
Romantic Rhine Valley
4 days – 3 nights
Koblenz, Rudesheim, Mannheim or Speyer, Strasbourg
River Cruising, Relaxation, History, Culture

Highlights:

- The charm of the romantic Rhine valley and the famous rock of the Lorelei
 - Koblenz and its charming old town
 - Rudesheim and its Drosselgasse
 - Heidelberg, city of Romanticism
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Day 1: Koblenz

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Tonight we'll enjoy dinner and a free evening in Koblenz.

Day2: Koblenz, Rudesheim

We'll spend this morning cruising up the most beautiful section of the romantic Rhine between Koblenz and Rudesheim, passing by numerous castles nestling in the famed vineyards and the celebrated rock of the Lorelei. Upon reaching Rudesheim, join us for an excursion: Departure in a small train stopping at a wine cellar for a tasting, followed by a visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments. In the evening, the famous Drosselgasse awaits you with its numerous cafés and bands.

Optional excursion: You will start the visit with a tour and commentary of the Rudesheim vineyards by mini-train, during which you will discover the famous vineyards already cultivated in the Roman period. During this tour, the history of winemaking in the region will be explained and you can enjoy a breathtaking view of Rudesheim and the Rhine. The train will then stop right before the historical Bassenheimer Hof cellar, a seigneurial residence from the 16th century, where we'll indulge in a wine-tasting. A winemaker from the Störzel family cellar will guide you through a tasting of three different wines, from the driest to the sweetest, all the while telling you about the history of the cellar and winemaking in the Rudesheim region, complete with local stories. Afterwards, our visit will continue on to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments located 100m away from the cellar in an old building from the 15th century. The "Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett" is the first German museum dedicated to self-playing musical instruments, which holds an impressive collection of no less than 350 mechanical musical instruments dating back to the 18th century to the 20th, all spread out on more than 4000 ft². This is a vast collection, dating back three centuries, of fascinating musical instruments that function like computers, ranging from tiny, delicate music boxes to an enormous orchestrion. Tools and machines for the production of organ pipes, cardboard sheet music, rolls of sheet music and perforated disks are also on display in the collection. Whatever their age, museum visitors always take great pleasure in discovering this special music, the techniques from the past and how these instruments work. After visiting the Museum, you will have some free time to stroll through the streets of Rudesheim ambling down the famous Drosselgasse, before making your own way back to the boat.

Day 3: Rudesheim, Mannheim or Speyer

We'll spend all morning cruising towards Mannheim or Speyer. Join us for an excursion: Guided tour of Heidelberg. Tonight's our gala dinner and evening. We'll cruise through the night to Strasbourg.

Optional excursion: We'll leave from Mannheim by coach and head towards Heidelberg. This cosmopolitan, friendly, and vibrant city is made up of 15 distinct neighborhoods and is particularly attractive to families, students, business people, and researchers. Its high quality of life comes through to visitors, who feel genuinely at home here. We'll begin with a visit to the outside of Heidelberg Castle, where you'll be able to see the Renaissance ruins and parts of its restoration. The castle has a history that is almost as old as the city itself. From either the Great Terrace or the gardens, enjoy an amazing view over Heidelberg, the Neckar River, and the valley. Don't miss seeing the Heidelberg Tun. Built in 1751 by Prince Elector Karl Theodor, it housed the wine paid as taxes by the wine growers in the region. Legend has it that the permanently intoxicated court jester who guarded the cask, Perkeo, died after mistakenly drinking a simple glass of water. You can also enjoy a stroll through the castle gardens, once considered a masterpiece of their time. Built

upon several terraces, they were made up of many flower beds, mazes, sculptures, heated greenhouse with orange trees, large ponds, waterfalls, and a man-made grotto. We'll then head for the Neckarmünzplatz, on the banks of the Neckar River, and continue with a guided tour of the old city. We'll pass by the Church of the Holy Spirit, the most famous church in Heidelberg, whose steeple dominates the town. And then you can take advantage of some **free time** to wander through the streets and shops before returning to the coach. Return on board.

Day 4: Strasbourg

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Note: For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

Alcohol can damage your health. Please drink in moderation.

Your Cruise includes:

- 3 nights accommodation on board
- All meals included for Superb French Cuisine
- Unlimited complimentary onboard beverages
 - Including beer, fine wine, spirits, mineral bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and tea.
- Captain Welcome cocktail Reception
- Farewell Gala dinner
- Complimentary Samsung Galaxy Tablet for guests' use
- Headsets are included for excursions
- On board professional entertainment & Crew Team show
- Assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess
- Free Wi-Fi on board

- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- Tips to on board personnel
- All port fees

Your Cruise does not include:

- International and Domestic airfares, taxes and fees
- Transfers between arrival/departure airports and peer(s)
- Other items not mentioned in the program
- Optional tours
- All items of a purely personal nature such as other drinks that is not specified, laundry, fax etc.
- Travel insurance
- Optional gratuities to cruise's personnel

Cruise Prices:

Sailing Dates	Vessel Name	Main Deck		Middle Deck		Upper Deck		Optional Excursion Package*
		Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	
2018 Departures								
10/23-10/26	TBA	\$969	\$1,449	\$1,159	\$1,635	\$1,195	\$1,669	\$115

Prices are per person and may change without notice.

Sailing dates may not be available at time of booking due to heavy demand

Capacity is controlled and specific cabins may not be available at time of booking.

*** Package must be bought before departure**

Reductions:

- Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20%
- 3rd person discount in triple cabin: - 30%

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