

# RHINE CHRISTMAS INSPIRATION: FRANKFURT TO BASEL

FRANKFURT TO BASEL – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



STRASBOURG

The magic of Christmas in Central Europe awaits on this festive getaway along the Rhine. Board your luxury Riverside ship in Frankfurt, Europe's hub of finance and business. On to Mannheim, home to one of the largest palace complexes in the world; 2,000-year-old Speyer, where many German emperors and kings were laid to rest; and charming Strasbourg with its postcard-like setting. Enjoy the twinkling Christmas lights at enchanting Christmas markets along the way – a great way to interact with the locals, shop for hand-crafted gifts, sample soul-warming Glühwein recipes, and indulge your tastebuds with delectable Advent treats. Your trip concludes in Basel, where Switzerland touches borders with neighboring Germany and France for a true melting pot of cultures and traditions!

## ITINERARY

Day 1 – Frankfurt  
Day 2 – Mannheim/  
Speyer  
Day 3 – Strasbourg  
Day 4 – Basel



## DATES IN 2026

4 Dec, 16 Dec



## UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. In Germany, Christmas celebrations wouldn't be complete without Glühwein, the popular hot, mulled wine served at Christmas Markets, large and small, throughout the country. Attend an informative onboard talk to learn about the beverage's long history and how recipes vary from city to city. Then, sample steaming mugs of red, white, and rosé Glühwein, along with an assortment of traditional Christmas Leckereien (goodies).



HEIDELBERG CASTLE

### DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt, known as Germany’s “Mainhattan” for its business and financial activity. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet fellow shipmates at your first gourmet dinner on board.

### DAY 2 – MANNHEIM / SPEYER

First stop today is Mannheim, the City of Inventions! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, see Schwetzingen Palace, which was destroyed and rebuilt several times and today is a state-owned heritage site, or join an outing to

Heidelberg, home to Germany’s oldest university and legendary castle. Guests who visit Heidelberg will rejoin the ship at the next port; all others will return to the ship for lunch as it cruises on to 2,000-year-old Speyer. There, an Old Town walking tour features time at the Christmas Market for a merry mug of Glühwein! Other choices include an enriching Jewish heritage tour, or time at the fascinating Technology Museum.

### DAY 3 – STRASBOURG

Bonjour! You’ve arrived in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg. Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the atmospheric canals, get an inside look inside the beautiful cathedral, or visit medieval Obernai. Back on your ship later, enjoy a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE onboard presentation about Glühwein, the region’s popular hot mulled wine served at Christmas Markets far and wide. Sample three distinct varieties, accompanied by traditional Christmas treats.

### DAY 4 – BASEL

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



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