

VINES, WINES & CASTLES FROM DÜSSELDORF TO BASEL

DÜSSELDORF TO BASEL – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



MOSELLE

Savor the essence of refined travel. Begin in cosmopolitan Düsseldorf before gliding into the enchanting Rhine Valley, where medieval castles line the riverbanks in stunning succession. At Koblenz, drift onto the tranquil Moselle, a haven of steep, hillside vineyards and celebrated wines. Encounter the charms of Cochem, the colorful beauty of Bernkastel, and the ancient Roman legacy of Trier. Continue to the financial hub of Frankfurt on the Main River before returning to the picturesque reaches of the Rhine for captivating stops in Mannheim, Speyer, and fairytale Strasbourg in France. Your voyage concludes in Basel, where Switzerland touches borders with neighboring Germany and France for a true melting pot of cultures and traditions.

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Day 1 – Düsseldorf	Day 7 – Rhine Valley / Rudesheim
Day 2 – Koblenz / Rhine Valley	Day 8 – Frankfurt
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Day 4 – Bernkastel	Day 10 – Strasbourg
Day 5 – Trier (Riol)	Day 11 – Basel
Day 6 – Cochem / Koblenz	



DATES IN 2027

20 Jun, 11 Jul, 29 Aug, 19 Sep



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences—like a Rudesheim 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 – DÜSSELDORF

Welcome to Düsseldorf, an international business and financial center known for its fashion and art, and ranked the sixth-most-livable city in the world! Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle into your Suite with the assistance of your personal Butler. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – KOBLENZ / RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING

Morning arrival in ancient Koblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Led by a local expert, see the best of the Old Town and the iconic German Corner monument. Then, re-board your ship and grab your camera, because words won't do justice to the wonders of the Rhine Valley. As a vital trade route since prehistoric times, this region grew in power and wealth, seeing the construction of more than three dozen hilltop castles during the Middle Ages. Combined with the steep terraced vineyards, fairytale villages, and enduring legends like the Rock of the Loreley, you've got a riverscape like no other. To add to the experience, enjoy a Rudesheimer Coffee-making demonstration on board, followed by a tasting of the unforgettable local specialty!

DAY 3 – COCHEM

During the night, your ship crossed onto the peaceful waters of the Moselle River, pushing westward for morning arrival in Cochem. Sights include the Old Town gate and watchtower, beautiful half-timber houses, and 700-year-old fortifications that still stand today. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a visit to 11th-century Reichsburg Castle; a wine-lover's nature hike and cable car ride; and more.

DAY 4 – BERNKASTEL

Awaken this morning in Bernkastel, where steep-sloped Riesling vineyards dot the landscape and evidence of human habitation dates back to 3000 BC. The medieval marketplace here is particularly eye-catching with its split-timber architecture and intriguing Spitzhäuschen ("Pointed House") from 1416. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, consider a guided walk through the historical district, followed by tasting at a local winery; a hike up to the ruins of mighty Landshut Castle; or a ride through the beautiful environs of the middle Moselle in a classic VW Bulli, with a tasting of locally produced wines! Back on the ship for lunch, then join us for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE on-board presentation about Moselle Valley wines.

Learn about the unique growing conditions here and enjoy a tasting. Evening arrival in Trier, Germany's oldest city.

DAY 5 – TRIER (RIOL)

A visit to Trier is like winning the lottery. You get to experience an incredible German city with a riveting history and impressive viniculture—and there's a bonus, because you'll quickly feel like you've been transported to ancient Rome. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, let an expert guide impart the legends and secrets surrounding the 2nd-century Porta Nigra, the city's northernmost gate and symbol of Roman rule. Or, tour the Villeroy & Boch ceramics headquarters, beautifully housed in a former abbey on the banks of the Saar River, or spend time in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, one of Europe's tiniest countries.

DAY 6 – COCHEM / KOBLENZ

Today's agenda begins in Cochem, settled over 2,000 years ago by the Celts and Romans. Sights include the Old Town gate, watchtower, half-timber houses, and 14th-century city walls. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes visits to Reichsburg Castle or Castle Eltz; a wine-lover's hiking adventure; or time to investigate the craters and lava streams at Volcanic Eifel Nature Park. After dinner on board, history will spring to life as you accompany Koblenz's town watchman on his nightly patrol to ensure the safety of 1870s citizens.



BERNKASTEL



LORELEY ROCK



MANNHEIM

DAY 7 – RHINE VALLEY WITH LORELEY ROCK / RÜDESHEIM

Today you've entered one of the river's prettiest sections. As a vital trade route since prehistoric times, this region grew in power and wealth, with more than three-dozen hilltop castles constructed during the Middle Ages and lining both sides of the river. After lunch on the ship, disembark in the lovely wine village of Rüdesheim. There are so many outstanding ways to see the sights here—by cable car, e-bike, Land Rover, or on foot. We also offer wine tastings, the chance to experience a Rüdesheimer Coffee in the very place where it was invented, and our 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.

DAY 8 – FRANKFURT

Today you arrive in Frankfurt on the Main River, a free city-state for nearly 500 years and one of the Holy Roman Empire's sites for imperial coronations. Today, it is a bustling financial hub that is home to the European Central Bank. RIVERSIDE CHOICE helps you get a true understanding of the city through 700 years of art—including works by Monet, Picasso, and Rembrandt—at the Städel Museum. Or, how about a guided walk through the Old Town that includes an ascent up the 656-foot-high Main Tower?

DAY 9 – MANNHEIM / SPEYER

Our spotlight shines first today on Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. 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 only to Versailles in size). Other options are an outing to the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens, or a jaunt to Heidelberg to see its legendary castle ruin—including a wine vat so enormous, it has a dance floor on top of it! After lunch, turn your attention to 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Consider an enriching Jewish heritage tour, or time at the fascinating Technology Museum.

DAY 10 – STRASBOURG

A big “bonjour” as you arrive in the French city of Strasbourg, whose historic city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience the highlights during an inside visit of the Gothic cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock. A cruise along the romantic canals is also available, as well as a guided e-bike ride or a tour to medieval Obernai for wine tasting. Back on the ship later, join us for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE talk and tasting featuring Alsatian wines. Hear how the mountain and river geology influences the terroir, and how the area's repeated change of nationality between France and Germany has resulted in the unique flavor profiles.

DAY 11 – BASEL

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

This cruise has extensions available, see our website for options.