

**FESTIVE  
SEASON  
CRUISE**

# CHRISTMASTIME ON THE ROMANTIC RHINE (SOUTHBOUND)

## 8 DAY RIVER CRUISE AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

**Travel Dates:  
November 30 –  
December –8, 2026**

- CAT D/E: \$4,364 per person\*
- CAT B: \$6,263 per person\*
- CAT A: \$6,363 per person\*
- CAT P: \$6,413 per person\*

\*Pricing is a trip total including 1 prenight hotel (\$184 twin / \$303 single). Prices are per person based on double occupancy, USD, and includes pre-paid gratuities, all taxes & port charges. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 Per Person, non-refundable and is due at time at time of booking. Pre and post nights available upon request. Final Payment due on September 2, 2026.



One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this delightful winter cruise on the Rhine River, which takes you across Germany—and touches in Holland, France, and Switzerland! This magnificent river cruise begins in the ever popular, modern city of Amsterdam, Holland. The best way to see the treasures of this 700-year-old city is on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Cologne, Germany—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic architecture—will be an exciting stop with its famous twin-spired cathedral and Old Town with many shops, cafés, and taverns. While you're there, why not try a locally brewed Kölsch beer? Pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. In the charming wine town of Rüdesheim, visit the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Continue your Rhine River cruise to Mainz for a guided walk and visit the captivating Gutenberg Museum or take an excursion to Heidelberg to visit the ruins of its red-walled castle towering magnificently over the city. In Strasbourg, France, you'll be amazed by the red-sandstone gothic cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. The city's Christmas market is one of the oldest and finest in Europe. Stop in Breisach, Germany, located on the French-German border, 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. At every stop, you'll experience the magical charm of this time of year, with the towns decked out in festive lights and décor, and the Christmas markets waiting to be explored.

**TRAVEL WITH MANDY**

WE'RE HERE TO GET YOU THERE



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## (SOUTHBOUND)



### PRE-NIGHT

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Welcome to Holland. Arrival at your Amsterdam hotel with the remainder of the day at your leisure.

### DAY 1

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND  
(EMBARKATION)

Enjoy your morning at leisure.

Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

With a free day to explore before your cruise, take time to enjoy the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition or join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM**  
Meals (Dinner)

### DAY 2

AMSTERDAM

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam.

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

**AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 3

COLOGNE, GERMANY

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Enjoy an onboard Christmas Traditions Lecture while sailing.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steeped gothic cathedral.

Spend free time enjoying the festive, warm glow of Cologne's Christmas markets

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

**OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 4

RHINE GORGE—RÜDESHEIM

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country.

En route to Rüdesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei—where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee.

Don't miss the tantalizing treats, and seasonal handiwork of sparkling winter wonderlands in the city.

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



### DAY 5

MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

Printing Halls, Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle at Christmastime to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel", OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KEHL**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



### DAY 6

KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Joyeux Noël in Strasbourg.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

Savor the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition by spending your free time wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music, and the pleasures of the season.

Choose a Guided Optional Excursion to Alsace's wine country today.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 7

BREISACH, GERMANY.  
EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

The Beautiful Black Forest.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city center, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

After your visit to the winery, you may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 8

BASEL, SWITZERLAND  
(DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Zürich airport before 10 am or Basel airport before 8 am.

Meals (Breakfast)