

# ROMANTIC RHINE NORTHBOUND

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



RHINE GORGE

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 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; Rudesheim in the heart of the stunning Rhine Gorge; Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet; and Cologne with its iconic 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 – Strasbourg                            | Day 6 – Arnhem    |
| Day 3 – Speyer/<br>Mannheim                   | Day 7 – Amsterdam |
| Day 4 – Rudesheim/<br>Rhine Gorge/<br>Koblenz | Day 8 – Amsterdam |



## DATES IN 2026

24 Jun, 12 Aug, 26 Aug, 21 Oct



## RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences. In Mannheim, an exclusive evening treats you to a private concert with champagne at the city's century-old Alte Feuerwache (Old Fire Station), an awe-inspiring venue overflowing with history, culture, and artistry.

## DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's bustling capital of culture. Embark the Riverside Debussy and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your luxurious Suite. Tonight, meet fellow traveling companions during your first gourmet dinner on board.

## DAY 2 – STRASBOURG

Arrive this morning in Strasbourg, one of France's most popular cities. Plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options are on offer throughout the day: a guided tour of the Old Town with its beautiful cathedral; a relaxing canal cruise; or wine tasting in the medieval village of Obernai. More possibilities are also on offer – see the full list on our website.

## DAY 3 – SPEYER / MANNHEIM

First stop today is 2,000-year-old Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Consider a guided walk through the Old Town and a tasting of the area's wonderful wines; an enriching Jewish heritage tour; or time at the mesmerizing Technology Museum. Afterward, you could enjoy an outing to Heidelberg that rejoins the ship at your next port. Otherwise, lunch is on the ship as you cruise to Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. How about a visit to the Baroque palace, or a tour with "Bertha Benz" to learn about this City of Inventions and birthplace of the automobile? Tonight, don't miss our exciting RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE private concert with champagne at the beautiful Alte Feuerwache (Old Fire Station).



MEDIEVAL OBERNAI

## DAY 4 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

Into the heart of the Middle Rhine today, disembarking first in the wine village of Rüdesheim. Visit the must-experience Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum; take a cable car ride over the vineyards; or get active during a hilltop hike. Later, reboard your ship for a highlight passage through the stunning Rhine Gorge, where more than three dozen castles adorn the riverbanks. Afternoon arrival in Koblenz to explore the iconic "German Corner" monument jutting out into the river. Alternatively, visit Marksburg, the only castle in the Rhine Gorge that has never been destroyed, or ride a cable car up to 16th-century Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.

## DAY 5 – COLOGNE

After-lunch arrival in Cologne, whose skyline is shaped by a dozen historical churches. Get a behind-the-scenes look at its Gothic cathedral, the tallest twin-spired church in the world and home to the Shrine of the Three Magi; join a palate-pleasing chocolate- or Kölsch Beer-focused activity; or take a tour by e-bike for a fun and active option.

## DAY 6 – ARNHEM

A free and easy morning to start the day as you like. As your ship pushes north, you'll cross the border into the Netherlands, arriving after lunch in Arnhem, site of the 1944 Battle of Arnhem. WWII enthusiasts are likely familiar with the John Frost Bridge (the infamous "Bridge Too Far"), as well as the Airborne Museum and Eusebius Church, all of which you can visit during our enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions.

## DAY 7 – AMSTERDAM

Your day starts with breakfast and a glorious entrance into Amsterdam, a once tiny fishing village that grew into a major world port during the Dutch Golden Age. This is home to the Heineken Beer Experience, infamous "Red Light District", and a vast maze of canals flowing past elegant merchant homes. Marvel at some of the world's most famous artwork at the celebrated Rijksmuseum; visit the unique Street Art & Graffiti Museum; or use virtual reality technology to follow in the footsteps of Anne Frank.

## DAYS 8 – AMSTERDAM

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