



# Romantic RHINE

## 9-Day River Cruise from Zürich to Amsterdam

Zürich – Basel – Breisach – Strasbourg  
Heidelberg – Mainz – Rüdesheim – Rhine Gorge  
Koblenz – Cologne – Amsterdam

**April 28 – May 6**

**\$2,999**

Includes air from Fresno



**YOU  
SAVE  
\$1,500  
Per  
person**

### YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Deluxe 9-day river cruise from Zürich to Amsterdam, including travel days.
- Riverview Stateroom.
- Roundtrip air from Fresno.
- Ground transfers to and from the ship in Zürich and Amsterdam.
- Complimentary shore excursions led by Certified Local Guides in each port.
- All meals aboard the ship, including quality regional European wines, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Special onboard and onshore experiences presented by local chefs, entertainers, artisans, and experts, designed to enrich your cruise.
- Services of a professional Avalon Cruise Director.

### ADDITIONAL

- Port Taxes of \$168 per person, and gratuities aboard Avalon Affinity.

### DEPOSIT

- \$500 per person secures your reservation.

### BONUS

- **DISCOUNTED UPGRADES!** Best Available Deluxe Stateroom with French Balcony only \$299 ( Reg Price \$799 - SAVE \$500 Per person).

### OPTIONAL

- Trip Protection Insurance \$184 – \$214 per person.
- Extend your trip with days before or after the cruise... ask for details!

One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along the Rhine River. Once you board your vessel in Basel, Switzerland you will head for Breisach, Germany. Here you'll find the gateway to Germany's Black Forest, an area best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. Continue to Strasbourg, France, where you'll be amazed by the red-sandstone gothic cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg's castle and stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. You'll pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge 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 architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral. You will wrap up your cruise in Holland's popular, modern capital of Amsterdam where you'll find world-famous museums and abundance of restaurants amongst the classic architecture and charming canals.

### QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

- 1 Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-625-5139 Ext 106
- 2 Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to Jen@cruiseexperts.com

**THE FINE PRINT:** Rates are per person based on double occupancy. \$250 of the required \$500 deposit is nonrefundable. Deposit and trip insurance may be paid with any credit card. Tour rates reflect a cash discount. Balance of tour cost is payable by check or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, and some optional tours. Airline flights, carrier, and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Subject to all terms and conditions found in Globus Avalon Waterways 2018. Final payment is due on or before DECEMBER 15, 2017 at which time full cancellation penalties apply if cancelled. CST#204742

## REGISTRATION FORM (Romantic)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip Protection Insurance:** \$184  Accept  Decline  
\$214 with upgrade  Accept  Decline

**NOTE:** Published Trip Protection Insurance amounts apply to guests up to age 79 and must be purchased at the time of deposit.

Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  AmEx  Discover  
(Credit card fee is waived for deposit)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: Cruise Experts  
(Deposit of \$500 + optional Trip Protection Insurance of \$184 – \$214)

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### Day 1: Fly to Zürich, Switzerland

This morning, you'll depart for an overnight flight across the Atlantic to Zürich.

### Day 2: Arrive in Zürich, Switzerland – Transfer to Basel (Embarkation)

Welcome to Switzerland, home of the Matterhorn and the majestic Alps! Transfer by motorcoach to Basel, where your river cruise vessel is docked. Meet your crew at an evening welcome reception.(D)

### Day 3: Breisach, Germany. Excursion to the Black Forest

Located at the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border, Breisach is the gateway to Germany's BLACK FOREST region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty. The area got its name because the pine forests are so dense, local residents described them as black. The most well-known products from this region are Black Forest ham, Black Forest cherry cake, and cuckoo clocks! You may opt to visit the workshop of a local woodcarver who produces clocks and other carvings, or to the open-air Vogtsbauernhof Museum to see how life was lived in this area centuries ago. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Strasbourg, France

Situated on the border of France and Germany, Strasbourg blends the cultures of both countries in a delightful way. On your walking tour, you will discover Europe at its most quintessential. Visit the monumental red-sandstone GOTHIC CATHEDRAL with its ancient murals, stained-glass windows, and fascinating astronomical clock, as well as the magical LA PETITE FRANCE district, home to half-timbered houses, quaint shops, inviting bistros, and a waterfront promenade. Explore Place Kléber, a large historic square in the heart of the city, and Place Gutenberg in the heart of medieval Strasbourg, which features a statue of the inventor of the printing press. This afternoon, an optional excursion into the Alsace wine country is available. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Excursion to Heidelberg, Germany – Mainz

This morning, an excursion takes you to Heidelberg, home to Germany's oldest university, which was founded in 1386. Visit the ruins of HEIDELBERG CASTLE, towering magnificently over the city and among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. You'll also see the famed GREAT VAT, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel." At nearly 23 feet high and 28 feet wide, it holds over 58,000 gallons of wine and has a dance floor on top of it! In the afternoon, arrive in Mainz, which today is Germany's largest and most important wine market. The Altstadt (Old Town) has many intriguing shops and the whimsical Fastnachtsbrunnen (Carnival Fountain) on the Schillerplatz is a tribute to the jesters at the city's annual Carnival celebration. Gutenberg, father of modern printing, was born here. During a GUIDED WALK, you'll visit the captivating GUTENBERG MUSEUM. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Rudesheim – Rhine Gorge – Koblenz

This morning, dock in pretty Rudesheim, a typical Rhine Valley wine town. Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM to see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries, and enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT. Downstream from Rudesheim is the dramatic RHINE GORGE, the most beautiful stretch of river. Here, ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 400 feet above the water. Cruise past the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where echoes of enchanted siren song lured sailors to their doom. Then, arrive at the place where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet—the Deutsches Eck (German Corner) with its impressive statue of German Emperor William I. Join your Local Guide for a WALKING TOUR of 2,000-year-old Koblenz, which reveals an eventful past through its castles, fortress walls, towers, squares, and monuments. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Cologne

One of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, Cologne straddles both sides of the Rhine, and is known for its soaring, twin-steeped gothic cathedral. Choose between an included GUIDED CITY WALK or JEWISH HERITAGE WALK. The Old Town abounds with cafés, shops, and taverns. Be sure to try a Kölsch pale lager, locally brewed in Cologne for over a hundred years! (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Amsterdam, Holland

Welcome to Amsterdam! Holland's sophisticated, modern capital has a rich and fascinating history. This delightful 700-year-old city with its elegant and classic architecture, cafés, and restaurants has a distinct ambiance. There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." There's free time this afternoon to enjoy the city or perhaps join an optional excursion. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Amsterdam, Holland (Disembarkation)

All too soon, this wonderful journey must come to an end. After breakfast this morning, you'll be transferred to Amsterdam's Schipol airport for your flight home. (B)



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