

FAIRYTALE CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE

BASEL TO FRANKFURT – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



BASEL

Christmas comes just once a year, so immerse yourself in all things holly and jolly! Your adventure begins in Basel, where Switzerland touches borders with neighboring Germany and France for a true melting pot of cultures and traditions! Other stops include beautiful Strasbourg with its canals, and Mannheim, home to one of the largest palace complexes in the world. Guided walks reveal each city's history, while the Christmas Markets provide the chance to shop for hand-crafted gifts and sample the local culinary delights. Be sure to leave space in your suitcase for all the trinkets you're bound to find! Your adventure concludes in Frankfurt, Germany's bustling financial hub, where music and garlands and dazzling lights create an inviting winter wonderland.

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



DATES IN 2026

25 Nov, 7 Dec, 19 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. Attend an onboard talk to learn about the beverage's long history and how recipes vary from city to city. Then, sample red, white, and rosé Glühwein, along with traditional Christmas Leckereien (goodies).



CHRISTMAS MARKET, STRASBOURG

DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's exciting capital of culture. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Then, tonight, meet fellow ship mates at your first gourmet dinner on board. Your ship remains in port until late, so feel free to explore the Basel Christmas Market on your own after dinner.

DAY 2 – STRASBOURG

Enjoy an easy start to your day, with plenty of time to sleep in or enjoy the ship's amenities. A **UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE** onboard presentation will help get you in the holiday spirit! Learn all 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. After lunch, your ship docks for time in one of France's true treasures – Strasbourg! Our enriching **RIVERSIDE CHOICE** excursions feature a tour through the European Quarter, where the European Parliament, Council of Europe, and other international institutions are based. Then, stroll with a guide through the Grande Île to one of Europe's oldest Christkindelsmäriks (Christmas Markets). See how the

French celebrate in this self-proclaimed "Capitale de Noël" (Capital of Christmas) as you wander among hundreds of wooden huts selling crafts, gifts, and culinary delights. Also take note of the 98-foot-high (30-meter) Great Christmas Tree, one of the tallest decorated natural Christmas trees in Europe. Other excursion options for your cruise are listed on our website.

DAY 3 – MANNHEIM

Late-morning arrival in Mannheim, the City of Inventions where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. Join a guided walk to hear about the city's unusual street layout and visit the massive Baroque palace (second in size only to Versailles); or maybe visit nearby Speyer, final resting place of many kings and Holy Roman Emperors, for a tour of the Old Town and time at the bustling Christmas Market. Other options? A tour around Mannheim with "Bertha Benz" to learn about the birthplace of the automobile, or an outing to Heidelberg with its legendary castle.

DAY 4 – FRANKFURT

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