

AVALON CRUISES JUST RIGHT

A DIFFERENT WAY TO GO: There are so many ways to explore the world, but nothing compares to the 'just right' feel of an Avalon river cruise. River cruising transports you at just the right pace...with just the right amenities and just the right views. And those enchanting castles and medieval villages? Your Avalon ships delivers you just right there...in the heart of it all. Add in our enriching experiences, included excursions, unmatched service, and mouthwatering cuisine and you've got the Avalon difference - a difference that's just right.

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Vacation Highlights

Day 1 Basel (Embarkation): onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Breisach. Excursion to Black Forest: choice of excursion to Black Forest, or guided tour in Colmar

Day 3 Strasbourg: guided sightseeing, visit La Petite France district and the gothic cathedral

Day 4 Ludwigshafen. Excursion to Heidelberg: guided visit of the castle, see the Great Vat

Day 5 Rüdesheim-Rhine Gorge: visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rüdesheim; special treat; cruise through the Rhine Gorge

Day 6 Koblenz: choice of guided sightseeing or visit Sayn Manor House

Day 7 Bernkastel: guided walk; wine tasting

Day 8 Thionville: choice of guided tour in Metz, or excursion to the Maginot Line area

Day 9 Grevenmacher. Excursion to Trier: choices of guided tour, or "Roman Trier" tour, see the Porta Nigra

Day 10 Beilstein-Treis-Karden: free time in Beilstein; excursion to a medieval castle

Day 11 Cologne: choice of Cologne highlights walking tour, or Jewish Heritage walking tour

Day 12 Amsterdam: canal cruise

Day 13 Amsterdam (Disembarkation): your vacation ends this morning

Escorted by Rose-Anne Kupiak with minimum group size required



THE RHINE & MOSELLE

13 DAY RIVER CRUISE BASEL TO AMSTERDAM SEPTEMBER 13 - 25, 2019

Embark on this exciting river cruise in Basel, Switzerland, and explore everything the Moselle and Rhine Rivers have to offer as you stop at interesting and unique cities in France and Germany-and end in lively Amsterdam, Holland.



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PRICING DETAILS

\$6,465 CAD PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Price based on cruise itinerary, in an entry level cabin category E with port taxes.

Call for applicable promotions.
*Receive free prepaid gratuities and two free drink vouchers when booking as part of a group of 8 or more.
Airfare, extra hotel nights, transfers, insurance, etc. are extra. Please inquire.

VACATION OVERVIEW

At the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border sits Breisach-known to be the gateway to Germany's famous Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, where a local expert will show you the red-sandstone gothic cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg's castle, towering magnificently over the city, then head for the charming Rhine Valley wine town of Rüdesheim. Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, considered the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River, and see ancient castles standing majestically on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Visit Koblenz, strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, before coming to the charming wine village of Bernkastel! Here, you'll go on a guided walk and taste some of the famed Moselle wines! Visit a medieval castle, then sail back into the Rhine and explore the magnificent city of Cologne, Germany, which straddles both sides of the Rhine River. Your river cruise vacation ends in marvelous Amsterdam where there is much to see! Discover the treasures of this popular, historic city on a canal cruise which takes you through the elegant Grachten lined with stately homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Don't miss your chance to discover the treasures you'll cherish along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers!

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1:BASEL, SWITZERLAND (EMBARKATION) Welcome to Basel. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Zürich must arrive by 3 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board. *EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH*

Day 2: BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST. History, Artistry, and the Beautiful Black Forest. **CLASSIC** Visit the charming village of Colmar on a Guided Tour of its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings, **OR: DISCOVERY** Join a full-day Guided Visit to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernohf open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional Bavarian butter-making demonstration. Follow your visit to Colmar with a free afternoon in Breisach. Take a bike from the ship, or walk among the pastel-painted houses above the Rhine. *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG*

Day 3: STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Gothic Giants and Varietal Vintages. **CLASSIC** Take a City Sightseeing Tour, including the city's gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Alsace for an afternoon in a French wine country village. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city centre. Sample local culinary specialties, such as Tarte flambée. *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN*

