

FESTIVE EUROPE WITH CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

AMSTERDAM TO FRANKFURT – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



COLOGNE

Christmas in Germany is a true highlight of this luxurious cruise along the Rhine and Main Rivers! Begin in Amsterdam, Holland's canal-laced capital, before entering Germany for time in Cologne, whose Old Town mirrors the charm of a winter wonderland. On to the cozy wine village of Rüdesheim in the heart of the castle-filled Rhine Valley. Traveling east, cross onto the Main River for stops in Frankfurt, home to one of Germany's oldest Christmas Markets; the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg; and Wertheim on the famed Romantic Road. Spend Christmas Eve in Miltenberg, beautifully situated between the Spessart and Odenwald mountain ranges, and Christmas Day in regal Würzburg in the heart of Franconian wine country.

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DATES IN 2027

19 Dec



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Wrap up your Advent season in style and luxury aboard your beautiful Riverside ship. Enjoy a multi-course gourmet dinner of traditional Christmas dishes, along with elegant wines and champagne, scene-setting music, and merry festivities for a Christmas gala to remember!



CHRISTMAS MARKET COLOGNE

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands and the show-stopping “Venice of the North”, where more than 62 miles (100 km) of canals zigzag through the city. Embark your Riverside luxury ship, get settled, and meet fellow cruisemates during your first onboard dinner. This evening, don’t miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the romantic canals of Amsterdam.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Goedemorgen (good morning)—the magnificence of Amsterdam awaits! You can spend time with the Dutch masters at the Rijksmuseum; visit the Royal Palace of Amsterdam; follow in the final footsteps of Holocaust diarist Anne Frank during a virtual reality experience; or other great RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options. Other options are also available—see our website for a complete list.

DAY 3 – COLOGNE

Relax on the ship this morning, with time to sleep in, enjoy a leisurely breakfast, or schedule a pampering massage or spa treatment. After lunch, the ship arrives in Cologne for a guided stroll

through the historic district, visit to the awe-inspiring cathedral (symbol of the city and home to the Shrine of the Three Magi), and chance to make merry at one of Germany’s breathtaking Christmas Markets. Immerse yourself in the pre-Christmas ambiance, complete with twinkling lights, beautiful carols and church bells, gingerbread and almond cookies, and, of course, sizzling wursts (sausages), hot off the grill!

DAY 4 – RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

The morning begins with scenic cruising through the Rhine Valley, where dozens of medieval castles adorn both sides of the river and the ominous Rock of the Loreley awaits with its foreboding legend. On board, don’t miss our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Rüdeshheimer Coffee demonstration and tasting. After lunch, arrive in the cozy wine village of Rüdeshheim, where the Winzerexpress train shows off the sights with commentary about the area’s history and culture. Afterward, there’s time to soak in the Christmas atmosphere along the Drosselgasse, a 15th-century cobblestone lane lined with Old World architecture. Consider warming yourself with a Rüdeshheimer Coffee in the very place it was invented.



FRANKFURT

DAY 5 – FRANKFURT

Arrive this morning in Frankfurt am Main, Germany's inimitable "Mainhattan". With more than 300 global credit institutions, the European Central Bank, and Deutsche Börse, Frankfurt is a true hub of international finance. To get a true understanding of the city, follow in the footsteps of Johann Goethe, Frankfurt's 18th-century native son and celebrated writer, scientist, and statesman; admire art by Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, and other masters at the Städel Museum; or explore the city from above during an ascent up the 656-foot-high Main Tower.

DAY 6, CHRISTMAS EVE / MILTENBERG

After breakfast, step off the ship on the Main River's left bank, right between the Spessart and Odenwald mountain ranges. Miltenberg grew up as a 13th-century river toll station, protected by the local castle. Today, its Old Town and market square are a magnet for film productions, while visitors flock to see Hotel Zum Riesen, one of Germany's oldest inns. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions, consider a tour spotlighting the medieval architecture and more than 150 half-timbered houses, as well as the superb Bavarian food and drink. Return to your ship for an afternoon of scenic cruising and time to take advantage of your ship's Fitness Center or indoor counter-current pool. A magnificent dinner follows, featuring a menu of delectable German-style Christmas dishes.

DAY 7, CHRISTMAS DAY / WÜRZBURG

Fröhliche Weihnachten—Merry Christmas! A relaxed start to the day is perfect for some extra sleep or a pampering massage or spa treatment. After lunch, the ship docks in Würzburg, right in the center of Franconian wine country. Among the possibilities: enjoy a guided stroll with an expert guide to explore Old Town Würzburg during the quiet Gemütlichkeit (cozy sense of belonging) of Christmas Day. Then, head to the bridge overlooking the Main River for an atmospheric tasting of the local wines. Tonight, back on the ship, we'll treat you to a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Christmas gala with gourmet foods, wine, champagne, and more!

DAY 8 – BAMBERG

One of Germany's unrivaled masterpieces awaits in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg. Dating back to the 9th century, the city extends over seven church-capped hills, leading to its nickname—Franconian Rome. Join an enjoyable guided walk that shows off the highlights, like the



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unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Afterward, try a Rauchbier (smoked beer), which the city has been brewing for almost 900 years.

DAY 9 – WÜRZBURG

Return to Würzburg for a special tour through the UNESCO World Heritage Residenz, one of Europe's most important Baroque palaces and the lavish former home of the city's prince-bishops. Marvel at its fantastic staircase, stunning ceiling frescoes, and magnificent rooms overflowing with precious furnishings and tapestries.

DAY 10 – WERTHEIM

Tucked between the Main and Tauber Rivers on the famous Romantic Road, the northern Bavaria town of Wertheim is a showcase of half-timber houses, inviting squares, and Franconia's narrowest house! Standing proudly in the midst of it all is the castle, one of Germany's largest and most beautiful ruins. Other highlights include the red sandstone Engelsbrunnen (Angels' well), Glass Museum, and one of the old city gates with flood markings from 1595 onward.

DAY 11 – FRANKFURT

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