

FAIRYTALE CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE

BASEL TO FRANKFURT – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



BASEL

Christmas comes just once a year, so immerse yourself in all things holly and jolly! Your adventure begins in Basel, where Switzerland touches borders with neighboring Germany and France for a true melting pot of cultures! Other stops include beautiful Strasbourg with its canals, and Mannheim, home to one of the largest palace complexes in the world. Guided walks reveal each city's history, while the Christmas Markets provide the chance to shop for hand-crafted gifts and sample the local culinary delights. Be sure to leave space in your suitcase for all the trinkets you're bound to find! Your adventure concludes in Frankfurt, Germany's bustling financial hub, where music and garlands and dazzling lights create an inviting winter wonderland.

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Day 1 – Basel	Day 4 – Speyer/ Mannheim
Day 2 – Breisach	Day 5 – Frankfurt
Day 3 – Strasbourg	



DATES IN 2027

25 Nov, 11 Dec



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Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. In Germany, Christmas celebrations wouldn't be complete without Glühwein, the popular hot, mulled wine served at Christmas Markets, large and small, throughout the country. Attend an informative onboard talk to learn about the beverage's long history and how recipes vary from city to city. Then, sample steaming mugs of red, white, and rosé Glühwein, along with an assortment of traditional Christmas Leckereien (goodies).

DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's capital of culture and home to many world-class museums. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Then, tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first on-board dinner.

DAY 2 – BREISACH

Enjoy a relaxed morning, complete with stunning river scenery, plenty of fresh coffee or tea, and a delightful hot-or-not breakfast. After-lunch arrival in Breisach to discover the captivating gateway between the French Alsace and Germany's legendary Black Forest. Through our RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, a wine cellar tasting experience is on offer, as well as an invigorating hike through Ravenna Gorge, eBiking, or an outing to Freiburg, Germany's southernmost town. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – STRASBOURG

An easy start to your day, with plenty of time to sleep in or enjoy the ship's many amenities. A UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE onboard presentation will help get you in the holiday spirit! Learn all about Glühwein, the region's popular hot mulled wine served at Christmas Markets far and wide. Sample three distinct varieties, accompanied by traditional Christmas treats. After lunch, visit one of France's true treasures—Strasbourg! Our exciting RIVERSIDE CHOICE city tour features the European Quarter, where the European Parliament, Council of Europe, and other international institutions are based. Then, stroll with a guide through the Grande Île to one of Europe's oldest Christkindelsmäriks (Christmas Markets). See how the French celebrate in this self-proclaimed



CHRISTMAS MARKET, SPEYER



STRASBOURG

“Capitale de Noël” (Capital of Christmas) as you wander among hundreds of wooden huts selling crafts, gifts, and culinary delights. Also take note of the 98-foot-high (30-meter) Great Christmas Tree, one of the tallest decorated natural Christmas trees in Europe. If you prefer, an outing is available to medieval Obernai in the French Alsace region.

DAY 4 – SPEYER / MANNHEIM

First stop today is 2,000-year-old Speyer. There, an Old Town walking tour features time at the Christmas Market for a merry mug of Glühwein. Other choices include an enriching Jewish heritage tour, or time at the fascinating Technology Museum. Return to the ship for lunch, followed by afternoon arrival in Mannheim, the City of Inventions where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, visit the massive Baroque palace (second in size only to Versailles); or maybe take a tour around Mannheim with “Bertha Benz” to learn about the birthplace of the automobile.

DAY 5 – FRANKFURT

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

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