

IRRESISTABLE RHINE & MOSELLE: BASEL TO TRIER

BASEL TO TRIER – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



MOSELLE

Unforgettable sights and experiences galore await on this week-long luxury cruise. Embark your ship on the Rhine and begin your adventure in the Swiss, German, and French melting pot of Basel, where the three countries' borders meet! Breisach is next, a stunning combination of French Alsace and Black Forest, and canal-lined Strasbourg with its enchanting Petite France district. On to Germany to visit Speyer, final resting place of kings and Holy Roman Emperors; Mannheim and its massive palace complex; and the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim in the stunning Rhine Gorge. At Koblenz, turn onto the Moselle for time in Bernkastel with its inviting candy-colored Old Town houses; and Trier, where indelible marks from the Roman Empire are seemingly everywhere. See their architectural accomplishments and the very vines they planted that today are flourishing vineyards!

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Day 1 – Basel	Day 5 – Rüdesheim/ Koblenz
Day 2 – Breisach	
Day 3 – Strasbourg	Day 6 – Bernkastel
Day 4 – Speyer/ Mannheim	Day 7 – Trier



DATES IN 2025

9 Nov



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression. As you cruise through the Rhine Valley, watch an expert concoct an authentic Rüdesheimer Coffee with flaming brandy, strong coffee, a dollop of whipped cream, and other mouthwatering ingredients – then, taste one yourself!

DAY 1 – BASEL

Welcome to Basel on the Rhine, Switzerland's capital of cultural 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 – BREISACH

Welcome to Breisach, gateway between the French Alsace region and Germany's legendary Black Forest! A wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes morning options, like a guided walk with included wine tasting, or a visit to Riquewihr, one of the prettiest villages in France, with wine tasting. After lunch, additional excursions are a hike through Ravenna Gorge, or a half-day trip to Freiburg, the southernmost town in Germany and unofficial capital of the Black Forest!

DAY 3 – STRASBOURG

A big "bonjour" as you arrive in the unforgettable French city of Strasbourg. Plenty of RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are on offer here: a guided tour of the city and its beautiful cathedral; a panoramic tour with included canal cruise; or a trip to the unspoiled medieval village of Obernai.

DAY 4 – 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 a tasting of traditional German pretzels, or time at the fascinating Technology Museum. An outing to Heidelberg is also available to see its legendary castle ruin and a wine vat so enormous, it has a dance floor on top of it! Head back to the ship for lunch on the way to Mannheim, where the Rhine and Neckar Rivers meet. Enjoy a city tour that includes a visit to the massive Baroque palace (second only to Versailles in size)!

DAY 5 – RÜDESHEIM / RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING / KOBLENZ

Your day begins in the wine village of Rüdesheim – the very definition of charming. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, try a traditional Rudesheimer Coffee and visit the world-famous Siegfried's for a musical experience beyond compare, or satisfy your active side during a guided vineyard hike and special tasting of the locally crafted wines. Back on your ship later is a true highlight as you pass through the awe-inspiring Rhine Gorge. For more than a millennium, this section of the river has been adorned with terraced vineyards and



THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE-DAME, STRASBOURG

more than three dozen hilltop castles. While cruising, attend an onboard UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Rudesheimer coffee demonstration to see how the delightful drink is made—and to taste one yourself! Late-afternoon arrival in Koblenz, where the iconic Deutsches Eck marks where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet.

DAY 6 – BERNKASTEL

A real treat is in store as you visit Bernkastel, where steep-sloped Riesling vineyards dot the landscape. The medieval marketplace here is particularly photo-worthy with its split-timber architecture and captivating Spitzhäuschen ("Pointed House") from 1416. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu offers a guided walk through the historical district, followed by a tasting at a local winery; a hike up to the ruins of mighty Landshut Castle; or a ride through the beautiful environs of the middle Moselle in a classic VW Bulli, with a tasting of locally produced wines!

DAY 7 – TRIER

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