

RHINE REPOSE WITH SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY & HOLLAND

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM – 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



FRANKFURT

Indulge in the escape you deserve, embarking in Basel, Switzerland, where three nations come together in harmony. Then, explore Strasbourg's pretty Petite France district and Germany's many treasures in the Rheingau wine village of Rüdesheim; captivating Mainz with its seeming ties to everything throughout the centuries; iconic Cologne; and bustling Düsseldorf, all brought to life through a daily menu of RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences. Make detours onto the Main River for a stop in vibrant Frankfurt and the Moselle to explore Koblenz and Cochem. Finally, return to the Rhine for a final push north, crossing into the Netherlands for a poignant glimpse into WWII history. Your voyage ends in Amsterdam, the perfect finale!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Basel	Day 6 – Cochem
Day 2 – Strasbourg	Day 7 – Cologne/ Düsseldorf
Day 3 – Rüdesheim/ Mainz	Day 8 – Nijmegen
Day 4 – Frankfurt	Day 9 – Amsterdam
Day 5 – Rhine Valley/ Koblenz	



DATES IN 2027

30 Jun, 21 Jul, 8 Sep, 29 Sep



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Enjoy an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As you cruise southward along the Upper Rhine, the stunning beauty of France's culturally rich Alsace region reveals itself on the right bank of the Rhine. Join an expert oenologist for an onboard talk and tasting that introduces you to the distinct characteristics of Alsatian wines, accompanied by local bites such as pretzels and tarte flambée.

DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's bustling capital of culture. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

DAY 2 – STRASBOURG

A leisurely morning as the ship enters the breathtaking French Alsace region. Join us for a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE onboard presentation that reveals how the mountain and river geology influences the terroir, and how the area's repeated change of nationality between France and Germany has shaped the flavor profiles of Alsatian wines. Then, enjoy a tasting of the wines and some local favorites like tarte flambée. After lunch, arrive in the lovely French city of Strasbourg. Experience the highlights with RIVERSIDE CHOICE—like an inside visit of the Gothic cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock, a cruise along the romantic canals, or a guided e-bike tour. For a full list of excursions available for your cruise, see our website.

DAY 3 – RÜDESHEIM / MAINZ

As you've cruised into Germany's stunning Rheingau section, the scenery will leave you in awe. Disembark first in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim, where the Winzerexpress train provides a relaxed way to see the sights. Visit the whimsical Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, soar over the area by cable car, traverse the vineyards and taste the exquisite Rheingau wines, or do some shopping as you amble along the narrow, cobblestone Drosselgasse, a 15th-century lane lined with Old World architecture. Return to the ship for lunch, followed by an afternoon in Mainz, where the Rhenish way of life includes a months-long Carnival celebration each year. Consider following in the footsteps of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, with time at the world-famous Gutenberg Museum.

DAY 4 – FRANKFURT

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 5 – RHINE VALLEY SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

A relaxed morning of scenic cruising gives you plenty of time to soak in the sights of the celebrated Rhine Valley from the Vista Deck. Marvel at the fairytale landscape featuring one medieval castle after another (nearly 40 in total) and the Rock of the Loreley with its dramatic legend. During the passage, join us for a Rudesheimer Coffee-making demonstration, followed by a tasting of the local specialty. After lunch, arrive in Koblenz, situated right where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet. You might enjoy a cable car ride up to imposing Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or an outing to the never-destroyed, 12th-century Marksburg Castle.

DAY 6 – COCHEM

Arrive today in Cochem, a city settled more than 2,000 years ago by the Celts and Romans. Highlights include the Old Town gate, watchtower, half-timber houses, and 14th-century city walls—or you might enjoy a visit to Reichsburg Castle or Castle Eltz, a wine lover's hiking adventure, or time to investigate the craters, lava streams, and diverse flora and fauna of Volcanic Eifel Nature Park.

DAY 7 – COLOGNE / DÜSSELDORF

A delicious hot-or-not breakfast, prepared just the way you like, is followed by time in monumental Cologne. Here, you could embark on a Kölsch Beer Discovery to learn all about the city's favorite hoppy beverage or visit the cathedral (symbol of the city and home to the Shrine of the Three Magi). Return to the ship for lunch as the ship cruises on to Düsseldorf, the sixth-most-livable city in the world. A great offering of excursions will help introduce you to its history, culture, and cuisine, and will explain why the dialect here is closely related to Dutch.

DAY 8 – NIJMEGEN

Late-morning arrival in Nijmegen, where you can join a guided walk or bike tour through the Old Town; take a WWII-themed walking tour through nearby Arnhem to see its infamous John Frost Bridge (the "Bridge Too Far") and Allied Paratrooper Memorial at Eusebius Church; or other intriguing possibilities.

DAY 9 – AMSTERDAM

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