

# ROMANCE OF THE RHINE WITH RHINE IN FLAMES FIREWORKS

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



RHINE IN FLAMES

Eight days, three countries, and ... a flaming river? You'll experience firsthand the way the Rhine meanders past meadowlands, industry, clifftop castles – and, of course, the many cities, towns, and villages whose stories you'll recall for years to come. Stops include Amsterdam, the Netherlands' show-stopping capital; Germany's monumental Cologne, former capital of Bonn, charming wine village of Rudesheim, and other amazing ports; as well as France's stunning Strasbourg. Plus, a truly magical "extra" as the Riverside Debussy arrives in Koblenz for the annual Rhine in Flames festival, a breathtaking display of fireworks up and down the river, complete with music and entertainment.

**ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Amsterdam	Day 5 – Rhine Gorge/ Rudesheim
Day 2 – Amsterdam	Day 6 – Mannheim
Day 3 – Cologne/ Bonn	Day 7 – Strasbourg
Day 4 – Koblenz	Day 8 – Basel

**DATES IN 2026**

5 Aug



**RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT**

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences. In Koblenz, experience one of Germany's most dazzling river traditions as the Riverside Debussy joins the parade of ships for the Rhine in Flames celebration. With scene-setting music setting the mood, watch in awe as a spectacular pyrotechnics show lights up the river, sky, and surrounding countryside.

## 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 fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Then, your ship remains in port, so check out the bustling nightlife!

## DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Breakfast, coffee, and Amsterdam – when you begin your day like that, you can't go wrong. 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 virtual reality tour that follows in the footsteps of Anne Frank. Also be sure to sample the mouthwatering cheeses found in the city's many traditional cheese shops. You'll find a complete list of available excursions on our website!

## DAY 3 – COLOGNE / BONN

This morning is dedicated to the magnificence of Cologne, whose impressive skyline is shaped by 12 Romanesque churches! One in particular outshines the rest – the twin-spired, Gothic cathedral. Cologne is also known for its “Eau de Cologne” perfume, which has been produced in the city since 1709. To make the most of your time here, join a guided stroll through the Old Town that includes an inside visit of the cathedral, or treat your tastebuds at the Chocolate Museum. Return to the ship for lunch on board and time to recharge a bit before an evening in Bonn, Germany's former capital and birthplace of composer Ludwig van Beethoven.

## DAY 4 – KOBLENZ & RHINE IN FLAMES

Relax this morning as your ship cruises on, arriving at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers in ancient Koblenz. Join a local expert to see the best of the Old Town and the iconic “German Corner” monument, poised dramatically on a river peninsula. Alternatively, visit Marksburg, the only castle in the Rhine Gorge that has never been destroyed; or ride a cable car up to 16th-century Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Then, tonight, a real treat – our thrilling RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE Rhine in Flames celebration. An annual river highlight for more than 60 years, your ship will join the massive boat convoy, providing you with an outstanding water-level view of the brilliant musical fireworks over the river!

## DAY 5 – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / RÜDESHEIM

After a morning of scenic cruising through the stunning Rhine Gorge, you'll find there's a lot to see and do in the quaint wine village of Rudesheim. Soar over the area by cable car, followed by an authentic Rudesheimer Coffee; take a vineyard walk and taste the area's exquisite wines; or e-bike to Ehrenfels Castle and the 12th-century Abbey of St. Hildegarde. Your ship remains in port late, so feel free to explore more on your own.

## DAY 6 – MANNHEIM

Your 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. Other options are outings to the ornamental Schwetzingen Palace Gardens, legendary Heidelberg, or to 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities.

## DAY 7 – STRASBOURG

A big “bonjour” as you step off the ship in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg, whose historic city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site! Plenty of great excursions show off the highlights, including a guided tour featuring the sandstone Gothic cathedral with its ancient astronomical clock, a cruise along the romantic canals, or a guided e-bike ride.

## DAY 8 – BASEL

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



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