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DAY 1 - BASEL

Embarkation

Basel, Switzerland

Arrive in Basel and board the ship. Settle into your stateroom and prepare for your Rhine River journey.

Excursions: None



DAY 2 - BASEL

City Tour Basel
08:30–12:00 | Included Excursion
Included Services: Coach and Guide

Enjoy a guided city tour of Basel, introducing the city's riverfront, historic districts and cultural landmarks [approx. 60 mins.]
Continue on foot through Basel's Old Town, exploring its medieval streets, historic buildings and picturesque squares [approx. 60 mins.]
Enjoy free time in the city center [approx. 60 mins.]
Return to the ship.

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge

Afternoon — Basel Centre
13:30–17:30 | Included Experience

Enjoy free time to explore Basel independently. Guests may stroll through the Old Town, browse local shops, visit cafés or enjoy the atmosphere along the Rhine [approx. 3 hrs.]

Included — No Additional Charge



DAY 3 - STRASBOURG

City Tour Strasbourg
09:30–13:00 | Included Excursion
Included Services: Coach and Guide

Begin with a panoramic coach tour of Strasbourg, seeing the city's historic districts and major landmarks [approx. 60 mins.]
Continue on foot toward Strasbourg Cathedral [approx. 40 mins.]
Enjoy an independent visit inside the Cathedral, subject to opening hours and capacity [approx. 20 mins.]
Enjoy free time in the city center for shopping, cafés or independent exploration [approx. 40 mins.]
Walk back to Place de l'Etoile [approx. 20 mins.] before returning to the ship by coach [approx. 30 mins.]

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge

Afternoon Heritage Excursion
Obernai with Wine Tasting
14:30–18:30 | Heritage Excursion
Included Services: Coach, Guide and Wine Tasting

Travel by coach along the scenic Alsace Wine Route to Obernai, passing vineyards and traditional villages [approx. 55 mins.]
Enjoy a guided walking tour of Obernai, exploring its historic streets, picturesque squares and half-timbered architecture [approx. 60 mins.]
Experience a regional wine tasting, featuring Alsace wines and an introduction to the area's winemaking traditions [approx. 75 mins]
Return to the ship by coach [approx. 40 mins.]



DAY 4 - SPEYER & MANNHEIM

City Walk Speyer
08:45–10:45 | Included Excursion
Included Services: Guide

Walk toward Speyer Cathedral, with commentary from your guide [approx. 35 mins.]
Enjoy an independent interior visit of the Cathedral, [approx. 15 mins.] followed by explanations around the Cathedral forecourt [approx. 10 mins.]
Continue toward the City Hall or Jewish Bath, [approx. 10 mins.] followed by a visit to the historic Jewish Bath [approx 20 mins.]
Continue via the Police Courtyard to the Baroque Holy Trinity Church [approx. 15 mins.]
Return to the ship with your guide [approx. 15 mins.]

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge

Afternoon — Mannheim
Bertha or Carl Benz & The City of Inventors
14:30–17:00 | Included Excursion
Included Services: Coach and Guide

Depart from the ship by coach, passing the Castle and Benzplastik.
Disembark and walk toward the Rosengarten.
Continue by coach past Marktplatz, Konditorei & Café Herrdegen, the Reiss-Engelhorn-Museum and Paradeplatz.
Disembark again at the Castle and continue on foot through Jesuitenkirche, Schillerplatz and Lanzhaus, returning to the Castle.
Board the coach and return to the ship.

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge

Alternative Included Excursion
Heidelberg
08:30–12:30
Included Services: Coach, Guide (from ship/to Heidelberg), and Entrance

Travel from the ship to Heidelberg [approx. 45 mins.]
Enjoy a guided tour of Heidelberg Palace, [approx. 75 mins.] exploring its historic rooms, terraces and gardens overlooking the Neckar River.
Return to the Old Town by train or coach [approx. 15 mins.]
Enjoy a guided city walk, [approx 20 mins.] followed by free time [approx. 40 mins.]
Return to the ship without a guide [approx. 45 mins.]

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge



DAY 5 - RÜDESHEIM & KOBLENZ

Wine Express & Music Cabinet
08:45–10:45 | Heritage Excursion
Included Services: Wine Express, Music Cabinet entrance and a glass of wine

Ride the Wine Express from the ship to the Music Cabinet [approx. 30 mins.]
Enjoy a guided tour of the Music Cabinet, discovering its historic musical collection [approx. 45 mins.]
Continue with a short wine tasting, including one glass of wine and a wine glass as a gift [approx. 15 mins.]
Return independently to the ship [approx 15–25 mins.]

HERITAGE EXCURSION — ADDITIONAL CHARGE

Afternoon Heritage Excursion
Koblenz & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
16:00–18:30 | Heritage Excursion
Included Services: Guide and Entrance

Walk from the ship to the cable car station, approx 20 mins.]
Take the cable car to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress [approx 15 mins.]
Walk to the fortress entrance [approx 5 mins.]
Visit the fortress museum, [approx 20 mins.], followed by exploring the fortress itself [approx. 35 mins.]
Walk back to the cable car [approx 15 mins.]
After descending, walk through Koblenz Old Town back toward the ship, taking in the historic streets and landmarks along the way [approx. 60 mins.]

HERITAGE EXCURSION — ADDITIONAL CHARGE

DAY 6 - COLOGNE

Drachenburg Palace
09:00–13:00 | Heritage Excursion
Included Services: Coach, Guide, Cable Car and Entrance

Travel by coach from Cologne to Königswinter [approx. 60 mins.]
Continue aboard the Drachenfelsbahn rack railway to the middle station at Drachenburg Palace [approx. 15 mins.]
Enjoy Drachenburg Palace to explore the castle independently, taking in its grand architecture, historic interiors and panoramic views over the Rhine Valley [approx. 90 mins.]
Descend by rack railway to Königswinter [approx. 15 mins.]
Return to Cologne by coach [approx 60 mins.]

HERITAGE EXCURSION — ADDITIONAL CHARGE

DAY 7 - AMSTERDAM

Grachentour Amsterdam (Subject to change)
09:30–11:30 | Included Excursion
Included Services: Tour Guide, Canal Boat and possible shuttle bus

Guide accompanies guests to the canal boat boarding point [approx. 15 mins.]
Canal tour through Amsterdam with commentary from the guide [approx. 90 mins.]
Guide walks back to the ship with the guests [approx. 15 mins.]

Included Excursion — No Additional Charge

Haarlem
13:30–18:00 | Heritage Excursion
Included Services: Coach, Guide and entrance to St. Bavo Church, depending on weekday

Travel by coach from the Amsterdam docking location to Haarlem [approx. 55 mins.]
Enjoy a guided walking tour of Haarlem, exploring the city's historic streets and squares [approx. 60 mins.]
Visit the interior of St. Bavo Church, admiring its architecture and famous organ [approx. 30 mins.]
Enjoy free time in the city center [approx. 60 mins.]
Walk back to the coach [approx. 10 mins.]
Return to the ship in Amsterdam by coach [approx. 55 mins.]

HERITAGE EXCURSION — ADDITIONAL CHARGE

DAY 8 - AMSTERDAM

Disembarkation

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Amsterdam and continue with your onward travel arrangements.

