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Vacation overview

One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along the Rhine River, which begins in Switzerland and visits France, Germany, and Holland! Board your Ship in Basel, Switzerland, then head for Breisach, Germany, at the foot of the Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border. Here you'll find the gateway to Germany's Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, and marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city, or stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Sail to the charming wine town of Rudesheim, and a visit to the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, then pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Last stop in Germany is Cologne—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral.

At the conclusion of your Rhine River cruise, you'll spend time in colorful Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city on an included canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Spend free time discovering world-famous museums, and an abundance of restaurants in the vibrant, modern capital of Holland.

Vacation Highlights

Day 1 Basel (Embarkation): Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Breisach: Choice of excursion to Black Forest, or visit to a local winery in Breisach or sightseeing of Freiburg or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 3 Strasbourg: Choice of guided sightseeing, visit La Petite France district and the

Gothic cathedral or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 4 Mainz: Choice of guided tour of Heidelberg Castle, see the Great Vat, or walk Philosophers' Way with your Adventure Host, or visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz

Day 5 Rudesheim–Rhine Gorge–Koblenz: Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim or hike in the vineyards with your Adventure Host; cruise through the scenic Rhine Gorge with breathtaking views of ancient castles, towering cliffs, and the legendary Rock of the Lorelei; free time in Koblenz

Day 6 Cologne: Choice of "Cologne Highlights" walking tour, or Jewish Heritage walking tour or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 7 Amsterdam: Choice of canal cruise or walk with your Adventure Host

Day 8 Amsterdam (Disembarkation): Your cruise ends this morning