

# FESTIVE GREETINGS FROM THE RHINE

FRANKFURT TO DÜSSELDORF – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



FRANKFURT

For a short but mighty blast of Christmas cheer, this cruise from Frankfurt to Düsseldorf can't be beat. Along the way, you'll see and learn about both the everyday and special Advent traditions along Germany's legendary Rhine River. Stops include bustling Frankfurt with its popular Christkindlmarkt dating back to 1393; Bonn, birthplace of Beethoven and former capital of Germany; majestic Cologne, whose Old Town mirrors the charm of a winter wonderland; Düsseldorf with its elegant rococo castle; and other fascinating cities. You'll have plenty of time to experience each destination's unique beauty and treasures, including the Christmas Markets! Each city, village, and town celebrates in their own way, but the delicious foods, enticing aromas, and sparkling atmospheres are universal!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Frankfurt	Day 3 – Bonn/ Cologne
Day 2 – Mainz/ Rhine Gorge	Day 4 – Düsseldorf



## DATES IN 2025

2 Dec, 14 Dec



## 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 Rudesheimer Coffee with flaming brandy, strong coffee, a dollop of whipped cream, and other mouthwatering ingredients – then, taste one yourself!

## DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt, Germany's exciting hub of international business and finance. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. If you arrive early, join our guided tour of Frankfurt that includes an ascent up the Main Tower and time in the medieval Old Town, home to the iconic Römer Town Hall and bustling Frankfurt Christmas Market, which dates back to 1393 and attracts 3 million visitors annually. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

## DAY 2 – MAINZ / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING

Your day begins with early arrival in Mainz. Founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC, settled by the Franks, and an important part of the Holy Roman Empire, Mainz was also an integral part of Jewish life during medieval times. Finally, and perhaps most famously, it was the birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. Through a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, explore the Old Town and visit the Gutenberg Museum to learn about the world's first printing press; or join an expert guide in period costume to learn about Gutenberg's upbringing and what set him on his path as an inventor, then explore the Old Town and enjoy free time at the Christmas Market with its soaring Christmas pyramid. Later, return to your ship for lunch and cruise through the world-famous, castle-filled Rhine Gorge. Along the way, enjoy a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Rüdesheimer Coffee-making demonstration, followed by a tasting of the unforgettable local specialty! The afternoon and evening are free to take advantage of your ship's many amenities, so how about a workout in the fitness center or a relaxing massage?



CHRISTMAS MARKET, BONN



CHRISTMAS MARKET, MAINZ

## DAY 3 – BONN / COLOGNE

With the light of the day comes the chance to explore Bonn, Germany's cosmopolitan former capital and birthplace of composer Ludwig van Beethoven. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers great excursions featuring the cathedral, castle, Beethoven sites, and jolly Old Town Christmas Market. Lunch is back on the ship, along with the chance to freshen up before your afternoon call in Cologne. Enjoy a guided stroll through the historic district to visit the awe-inspiring cathedral (symbol of the city and home to the Shrine of the Three Magi) and one of Germany's most famous Christmas Markets. Immerse yourself in the pre-Christmas ambiance: twinkling lights, beautiful carols and church bells, gingerbread and almond cookies, and, of course, original Nuremberg bratwursts, which have played a central role in the city's Advent festivities for more than 700 years! Your ship remains in port until late.

## DAY 4 – DÜSSELDORF

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