

DAY 1

BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Activities Highlights:

Arrive in Basel & Board the Ship, Swiss Cheese & Wine Welcome Reception, Captain's Welcome Cocktail & Dinner

Transfer from Basel Airport (BSL) to the Ship

Be escorted from Basel Airport to your new home for the next 8 days, a luxurious AmaWaterways Ship.

Check into Your Stateroom

Your Adventure Guides help with the check-in as you familiarize yourself with your well-appointed stateroom. Look around the ship and discover its many fantastic amenities including the heated pool, fitness center, massage and hair salon, giant chessboard, library, sun deck and lounge.

Welcome Reception in Basel: Swiss Cheese & Wine

Enjoy a taste of Switzerland at a special welcome event that features delicious Swiss cheese and wine on board the ship!

Captain's Welcome Cocktail & Dinner on Board the Ship

Meet the Captain and your fellow Adventurers as you enjoy your first scrumptious dinner on board.

DAY 2

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Activities Highlights:

Black Forest with Toboggan and Woodworking Museum, Europa-Park Visit, Riquewihr Visit

Breakfast on Board the Ship

Start your day with a hearty breakfast with your fellow Adventurers.

Full-Day Activity – Choose One of These Options:

OPTION A:

Tour the Black Forest, Take a Toboggan Run and Visit a Woodworking Museum

Tour the Black Forest and view the beautiful highlands, pastoral farms, grassy fields and woods up close.

Thrill to an alpine toboggan run. Open a dialog with important information about the toboggan activity. Attend a museum workshop and learn from an expert how to create a cuckoo pipe that's iconic to the Black Forest.

OPTION B:

Europa-Park Visit in Rust, Germany

Nestled between the Black Forest and the Vosges Mountains, enjoy an array of fun-filled attractions and entertaining shows at this one-of-a-kind theme park that celebrates the best of Europe. You will enjoy lunch during your visit to the park.

OPTION C:

Enjoy an Excursion to Riquewihr

Discover one of the most beautiful villages in France—the medieval town of Riquewihr—as well as a variety of landscapes in this region, ranging from Alsatian vineyards to the Vosges Mountains.

Stroll through the “Gem of the Alsace Vineyards,” as you take in the quaint half-timbered houses, cobblestone streets and structures dating back to the 13th century.

Lunch During Your Excursion

Enjoy a delicious lunch served during your excursion.

Dinner on Board the Ship

Return to the ship for a delectable evening meal.

PLEASE NOTE: Some activities have limited capacity and are on a first come, first served basis.

DAY 3

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Activities Highlights:

Alsace Canoe Trip, Canal Boat with Strasbourg Cathedral, Wine Caves of Cave Historique Des Hospices, Macaron-Making Demonstration

Breakfast on Board the Ship

Begin your day of exciting activities with a good breakfast.

Morning Activity – Choose One of These Options:

OPTION A:

Take an Alsace Canoe Trip

Take an Alsace canoe trip through the center of old Strasbourg.

OPTION B:

Take a Canal Boat Tour and Visit the Strasbourg Cathedral de Notre Dame

Take a Strasbourg city tour on the Batorama Canal Boat and pass by this city's main attractions—including towers, covered bridges and the Vauban Dam—and through this city's various districts such as the renowned Petite France.

Visit Strasbourg Cathedral de Notre Dame for an at-your-leisure visit of this beautiful cathedral, built in 1439 in the grand Gothic style, with Renaissance-era stained-glass windows and a famous astronomical clock created in 1843.

Lunch On Board the Ship

Savor lunch on board the ship highlighting Strasbourg's unique cuisine influenced by both the French and German cultures. Refuel to be ready for the afternoon activities!

Afternoon Activity – Choose One of These Options:

OPTION A:

Take a French Macaron Hands-On Demonstration

Learn how to make delicious French macarons with the onboard chef.

OPTION B:

Explore the Wine Caves of Cave Historique des Hospices

Discover wine caves in the medieval basements of Cave Historique Des Hospices, a hospital found in 1395. In its wine museum, 40 ancient wine barrels founded the history of the region—one containing wine from 1472.

