

THE ROMANTIC RHINE SOUTHBOUND

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



COLOGNE

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 first-hand 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. Stops include Germany's monumental Cologne; Remagen, forever tied to WWII; charming Rüdesheim; and one of the largest palace complexes in the world in Mannheim. You'll also visit France's stunning Strasbourg; and Switzerland's Basel, the congenial meeting point of Switzerland, Germany, and France – a truly magical trip!

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Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 5 – Mannheim/ Speyer
Day 2 – Amsterdam	Day 6 – Strasbourg
Day 3 – Cologne/ Remagen	Day 7 – Breisach
Day 4 – Rhine Gorge/ Rüdesheim	Day 8 – Basel



DATES IN 2025

9 Apr, 30 Apr¹, 28 May, 25 Jun, 23 Jul,
6 Aug¹, 3 Sep

¹Departure includes Rhine in Flames event and itinerary modifications; see our website for details



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like a Rüdesheim 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 champagne as a genuine silent film plays, accompanied by music performed on a restored historical organ!

DAY 1 – AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, the Netherlands' exciting capital and Venice of the North with its winding network of canals. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

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 cruise along the romantic canals; spend time with the Dutch masters at the incomparable Rijksmuseum; or join a poignant virtual reality tour that follows in the footsteps of Anne Frank.

DAY 3 – COLOGNE / REMAGEN

This morning is dedicated to the magnificence of Cologne, whose impressive skyline is shaped by 12 Romanesque churches! The city's eternal legacy stems from one in particular – the twin-spired cathedral that was the world's tallest building when it was constructed. Cologne is also known for its "Eau de Cologne" perfume, which has been produced in the city since 1709. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can join a local expert for a stroll through the Old Town and a visit to the Gothic cathedral. Alternatively, treat your tastebuds to a mouthwatering visit of the Cologne Chocolate Museum, or take a virtual reality "timeride" to experience what Cologne was like in the distant past. Later, cruise on to Remagen for a delightful pre-dinner walk through the Old Town and the chance to hear about WWII's pivotal "Bridge at Remagen".

DAY 4 – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

After an incredible morning of scenic cruising through the stunning Rhine Gorge, one of the river's prettiest sections, you'll find there's a lot to see and do in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include soaring over the area by cable car, followed by an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee; a vineyards tour by chauffeured Land Rover with a tasting of the area's exquisite wines; or an exhilarating guided bike tour past Ehrenfels Castle and the 12th-century Abbey of St. Hildegarde. Tonight, after a delicious gourmet dinner on board your ship, don't miss the RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE visit to the town's must-see collection of musical curiosities at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. Afterward, enjoy an old-time silent movie experience – complete with champagne and accompa-

nying music on a restored historical organ. Your ship remains in port until late.

DAY 5 – MANNHEIM / SPEYER

First stop today is 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 in size only to Versailles). Other options are an outing to the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens; a trip to the legendary city of Heidelberg; or a guided bike ride along the banks of the Neckar to medieval Ladenburg. Reboard your ship for lunch and arrive later at 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk in the Old Town with pretzel-making demonstration; an enriching Jewish heritage tour; or time at the intriguing 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! Plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions show off the highlights, including a guided tour featuring the sandstone Gothic cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock, the collection of black and white timber-framed buildings, the three medieval arched spans and four towers of Ponts Couverts, and more. A cruise along the romantic canals is also available. This afternoon, how about a guided bike ride or a tour to the unspoiled medieval village of Obernai?

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 guided city tour with a cellar wine tasting, or a guided tour and wine tasting in Riquewihr, one of the prettiest villages in France. After lunch, return for additional excursions, 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.

DAY 8 – BASEL

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Debussy and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport in Zürich.