

2026 SEASON

ROMANTIC RHINE (NORTHBOUND)

8 Day River Cruise Basel to Amsterdam

TOUR: WZA



One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along the Rhine River, which begins in Switzerland and visits France, Germany, and Holland! Board your Avalon Suite Ship® in Basel, Switzerland, then head for Breisach, Germany, at the foot of the Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border. Here you'll find 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. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, and marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city, or stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Sail to the charming wine town of Rüdesheim, and a visit to the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, then pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Last stop in Germany is Cologne—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral.

At the conclusion of your Rhine River cruise, you'll spend time in colorful Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city on an included canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Spend free time discovering world-famous museums, and an abundance of restaurants in the vibrant, modern capital of Holland.

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DAYS

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COUNTRIES

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Switzerland

Germany

France

Netherlands

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DAY BY DAY

ITINERARY

1 BASEL, SWITZERLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Switzerland.

Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Zürich or Basel must arrive by 3 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH

 Dinner

2 BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

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**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Enjoy the view on a relaxing bike ride along the Rhine with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

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 butter-making demonstration, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Join a Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city center, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

EVENING CRUISE TO KEHL

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

3 KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

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**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

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—the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France or visit Alsace's wine country today.

Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MAINZ

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

4 MAINZ, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

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:

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**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship after a short sailing to Rüdesheim.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

5 RÜDESHEIM-RHINE GORGE - KOBLENZ

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee, OR:

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Take a Guided Visit to the historic 18th-century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle and enjoy a delicious wine tasting.*

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En route to Koblenz, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei—where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors.

KOBLENZ

Travel Through 2000 Years of Monumental History

Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN KOBLENZ

*This excursion will not be operated on departure June 23 and will be replaced by a Guided Tour to Eberbach Monastery with a wine tasting.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

6 COLOGNE

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

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**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites,
OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.

Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years!

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM

Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND**Canals of Colorful Amsterdam****ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an early morning walk in
Amsterdam, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided
Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this
legendary city *, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past
stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

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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. You may also choose an Optional Biking Tour to discover the countryside.

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

* This excursion will not be operated on departure 421 and will be replaced by a Bike Tour through the Dutch countryside.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

8 AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

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HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Zurich



Radisson Blu Airport Zuerich Flughafen



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

This modern, stylish hotel 330-room property conveniently offers direct access to the airport terminal, the perfect location for arrivals & departures. Dining options include an Italian restaurant specializing in fresh Italian dishes crafted with a modern twist and a Grill restaurant offering seafood and steaks dishes prepared in an open kitchen. The atrium bar has a 16m-high glass wine tower with over 4,000 bottles of wine and...

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Ice Machine
- Parking/Valet
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge

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Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Climate Control
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Cable/Satellite
- Pay Movies
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning

Amsterdam



Movenpick Amsterdam City
Piet Heinkade 11



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A stylish 408-room hotel in the perfect location, this waterfront property offers Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout. The chic restaurant serves creative international cuisine and there is a fabulous bar serving drinks and light snacks which is also a great spot for a nightcap. For relaxation there is a Lifestyle Studio featuring a gym, Finnish sauna, bio sauna & ice fountain.

Hotel Amenities

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- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Gift Shop
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Smoking Rooms
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Climate Control
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Cable/Satellite
- Pay Movies
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning



Westcord Jakarta
Javakade 766



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

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A unique sustainable hotel in Amsterdam, where two worlds connect. At the former location where ships left for Jakarta, lies a green oasis in the centre of the city. Hotel offers 200 luxurious rooms with a Indonesian influenced style. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner at Café Jakarta or get a drink at the Malabar. Be pampered in luxury and relax in our wellness and swimming pool with views towards the river IJ.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Beauty Salon
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Complimentary Newspaper
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Pay Movies
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning
- Coffee Maker
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