Day 4: LUDWIGSHAFEN. HEIDELBERG EXCURSION. Philosophers' Views, a Hilltop Castle, and the World's Biggest Barrel of Wine. **CLASSIC** Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel." You'll have free time to stroll or shop in Heidelberg this afternoon. *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM*

Day 5: RÜDESHEIM-RHINE GORGE. Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country. **DISCOVERY** Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience. **DISCOVERY** Based on your departure, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting. Enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Koblenz. *OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN KOBLENZ*



Day 6: KOBLENZ. Fortress Walls and Manor Halls Where the Rhine and Moselle Meet **CLASSIC** Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortresses walls, towers, squares and monuments, **OR: CLASSIC** Visit the Sayn Manor House on a Guided Tour. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion this afternoon to visit Koblenz's geopark, and learn about the region's volcanic geological history. Spend free time on a cable-car ride, or a hike to see the mountain-top Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Enjoy a leisurely walk across the town to shop or sample potato pancakes and regional wine. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. *AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BERNKASTEL*

Day 7: BERNKASTEL. Gracious German Vineyards of the Moselle Valley. **CLASSIC** Take a Guided Walking Tour of the charming wine village of Bernkastel-with its medieval marketplace and 17th-century gabled timber-framed houses. **DISCOVERY** Join a Wine Tasting to experience the tradition of legendary German wine making. *AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO THIONVILLE*

Day 8: THIONVILLE, FRANCE. Ornate Palaces, Opera Houses, and Old Battle Lines. **CLASSIC** Visit the historic Maginot Line-pre-WWII defensive fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, **OR: CLASSIC** Join a Guided Excursion to Metz-a city with 3,000 years of history-to see its gothic cathedral, Imperial Palace, and France's oldest opera house. You can choose to follow your excursion to Metz with a Guided Optional Excursion to the regal city of Nancy-with its gilded grand square and 18th-century Place Stanislas. Alternatively, consider an afternoon bike ride on your own to leisurely explore Thionville. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. *OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO GREVENMACHER*

Day 9: GREVENMACHER. EXCURSION TO TRIER. Ancient Worlds, Old World Charm, and World-Class Wine. This morning you may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to Luxembourg City-with its dramatic views, ancient ruins, and modern architecture along the deep gorge terrain. **CLASSIC** Take a Guided Sightseeing tour of Trier-Germany's oldest city with ancient remnants dating from 144-152 AD. Starting from Porta Nigra, walk through the city center, **OR: CLASSIC** Join a history-focused Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn more about the history of Roman civilization in this Moselle River city, and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheater, and imperial baths. *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BEILSTEIN*

Day 10: BEILSTEIN, GERMANY. The Sleeping Beauty of the Moselle. Enjoy free time in Beilstein-known as the "Sleeping Beauty of the Moselle" for its castle-dotted hills, vineyards, and inviting village of the Moselle River Valley. Go for a morning bike ride through the unspoiled 15th-century buildings and chiming church bells before sailing to Treis-Karden. TREIS-KARDEN Stiftskirche Steeples and Soaring Castles. **CLASSIC** Join a Guided Tour to explore a medieval castle towering on the slopes above the Moselle River. Take some free time to stroll through the romantic village before enjoying live entertainment on board tonight. *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE*

Day 11: COLOGNE. Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland's Capital City. **CLASSIC** Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne-with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral, **OR; DISCOVERY** Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites. Don't miss the chance to enjoy free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager-locally brewed for over 100 years! Local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment. *AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT SAILING TO AMSTERDAM*

Day 12: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND. Colorful Amsterdam-with Canals, Crooked Houses, and Cuisine of a Golden Age. **CLASSIC** Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." Join a Guided Optional Bike Excursion in the Dutch countryside. You may choose to spend some free time this afternoon visiting one of Amsterdam's many fascinating museums or galleries. *OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM*

Day 13: AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION). Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.