



# The Rhine River Escapade

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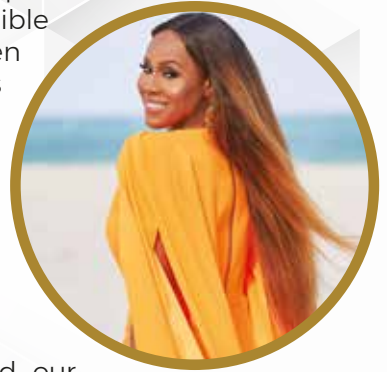


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## Dear Friends,

We have a unique opportunity for those guests booked aboard *The Rhine Redefined* sailing to “linger longer” this summer! Guests may extend their sailing for five additional nights from just \$1,299 per person!

This truly remarkable program features private performances by the incredible Grammy-nominated *Deborah Cox* has been uniquely curated for our guests and is available only to invitees and their guests. During this extraordinary journey, we'll explore more of the Rhine River, sailing from Basel to Düsseldorf aboard our exclusively chartered floating hotel, *The Gentleman*, during the best time of year to cruise Europe's rivers.



This experience is virtually all-inclusive, and our partners at Transcend Cruises have arranged for us:

- 5-Nights aboard our fully chartered floating hotel, ***The Gentleman***, including:
  - All excursions, including gratuities to expert guides and drivers
  - Unlimited Wi-Fi
  - All meals aboard *The Gentleman*
  - Unlimited premium open bar
  - Exceptional entertainment and private events.
- Arrival & departure airport transfers
- All gratuities to drivers and expert guides

**Prices start at an unheard-of price of just \$1,299 per person WITH NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT when you reserve by Friday, July 25th**, so we expect this journey to sell out quickly. We encourage you to contact us for more information or to book your participation

Bon Voyage!

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Embarkation Aboard *The Gentleman*

**Friday, August 15, 2025 | Basel, Switzerland**

The day is yours to enjoy at your own pace—whether that means unwinding on the ship’s sundeck with a cocktail in hand or strolling through the charming streets of Basel, just steps away from where we’re docked.



As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travelers for a festive Sail Away Welcome Reception on deck, followed by an exquisite dinner that sets the tone for the journey ahead.

### Day 2:

**Saturday, August 16, 2025 | Strasbourg, France**

Upon arrival in Strasbourg, which has been controlled over the centuries by either France or Germany, the city—cross-cultural and bilingual—offers a delightful combination of old and new, and French and German characteristics.



Set off for the pier in downtown Strasbourg, where you will board a panoramic boat that will take you to the famous district of Petite France. Its canals, charming houses with colored, half-timbered walls, and narrow alleyways will enchant you. You will glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges (Ponts Couverts), and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. Our cruise will continue through the German Quarter. Following the French

defeat in 1870, Germany planned to make Strasbourg the capital of the Reichsland or Imperial Territory of Alsace-Lorraine. This district, referred to as the “new town”, represented a new form of urban planning, featuring wide roads, monumental administrative and cultural buildings, and luxurious private homes. Landscaping also played a crucial role in this impressive urban

planning scheme. Then, you will get to see the European Parliament Building, completed in 1999, which was designed to host monthly sessions of the European Parliament. The architecture of the building is based on a combination of circles and ellipses, with the building laid out and organized into several identified areas. Finally, you'll discover the Human Rights Building, which is where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

### Day 3:

#### Sunday, August 17, 2025 | Heidelberg, Germany (Docking: Speyer)

Heidelberg is sometimes called the most romantic city in Germany. It is home to the nation's oldest university, a charming baroque Old Town lying along the banks of the Neckar River, and extraordinarily beautiful castle ruins overlooking the town. Your tour will take you to the castle, with its views of the red-tile roofs of the town below, the handsome Old Bridge and the wooded hillsides beyond, and then into Old Town, where you will see the late-Gothic Holy Spirit Church, the Student Prison and the longest pedestrian street in Germany.



### Day 4:

#### Monday, August 18, 2025 | Koblenz, Germany



This afternoon, we arrive at where the Rhine and Moselle rivers and three mountain ranges meet, Koblenz's scenery is unmatched. Add to that the city's 2,000-year-old history, hilltop fortress, and squares lined by classic Germanic architecture, and you will have a place ready-made for photos. Ambling along the town's narrow lanes and river promenade, we'll enjoy an afternoon "Weinstube" (wine tavern) tour for a sip (or few) of the Rhine River valley's renowned Riesling, allowing time for independent exploration.

