

# CRUISE MAGICAL RHINE RIVER

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SAN FRANCISCO – COLOGNE – AMSTERDAM  
NIJMEGEN – COLOGNE – KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM  
STRASBOURG – BASEL – SAN FRANCISCO

Head on an elegant river cruise through Germany, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, with this magnificent tour on the Rhine!



**11 DAY  
TOUR**

**May 4, 2026**

Price per person on double occupancy:

~~\$ 4799~~ **\$ 4599** **\$ 1429**

Single Person Supplement:

(Main Deck HD – Cabin Upgrade Available)

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT IF  
BOOKED BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**



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this exciting trip  
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## TOUR SUMMARY:

Are you ready to see some of the most beautiful cities in Europe? Grab your explorer cap and sail down extraordinary rivers with this 11-day cruise on the Rhine! Your journey will begin in Cologne, a breathtaking German city known for its captivating cathedral and world heritage sites. From there you will make your way into the Netherlands as you travel to Amsterdam, to see the beautiful canals and extraordinary architecture. Set sail into Nijmegen, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, believed to be founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC. Next, you will explore Koblenz at the meeting point of the Moselle and Rhine Rivers, and continue your cruise towards Rudesheim, one of the most beautiful wine regions in Germany, before you explore the industrial city of Mannheim/Ludwigshafen, and spend some time in Strasbourg, to see the perfect mix of the medieval past and the progressive future. Your journey will end in Basel, where you will disembark the cruise before your 9-day tour on the Rhine comes to an end!



### TOUR LODGING INFO:

9 Nights accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	HOTEL/CRUISE
Cologne	1 Night	Lindner Hotel or similar
Cruise	7 Nights	MS Rhine Melodie
Basel	1 Night	Hotel Euler or similar

The hotels may be replaced with similar superior accommodation for operational reasons.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cologne: Marvel at the cathedral and UNESCO sites of Cologne
- Cruise iconic canals and unique architecture of Amsterdam
- Step into an ancient city of Nijmegen, founded by Romans.
- Explore where the Moselle and Rhine Rivers meet.
- Cruise through a beautiful German wine region.
- Strasbourg: Discover medieval charm and modern progress in Strasbourg
- Conclude in Switzerland after a diverse Rhine exploration.



### UPGRADES:

#### Upgrade to Middle Deck aft with openable panoramic window (MX)

Price per person in twin sharing:  
Single supplement:

**\$359 Per Person**  
**\$289 Per Person**

#### Upgrade to Middle Deck with openable panoramic window (MD)

Price per person in Double Occupancy:  
Single supplement:

**\$439 Per Person**  
**\$389 Per Person**

#### Upgrade to Upper Deck aft with French balcony (OX)

Price per person in Double Occupancy:  
Single supplement:

**\$599 Per Person**  
**\$439 Per Person**

#### Upgrade to Upper Deck front with French balcony (OV)

Price per person in Double Occupancy:  
Single supplement:

**\$709 Per Person**  
**\$539 Per Person**

#### Upgrade to Upper Deck with French balcony (OD)

Price per person in Double Occupancy:  
Single supplement:

**\$749 Per Person**  
**\$599 Per Person**

### INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from San Francisco
- 9 nights accommodation on double occupancy basis in superior vessel/ hotels
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Transfers on Day 3 and 10
- Breakfast at the hotels
- Full board meal plan while on board cruise
- Welcome and farewell reception with the captain
- On board entertainment
- Five shore excursions from the cruise ship
- Coffee/tea after lunch and dinner
- Midnight snacks depending on daily program
- On board entertainment
- Services of an experienced and Bilingual English/German tour guide
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All Passenger fee and Port taxes

## Shore Excursions Package:

Optional Tours Package	Price
Highlights of Amsterdam with Canal Tour	X
City tour /walk Cologne with Kolsch	X
City tour Koblenz with Cable Car ride	X
City Tour/Walk Strasbourg	X
City Tour/Walk Basel	X
<b>Package price per person</b>	<b>included in your itinerary</b>



## Optional Drinks Package:

### All-Inclusive Restaurant and Bar Drink Package:

**\$320 per person**

**From 9:00AM until Midnight (Open Bar) while on the cruise**

- House wine (white, rosé and red)
- Sparkling wine
- Draft and bottled beer, non-alcoholic beer
- Cocktails and Long drinks
- Mineral Water, soft drinks, juices
- Bottled water for your cabin and excursions
- Specialty coffees (non-alcoholic)
- Hot chocolate and tea

The services can only be booked for the duration of the cruise and for all persons accommodated in the cabin. Minibar is not included and all drinks that are not listed above, are posted to your onboard account.

