

Rhine River Cruise - with Airfare!



4 Rivers • One beautiful cruise • Oct 8-18, 2021

Join us for a beautiful cruise as we glide along the Rhine and its tributaries in lower Germany and a pinch of France, and even a visit to Luxembourg! Begin in Munich for two nights to enjoy the warmth and hospitality of this heritage city before we enjoy a high-speed rail journey to Strasbourg, France. Explore Strasbourg before embarking our river ship, the M/S Leonardo de Vinci. Our week-long cruise will meander along the Rhine, the Neckar, the Mosel, and the Saar with included ship excursions in all ports. Also enjoy complimentary free-flowing beer, wine, and cocktails and all meals shipboard. Complimentary wifi lets us easily share the beauty of our travels with those back home! Please reserve early as we have limited space on this popular itinerary!

Included in your fully escorted travels:

- Round-trip flights to Europe from Seattle, SFO, LAX*
*Other gateways by request
- 2 nights deluxe hotel in Munich
- Welcome dinner in Munich
- Munich walking tour with lunch
- High speed TGV train to Strasbourg, France
- Old town walking tour in Strasbourg
- 6 night Rhine River Cruise — M/S Lafayette
- Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner shipboard
- Included wifi onboard
- Unlimited beer, wine, cocktails, & shipboard beverages
- Daily included ship excursions
- All airport transfers in Europe
- Farewell Dinner
- Post cruise overnight in Frankfurt/departure gateway
- Time for personal discoveries
- Experienced USA Tour Manager



\$3499 per guest

Based on double occupancy

Not included: Other meals, beverages. Tipping at guest discretion for guides, drivers, and ship crew. Airline baggage fees. Solo Supplement varies: Call 800-576-4905

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Day 1— Friday Oct 8 — Depart for Europe! Make your way to your gateway airport. Check in for our included flight to Munich, Germany! Our evening flight will give you the best chance for rest and transition to our new time zone. (in flight services)

Day 2— Saturday Oct 9 — Welcome to Munich Germany! Arrive midday and transfer to our downtown hotel. Time to freshen up before welcome drinks and our welcome dinner together with new travel companions—prost! (In flight service, welcome dinner)

Day 3—Sunday Oct 10 — Explore Old Town Munich. After a traditional German breakfast, we explore downtown on a guided tour of the historic district with our local guide. Stops include the Royal Residence, the Marienplatz & Glockenspiel, and of course the famous Hofbräuhaus with its very serious history in the brewing heritage of the world. (breakfast, lunch)

Day 4— Monday Oct 11 — Rail to Strasbourg, France (River: Rhine) Well rested and ready? Let's continue our travels with a high-speed train ride to Strasbourg, France! Adjacent to the German border, and straddling the Rhine, this beautiful city will be our starting point for our river cruise. On arrival we enjoy a break for lunch before exploring the Petit France — the medieval and charming old quarter of Strasbourg. At happy hour we gather and transfer to our river ship—the M/S Leonardo de Vinci . A French owned and operated vessel—we look forward to fantastic cuisine and hospitality from one of the oldest river cruise lines in Europe. Settle in with a welcome drink from our captain, and the first of many lovely meals. Enjoy free-flowing complimentary wine, beer, and open bar (excludes champagne and premiums) in the afternoons as well as lunch and dinner. (breakfast, welcome aboard dinner)

Day 5 — Tuesday Oct 12 — Mannheim & Heidelberg, Germany (River: Rhine & Neckar) Today enjoy an included excursion to perhaps the cutest and most charming German city of our trip—Heidelberg! We have an included tour of the “castle on the hill” as well as time to explore the cobbles and main promenade of this charming town and its many stone bridges, paths, and churches. Enjoy an afternoon of cruising before arriving in Rudesheim in the evening for a stroll on the famous Drosselgasse before dinner. (breakfast, lunch, dinner served daily onboard)

Day 6—Wednesday Oct 13— Rudesheim & Cochem - (River: Rhine, Moselle) This morning, join us for a guided tour of the Rudesheim vineyards on a tourist train. Enjoy a wine tasting in the historic rooms of the Bassenheimer Hof. We'll then head to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, located in a lovely, 15th-century building. This museum holds a collection of fascinating musical instruments ranging from tiny, delicate music boxes to an enormous orchestration. This afternoon, we'll pass through the beautiful and romantic Rhine Valley. Majestic castles, mysterious ruins, and famous vineyards dot the countryside known for its legendary German royalty and fabled Lorelei Rock. In Koblenz, we'll take the Moselle River, one of the most beautiful tributaries of the Rhine, towards Cochem. Enjoy the calm as we pass by charming villages, vineyards, and what seems like a castle on every peak. We'll arrive in Cochem during the evening. Join us for an evening of entertainment. (breakfast, lunch, dinner served daily onboard)

Day 7— Thursday Oct 14 — Cochem, Germany (River: Moselle) This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Cochem Castle. The Imperial Castle sits on a mighty crag over the Moselle River. We'll enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent building that dates back to 1000. After being destroyed by the French in the 17th century, it was rebuilt from scratch in a neo-Gothic style by a local German businessman. After a visit of the castle, enjoy some free time in the city. Take a stroll through the narrow, winding streets and enjoy the ambiance full of lovely half-timbered homes with slate roofs, the historic square near the town hall, and the ancient walls, gates, and churches. Free time to explore before lunch onboard and another picturesque afternoon of river cruising. (breakfast, lunch, dinner served daily onboard)

Day 8—Friday Oct 15 — Trier & Saarburg, Germany (River: Moselle, Saar) This morning, join us for a guided tour of Trier. Discover the Roman vestiges and heritage in Trier, the splendid view the city offers of the Moselle, and its magnificent landscape. Trier is known for its well-preserved Roman and medieval buildings, but it is also home to some impressive churches as well. We'll have a look at the amphitheater, the imperial baths, the Roman basilica, and the Porta Nigra, one of the best-preserved Roman city gates. After our visit, you'll have some free time to sightsee on your own before heading back to the ship in Saarburg. The afternoon will be spent cruising along the Saar and the Moselle towards Remich. (breakfast, lunch, dinner served daily onboard)

Day 9 – Saturday Oct 16 — Luxemboug, Remich, Luxembourg (River: Moselle) You'll discover the secrets to sparkling winemaking while strolling through the underground passages at Caves St. Martin today. After our tour & tasting, we'll go to the historical center of Remich. Called the “Pearl of the Moselle,” this charming city is surrounded by an outstanding panorama of vineyards and forests. This afternoon, join us for a guided tour of Luxembourg. Luxembourg is a mix of styles and cultures. We'll set out on a guided walking tour to get a closer look at some of the sites, including the Place des Armes, Place de la Constitution, capital buildings, Comiche, old city, Grand Ducal Palace (exterior), and Place Guillaume II. After our tour, enjoy some free time before returning to the ship in Remich. (breakfast, lunch, dinner served daily onboard)

Day 10– Sunday Oct 17 — Remich & Frankfurt Germany (River: Moselle) Today we say farewell to our crew and ship and make our way to our departure gateway of Frankfurt. Enjoy the city for the afternoon before a good night of rest and onward journey home. (Gateway city may change depending on international air schedules) (breakfast)

Day 11 – Monday Oct 18 —Auf wiedersehen! A hearty breakfast and we're off for a swift trip home. (breakfast, inflight service)