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DAY 1 - AMSTERDAM

Embarkation

Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

Excursions: None

DAY 2 - AMSTERDAM

Grachentour Amsterdam (Subject to change)
Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
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.]

Haarlem
Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach, Guide and entrance to St. Bavo Church, depending on weekday

Coach ride from the docking place in Amsterdam to Haarlem (55 minutes).
Walking tour of Haarlem (60 minutes).
Interior tour of Saint Bavo Church (30 minutes).
Free time for the guests (60 minutes).
Walk back to the coach (10 minutes).
Coach ride from Haarlem back to the ship in Amsterdam (55 minutes).





DAY 3 - COLOGNE

Drachenburg Palace
09:00–13:00 | Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach, Guide, Cable car, Entrance

Coach ride to Königswinter to the valley station of the Drachenfelsbahn [approx. 60 mins.]
Ride on the Drachenfelsbahn (rack railway) to the middle station at Drachenburg Palace [approx. 15 mins.]
Visit the castle on your own [approx. 90 mins.]
Descent to Königswinter [approx. 15 mins.]
Return journey to Cologne [approx. 60 mins.]

DAY 4 - KOBLENZ & RÜDESHEIM

Christmas Garden
Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Guide, Cable car, Entry Christmas Garden

Walk from the ship to the cable car [approx. 20 mins.]
Cable car ride to Christmas Garden [approx. 15 mins.]
Visit of the Christmas garden [approx. 80 mins.]
Cable car ride back [approx. 15 mins.]
Walk from the cable care to the ship [approx. 20 mins.]

Tour of Koblenz with a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Guide and Entrance

Walk from the boat to the cable car [approx. 20 mins.]
Cable car ride to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress [approx. 15 mins.]
Walk to the entrance of the fortress [approx. 5 mins.]
Tour of the fortress museum [approx. 20 mins.]
Tour of the fortress [approx. 35 mins.]
Walk back to the cable car [approx. 15 mins.]
Arrival at the cable car station and walk through the old town back to the ship [approx. 60 mins.]

Wine Express & Music Cabinet
Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Round trip Wine Express, Music Cabinet entrance and a glass of wine

Round trip with the Wine Express from the ship ending at the Music Cabinet [approx. 30 mins.]
Guided tour of the Music Cabinet [approx. 45 mins.]
Short wine tasting including a wine glass as a gift [approx. 15 mins.]
Independent return to the ship planned without an accompanying guide [approx. 15 to 25 mins.]

Winter Mulled Wine Hike
Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Guide, 2 Mulled wines per person

City walk through Rudesheim with tasting of 2 mulled wines [approx. 180 mins.]

DAY 5 - MANNHEIM & SPEYER

Bertha or Carl Benz & The City of Inventors
08:45-10:45 | Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach and Guide (from/to ship)

Ride from the ship passing the Castle at the Benzplastik
Exit from the Coach, walk to the Rosengarten.
Enter the Coach passing Marktplatz, Konditorei & Café Herrdegen (Bakery), Reiss-Engelhorn-Museum, Paradeplatz.
Exit from the Coach at the Castle, walk to the Jesuitenkirche, Schillerplatz, Lanzhaus, back to the Castle.
Enter the Coach and ride back to the ship [approx. 150 mins.]

City Walk Speyer
08:45–10:45 | Included Excursion | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Guide

Walk to the cathedral with explanations [approx. 35 mins.]
Interior tour of the cathedral on your own [approx. 15 mins.]
Explanations of the cathedral forecourt [approx. 10 mins.]
Continue to City Hall or directly to the Jewish Bath with explanations [approx. 10 mins.]
Visit to the Jewish Bath [approx. 20 mins.]
Continue via the Police Courtyard to the baroque Holy Trinity Church [approx. 15 mins.]
Escort back to the ship [approx. 15 mins.]

Alternative Included Experience
Heidelberg
08:30–12:30 | Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included services: Coach, Guide (from ship/to Heidelberg), and Entrance

Transfer to Heidelberg [approx. 45 mins.]
Guided tour of Heidelberg Palace [approx. 75 mins.]
Return to the Old Town by train or coach depending on the number of guests [approx. 15 mins.]
City walk in Heidelberg [approx. 20 mins.]
Free time [approx. 40 mins.]
Transfer back to the ship, without guide [approx. 45 mins.]





DAY 6 - STRASBOURG

City Tour Strasbourg
09:30–13:00 | Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach and Guide

City tour of Strasbourg [approx. 60 mins.]
Walk through Strasbourg to the cathedral [approx. 40 mins.]
Visit of the cathedral on your own [approx. 20 mins.]
Free time [approx. 40 mins.]
Walk back to Place de l'Etoile [approx. 20 mins.]
Return to the ship [approx. 30 mins.]
Obernai with Wine Tasting
14:30–18:30 | Heritage Excursion | Additional Charge
Included Services: Coach, Guide and Wine Tasting
Drive to Obernai via the Wine Route [approx. 55 mins.]
City walk of Obernai [approx. 60 mins.]
Wine tasting [approx. 75 mins.]
Return to the ship [approx. 40 mins.]

Obernai with wine tasting
Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach, Guide, Wine Tasting

Drive to Obernai via the Wine Route (55 mins.)
City walk of Obernai (60 mins.)
Wine tasting (75 mins.)
Return to the ship (40 mins.)





Strasbourg Panoramic Tour & private canal cruise
14:00-18:00 | Heritage Excursion | **Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach, Guide, Private canal cruise tour, Kougelhopf

Transfer from the ship to Quai des Belges [approx. 15 mins.]
Boat trip starting from Quai des Belges on the Ill past the European quarter and the old town [approx. 90 mins.]
During the cruise you will enjoy a wine tasting (three wines to taste or soft drink for a non-alcoholic alternative) and Kougelhopf.
Short walking tour through the old town with a visit inside the cathedral if possible [approx. 40 mins.]
Free time for your guests [approx. 50 mins.]
Walk back to the bus [approx. 15 mins.]
Drive back to the boat by bus [approx. 30 mins.]

DAY 7 - BASEL

City Tour Basel
08:30–12:00 | Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Coach and Guide (from/to Basel)

City tour of Basel [approx. 60 mins.]
City walk through Basel's Old Town [approx. 60 mins.]
Free time [approx. 30 mins.]
Return to the coach and drive back to the ship [approx. 45 mins.]

Basel Centre
13:30–17:30 | Included Experience | **No Additional Charge**
Included Services: Transfercoach

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. 180 mins.]

DAY 8 - BASEL

Disembarkation

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