*\*This can only be booked for both guests sharing the same cabin*

## TOUR ITINERARY:

### DAY 1: SAN FRANCISCO – COLOGNE

Please arrive in time at SFO International Airport to check-in and board your international flight to Cologne. Enjoy inflight meals and services on board. Overnight on-board flight

### DAY 2: COLOGNE ARRIVAL

Arrive Cologne airport, pick up and transfer to the hotel for overnight. Overnight in Cologne

### DAY 3: COLOGNE EMBARKATION (B/-/D)

Start your day with a delightful full German breakfast, then enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the vibrant city of Cologne at your own pace. At 1:00 PM, you'll be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the boat for embarkation. Once on board, take time to settle into your cabin and familiarize yourself with the ship's amenities.

The cruise departs at 4:00 PM, marking the start of your journey. This evening, celebrate with a special welcome dinner accompanied by live music in the lounge.

Dinner and overnight on board.

### DAY 4: COLOGNE – AMSTERDAM (B/L/D)

Morning around 0800hrs, arrive Amsterdam, Netherland's capital, it is known for its artistic heritage, Dutch's Golden Age Canal system lined up with Gabled houses with narrow lanes, treasure packed museums, vintage filled shops and hyper creative drinking, dining and design scenes and a vibrant nightlife. Rest of the day is free to explore the city of Amsterdam on your own, perhaps you can choose to pre-book one of the following optional tours. Leave the shores of Amsterdam around 1430hrs and cruise towards Nijmegen.

Overnight on Board

### Shore excursion: Highlights of Amsterdam with Canal Tour

Amsterdam is a city that is as vibrant as it is versatile. Modern lifestyle and the flair of the Golden Age combine to form an incomparable symbiosis. You

will find ultra-modern architecture and trendy bars as well as idyllic cafés, flea markets and traditional canal houses. Nowhere else in the world are there so many listed old buildings from past centuries as in the Dutch metropolis. The houses stand so close together as if they had to hold each other up to keep from falling over. The canals give the city a special charm and remind you at every turn that you are in the heart of a seafaring and trading nation. They form a canal system that runs through the entire city area and thus shapes the face of the city. Meanwhile, the multitude of canals extends over a total length of 80 kilometers, which has earned the city the nickname "Venice of the North": 165 canals, 1281 bridges, 70 tour boats, 8 wooden drawbridges, 2,500 residential boats and 120 pedal boats will leave a lasting impression on you. Look forward to a canal cruise along the magnificent merchants' houses from the Golden Age, which will be a highlight of your visit to Amsterdam.



### DAY 5: AMSTERDAM – NIJMEGEN (B/L/D)

Around 0800hrs this morning, sail into one of the oldest cities of Netherland, dating back to 2000yrs, Nijmegen is believed to be founded by Romans way back in 01st Century BC. Squeezed between the 16th Century lower Town by the banks of the Waal River and the older Upper town, the

compact medieval city centre of Nijmegen charms you with its historic cafes, specialist craft coffee shops and decent smattering of museums. The day is free to explore the city of Nijmegen on own, perhaps choose from one of the following optional tours. Afternoon around 1430hrs sail back towards Cologne.

Overnight on Board

**Optional: City walk Nijmegen: Only Bookable onboard**

The Hanseatic city of Nijmegen with 160,000 inhabitants is the oldest city in the Netherlands and looks back on a history of over 2000 years. The city gives you a particularly impressive welcome when you cross the Waal Bridge into the center: the Waalkade and the silhouette of the city center form an impressive whole. Past and present go hand in hand; historical parts alternate with modern architecture. The city, situated on a ridge on the banks of the Waal, has exerted a great attraction on people for centuries. The city tour leads off the beaten track through small winding streets, in which you can still feel the breath of the Middle Ages. Among other things, it passes the Valkhofpark with castle ruins, the town hall, St. Steven's church, the Latin school and the customs house with mosaic wall.

