

# FESTIVE GREETINGS FROM THE RHINE

FRANKFURT TO DÜSSELDORF – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



RHINE

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 the cozy wine village of Rudesheim in the heart of the castle-filled Rhine Gorge; Bonn, the former capital of Germany; majestic Cologne, whose Old Town mirrors the charm of a winter wonderland; 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 – Rudesheim/ Rhine Gorge/ Koblenz	Day 4 – Düsseldorf



### DATES IN 2026

28 Nov, 10 Dec



### UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As you cruise through the scintillating beauty of the Rhine Valley, learn the secrets behind an authentic Rudesheimer Coffee! Watch a true expert concoct this world-famous beverage with flaming brandy, strong coffee, a dollop of thickly whipped cream, and other mouthwatering ingredients ... then, taste one yourself! You won't want to drink coffee any other way!

## DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt, Germany's exciting hub of international business and finance. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled in. Tonight, meet fellow cruisemates during your first gourmet dinner on board.

## DAY 2 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

Arrive after breakfast in the charming wine village of Rudesheim. See the sights aboard the Winzerexpress train, or soak in the Christmas atmosphere along the Drosselgasse, a 15th-century cobblestone lane lined with Old World architecture. Back on the ship later, enjoy scenic cruising through the castle-lined Rhine Gorge and a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE demonstration of how to make (and savor) a traditional Rudesheimer Coffee. This evening, arrive in Koblenz, established as a Roman military post around 8 BC. How about a guided walk to the Deutsches Eck (German Corner) monument, or a visit to impressive Marksburg Castle? Your ship remains in port until late, so consider checking out the local Christmas Market to browse the artisan stalls, warm yourself with a Glühwein (mulled wine), and admire the Baroque Town Hall's colorfully lit windows that create an enormous Advent calendar!

## 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. A menu of great excursions features the



CHRISTMAS MARKET, COLOGNE

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 your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see our website.



WINTER IN THE RHINE GORGE