

# Captivating Rhine

## Amsterdam To Basel, Switzerland



Contoured by vineyard-clad hills and castles from yesteryear, the legendary Rhine captivates. Experience the allure of France's Alsace region in its welcoming capital, Strasbourg, and its priceless gem, Riquewihr. Then there is Breisach, rising above the vineyards of the Rhine, and Freiburg, one of Germany's sunniest cities and gateway to Black Forest. Fabled towns lost in time present you with the chance to taste local flavors—Rüdesheimer coffee and Kölsch beer—and to touch history up close with guided hikes and bike rides. From Amsterdam's colorful canals to the majestic Swiss Alps, journey into the heart of the destinations you visit.



**2026** – Feb 5, 8, 19, 22 | Mar 5, 8, 14, 18W, 28 | Apr 11W, 25, 30 | May 6, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28 | Jun 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 25 | Jul 2, 4W, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30 | Aug 1W, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29 | Sep 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 | Oct 3, 8, 10, 15, 22, 29, 31 | Nov 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21 | Dec 23, 24 W=Wine Cruise

**2027** – Jan 21 | Feb 7, 11, 21 | Mar 4, 7, 21 | Apr 4, 14, 18, 28, 29 | May 12, 13, 16, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30 | Jun 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16, 19, 20, 24, 27 | Jul 1, 4, 10, 11, 15, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31 | Aug 1, 5, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 29 | Sep 2, 4, 5, 9., 11, 12, 16, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30 | Oct 2, 3, 7, 10, 14, 16, 21, 23, 24, 28, 31 | Nov 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 | Dec 23

**DURATION:** 8 Days/ 7 Nights

**EMBARK:** Amsterdam, Netherlands

**DISEMBARK:** Basel, Switzerland

**SHIPS:** AmaSiena; AmaCerto; AmaLucia; AmaPrima;  
AmaStella; AmaViola; Ama Sophia; AmaFiora

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Arrive in Amsterdam and board your luxurious river cruise ship. Join fellow guests for a special welcome aboard wine toast. (D)



### DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM – UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam to Utrecht, where you can explore this charming town on a walking tour or sip beer during a special tasting tour. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 – DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY

As a leading hub for German culture, commerce and architecture, Düsseldorf is a must-visit city for any travelers on the Rhine. Here, you may explore this grand city on the Rhine by joining a walking tour, concluding with a tasting of Altbier, a local specialty brewed using traditional techniques. If you're feeling adventurous, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne. Join a guided tour through the 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. (B,L,D)



### DAY 4 - RÜDESHEIM - RHINE GORGE

Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Wine connoisseurs will want to go on a walking tour through the vineyards where you'll stop to sample wines at three different tasting stations. Or choose to drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue. For a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer Coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)



### DAY 5 – LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. 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, aptly named during the Romantic



Period, 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. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6 – STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, has flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location, which you'll get to discover. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République followed by a walking tour through its iconic "La Petite France" district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. You'll also see the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. The active adventurer can join a guided bike tour, which also takes you through the Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 7 - BREISACH**

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. 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 and famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate, and enjoy a visit to a winery for a tasting of locally produced Alsatian wines. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth," followed by a wine tasting. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the countryside, or hike in the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8 - BASEL, SWITZERLAND - DISEMBARKATION**

Bid Farewell to Basel as you prepare for your flight home or your continued journey(B)

## **PRE – AND POST-CRUISE LAND TOURS**

### **Pre-Cruise Itinerary- 2-Nights Amsterdam**

#### **DAY 1 - Amsterdam - Hotel check-in**

Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

#### **DAY 2 – Amsterdam - Walking Tour**

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

#### **DAY 3 – Amsterdam - Zaanse Schans visit - EMBARKATION**

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, visit Zaanse Schans, observing life as it used to be lived in the Netherlands. Authentic windmills, houses and shops were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th- to 18th-century village. (B,D)

**RATES: 2026-\$950 per person      2027-\$1,060 per person**

### **Post-Cruise Itinerary – 2-Nights Lucerne/2-Nights Zurich**

#### **DAY 10 - Transfer to Lucerne - Lucerne walking tour –**

Disembark the ship and, before transferring to Lake Lucerne, go on a highlights tour of Basel. Once at Lake Lucerne, discover the unrivaled beauty and charm of this pristine city on a walking tour. Check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening. (B)

#### **DAY 11 – Lucerne - Lion Monument and medieval city walls**

Today, visit the spectacular medieval walls and towers of Lucerne, dating back to the 13th century. (B)

#### **DAY 12 - Lucerne - Lucerne Lake cruise and scenic drive to Zurich**

Check out of your hotel and before your transfer via motorcoach to Zurich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. As part of your included excursion, you will ascend a picturesque mountain on a cable car ride, Mount Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains." Take in breathtaking views of the city and surrounding landscape below. Later, check into your Zurich hotel. (B)

#### **DAY 13 – Zurich - "Little Big City" tour**

Switzerland's largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zurich is a visit to Old Town where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. (B)

#### **DAY 14 – Zurich - Return flight home**

After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

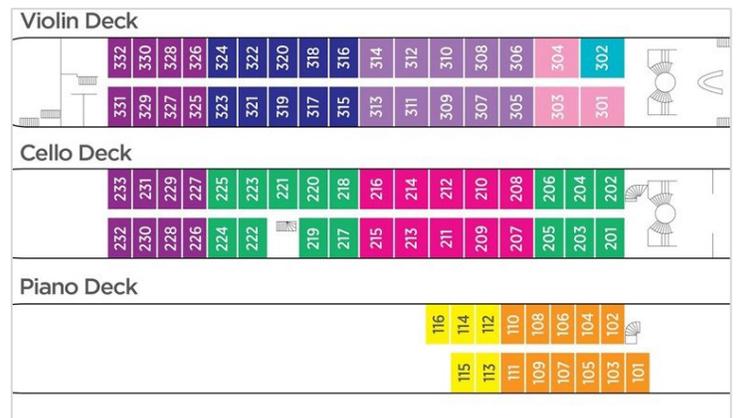
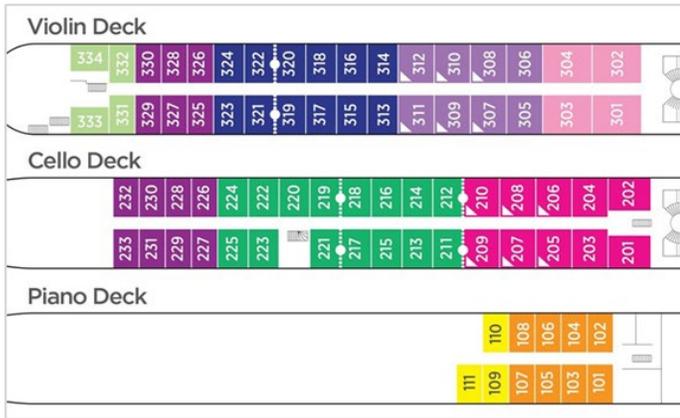
**RATES: 2026-27 - \$2,160 per person**





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