Day 5

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 | Bonn, Germany (Docking: Konigswinter)

Bonn, located at the heart of North Rhine-Westphalia, used to be the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany. Visit Beethoven Haus, Ludwig van Beethoven’s birthplace (December 1770), and enjoy a special performance that brings his legacy to life.



Alternatively, we visit the UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral, which dominates the skyline here, its magnificent Gothic twin spires reaching toward the heavens. A visit to the cathedral this afternoon gives a glimpse of the gilded shrine, one of the largest in the world, believed to contain relics of the Three Kings, or as we commonly know them, the Three Wise Men. This evening, we prepare for our exquisite farewell reception aboard your private floating boutique hotel this evening followed by a very special farewell dinner.

Day 6: Disembarkation



Wednesday, August 20, 2025, | Düsseldorf, Germany

Following breakfast, we bid you farewell and provide airport transportation to the Düsseldorf (DUS) or Frankfurt (FRA) International Airports, with memories of a remarkable cruise.

NAVIGATIONAL ITINERARY:

DATE	DAY	NIGHT	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
15-August-25	Friday	C-1	Basel		5:00 PM
16-August-25	Saturday	C-2	Strasbourg	5:00 AM	7:30 PM
17-August-25	Sunday	C-3	Speyer (Heidelberg)	6:00 AM	10:00 PM
18-August-25	Monday	C-4	Koblenz	4:30 PM	Overnigh
19-August-25	Tuesday	C-5	Koblenz		8:00 AM
19-August-25	Tuesday	C-6	Bonn (Konigswnter)	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
20-August-25	Wednesday	C-7	Düsseldorf	4:00 AM	

## INCLUSIONS:



- **Roundtrip Airport Transfers:** transfers from designated airports on published travel program dates.
- **5-Nights Accommodations:** Five nights aboard The Gentleman in one of seven (7) stateroom categories with a fully stocked minibar (replenished daily) with water, juices, soft drinks, beers, and spirits.
- **Meals:** While in Interlaken, breakfast (days two and three), lunch (days two and three). Aboard The Gentleman, all meals from lunch on embarkation day through breakfast on disembarkation day, featuring curated nightly regionally themed dinners.
- **Unlimited Beverages Onboard:** Unlimited house wines, beers, spirits, zero-alcohol options, specialty coffees, soft drinks, and juices. Additionally, complimentary 24-hour coffee & tea service is available.
- **Exclusive Performances:** The region's top classical and contemporary music talents are featured every evening throughout the cruise.
- **All Shore Excursion Experiences:** Excursions with expert guides, applicable gratuities, QuietVox listening devices, and options for Gentle Walkers are included.
- **Concierge Service:** A Dedicated cruise management team and concierge to facilitate your every need.
- **Fitness & Wellness:** Access to fitness center, wellness spaces, and E-bicycles.
- **Unlimited Wi-Fi:** Complimentary Wi-Fi access throughout the ship.

## FEATURED GUESTS:

### Deborah Cox

Deborah Cox is a Grammy-nominated recording artist, Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee, and international talent spanning music, Broadway, television, film, and fashion.

An established songstress, Cox has scaled the R&B and Pop charts with six top 20 Billboard R&B singles and an impressive thirteen No. 1 hits on Billboard's Hot Dance Club Play Chart. Her sophomore album spawned 2 No. 1 R&B songs, including the record-breaking "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," which spent 14 weeks at the top (the longest in history at the time), and "We Can't Be Friends."



In addition to her illustrious musical catalog, the Canadian-born star has been recognized for her undying commitment to various social justice initiatives. In 2020, Deborah was honored with the Black Music Honors' Entertainer Icon Award for her 25 groundbreaking years in the music industry. A seasoned entertainer, both on-screen and off, Deborah is currently winning rave reviews for her roles on *First Wives Club* on Netflix's Top 10 and Emmy-nominated HBO MAX's series, *Station Eleven*.