Enjoy wine tasting the fine Alsatian varieties that have been more recently put in barrels and then bottled right there in the caves.

Dinner On Board the Ship

Return to the ship for a delectable evening meal.

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DAY 4

MANNHEIM, GERMANY

Activities Highlights:

Walking Tour of Heidelberg and Heidelberg Castle

Breakfast On Board the Ship

Say hello to your fellow Adventurers as you get ready for the day ahead with a tasty breakfast.

Tour Heidelberg and the Famous Heidelberg Castle

Visit Heidelberg Castle with a costumed guide telling you the fascinating history of this fortress and home of royalty, built in 1614 and considered an important Renaissance structure.

Take a walking tour through Heidelberg, Germany's oldest and most renowned university town.

Spend time on your own in Heidelberg, exploring the baroque buildings, shops and beautiful waterfronts.

Lunch On Board the Ship

For those who didn't choose to participate in the full-day activity, enjoy lunch on board the ship.

Dinner On Board the Ship

Return from a fun-filled day for a tasty dinner on the ship. Share stories of your experiences with your fellow Adventurers.

DAY 5

RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY

Activities Highlights:

Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum, Biking Around Rüdesheim, Weingut Adolf Störzel Wine Tasting, Gondola Ride to Niederwald Monument, Rhine Gorge Castle Cruise

Breakfast on Board the Ship

Wake up to a delightful breakfast with fellow Adventurers.

Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum

Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum, which contains one of the largest collections of beautiful mechanical music boxes, giant pianos and other automated instruments—dating back from the 18th to the 20th century.

Choose a Morning Activity:

OPTION A:

Biking Around Rüdesheim

Enjoy biking on your own through the quaint town of Rüdesheim and the surrounding wine country that is the birthplace of acclaimed pinot noir and Riesling wines.

OPTION B:

Included Activities in Rudesheim (At Leisure)

Explore this quaint town and take advantage of the wonderful things to do, including:

Rudesheim Coffee & Hot Chocolate Tasting: Explore Rudesheim and stop to savor a cup of the famous local coffee or a delicious hot chocolate.

Rudesheim Gondola Ride to Niederwald Monument: Be thrilled as you take to the sky on the Rudesheim Gondola Ride to the Niederwald Monument, a famous Germania monument that offers panoramic views of the old town, wine country and the Rhine River.

Lunch On Board the Ship

Take a break between your morning and afternoon activities with a refreshing lunch on board.

Choose an Afternoon Activity:

OPTION A:

Biking Around Rudesheim

Enjoy biking on your own through the quaint town of Rudesheim and the surrounding wine country that is the birthplace of acclaimed pinot noir and Riesling wines.

OPTION B:

On Your Own in Rudesheim

Explore this quaint town and take advantage of the wonderful things to do, including:

Rudesheim Coffee & Hot Chocolate Tasting: Explore Rudesheim and stop to savor a cup of the famous local coffee or a delicious hot chocolate.

Rudesheim Gondola Ride to Niederwald Monument: Be thrilled as you take to the sky on the Rudesheim Gondola Ride to the Niederwald Monument, a famous Germania monument that offers panoramic views of the old town, wine country and the Rhine River.

OPTION C:

Weingut Adolf Störzel Wine Tasting

Enjoy wine tasting accompanied by pretzels at Weingut Adolf Störzel inside the Bassenheimer Hof's cellar.

Iconic Castle Cruise Through the Rhine Gorge

Behold 30 castles in all their magnificence! Sail through the Rhine Gorge, with the ship's Cruise Manager commenting on the castles' fascinating history and offering insights about the area. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the beautiful Upper Middle Rhine Valley along the shoreline is splendid to behold. Also, participate in a Rudesheimer coffee demonstration and tasting on the sun deck.

Dinner On Board the Ship

Be our Guest for another excellent dinner prepared by the ship's culinary team.

