

2020 - Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle (Wine Cruise)

7-NIGHT CRUISE

Bookend your travels with stays in two incredible cities rich with history and culture: Paris and Amsterdam. Drink in the beauty, history and flavor of the Rhine and Moselle river valleys' iconic vineyards. Begin your journey in Parisian paradise, discovering the city's iconic landmarks. Sip wines in the winemaking villages of Bernkastel, where you'll learn the legend of the Bernkasteler Doctor, and Rudesheim, where you can soar above the vineyards or hike through them. Head to Cologne for a taste of the city's famous Kölsch beer and complete your journey with a gentle ride through Amsterdam's legendary canals. Whatever you choose to do ashore, the stories you're told and flavors that grace your palate will surely transform you.

OVERVIEW:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1	LUXEMBOURG	EMBARKATION
2	TRIER	"Rome of the North" tour OR Petrisberg Hill hike Wine Tasting
3	BERNKASTEL	Walking tour OR Moselle bike tour OR Landshut Castle hike Scenic cruising
4	COCHEM	Reichsburg Castle and walking tour OR Cochem Mustard Mill tour OR Bundesbank Bunker vault tour OR Cochem bike tour
5	RÜDESHEIM	Gondola ride and wine tasting OR Schloss Johannisberg bike tour OR Vineyard hike Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising Unique Lahneck Castle visit
6	LAHNSTEIN	Scenic cruising Walking tour and cathedral visit OR Cologne bike tour OR Kölsch beer tasting
7	AMSTERDAM	Canal cruise
8	AMSTERDAM	DISEMBARKATION

ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, LUXEMBOURG. Board the ship in Luxembourg for your cruise (B,D)

Day 2, TRIER - BERNKASTEL. Trier, Germany's oldest city, has often been referred to as the second Rome. Be guided to the Roman Imperial Baths, the Porta Nigra and Emperor Constantine's Throne Room. Or hike to Petrisberg Hill, where you'll take in a spectacular view of the city and its glorious spires. Following your visit to Trier, cruise to Bernkastel, where you'll be treated to a tasting of the local wine. (B,L,D)

Day 3, BERNKASTEL - MOSELLE VALLEY. Walk through Bernkastel's colorful Old Town center and past many medieval and Renaissance buildings on a guided tour that also includes a winery visit and tasting. Cycling enthusiasts can choose to join a bike tour along the Moselle and hikers can opt to trek up to the ruins of Landshut Castle, which dates all the way back to the 9th century. Later in the day, sit back and take in the breathtaking scenery as you cruise through the Moselle Valley. (B,L,D)

Day 4, COCHEM. Cochem delights with its half-timbered houses and Reichsburg Castle. Join a guided tour through the castle and then walk through its Old Town. For those wishing to have a more active exploration of the area, you can go on a guided bike tour through Cochem. Or for a different adventure, tour one of Europe's oldest working mustard mills where you will sample Cochem's famous mustard. (B,L,D)

Day 5, RÜDESHEIM - RHINE GORGE - LAHNSTEIN. Drink up the stunning views of this winemaking village by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue, and afterwards be treated to a wine tasting. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River to Schloss Johannisberg. Later in the day, cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river, before delighting in a unique visit to Lahneck Castle in Lahnstein. (B,L,D)

Day 6, LAHNSTEIN - COLOGNE. Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral. Continue to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Overstolzenhaus and the Festival Hall. For a different view of the city, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne, and reibekuchen, potato pancakes typically served with applesauce. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine. (B,L,D)

Day 7, AMSTERDAM. There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. (B,L,D)

Day 8, AMSTERDAM. Disembark your ship in Amsterdam and prepare for your return flight home. (B)