**DAY 6: COLOGNE – KOBLENZ (B/L/D)**

For many, Cologne is just a synonym of men's perfume, for them, one of the oldest cities of Germany, Cologne does not exist. Home to the third tallest church and the tallest Cathedral in the world, Cologne is one of the largest cities on the banks of Rhine. Sail into the city around 0800hrs, the rest of the morning is free for you to explore the highlights of this beautiful city on own, perhaps you can choose to prebook the following optional tours. Around 1430hrs, set sail for your next destination of stay Koblenz. Arrive late in the evening for overnight.

Overnight on Board

**Shore excursion: City tour/walk Cologne with Kolsch**

The cathedral city looks back on a history of more than 2,000 years, which has left its mark everywhere in the city and gives it its unique and at the same time intimate and metropolitan character. In the Middle Ages, Cologne

developed into an important ecclesiastical and artistic center. Likewise, the strategic location on the Rhine with its important west-east trade routes contributed to Cologne's importance. Cologne Cathedral has been the landmark of the metropolis on the Rhine for centuries and is the most famous architectural monument in Germany. The cathedral is the second largest church building in Europe - after Ulm Cathedral. Inside it there is a shrine of the Three Kings, in which the alleged relics of the Magi are kept and therefore Cologne also bears Three Crowns in its coat of arms. During this city tour and walking tour you will experience Cologne with the beloved old and the functional new. Strengthen yourself in between with a glass of Kölsch, the traditional beer of the city.

**DAY 7: KOBLENZ- RUDESHEIM (B/L/D)**

Indulge yourself in the exploration of Koblenz, located at the confluence of Rivers Moselle and Rhine and the convergence of three low mountain ranges of Hunsruck, The Eifel and the Westerwald, the park and flower filled city of Koblenz is the perfect gateway to the Romantic Rhine Valley and the northeastern gateway to Moselle valley. Perhaps choose to book one of the below available optional tours. Afternoon around 1300hrs, continue your cruise towards Rudesheim to arrive late evening for overnight.

Overnight on Board

**Shore excursion: City tour Koblenz with Cable Car ride**

With its more than 2,000-year history, Koblenz is one of the oldest cities in Germany. The original Latin name Confluentes (meaning: those who flow together) is due to the city's location. Koblenz is located at the mouth of the Moselle and Rhine, the so-called "German Corner". Get to know the historic old town on a walking tour. The idyllic alleys between the Basilica of St. Kastor, the oldest church building in Koblenz, and the Church of Our Lady give Koblenz a special charm. The walking tour takes you to another landmark of the city, the Schängelbrunnen fountain at the city hall, which is a monument to the Koblenz Schängel, a rascal. Following your tour, a highlight awaits you: a cable car ride across the Rhine to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Experience Koblenz from a bird's eye view and then take a leisurely stroll through the fortress park.



## DAY 8: RUDESHEIM – MANNHEIM/LUDWIGSHAFEN (B/L/D)

Very early in the morning at around 0300hrs, you set sail for your next destination, the industrial city of Mannheim/Ludwigshafen, home to BASF, one of the world's most important chemical company. Located on the confluence of Rhine and Neckar Rivers, the twin cities of Mannheim/Ludwigshafen offer an energetic cultural scene and decent shopping options at its busy city centre, along with the landmark palace, the Barockschloss Mannheim. Choose to explore the city at your own free will or prebook the optional tour.

Overnight on Board

### Optional: Excursion Speyer : Only Bookable onboard

The cathedral city of Speyer looks back on an eventful 2,000-year history, and was already a pivotal point in German history in the Middle Ages. The landmark and most important building is the imperial cathedral of Speyer. Already in 1981, the largest Romanesque building in the world was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. At the turn of the century, the Dreifaltigkeitskirche was still described as "unattractively built in pigtail style". Today, however, it is considered a late Baroque synthesis of the arts.

