

# GERMANY'S RIVETING RHINE WITH RHINE GORGE

DÜSSELDORF TO FRANKFURT – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



STAHLECK CASTLE AND RHINE GORGE

Flowing from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea, the Rhine is one of Europe's most remarkable rivers – and you'll see why on this enjoyable jaunt through Germany. Embark in Düsseldorf before cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge. Here, fairytale castles appear around every bend – sometimes, right in the center of the river! Visit grand cities and quaint villages along the way, including majestic Cologne, home to one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, and pretty Rüdesheim with its inviting wine taverns serving up the local Riesling. Disembark in the bustling financial center of Frankfurt – a fully enriching trip!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Düsseldorf	Day 4 – Rhine Gorge/ Rüdesheim
Day 2 – Cologne	
Day 3 – Bernkastel	Day 5 – Frankfurt



## DATES IN 2025

17 May, 12 Jul, 22 Nov



## 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 – DÜSSELDORF

Welcome to Düsseldorf, an international business and financial center, and ranked the sixth-most livable city in the world! Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a fun foodie walk to discover the city's delicacies. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Your ship departs late and cruises overnight.

## DAY 2 – 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 a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, 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 3 – BERNKASTEL

A relaxing start to the day to do as you like while your ship cruises through the Moselle Valley. How about a delicious light or hearty breakfast with as many coffee or tea refills as you like, or the chance to socialize and admire the passing river-scapes? You'll also have time for a workout in the onboard fitness center or for a pampering massage or spa treatment. 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 4 – 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, beautiful hillside vineyards, and the rock of the Lorelei with its



OLD TOWN, COLOGNE

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 5 – FRANKFURT

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

### EXTEND YOUR TRIP

With Riverside, the fun doesn't have to stop here! You can continue your journey like this:

DÜSSELDORF TO AMSTERDAM,  
12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Cruise up and down the Rhine in luxury, beginning in Düsseldorf and ending in Amsterdam and diverting onto the magical Moselle to discover some of Germany's oldest cities. See LEGENDS OF GERMANY, BELGIUM & HOLLAND WITH RHINE GORGE on the website for details!