

HOLIDAY MAGIC ON THE RHINE & MAIN

FRANKFURT TO AMSTERDAM – 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



WERTHEIM

Spend some of your 12 days of Christmas in Germany and New Year's in the Netherlands on this very special cruise along the Rhine and Main Rivers. Embark in vibrant Frankfurt and enjoy port stops in Germany's Mannheim, the City of Inventions; medieval Miltenberg; Bavarian Wertheim; Mainz (a favorite among avid readers); and the charming wine village of Rudesheim – as well as Christmas Eve in Würzburg, Christmas Day in Bamberg, and a thrilling New Year's Eve in Düsseldorf. Highlights include the castle-dotted Rhine Gorge and the first day of the new year in Amsterdam – perfect for beginning 2027 the Dutch way!

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| Day 1 – Frankfurt | Day 8 – Mannheim/ Rudesheim |
| Day 2 – Miltenberg | Day 9 – Rudesheim/ Rhine Gorge |
| Day 3 – Würzburg | Day 10 – Düsseldorf |
| Day 4 – Bamberg | Day 11 – Amsterdam |
| Day 5 – Würzburg | Day 12 – Amsterdam |
| Day 6 – Wertheim | |
| Day 7 – Mainz | |



DATES IN 2026

22 Dec



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Prepare for a New Year's Eve you'll never forget as we treat you to a special celebratory dinner on board your ship, followed by live music and dancing in the lounge. Then, count down to midnight in style as Düsseldorf residents head to the Rhine and transform the river into a spectacle of colorful midnight fireworks!



MILTENBERG

DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt, Germany's exciting hub of international business and finance. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and meet fellow cruisemates during your first onboard dinner. The ship remains in port until late, so you might enjoy heading into the Old Town to experience the bustling Christmas Market that dates back to 1393.

DAY 2 – MILTENBERG

Step off the ship today on the Main River's left bank, right between the Spessart and Odenwald mountain ranges. Miltenberg grew up as a 13th-century river toll station, protected by the local castle. Today, its Old Town is a magnet for film productions, while visitors flock to see Hotel Zum Riesen, one of Germany's oldest inns. With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions, consider a tour spotlighting the medieval architecture and more than 150 half-timbered houses, as well as the superb Bavarian food and drink. Other options are also available – see our website for a complete list.

DAY 3 / CHRISTMAS EVE – WÜRZBURG

Würzburg sits right in the heart of Franconian wine country, where the special soil and mild climate yield award-winning wines with a high mineralization and full-bodied, dry, and earthy qualities. You might enjoy sampling the local varieties in one of the many wine taverns, or consider an outing along the famed Romantic Road to medieval Rothenburg, one of Germany's most alluring walled cities.

DAY 4 / CHRISTMAS DAY – BAMBERG

Fröhliche Weihnachten – Merry Christmas! One of Germany's unrivaled masterpieces awaits in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bamberg. Dating back to the 9th century, the city extends over seven church-capped hills, leading to its nickname as the "Franconian Rome." Join an enjoyable guided walk that shows off the highlights, like the unusual Old Town Hall, built right in the middle of the river in 1386! Afterward, enjoy a Rauchbier (smoked beer), which the city has been brewing for almost 900 years.

DAY 5 – WÜRZBURG

Return to Würzburg for a special tour through the UNESCO World Heritage Residenz, one of Europe's most important Baroque palaces and the lavish former home of the city's prince-bishops. Marvel at its fantastic staircase, stunning ceiling frescoes, and magnificent rooms overflowing with precious furnishings and tapestries.

DAY 6 – WERTHEIM

Tucked between the Main and Tauber Rivers on the famous Romantic Road, this small, northern Bavaria town is known as a showcase of half-timber houses, inviting squares, and Franconia's narrowest house! Standing proudly in the midst of it all is the castle, one of Germany's largest and most beautiful ruins. Other highlights include the red sandstone Engelsbrunnen (Angels' well), Glass Museum, and one of the old city gates with flood markings from 1595 onward.

DAY 7 – MAINZ

A leisurely morning is followed by time in Mainz, where a months-long Carnival celebration occurs each year. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you could explore the Old Town and peek inside the thousand-year-old Romanesque cathedral.

DAY 8 – MANNHEIM / RÜDESHEIM

Early arrival in Mannheim for a visit to its massive Baroque palace that is second only to Versailles in size. Or, how about an outing to 14th-century Schwetzingen Palace or to neighboring Heidelberg for time in its charming Old Town and a tour

through its legendary castle? Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxed afternoon of cruising to the quaint wine village of Rudesheim. Soak in the atmosphere along the narrow Drosselgasse, a 15th-century cobblestone lane lined with Old World architecture, cozy wine taverns, and cafés serving up delicious Rudesheimer Coffee.

DAY 9 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING

More time this morning to explore the charms of Rudesheim. Later, cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, where for more than a millennium the riverbanks have been graced by more than three dozen stunning hilltop castles. Also see the mythical Rock of the Loreley and hear its haunting legend.

DAY 10 / NEW YEAR'S EVE – DÜSSELDORF

Sleep in. Take your time over breakfast and re-fills on your coffee. There's no rush today as you savor each and every remaining hour of 2026. Arrive later in Düsseldorf, capital of Germany's most populated state. Join a walk through the cobblestoned Old Town to see the highlights and to learn how Napoleon left an indelible mark here. You might also enjoy an introduction to Düsseldorf's 200-year Altbier tradition as you pop into a cozy Brauhaus (brewery) for a malty, copper-colored Altbier. A celebratory dinner on board is followed by live music and dancing in the lounge. Then, count down to midnight in style! Riverside gives you the best, from-the-river view of Düsseldorf's thrilling fireworks show, when the city becomes a colorful explosion of light and music.

DAY 11 / NEW YEAR'S DAY – SCENIC CRUISING / AMSTERDAM

Happy New Year! Today is perfect for enjoying your ship and scenery. How about a wonderful onboard massage or spa treatment – or you can get a jump on your New Year's Resolution with an invigorating workout in the ship's Fitness Center. When the ship docks in the late afternoon, you're free to disembark and explore on your own. This evening, be sure to join us for a special cruise through the romantic canals, complete with champagne and twinkling lights.

DAY 12 – AMSTERDAM

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



OLD TOWN, MAINZ



DÜSSELDORF IN WINTER