

# RHINE GRAND PASSAGE WITH RHINE GORGE

AMSTERDAM TO FRANKFURT – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



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Two very different countries await on this exciting cruise from North Holland to Germany. Embark in Amsterdam, where canals past fantastic Dutch Golden Age architecture make this a unique place to visit. Continue to Enkhuizen, one of the primary trade harbors for the Dutch East India Company during the mid-17th century, and Nijmegen with its dramatic WWII history. Then, cross into Germany for stops in bustling Düsseldorf; majestic Cologne, home to the famous twin-spired cathedral; and Bernkastel with its colorful Old Town. Also stop in the popular wine village of Rüdesheim in the heart of the Rhine Gorge before disembarking in Frankfurt am Main!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 6 – Bernkastel
Day 2 – Enkhuizen	Day 7 – Rhine Gorge/ Rüdesheim
Day 3 – Nijmegen	Day 8 – Frankfurt
Day 4 – Düsseldorf	
Day 5 – Cologne	



## DATES IN 2025

14 May, 9 Jul, 19 Nov



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences. In Amsterdam, the city's daytime brilliance is only eclipsed by the city at night! With atmospheric music setting the mood, cruise through the 17th-century canals, enjoying a drink and your choice of decadent dessert. Float past islands, bridges, the famous Anne Frank House, and splendid patrician homes from the Dutch Golden Age.

## DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, the Netherlands' capital and Venice of the North! Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Tonight don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the city's romantic canals.

## DAY 2 – ENKHUIZEN

This morning you'll find yourself in North Holland's Enkhuizen, one of the Dutch East India Company's primary harbor towns during the Dutch Golden Age. Learn Enkhuizen's story during a visit to the wonderful Zuiderzee Museum. Other RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options are a trip to a local bulb farm to learn about the country's tulip-growing process (May departure only); an outing to Lelystad to see a reconstruction of the merchant frigate Batavia, a Dutch East India Company flagship that sank during its maiden voyage in 1629; or a tour through Oostvaardersplassen nature reserve to see a successful experiment in rewilding. Your ship departs after lunch, with many great ways to make the most of your time on board – a pampering spa treatment or massage, a workout in the fitness center, or time socializing with new friends!

## DAY 3 – NIJMEGEN

Late-morning arrival in Nijmegen, where you can take advantage of RIVERSIDE CHOICE for a guided walk or bike tour through the Old Town; a WWII-themed walking tour of nearby Arnhem to see its infamous John Frost Bridge (the "Bridge Too Far") and Allied Paratrooper Memorial at Eusebius Church; or an afternoon of nature and art at the Kröller-Müller Museum and sculpture garden in Hoge Veluwe National Park.

## DAY 4 – DÜSSELDORF

While you slept, your ship arrived in Düsseldorf, capital of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. This thriving international hub of business and finance is ranked the sixth-most-livable city in the world. A great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions will help introduce you to the history, culture, and cuisine, and will explain why the dialect here is closely related to Dutch! Also learn about the Düsseldorf Cartwheeler, Düsseldorf's oldest tradition and a symbol found throughout the cityscape.

## DAY 5 – COLOGNE

This morning is dedicated to the magnificence of Cologne, whose impressive skyline is shaped by

12 historical churches! The city's eternal legacy, though, stems from one in particular – its twin-spired cathedral. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a guided stroll through the Old Town and visit the landmark cathedral. Alternatively, treat your tastebuds at the Cologne Chocolate Museum, or take a virtual reality "timeride" to experience what Cologne was like in the distant past. After your excursion, rejoin the ship in Bonn in time for a relaxing onboard lunch. Your ship departs promptly and cruises through the night.

## DAY 6 – BERNKASTEL

A relaxing start to the day to do as you like while your ship cruises through the Moselle Valley. After lunch, the steep-sloped vineyards surrounding Bernkastel welcome you. Join an expert guide for a RIVERSIDE CHOICE stroll through the picturesque Old Town. Immerse yourself in the ambiance of the medieval marketplace with its half-timber architecture and fascinating, 15th-century Spitzhäuschen (Pointed House), Bernkastel's most photographed building! Afterward, enjoy a tasting at a local winery. Or, hike up to the Landshut Castle ruins, or ride through the gorgeous Middle Moselle region in a classic VW Bulli, with a tasting of locally produced wines!

## DAY 7 – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

A fabulous day of scenic cruising takes you through one of the river's prettiest sections. Marvel at the fairytale landscape featuring one romantic castle after another and the rock of the Lorelei with its foreboding legend. Once you disembark, you'll find a lot to see and do in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include soaring over the area by cable car and an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee; or a vineyard tour with wine tasting. After dinner back on board your ship, don't miss our exciting RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE visit to the town's must-see collection of musical curiosities at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, followed by an old-time silent movie experience – complete with champagne and music on a restored historical organ.

## DAY 8 – FRANKFURT

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Debussy and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or hotel.