

# ROMANTIC RHINE SOUTHBOUND

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



STRASBOURG

Eight days, four countries, and one impressive river. This special cruise reveals just how diverse the scenery and landscapes are along the incredible Rhine. You'll experience firsthand the way the river meanders past meadowlands, industry, clifftop castle ruins, enchanting vineyards – and, of course, the many cities, towns, and villages, whose stories you'll recall for years to come. Embark in Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, then cruise into Germany for stops in monumental Cologne, charming Rudesheim, and Mannheim with one of the largest palace complexes in the world. Also visit France's stunning Strasbourg and Switzerland's Basel, the congenial meeting point of three countries – a truly magical trip!

**ITINERARY**

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| Day 1 – Amsterdam                 | Day 5 – Mannheim/<br>Speyer |
| Day 2 – Amsterdam                 | Day 6 – Strasbourg          |
| Day 3 – Cologne                   | Day 7 – Breisach            |
| Day 4 – Rhine Gorge/<br>Rudesheim | Day 8 – Basel               |

**DATES IN 2026**

17 Jun, 22 Jul, 19 Aug, 14 Oct, 18 Nov



**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a Rudesheim original with a VIP twist! Visit a 15th-century knight's residence for a carnival-like music encounter at Siegfried's, then enter a re-created silent movie theater for a private champagne reception as a genuine silent film plays, accompanied by music performed on a restored historical organ!



CANAL HOUSES OF AMSTERDAM

### DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands and a visually stunning place where more than 62 miles (100 km) of canals wind through the cityscape. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

### DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Begin the day with breakfast your way before stepping off the ship to explore. How about a lox bagel, made-to-order omelette, or cereal with fresh fruit? Afterward, a great selection of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions awaits. You could spend time with the Dutch masters at the Rijksmuseum, or follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank via virtual reality technology. You'll find a complete list of the excursions available for your cruise on our website. Return to the ship for lunch, scenic cruising, and maybe an innovative cocktail at the Botanist Bar!

### DAY 3 – COLOGNE

Enjoy a free and easy start to your day – perfect for some extra rest, time to linger a bit longer over breakfast, or maybe for a relaxing massage or spa treatment. Then, the magnificence of Cologne takes center stage. You'll be struck first by its skyline, which is shaped by a dozen Romanesque churches, including its famous twin-spired

cathedral. Cologne is also known for its “Eau de Cologne” perfume, which has been produced in the city since 1709. See the highlights, taste the chocolate – there's no shortage of things to see and do!

### DAY 4 – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

Today you've entered the heart of the Middle Rhine, one of the river's prettiest sections. As a vital trade route since prehistoric times, this region grew in power and wealth, with more than three-dozen hilltop castles constructed during the Middle Ages. Combined with the terraced vineyards, fairytale villages, and enduring Loreley legend, you've got a photographer's dream on



CABLE CAR IN RÜDESHEIM



MANNHEIM

both sides of the river. After lunch on board, disembark in popular Rudesheim, where you can join a tasting of the area's famous Rieslings, or soar over the landscape by cable car, followed by an authentic Rudesheimer Coffee. This evening, don't miss our RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE visit to the must-see collection of musical curiosities at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. Afterward, enjoy an old-time silent movie experience, complete with champagne and accompanying music on a restored historical organ.

#### DAY 5 – MANNHEIM / SPEYER

Our spotlight shines first today on Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. During a RIVERSIDE CHOICE guided walk, hear about the city's unusual street layout and ties to many inventions throughout history. Then, visit the massive Baroque palace (second only to Versailles in size). Other options are an outing to the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens, or a jaunt to Heidelberg to see its legendary castle ruin – including a wine vat so enormous, it has a dance floor on top of it! After lunch, turn your attention to 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Consider an enriching Jewish heritage tour, or time at the fascinating Technology Museum.

#### DAY 6 – STRASBOURG

A big “bonjour” as you arrive in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg, whose historic city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience the highlights with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, like an inside visit of the sandstone Gothic cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock. A cruise along the romantic canals is also available, as well as a guided e-bike ride, or a tour to medieval Obernai for wine tasting.

#### DAY 7 – BREISACH

In Breisach, you'll discover the captivating gateway between the French Alsace region and Germany's legendary Black Forest. Morning excursion choices are a wine cellar tasting experience, or a hike through Ravenna Gorge. After lunch, return for an enjoyable guided e-bike tour, or an outing to Freiburg, Germany's southernmost town.

#### DAY 8 – BASEL

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



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