RHINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS BASEL- AMSTERDAM



Experience the deep-rooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year. From the iconic canals of Amsterdam to Switzerland's glittery cities, Lucerne and Zurich, get caught up in the magic of the holidays with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets. Warm up with a mug of steamy glühwein while at the Cologne Christmas Market located in front of its UNESCO-designated Gothic cathedral. Let the "Capital of Noël," Strasbourg, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France, captivate you the way it has for so many others for centuries.



2025 - AmaPrima: Nov 26*, Dec 3, 10*, 17 **AmaCerto:** Nov 26, Dec 3*, 10, 17* **AmaSiena:** Nov 27, Dec 4*, 11, 18* **AmaLucia:** Nov 27*, Dec 4, 11* **AmaViola:** Nov 29, Dec 6*, 13 **AmaStella:** Nov 29*, Dec 6

2026 - AmaPrima: Nov 25*, Dec 2, 16 **AmaCerto:** Nov 25W, Dec 2*, 9, 16* **AmaSiena:** Nov 26, Dec 3*, 10, 17* **AmaLucia:** Nov 26*, Dec 3, 11*

AmaViola: Nov 28, Dec 12, 19* AmaStella: Nov 28*, Dec 5
W=WINE CRUISE

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: Basel
DISEMBARK: Amsterdam
*REVERSE ITINERARY

SHIPS: AMA PRIMA, AMA SIENA, AMA CERTO, AMA LUCIA, AMA VIOLA, AMA STELLA

FROM: \$3,349*
*After Early Booking Savings

COUNTRIES: FRANCE, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS,

SWITZERLAND RIVERS: RHINE

ITINERARY

DAY 1- ARRIVE BASEL SWITZERLAND - EMBARK

NOTE: Itinerary operates as described here, or in reverse direction from Amsterdam to Basel. Embark the ship in Basel. Tonight, meet your fellow passengers on board. (D)

DAY 2 - BREISACH, GERMANY

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Journey into medieval Colmar, located in the enchanting Alsace region of France. Delight in the half-timbered houses lining the cobblestone streets as you take in the whimsical blend of French and German culture and the town's wonderful Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you may wish to visit Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral constructed of red sandstone, as well as its enchanting Christmas market. Those wishing a more active excursion will want to cycle through the scenic countryside. (B,L,D)



DAY 3 - STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterwards, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and through the lovely "La Petite

France" district, where you will see the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock and then visit the town's famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. During the afternoon, visit Gengenbach Christmas Market where every year the locals countdown to Christmas with a 24-day, larger-than-life Advent calendar. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 - LUDWIGSHAFEN- RÜDESHEIM

You have the choice to explore two of Germany's historically rich cities, along with their festive Christmas Markets. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's pedestrian shopping streets, Hauptstrasse, soaking up the Yuletide celebrations at the town's Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also have time to visit its Christmas Market in front of the "Old Mint" (Alten Münze) in the famous Maximilianstrasse, with a view of the romantic imperial cathedral (Kaiserdom). Later in the day, sail to Rüdesheim where you can taste local wine or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer Coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 - RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE

Visit Siegfried's whimsical Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, take a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River, hike through the vineyards or soar high above the town by gondola and later enjoy Christmas traditions from all over the world at Rüdesheim Christmas market. Later in the day, sit in the Main Lounge, out on your balcony or bundle up on the Sun Deck to enjoy a scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge, during which you will see many historic castles. Upon reaching Lahnstein, take a unique tour of Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)



DAY 6 - DÜSSELDORF

Enjoy a scenic cruise into Düsseldorf. In the afternoon, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne on a guided tour of its enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the Fishmarkt, which dates back to

the 12th century and the Great St. Martin Church. Then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas Markets. Or explore historic Düsseldorf on foot with a knowledgeable local tour guide. Then, be treated to a tasting of Altbier, a clean and crisp beer developed in Düsseldorf that is crafted using traditional brewing techniques. Conclude the tour with a visit to the local Christmas Market. Alternatively, cover more ground with an active bike tour of the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 - AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Cruise the iconic canals of Amsterdam, considered the "Venice of the North" and admire the historic architecture along the way. Then, taste local specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafés. Please note that an alternative tour will depend on docking location. (B,L,D)

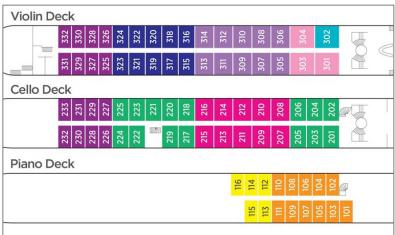


DAY 8 - DISEMBARKATION - DEPART AMSTERDAMBid Farewell to Amsterdam and prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

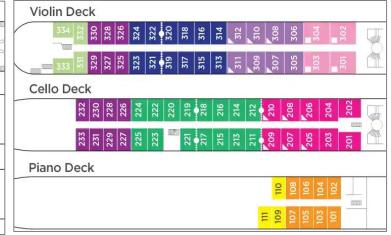


	2025 RATES					2026 RATES			
	NOV 26	NOV 27-29		DEC 03-18	03-18 NOV 25		NOV 28	DEC 2 Rev	DEC 2-5
							DEC 10-19	DEC 9	
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$3,939	\$4,039		\$4,139		4,249	\$4,349	\$4,449	\$4,649
CABIN UPGRADE –	D	СВ	CA	L E	BB		AB	AA	SUITE
2025 SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$299	\$999	\$1,8	99 \$1	999	\$2,199	\$2,399	\$2,599	\$3,899
2026 SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$299	\$1,099	\$1,9	99 \$2	099	\$2,299	\$2,499	\$2,699	\$3,999

AMA PRIMA, AMA CERTO



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