

# Romantic Rhine River Cruise

8 Days | May 12, 2020

Double **\$4,330**

Single **\$6,575**

**plus applicable taxes**

**\*\* LAND ONLY** Based on Cabin Category E, with upgrades available. Air ticketing is not advised until tour is guaranteed. Air transfers and luggage fee not included.

**AIR AVAILABLE** upon request with \$300 deposit

\* Flight will be the day before tour start date.

**DEPOSIT: \$250** per person, non refundable, plus optional travel insurance due at booking. Final payment due 90 days before departure date.

\* Please note, 2020 prices are subject to change.

Tour Operated by: 

**TOUR PRESENTATION:** *March 21, 2019, at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Please call or email to RSVP.*

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 7 Nights aboard an Avalon Waterways River Boat
- Included Sightseeing by Certified Local Guides - headset provided
- Friendly, English speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Panoramic windows & Sky Deck
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- 24-Hour self-serve beverage station - premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Complimentary bicycles available for your time on shore
- Fitness Centre

**INCLUDED MEALS:**

- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Receptions and Dinners
- Daily Full Buffet Breakfast
- Daily Lunch Buffet
- Daily four-course a la carte Dinner
- Complimentary sparkling wine with Breakfast
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with Lunch and Dinner
- Daily Afternoon Tea
- Avalon Fresh Healthy Cuisine options at every meal

**\$100 EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT** if deposit made by **JUNE 28, 2019.**



One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along 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. There is much to do with the renowned museums and abundance of restaurants amongst the elegant squares and charming canals. 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. And nearby, in the charming wine town of Rudesheim, visit the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum to see the impressive collection of historical self-playing instruments. Continue your Rhine river cruise to Mainz for a guided walk and visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. An excursion takes you 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. Also, stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Before the end of your European river cruise vacation, stop in Breisach, Germany, 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.

**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** 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 Culinary Walk through Amsterdam to sample savory and sweet Dutch specialties, or a Guided Optional Excursion to Muiderslot Castle-Holland's most beautiful, best-kept medieval castle. 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 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! Later local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment. OVERNIGHT SAILING TO KOBLENZ (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 KOBLENZ-RHINE GORGE** Travel Through 2,000 Years of Monumental History CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortress walls, towers, squares, and monuments. Relax on the Sky Deck for an afternoon cruise through the Rhine Gorge to Rüdesheim. Sail past the legendary rock of The

Lorelei-where the siren of mythology sang songs to lure ill-fated sailors. RÜDESHEIM Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country DISCOVERY Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience. DISCOVERY Based on your departure date, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting. Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 MAINZ** EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG. Halls, Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Barrel of Wine CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing. 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 an afternoon Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 STRASBOURG, FRANCE** Gothic Giants, Military Marvels, and Varietal Vintages CLASSIC 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. You may also choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line-an impressive installation of pre-WWII defensive fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH (B, L, D)

**DAY 7 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 Tour 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 CRUISE TO BASEL (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Zürich airport before 10 am. (B)