

THE ROMANTIC RHINE NORTHBOUND

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



AMSTERDAM

This special cruise reveals the allure of the incredible Rhine as it meanders past cliff-top castle ruins and enchanting vineyards. Embark in Switzerland's Basel, where Switzerland, Germany, and France come together in an exciting melting pot of culture. Then, on to Kehl, which alternated between French and German control over the centuries. You'll have a wonderful opportunity to cross the river for a visit of France's incomparable Strasbourg with its charming canals and Petite France district. Also stop in Mannheim for an encounter with one of the largest palace complexes in the world; charming Rüdesheim in the heart of the stunning Rhine Gorge; "monumental" Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet; and Cologne with its world-famous twin-spired cathedral. Finally, cruise into the Netherlands, where the dramatic events of WWII are on display, along with the dazzling beauty and culture of Amsterdam.

ITINERARY

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| Day 1 – Basel | Day 5 – Cologne |
| Day 2 – Kehl/ Strasbourg | Day 6 – Nijmegen |
| Day 3 – Speyer/ Mannheim | Day 7 – Amsterdam |
| Day 4 – Rüdesheim/ Koblenz | Day 8 – Amsterdam |



DATES IN 2025

16 Apr, 7 May, 4 Jun, 2 Jul¹, 30 Jul,
13 Aug², 10 Sep

¹ Departure includes Rhine in Flames event and itinerary modifications; see our website for details

² Departure docks in Rotterdam instead of Amsterdam; see our website for details



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences. In Amsterdam, the city's daytime brilliance is only eclipsed by the city at night! With atmospheric music setting the mood, cruise through the 17th-century canals, enjoying a drink and your choice of decadent dessert. Float past islands, bridges, the famous Anne Frank House, and splendid patrician homes from the Dutch Golden Age.

DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's capital of culture and home to many world-class museums. Embark the luxurious Riverside Debussy and relax as you settle in. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – KEHL / STRASBOURG

Arrive this morning in the German city of Kehl, right across the river from Strasbourg, one of France's most popular cities. Plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions are on offer, including a guided tour of Old Town Strasbourg and its beautiful cathedral; a panoramic tour with included canal cruise; or a trip to the unspoiled medieval village of Obernai. Alternatively, consider a guided bike tour, or maybe tour Old Town Kehl to learn its fascinating history of French versus German control over the centuries.

DAY 3 – SPEYER / MANNHEIM

First stop today is 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk in the Old Town with the chance to sample authentic German Brezeln (pretzels); an enriching Jewish heritage tour; a bike ride to Schwetzingen Palace; or time at the Technology Museum. After lunch, you could also join an outing to Heidelberg that rejoins the ship at your next port. See Heidelberg's famous castle ruins and a wine vat that is so enormous, it has a dance floor on top of it! Otherwise, lunch is on the ship as you cruise to Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. Consider a guided walk to learn about Mannheim's unusual street layout and ties to many inventions throughout history. Then, visit the massive Baroque palace; bike along the banks of the Neckar to medieval Ladenburg; or visit the lovely Schwetzingen Palace Gardens. The ship remains in port until late and cruises overnight.

DAY 4 – RÜDESHEIM / KOBLENZ

Welcome to the heart of the Middle Rhine, one of the river's prettiest sections. Disembark in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can hop aboard the Winzer-express train to see the sights and visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum; soar over the area by cable car, followed by an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee; or satisfy your active side during a guided vineyard hike and wine tasting, or an exhilarating eBike tour past Ehrenfels Castle and the 12th-century Abbey of St. Hildegarde. Then, reboard your ship for a true highlight.

Relax with lunch as your ship passes through the stunning Rhine Gorge, adorned with terraced vineyards and more than three dozen stunning riverside castles. From up on the Vista Deck, you won't miss a thing! Afternoon arrival in Koblenz for a guided walk to see the important historic sights, a cable car ride up to imposing Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or an outing to the never-destroyed, 12th-century Marksburg Castle.

DAY 5 – COLOGNE

A late-morning entrance into Cologne allows for a leisurely breakfast. Then, disembark and join a RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, like a Jewish Cologne tour; a virtual reality "timeride" to experience what Cologne was like in the distant past; or a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the famous Gothic cathedral, home to the Shrine of the Three Magi and the tallest twin-spired church in the world!

DAY 6 – NIJMEGEN

Your ship docks this morning in Nijmegen in the Netherlands province of Gelderland. This is the oldest city in the country, dating back to Roman times. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, WWII buffs might enjoy seeing Arnhem's infamous John Frost Bridge (the "Bridge Too Far") and Allied Paratrooper Memorial at Eusebius Church; or nature and art might be more your preference at the Kröller-Müller Museum and sculpture garden in Hoge Veluwe National Park. More choices are on tap for this afternoon: a guided biking or walking tour through Old Town Nijmegen.

DAY 7 – AMSTERDAM

Your day starts with breakfast and a glorious entrance into Amsterdam, the awe-inspiring Venice of the North. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you can visit the Zaanse Schans Open-Air Folk Museum to tour working windmills and learn about Dutch culture and trades over the centuries. Other possibilities: time at the celebrated Rijksmuseum; a visit to the unique Street Art & Graffiti Museum; a tour utilizing virtual reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank; or a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE dessert cruise through the city's romantic canals.

DAY 8 – AMSTERDAM

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