne.



BAROQUE PALACE, MANNHEIM

DAY 5 – MANNHEIM / SPEYER

Mannheim is first on today's agenda! During a *RIVERSIDE CHOICE* guided walk, hear about the city's unusual street layout and ties to many inventions throughout history, then visit the massive Baroque palace (second in size only to Versailles). Other options are an outing to the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens, or a trip to Heidelberg. Reboard your ship for lunch and arrive later at 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Here, a guided walk through the Old Town concludes with wine tasting. You could also join an enriching Jewish heritage tour; or visit the Technology Museum to peruse spectacular land, air, water, and space exhibits.

DAY 6 – STRASBOURG

A big "bonjour" as you arrive in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg, whose historic city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site! Plenty of excursions show off the highlights, including a guided tour featuring the cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock. A cruise along the romantic canals is also available, as well as e-biking or an Alsatian wine tasting in the medieval village of Obernai.

DAY 7 – BREISACH

In Breisach, you'll discover the captivating gateway between the French Alsace region and Germany's legendary Black Forest. Morning excursion choices are a guided city tour with a cellar wine tasting, or a hike through Ravenna Gorge. This afternoon, how about a guided e-bike tour, or a half-day visit to Freiburg, Germany's southernmost city?

DAY 8 – BASEL

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For *Riverside* transfer details, see our website.