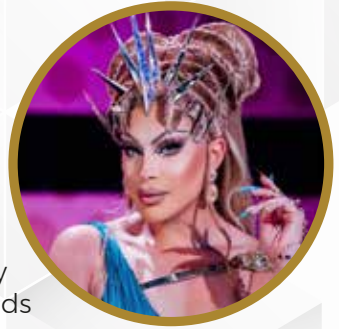
In May 2022, Deborah reached a career milestone when she made history as the first Black woman inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. The same year, Deborah was given the Key to the City of Toronto, and September 23rd was declared Deborah Cox Day. She also received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame, rounding off an incredible year.



Always giving back, in 2023, Deborah partnered with the youth-led movement *Revolutionnaire* to launch the "Beautiful U R" initiative to support women experiencing housing insecurity. Deborah is currently on Broadway starring as 'Glinda' and co-producing the revival of 'The Wiz' and just launched her new wine company, *Kazaisu* (kah-zy-sue).

## Envy Peru

After two months of competing in the Dutch version of RuPaul's Drag Race and winning four challenges, Envy Peru has made history as the first ever crowned contestant of Drag Race Holland, as well as the first Peruvian queen in the franchise to emerge supreme. As reigning Queen, Envy Peru has not only achieved fame and publicity in the Netherlands but also worldwide; Drag Race Holland was broadcast online and subtitled in four different languages. Based in Amsterdam, Envy is known for her sweet personality, professional work, amazing performances, fashion style and make-up looks.

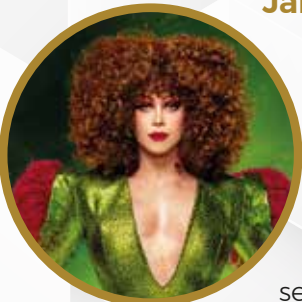


Since Envy Peru won Drag Race Holland, she has been starring in many TV shows like "de Verraders", "Gouden Televizier Ring" amongst many others, and she has been the head judge in the Dutch TV show "Make Up Your Mind", which is a huge success. Besides Dutch TV shows, she has been a judge in "Drag Race Spain" and did countless interviews with international press like Entertainment Weekly, Attitude Magazine, Magaly TV Peru and GayTimes New York just to name a few.

Envy tours like no other drag queen. With bookings in the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Spain, Norway, Hungary, Mexico and Peru, she is here to stay. She also has two residencies in "the Amsterdam Drag Show" and "the Rotterdam Drag Show" where she is the leading lady of the show. In 2023, her work visa for the United States has been approved, where she is touring multiple times a year.

Brands are also very interested in working with Envy Peru. She has her own limited make-up collection together with M.A.C. Cosmetics, which was released in June 2022. Other collaborations are with brands such as Booking.com, Mugler, Magnum, Google, Klarna, Sony Music, H&M, Victor & Rolf, YOOX Net a Porter and Crocs amongst others.

## Janey Jacké



First Dutch drag queen to participate in the international version of RuPaul's Drag Race

Meet Janey Jacké! This talented queen stole the hearts of fans from all around the world during her participation in the first season of Drag Race Holland, and the first international All Stars season: RuPaul's Drag Race: UK vs The World. In

both seasons, Janey showed her 'charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent' and was very loved by the judges and the people at home.

Janey is a gorgeous, outspoken queen with a guarantee for loads of fun. From hosting shows to blowing everyone away with her dancing skills, this queen can do it all! Besides being on RuPaul's Drag Race, Janey also had a role in multiple Dutch movies and television shows, like Make Up Your Mind, where she is one of the permanent Drag judges. She also works together with renowned brands, like Steve Madden and T-Mobile.

This multi-talented queen shines on stages all over the world. From the mainstage of Pride Amsterdam to her residency at both the Rotterdam – & Amsterdam Drag Show and stages all over the UK, Europe, and the United States, this queen is continuously traveling from one country to another. Janey is also known for being well-spoken on diversity, equity, and inclusion topics.

With her rising career, Janey is one of the most popular and requested queens in the Netherlands and abroad. Keep an eye out for her!

## Danny Beard

Liverpool-born drag sensation Danny Beard reigns supreme as an electrifying showperson and vocalist, leading a live music and comedy experience that fuses club kid aesthetics with classic drag performance style. Danny's journey to stardom reached new heights after claiming victory as the season four champion of RuPaul's Drag Race UK, making history as the first bearded queen from any franchise worldwide to snatch the crown.



