



ROMANTIC RHINE (NORTHBOUND)

8 DAY RIVER CRUISE BASEL TO AMSTERDAM

June 6–13, 2026

Starting from CAT D/E: \$6,982 per person*

*Prices are based on Double Occupancy, CAD, and include all taxes & port charges. Price includes Free prepaid gratuities. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person and non-refundable. Final Payment due on March 10, 2026.



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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DAY 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

Meals (Dinner)

DAY 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.

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3

KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France.

ACTIVE EXCURSION Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 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:

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 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.

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 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:

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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7

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".

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. 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

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8

AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Meals (Breakfast)