



Romantic Rhine -13 Days River Cruise Tour

(Zurich → Paris)

Switzerland - Netherlands - Germany - Belgium - France

Destinations: Zurich - Lucerne - Strasbourg - Mannheim - Heidelberg - Cologne - Amsterdam - Brussels - Bruges - Paris

A DESTINATION OF TRUE LEISURE





Day 1: Departure from North America – Flight to Zurich, Switzerland

Depart from various cities across the United States and take an international flight to Zurich, the biggest city of Switzerland.

Day 2: Arrival in Zurich – Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival in Zurich, you will be greeted by our enthusiastic Century Cruises tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in and rest.

Accommodation: Intercity Hotel Zurich Airport or similar 4-star hotel

Day 3: Zurich – Lucerne - Basel (B/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, visit Zurich city center, then head to Lucerne, a unique destination in Switzerland, to explore the Lucerne River and the natural beauty of the Alps. In the afternoon, arrive in Basel, Switzerland's third-largest city, and board the 5-star riverboat Century Cara to begin the romantic journey along the Rhine River. That evening, the captain and crew will join us for a welcome cocktail party, followed by a specially arranged welcome dinner (formal attire required).

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 4: Rhine River Cruise –Strasbourg, France (B/L/D)

The ship departs from Switzerland and sails along the Rhine River into the Alsace region of France, arriving in Strasbourg. This city is famous not only for its romantic old town but also for being the headquarters of numerous important European institutions. In the morning, we will take you to experience the beauty of the city and visit its main attractions. Later this evening, your ship will set sail for Germany.

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 5: Rhine River Cruise – Speyer - Mannheim (B/L/D)

Before breakfast, arrive in Speyer, which played a central role during the Holy Roman Empire in the medieval period. You'll have the opportunity to explore this historic destination with a guide. During lunch, your cruise will continue to Mannheim, our next stop along the picturesque Rhine River, where it will dock for the remainder of the day. You can take a tour of nearby Heidelberg, known for its beautiful Baroque old town. Later in the evening, your ship will continue its journey toward the wine town of Rudesheim, a wine-making town.

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 6: Rhine River Cruise – Rudesheim - Koblenz (B/L/D)

Two charming stops await you today. In the morning, arrive in Rudesheim, a town renowned for its exceptional wine culture. You will have the opportunity to explore this historic destination with a guide. Following lunch, the cruise will continue along one of the most scenic stretches of the Rhine River—the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. A highlight of the day will be the breathtaking view of the Lorelei Rock from the sun deck. After lunch, the ship will arrive in Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest cities. You may enjoy a leisurely walk through the pedestrian zone, before visiting the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, located high above the hill, to conclude your day's journey.

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 7: Rhine River Cruise – Koblenz - Cochem (B/L/D)

The cruise departs from Koblenz in the early hours, and makes a detour along the Moselle River to the most romantic part of the valley and the little town of Cochem. The magnificent Reichsburg castle which overlooks the town, dominates the landscape. Down below, the town, with its narrow streets, half-timbered houses, and numerous restaurants, is an ideal setting to taste the wines of the region. Back on board, dinner is served as the journey continues to Cologne.

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise



Day 8: Rhine River Cruise – Cologne (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will visit the charming cathedral city of Cologne, home to over a million residents. This vibrant and youthful metropolis offers a rich cultural history and world-renowned landmarks, most notably the Cologne Cathedral. Enjoy a walking tour through the Gothic old town and take the opportunity to sample the local Kölsch beer. Following lunch, the ship will depart from Cologne and begin the afternoon cruise. This evening, we invite you to dress in elegant attire for the farewell dinner. In a moment of celebration, all the crew members will be introduced and extend their best wishes. The Captain will be present to join in a toast as we bid farewell to this unforgettable journey. (Formal dress code required for the evening.)

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 9: Rhine River Cruise – Amsterdam, Netherlands (B/L/D)

At breakfast, you will arrive in Amsterdam, a vibrant city known for its canals and rich history. After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to explore the city by canal boat, offering a unique perspective of its charming architecture and iconic waterways. In the afternoon, you will visit the picturesque windmill village, where you can immerse yourself in Dutch culture and taste some delicious local cheese. After dinner, you can continue to experience the lively nightlife of Amsterdam. Before disembarking, our staff will hold a briefing to provide departure instructions, and assist with the packing process to ensure a smooth conclusion to your journey.

Accommodation: Century Cara 5-star river cruise

Day 10: Amsterdam - Bruges - Brussels (B)

After breakfast, you will depart for a sightseeing tour of Bruges, often referred to as the "Venice of the North." You will visit the Belfry of Bruges, the Bruges City Hall, and the Basilica of the Holy Blood. Bruges is a quintessential medieval town, rich in centuries-old architecture, with a distinctive early Gothic style. The entire city exudes a timeless charm, transporting you back to medieval Europe.

In the afternoon, you will arrive in Brussels, where you will explore the Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the famous Manneken Pis statue. In the evening, you will check into your hotel in Brussels, ready to experience the city's vibrant atmosphere.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Brussels Airport or similar 4-star hotel

Note: Century Cruises reserved the right to adjust and update the itinerary according to the navigation, weather or conditions of the actual operation.

Day 11: Brussels – Paris, France (B)

After hotel breakfast, you will travel to Paris, the City of Light. Your day begins with a visit to the Arc de Triomphe, followed by a stroll along the iconic Champs-Élysées avenue and a stop at Place de la Concorde. You will also see the exterior of the magnificent Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Next, you will visit Eiffel Tower, the symbol of Paris, where you'll have time to admire its grandeur. The tour will continue with a view of the Hôtel des Invalides (Les Invalides), before heading to the beautiful Luxembourg Gardens.

In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing Seine River cruise, where you can take in the stunning sights along the riverbanks, including famous landmarks like the Louvre, Notre-Dame, and the Eiffel Tower. This will be a day filled with the best of Parisian landmarks and stunning views.

Accommodation: Mercure Paris or similar 4-star hotel

Day 12: Paris Sightseeing (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will begin your day with a visit to the world-renowned Louvre Museum (additional fee required), home to thousands of art masterpieces, including the famous Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo.

Next, you will head to the Palace of Versailles (additional fee required), a symbol of royal opulence and French history, where you will explore its stunning gardens and grand architecture.

In the afternoon, you will return to the city center and visit the Opéra Garnier (exterior), a masterpiece of architecture. Following that, you'll have time for shopping at the iconic Galeries Lafayette, known for its luxurious selection and stunning architecture.

In the evening, you may choose to enjoy the famous Moulin Rouge cabaret show (optional, additional fee), a spectacular Parisian experience filled with music, dance, and dazzling.

Accommodation: Mercure Paris or similar 4-star hotel

Day 13: Paris – Departure (B)

After breakfast, your tour concludes with a transfer to the airport in Paris for your flight back home, marking the end of an unforgettable journey along the Rhine River.

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