

HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT TO AMSTERDAM – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



WINTER ON THE MAIN

With ample time in the castle-filled Rhine Valley, Christmas and New Year's Eve in Germany, and New Year's Day in Amsterdam, this luxury cruise delivers a festive experience fit for royalty! Embark in vibrant Frankfurt, cruising along the Main River for Christmas Eve in Miltenberg and Christmas Day in Würzburg in the heart of Franconian wine country. Also enjoy the wonders of other Main gems, like Bamberg and Wertheim, before returning to Frankfurt to truly explore this vibrant hub of banking and international finance. Finally, your ship arrives onto the Rhine for a dazzling New Year's Eve in Düsseldorf and the chance to begin 2028 the Dutch way in Amsterdam, the show-stopping Venice of the North!

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Day 1 – Frankfurt	Day 7 – Frankfurt
Day 2 – Miltenberg	Day 8 – Rhine Valley / Koblenz
Day 3 – Würzburg	Day 9 – Düsseldorf
Day 4 – Bamberg	Day 10 – Amsterdam
Day 5 – Würzburg	Day 11 – Amsterdam
Day 6 – Wertheim	



DATES IN 2027

23 Dec



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Prepare for a New Year's Eve you'll never forget as we treat you to a special celebratory dinner on board your ship, followed by live music and dancing in the lounge. Then, count down to midnight in style as Düsseldorf residents head to the Rhine and transform the river into a spectacle of colorful midnight fireworks!

DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt, Germany's exciting hub of international business and finance. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy, settle into your luxurious Suite with the assistance of your personal Butler, and later meet fellow cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2, 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. Other options are also available—see our website for a complete list. 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 3, 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 4 – 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 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.



MILTENBERG



WÜRZBURG

DAY 5 – 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 6 – 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 7 – FRANKFURT

A return to Frankfurt lets you experience more of this exciting metropolis. A free city-state for nearly 500 years and one of the Holy Roman Empire's sites for imperial coronations, there's so much to encounter and learn about at the Städel Museum. Or, how about an ascent up the soaring Main Tower, or a walk in the footsteps of writer, scientist, statesman, director, and critic Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, one of Frankfurt's native sons?

DAY 8 – RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

The morning begins with a trip highlight: scenic cruising through the Rhine Valley, where dozens of medieval castles adorn both sides of the river. Don't miss our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Rüdesheimer Coffee demonstration for a taste of this indulgent Rheingau treat. After lunch, arrive in Koblenz, established as a Roman military post around 8 BC. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a guided walk to the Deutsches Eck (German Corner) monument, where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet, or a visit to impressive Marksburg Castle.

DAY 9, NEW YEAR'S EVE – DÜSSELDORF

Welcome to Düsseldorf, an economic powerhouse and capital of Germany's most populated state. A marvelous place to start is along the lovely cobblestones of the Altstadt (Old Town). With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a walking tour to see the highlights and to learn how Napoleon left an indelible mark here. You might also enjoy a peek into Düsseldorf's 200-year Altbier tradition as you pop into a cozy Brauhaus (brewery) for a malty, copper-colored Altbier. A celebratory dinner on board is followed by live music and dancing in the lounge. Then, count down to midnight in style with our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE gala! As the city becomes a colorful explosion of light, Riverside gives you the best from-the-river views of the fireworks—with music and free-flowing champagne, of course.



DÜSSELDORF



RHINE VALLEY

DAY 10, NEW YEAR'S DAY – SCENIC CRUISING / AMSTERDAM

Happy New Year! Today is perfect for relaxing on board as your ship cruises northwest and crosses the border into the Netherlands. Spend your last full day socializing with newfound friends in the lounge, tackle your first workout of 2028 in the Fitness Center, or enjoy a pampering massage at the onboard Spa. The ship arrives late into Amsterdam, the dazzling Venice of the North. Be sure to join us for a special champagne cruise through the romantic canals.

DAY 11 – AMSTERDAM

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