## DAY 9: STRASBOURG/KEHL (B/L/D)

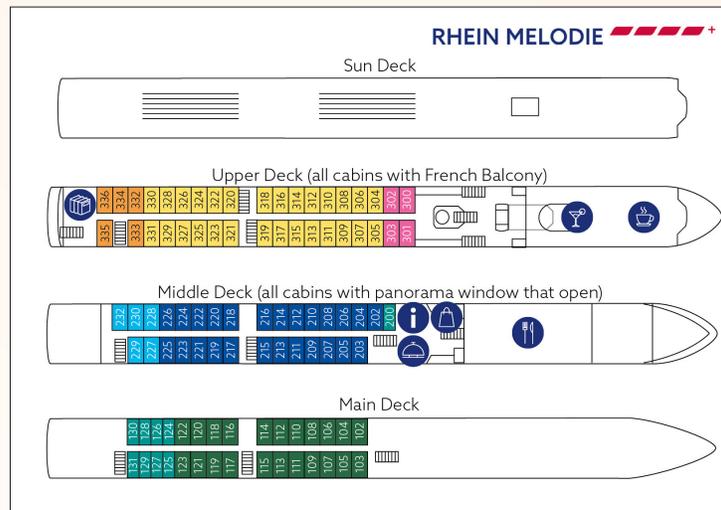
This morning, around 0700hrs, cruise to the shores of Strasbourg, the cultural bridge between France and Germany, it's a homogenous blend of Medieval Past and progressive future, Romanesque buildings and Gothic Architecture, Protestants and Catholics. Rich in historical landmark bestowed to the city by the French and Germans, during their alternate reigns, it boasts of buildings built in Romanesque, Gothic, New Renaissance and contemporary architectural styles. Morning is free to explore the historical city on own or choose to pre-book one of the optional tours. Afternoon set sail to your final destination.

Overnight on Board



### Shore excursion: City tour/Walk Strasbourg

Idyllic half-timbered streets, cozy wine taverns and, of course, the impressive cathedral make a visit to this historic city an experience. Due to the seat of numerous European institutions, such as the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the European Court of Human Rights, a political wind also blows through the border city on the Rhine. The entire city center of Strasbourg was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 due to its diverse architectural heritage. On Republic Square you can admire the Rhine Palace, the National Library and the Opera. Afterwards, stroll through the picturesque Tanners' Quarter. On the way to the historic city center you will encounter the coziness of the Alsatis. Passing old inns and delicatessen stores, the excursion takes you to Notre-Dame Cathedral. Your guide will explain at length the special features of the cathedral and numerous interesting stories about its construction and architecture. In the cathedral itself, things get exciting: you are there when the astronomical



clock strikes the "full" hour and different figures breathe life into the clock. After the tour of the cathedral there will be some free time. The bus, which is already waiting for you nearby, will then take you back to the ship.

## DAY 10: BASEL (DISEMBARKATION) (B/- /-)

Enjoy a delicious breakfast on board before disembarking this morning starting at 9:00 AM. Following the Basel city tour, your group will be transferred to your hotel in Basel for an overnight stay.

### Shore excursion: City tour/Walk Basel

During an informative bus tour you will see the highlights of the city. After Zurich and Geneva, Basel is the third largest city in Switzerland with about 170,000 inhabitants. Basel is composed of two districts, Kleinbasel and Großbasel. The center is the old town in Großbasel. The bus passes the medieval Spalentor, the most famous of the medieval city gates. Then the tour passes the synagogue and St. Paul's Church to the early intellectual center, as Basel has the oldest university in Switzerland. From the Art Museum, you will take a short walk to the Minster. Here you will learn interesting facts about one of Basel's landmarks, such as its exterior and interior architecture. In the church made of red sandstone is the tomb of Erasmus of Rotterdam. From the "Pfalz-Terrasse" behind the cathedral, a wonderful view over Basel and the Rhine reveals itself at the end of the city tour.

## DAY 11: BASEL – SAN FRANCISCO (B/-/-)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and take a transfer to Basel airport for your flight back home.

### DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Visa Fees – if applicable
- Any other items not under inclusions.

