

INSPIRING RHINE & MOSELLE: AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



STRASBOURG

As you pass through four countries, which will emerge as your favorite? Holland, where the vibrance of Amsterdam is a real show-stopper? Germany, where each city, town, and village is more impressive than the last? The fairytale impressions in France ... or the tri-national melting pot in Switzerland? Decisions, decisions! Your luxury ship whisks you along the waters of the Lower and Middle Rhine before turning westward onto the Moselle. There, everywhere you look, you'll see evidence of the Roman Empire's one-time influence – vestiges of their architectural accomplishments and the very vines they planted that today are flourishing vineyards. Re-entering the Rhine, enjoy a highlight passage through the castle- and vineyard-filled Rhine Gorge before crossing into the Upper Rhine. Between 1817 and 1876, this section of river was straightened, deepened, channeled, and made navigable by German engineers – incredible!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 7 – Cochem
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DATES IN 2025

29 Oct



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As you cruise through the Rhine Valley, watch an expert concoct an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee with flaming brandy, strong coffee, a dollop of whipped cream, and other mouthwatering ingredients – then, taste one yourself!

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands and “Venice of the North”, where more than 62 miles (100 km) of canals zigzag through the city. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, your ship remains in port overnight, so feel free to check out Amsterdam's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Rise and shine! Begin your day with breakfast before stepping off the ship to explore. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can enjoy a canal cruise to see the merchant homes from the Dutch Golden Age, then spend time with the Dutch masters at the incredible Rijksmuseum. Also available: a unique virtual reality experience that follows in the footsteps of Anne Frank; a visit to the Royal Palace of Amsterdam and chance to sample traditional Dutch apple pie at the palace café; or time at the intriguing Street Art & Graffiti Museum.

DAY 3 – COLOGNE

Enjoy a relaxing morning of scenic cruising. After lunch, disembark in monumental Cologne, whose skyline is shaped by 12 historical churches! The city's eternal legacy, though, stems from one in particular – its twin-spired cathedral. With RIVER-

SIDE CHOICE, stroll through the Old Town and visit the landmark cathedral. Alternatively, treat your tastebuds at the Cologne Chocolate Museum or on a captivating Kölsch Beer Discovery; or take a virtual reality “timeride” to experience what Cologne was like in the distant past. Your ship remains in port until late.

DAY 4 – KOBLENZ / RHINE GORGE WITH LORELEI ROCK

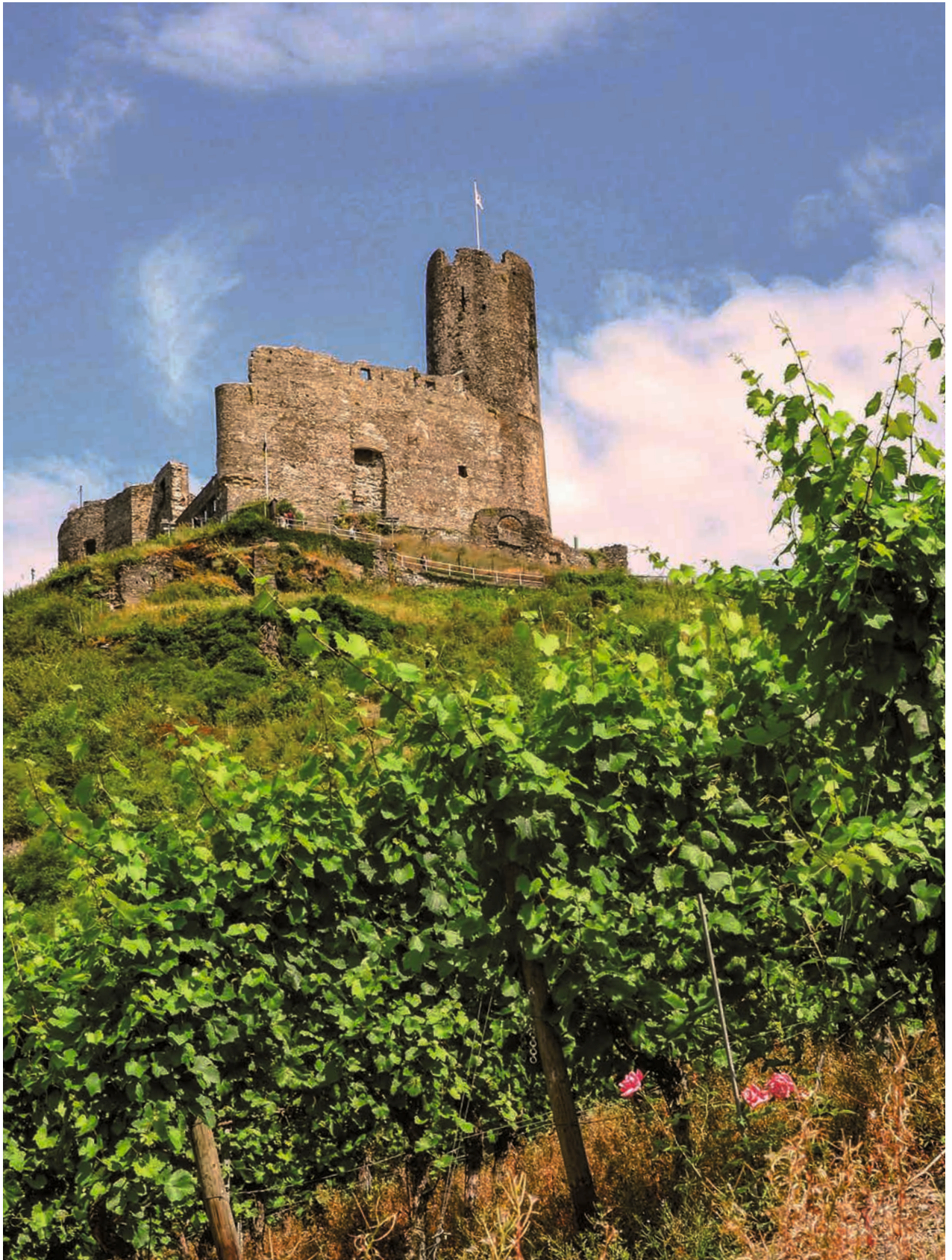
Morning arrival in ancient Koblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Led by a local expert, see the best of the Old Town and the iconic “German Corner” monument. Then, re-board your ship and grab your camera, because words won't do justice to the wonders of the Rhine Gorge. As a vital trade route since prehistoric times, this region grew in power and wealth and saw the construction of more than three dozen hilltop castles and fortresses during the Middle Ages. Combined with the steep terraced vineyards, tiny fairytale-style villages, and enduring legends like the Rock of the Lorelei, you've got a river landscape like no other.

