# RHINE & MOSELLE DELIGHTS

# BASEL, SWITZERLAND TO AMSTERDAM



Dramatic rivers yielding to fairytale towns and iconic cities all come alive as you discover four countries along the storied Rhine and Moselle. Throughout your journey, wander through postcard-perfect towns such Riquewihr, Freiburg, Bernkastel and Cochem.



# **DATES:**

AmaPrima 2018: Oct 23 | Dec 22

AmaSerena 2019: May 2\*
AmaPrima 2019: Jul 3 | Sep 4 | Oct 23\*

**DURATION: 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS** 

**EMBARK:** BASEL, SWITZERLAND **DISEMBARK:** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

SHIPS: AmaPrima, AmaSerena

**FROM:** \$3,249

\* Free Air on these dates

**COUNTRIES VISITED:** FRANCE, GERMANY,

NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND

**RIVERS: RHINE, MOSELLE** 

#### **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1 Basel, Switzerland - EMBARKATION**

Embark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and meet your fellow passengers on board. (D)

#### DAY 2 Breisach, Germany

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions, depending on your interests. 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. 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." Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic countryside, or go on a hike to the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions, as well as home to elaborate cuckoo clocks. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 3 Strasbourg, France**

Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République. Then walk through its iconic UNESCO World Heritage "La Petite France" district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through these charming streets and past the Cathédrale de Nôtre

Dame with its famous astronomical clock.

Alternatively, the active adventurer can take a guided bike ride through this captivating city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)



Strasbourg, France

#### DAY 4 Ludwigshafen - Rüdesheim

You have a choice of several excursions, depending on your interest. Visit Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Alternatively, relive a bygone era on a tour of the glorious Schwetzingen Baroque Palace. Or, you may decide to visit Schwetzingen Palace Gardens with more than 100 sculptures and an assortment of whimsical buildings. The Apollotempel houses a statue of the ancient Greek god of light and the arts, playing the lyre; and the most spectacular, the Türkischer Garten with a mosque, are a few of the many highlights you will see. Later in the day, sail to Rüdesheim where you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdsheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5 Rüdesheim - Rhine Gorge, Germany

Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising
Your exploration of Rüdesheim continues with your choice of three excursions. Take a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue. Afterwards, indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Riesling wines in the vineyards. Alternatively, 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. (B,L,D)

# DAY 6 Moselle Valley – Bernkastel, Germany

Sail along the scenic Moselle to Bernkastel, located in the middle of the Moselle Valley's wine-producing region, an area that's been cultivating wine for over 500 years. Walk through its colorful Old Town center and past many medieval and Renaissance buildings on a guided tour, and afterwards, be treated to a wine tasting. Cycling enthusiasts can choose to join a bike tour along the shores of the Moselle River; and hikers can opt to trek up to the ruins of Landshut Castle, which dates all the way back to the 9th century. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7 Moselle Valley – Trier, Germany

Set sail to Trier, Germany's oldest city, where you can discover on a city tour why it has been called the "Rome of the North" or "Second Rome" as it has impressive Roman relics and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Alternatively, go in search of the secrets of the Porta Nigra Gate on a tour that takes you back to a time when Rome ruled the world from the Emperor's seat in Trier. You also have the choice of a bike tour through the historic city center and along the Moselle River; or hike high above Trier to Petrisberg. Later in the day, set sail along the scenic Moselle en route to Bernkastel, where you'll visit a local winery for a special tasting. (B,L,D)

# DAY 8 Moselle Valley – Cochem, Germany

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Cochem with its majestic Reichsburg Castle, perched high above the town. Discover how the castle has been an integral part of the town's history and afterwards go on a walking tour along Cochem's narrow cobblestone streets lined with medieval houses. For a more active excursion, hike to the castle or go on a biking tour along the Moselle River. As an alternative excursion, you can visit one of Europe's oldest working mustard mills where you will sample Cochem's famous mustard. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 9 Cologne, Germany**

Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral. Continue on to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Overstolzenhaus and the Festival Hall. For a different view of the city, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne, and Reibekuchen, potato pancakes typically served with apple sauce. Active adventurists will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 10 Amsterdam, Netherlands**

View Amsterdam on a scenic canal cruise followed by a walk to Begijnhof, known for its Middle Age buildings. For a different view of the city, join the Jewish Heritage tour, which begins with a visit to the 17th-century Portuguese Synagogue and the Jewish Historical Museum chronicling the history of the Jewish community in Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

# **DAY 11 - Amsterdam - DISEMBARKATION**

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



2018 DATES	Oct 24	Dec 22
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$4,499	\$3,999
Early Booking Rate	\$3,999	\$3,249
Plus Port Charges - \$240 per person		

<b>2019 DATES</b>	May 02	Jul 03	Sep 04	Oct 23			
BASE RATE – <mark>CAT E</mark>	\$4,799	\$4,899	\$5,299	\$4,599			
	Free Air			Free Air			
Plus Port Charges - \$260 per person							

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