

# ENCHANTING RHINE

## WINE CRUISE

### BASEL, SWITZERLAND TO AMSTERDAM



Amid a backdrop of Europe's most regal castles, historic ruins and vineyard-laced hills, all the while tasting world-class wines sourced from the very spots you're traveling through. Sample wines from France's Alsace region while in Riquewihr, Freiburg and Strasbourg; and walk through the vineyards of Rüdesheim tasting the Rheingau's Rieslings.



#### **DATES: (W=wine cruise)**

**AmaKristina 2018:** Oct 22; **Nov 05-W, 19-Free Air** : **2019:** May 06, 20; Jun 03, 20; Aug 12, 26; Sep 09, 23; Nov 04, **18-W**, Dec 30

**AmaStella 2018:** Oct 15; **Nov 12-W**; **2019:** Jun 23, Aug 18, Oct 13, 27; Nov 10

**AmaPrima 2018:** Nov 10; **2019:** May 18; Jun 01, 15; Aug 17; Sep 21; Oct 05; Nov 09

**AmaSerena 2019:** **Mar 31-W**; Apr 14; May 19; Jun 02, 16, 30; Jul 28; Aug 11, 25; Sep 08, 22; Oct 06, 20; **Nov 3-W, 17-W**; Dec 29

**AmaViola 2019:** May 26; Jun 21; Sep 15

**AmaMora 2019:** Jun 10; Aug 19; Sep 02, 16; Oct 28; Nov 11

**DURATION:** 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** BASEL, SWITZERLAND

**DISEMBARK:** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

**FROM:** \$2,049

**COUNTRIES VISITED:** FRANCE, GERMANY,  
NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND

**RIVERS:** RHINE

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Basel, Switzerland - EMBARKATION

Embark your ship in Basel, Switzerland. Tonight, gather on board for a “Welcome Aboard” Wine Toast as you commence your wine-themed itinerary through some of Europe’s most enchanting and historic wine regions. (D)

### DAY 2 Breisach, Germany

Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture as well as famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate. While there, enjoy a visit to a winery for a tasting of locally produced Alsatian wines. Alternatively, you may wish to go to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg’s Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have “the most beautiful spire on earth.” You’ll visit a winery where you will have the opportunity to taste their locally produced wines, and then continue on with a walking tour. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 Strasbourg, France

One of the most enchanting cities in Europe and home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Grand Île, Strasbourg will captivate you. Discover its many treasures with a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l’Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République. You’ll then walk through its iconic “La Petite France” district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Prefer to enjoy the city more actively, then join a guided bike tour, which also takes you through the Parc de l’Orangerie. Later in the afternoon, be treated to a special Alsatian wine tasting of some of the region’s most delicious and notable wine.

Discover how the Vosges Mountains provide the Alsace with ideal winemaking conditions, and as such, Alsatian wines are not only delightful on the palate, but they’re also highly praised for their fragrant aromas, ranging from bright and fruity to crisp and spicy. (B,L,D)



Strasbourg, France

### DAY 4 Ludwigshafen - Rüdesheim

Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany’s Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher’s Path and be rewarded with panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany’s oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Altpörtel, Old Gate. Later in the day, set sail to Rüdesheim, where you’ll have the opportunity to visit Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum or enjoy a tasting of Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5 Rüdesheim - Rhine Gorge, Germany

Your exploration of Rüdesheim continues with your choice of three excursions. Take a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the river. Afterwards, indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Riesling wines in



the vineyards. If you prefer a more active adventure, you can join a guided bike ride through the town and along the Rhine River to Schloss Johannisberg or hike through the town's beautiful vineyards. During the afternoon, set sail along the scenic Rhine River Gorge with its fabled legends and many castles to Lahnstein where you'll enjoy a visit to Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)



### **DAY 6 Cologne**

Home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral, this 2,000 year-old city is also a bustling cosmopolitan hotspot. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral, where the remains of the fabled Three Kings—the Magi—are believed to rest. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. Or

visit a local tavern to taste Kölsch beer and Reibekuchen—potato pancakes served with apple sauce. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 7 Amsterdam**

Eclectic Amsterdam boasts amazing history, art, architecture, and museums, and you have three choices as to how you wish to explore it. The famous canals of Amsterdam await discovery on your city tour beginning with a scenic canal cruise followed by



a walk to Begijnhof, known for its Middle Age buildings. For a different view of the city, you can join the Jordaan District walking tour or the Jewish Heritage tour. The Jordaan District tour begins at the Westerchurch and takes you past the Noordermarkt, the Karthuizerhof and the "9 streets;" afterwards, you'll stop in a local café for a hot beverage and Dutch apple pie. The Jewish Heritage tour begins with a visit to the 17th-century Portuguese Synagogue and the Jewish Historical Museum chronicling the history of the Jews in Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8 Amsterdam - DISEMBARKATION**

Bid Farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

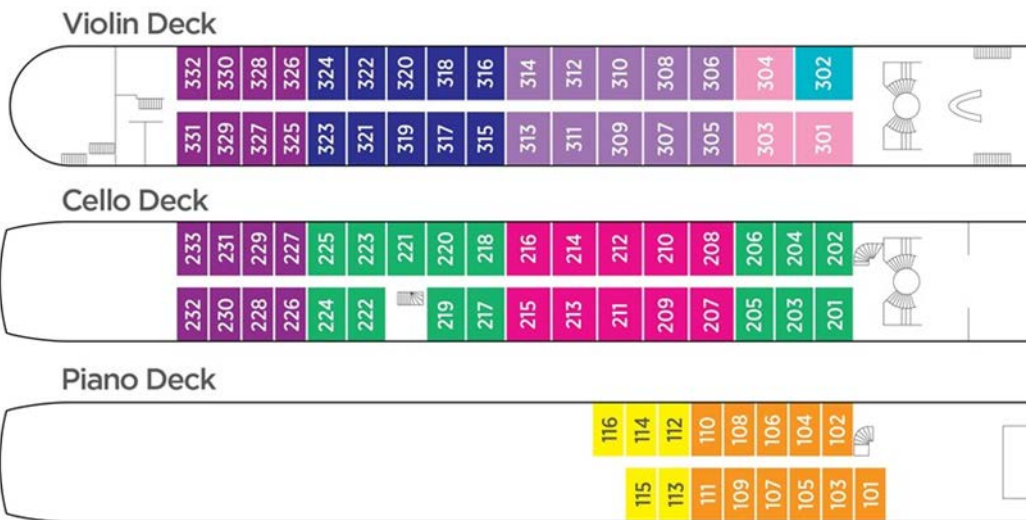


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2018 DATES	Oct 15	Oct 22	Nov 5	Nov 10, 19*	Nov 12
BASE RATE – <b>CAT E</b>	\$3,299	\$2,499	\$2,899	\$2,799	\$2,049
Plus Port Charges - \$168 per person		<b>Save \$250</b>		<b>*Free Air</b>	<b>Save \$750</b>