DAY 5 – BERNKASTEL

A wonderful morning for a leisurely breakfast, time to admire the striking beauty of the Moselle Valley, or to take advantage of your ship's many amenities. How about a massage or spa treatment, or a dip in the pool? After lunch, stop



LORELEI FIGURE AND RHINE VALLEY



LANDSHUT CASTLE

in splendid Bernkastel. The medieval marketplace here is particularly eye-catching with its gabled, split-timber architecture and captivating Spitzhäuschen (Pointed House) from 1416. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE includes a guided walk through the historical district, followed by tasting at a local winery; a hike up to the ruins of mighty Landshut Castle; or a ride through the beautiful environs of the middle Moselle in a classic VW Bulli, with a tasting of locally produced wines!

DAY 6 – TRIER

Welcome today to Trier, Germany's oldest city. Through RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can learn about the Roman Empire's influence here on everything from architecture to wine during tours featuring the tales and secrets of the UNESCO World Heritage Black Gate (Porta Nigra) or wine tasting at a historical vineyard and wine cellar.

DAY 7 – COCHEM

On today's agenda is Cochem, settled over 2,000 years ago by the Celts and Romans. Sights here include the Old Town gate, old watchtower, half-timber houses, and the impressive city walls, which were built in 1332 and still stand today. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions offers a visit to the imposing 11th-century Reichsburg Castle with its Knights' Hall and lavish living quarters; an Old Town walking tour and tasting of red Moselle vineyard peaches; or an enjoyable wine-lover's nature hike and panoramic cable car ride.

DAY 8 – RÜDESHEIM

Today you've re-entered the heart of the Middle Rhine. In preparation for your next stop, attend an onboard UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Rüdesheimer Coffee demonstration and tasting. Then, disembark to see what makes this enchanting wine village so popular! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, hop aboard the Winzerexpress train to see the sights, and experience the musical oddities at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum; or maybe satisfy your active side during a guided vineyard hike and wine tasting. Your ship remains in port until late, so explore to your heart's content!

DAY 9 – LUDWIGSHAFEN / SPEYER

Our spotlight shines first today on Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, join a guided walk to 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). Or, spend the morning surrounded



RIQUEWIHR

by the regal beauty of the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens! After lunch, RIVERSIDE CHOICE focuses your attention on 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Consider an Old Town guided walk with pretzel-making demonstration; an enriching Jewish heritage tour; or time at the fascinating Technology Museum. An outing to Heidelberg is also available to see its legendary castle ruin and a wine vat so enormous, it has a dance floor on top of it!

DAY 10 – STRASBOURG

A big "bonjour" as you arrive in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg. Plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions are on offer today, including a guided tour of the city and its beautiful cathedral, a panoramic tour with included canal cruise, a guided bike tour, or a trip to the unspoiled medieval village of Obernai!

DAY 11 – 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 guided city tour with a tasting in an area wine cellar, or a guided tour of Riquewihr, one of the prettiest villages in France, with wine tasting. After lunch, return for additional opportunities, like a hike through Ravenna Gorge in the Black Forest; a guided bike tour; or a half-day visit to Freiburg, Germany's southernmost town with its unusual mosaic cobblestones and intricate system of Bächle (gutters) that feed running water through the city center.

DAY 12 – BASEL

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