

THE RHINE & MOSELLE

WARZ • AMSTERDAM → BASEL

Meals

Breakfast: 12 Lunch: 11 Dinner: 12

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HighLights

Amsterdam Canal cruise

Bernkastel

Rhine Gorge

Rüdesheim

Strasbourg

Breisach



DAY 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION).

Welcome to Amsterdam. Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. During tulip season, you may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof gardens-with more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs planted each year. Outside of tulip season, join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM (D)

DAY 2: AMSTERDAM

Colourful 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." You may choose to spend some free time this afternoon visiting one of Amsterdam's many fascinating museums or galleries. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE (B,L,D)

DAY 3: COLOGNE, GERMANY.

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland's Capital City. ACTIVE - This afternoon join your Avalon Adventure Host for a walk in Cologne, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne-with its soaring twin-steeped 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 Kolsch pale lager-

locally brewed for over 100 years! Local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT SAILING TO KOBLENZ (B,L,D)

DAY 4: KOBLENZ

Fortress Walls and Manor Halls Where the Rhine and Moselle Meet. CLASSIC - Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortress walls, towers, squares, and monuments, OR: CLASSIC - Visit the Sayn Manor House on a Guided Tour. 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 (B,L,D)

DAY 5: 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, OR: ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a hike to nearby castle ruins, OR: DISCOVERY - Join a Wine Tasting to experience the tradition of legendary German wine making. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO THIONVILLE (B,L,D)

DAY 6: 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. 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 (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GREVENMACHER, LUXEMBOURG. EXCURSION TO TRIER.

Ancient Worlds, Old World Charm, and World-Class Wine. ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an early Morning Run in Grevenmacher on the banks of the Moselle River in beautiful wine country. 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 centre, OR: CLASSIC - Join a history-focused Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn more about the history of Roman civilisation in this Moselle River city, and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheatre, and imperial baths. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BEILSTEIN (B,L,D)

DAY 8: 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 CRUISE TO BOPPARD (B,L,D)

DAY 9: BOPPARD-RHINE GORGE.

A Peaceful Jewel in the Rhine Gorge. ACTIVE - Go for a Jog this morning through the village of Boppard with your Avalon Adventure Host. Alternatively, choose to explore Boppard's beautiful views and forested surroundings on a bike ride or hike at your own pace. Spend free time this morning visiting a local cafe for a cup of German coffee. Enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Rudesheim. RUDESHEIM Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country. DISCOVERY - Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; based on your departure, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting, OR: ACTIVE - Take an open-air cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument. Ride or walk back down through the vineyards; based on your departure, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting, OR: ACTIVE - Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host to explore the picturesque hills and vineyards of Rudesheim. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LUDWIGSHAFEN. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG.

Philosophical 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," OR: ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below. You'll have free time to stroll or shop in Ludwigshafen this afternoon. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG (B,L,D)

DAY 11 STRASBOURG, FRANCE.

Gothic Giants, Military Marvels, and Varietal Vintages. ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Morning Walk, OR: 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 flambee. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH (B,L,D)

DAY 12 BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO THE 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 Vogtsbauernhof 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 BASEL (B,L,D)

DAY 13: BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION).

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Zurich airport before 10 am.

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