Since their monumental Drag Race win, Danny Beard has solidified their place as a seasoned entertainer, renowned for headlining Pride events and captivating audiences across the UK and internationally, with a highlight being a daily residence at Sziget Festival.

Each event is a spectacle of comedy, song, and unapologetic camp, showcasing Danny's exceptional vocal powers and magnetic stage presence.

Beyond the stage, Danny Beard's influence extends into television and radio. They hosted The After Shave with Danny Beard on BBC Three, the spinoff of RuPaul's Drag Race UK, and have joined the BBC Radio 1 roster of presenters, bringing their infectious charm and curated playlists to the airwaves.

Other TV appearances include The Traitors: Uncloaked, Big Brother: Late & Live, and The Weakest Link, as well as holding a recurring cameo role on Hollyoaks.

As a vocal advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and visibility, Danny uses their platform to celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity. They co-host a beloved podcast ‘The Gossip Gays’ and spearheaded projects like the BBC’s “Danny Beard on Same Sex Love and Marriage,” commemorating a decade of same-sex marriage in the UK.

Michael Gans

A resident of Wilton Manors, Michael Gans is an Author, Scholar, and advocate within our community. Holding past roles with Kaiser University, the University of Victoria, and New School University/CUNY, Michael is an expert in Jewish learning and Holocaust Studies, with a special interest in LGBTQ+ individuals and the politics of homosexuality during World War II. During our journey, Michael will speak on this fascinating chapter of our history and bring this subject forward to today, highlighting the new and unique challenges the LGBTQ+ population faces in the E.U.



While docked in Speyer, Germany, Michael will also host a fascinating and enlightening panel conversation with lesbian, gay, and trans U.S. soldiers, their experiences during their service to our country, as well as what their future holds in the armed forces.

PROGRAM PRICING (PER PERSON/SINGLE OR DOUBLE):



- Category E \$1,299
- Category D \$1,499
- Category C \$1,599
- Category B \$1,799
- Category A \$1,899
- Suite \$2,199
- Suite+ \$2,299

Note:

- Fares listed above exclude taxes and port charges: \$199 Per Person
- All fares are per guest in US dollars based on double occupancy unless otherwise noted.
- Availability of all stateroom categories cannot be guaranteed.
- The order of sightseeing and docking ports is subject to change according to port authority assignments.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:** Passport fees, visas, and visa photos as required; personal expenses such as full-service laundry, telephone calls, and meals other than specified; accident/sickness, trip cancellation insurance, and baggage insurance; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local and international departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Tour Cost Inclusions” section of the brochure; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on the day(s) of arrival and departure if you are arriving/ departing earlier or later than the scheduled programs dates; meals, alcoholic or other beverages, and all other services not explicitly mentioned in the “Tour Cost Inclusions” section.

**PROGRAM SIZE:** *The Gentleman* can accommodate up to 172 passengers.

**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:** Five nights aboard *The Gentleman*; welcome and farewell receptions; all meals on board the ship as well as complimentary beverages as outlined in the INCLUSIONS section of this website; all activities as detailed in the itinerary; complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the cruise

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:** When booking the cruise program, full payment is due at the time of booking. Credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, and Discover) will be accepted. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing (via email: [reservations@transcend.cruises](mailto:reservations@transcend.cruises) from the participant). Cancellations received from the time of booking up to and including the day of departure will result in full forfeiture of all monies paid.

**INSURANCE:** We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. The exclusion of pre-existing medical conditions is often waived if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of the initial deposit. Sunserve or Transcend Cruises, including their representatives, employees, and agents, will not bear responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage,

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**WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH:** All participants must be generally healthy. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. All programs require physical independence and mobility. Please report any physical or mental condition that requires special medical attention or physical assistance when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark the ship and motor coaches alone or with minimal help from their traveling companion, climb stairs, and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Participants with heart or lung conditions may want to consult their physician before departure. Participants with medical issues and dietary restrictions must be made known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed before booking. If you have any questions about this program's activity level or your ability to participate, please email [reservations@transcend.cruises](mailto:reservations@transcend.cruises) for assistance.

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**RESPONSIBILITY:** Transcend Cruises acts only as agents for the passenger concerning travel services. All passengers acknowledge that participation in the trip and its activities involves the risk of injury to their person and property. They voluntarily accept all risks of personal injury and property damage arising from their participation in the trip. As lawful consideration for being permitted to attend the trip and

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