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DAY 6

COLOGNE, GERMANY

Activities Highlights:

Cologne Walking Tour with Fragrance Museum OR Chocolate Museum OR Pub Tour, Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party & Dinner

Breakfast On Board the Ship

Enjoy an early morning breakfast on board with fellow Adventurers.

Half-Day Activities—Choose One of These Morning Options:

OPTION A:

Cologne Walking Tour, Leisure Visit of Cologne Cathedral and Fragrance Museum

Take a Cologne walking tour and explore this incredible 2,000-year old city, restored with Gothic architecture and abounding with churches, museums and galleries.

Take an "on your own" tour of the famous Cologne Cathedral, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Learn about the storied history of fragrance and how traditional German eau de cologne is made on a privately guided tour.

OPTION B:

Cologne Walking Tour, Leisure Visit of Cologne Cathedral and Chocolate Museum

Take a Cologne walking tour and explore this incredible 2,000-year old city, restored with Gothic architecture and abounding with churches, museums and galleries.

Take an "on your own" tour of the famous Cologne Cathedral, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Learn about the history and culture of chocolate on a self-guided tour of the Chocolate Museum at your leisure. You'll enjoy tasting some amazing chocolate, as well as create your own chocolate bar.

OPTION C:

Cologne Walking Tour, Leisure Visit of Cologne Cathedral & Pub Tour

Take a Cologne walking tour and explore this incredible 2,000-year-old city, restored with Gothic architecture and abounding with churches, museums and galleries.

Explore the famous Cologne Cathedral, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at your leisure.

Take the Cologne Pub Tour and explore the fine beers of the region.

Lunch On Board the Ship and Depart for Amsterdam

Tapas are available beginning at noon for your enjoyment between excursions. A late lunch is served around 2:30 PM as the ship departs. Say goodbye to Cologne and head towards Amsterdam, continuing your picturesque voyage down the Rhine River.

Afternoon Frühschoppen

Take a break and enjoy a beer with sausages and pretzels as your Adventure Guides tell you about what lies ahead when you disembark tomorrow morning in Amsterdam.

Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party & Dinner On Board the Ship

Join the Captain on board the ship for one last cocktail party and scrumptious dinner. Say farewell to him and your fellow Adventurers and share the experiences you encountered on this magical adventure.

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DAY 7

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Activities Highlights:

Amsterdam Canal Cruise, Rijksmuseum, The Rembrandt House, Van Gogh Museum, Volendam, Zaanse Schans

Breakfast On Board the Ship

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast and get ready for the adventures ahead.

Amsterdam Canal Cruise

Travel by boat along one of the 165 canals that are Amsterdam's lifeline. Along the way, view this 800-year-old city's famous historical center and some of its most memorable and beautiful attractions—ancient churches, quaint canal houses, picturesque bridges, cobblestone streets and more.

Morning Activity—Choose One of These Options:

OPTION A:

Discover History at the Rijksmuseum

Discover the art and history of Amsterdam in The Rijksmuseum. This national museum displays nearly 8,000 pieces of art dating from the 9th to 19th centuries. Housed in over 150 rooms in an impressive, gold-leaf building, magnificent 15th- to 17th-century paintings are on display—masterpieces by

Rembrandt, Vermeer, among others. It also houses some outstanding 19th century works as well as a remarkable Asian collection.

OPTION B:

Visit The Rembrandt House Museum

Pay a visit to the home and workshop of the Netherlands' greatest artist and see where he lived, worked and found the inspiration for some of his masterpieces.

OPTION C:

Visit the Van Gogh Museum

Explore the Van Gogh Museum with over 1,000 paintings, drawings and letters of Vincent van Gogh. This museum contains the largest collection of Van Gogh painting in the world. Learn about Van Gogh's personal history, how conservators restored his paintings and more. Get an intimate view of some of his greatest masterpieces, including "Sunflowers" and "The Bedroom," as well as many works of his contemporaries.

Lunch On Board the Ship

Enjoy a relaxing lunch with your fellow Adventurers before you set off on your afternoon excursions.

Afternoon Excursion—Choose One of These Options:

OPTION A:

Countryside Visit to Volendam

Tour the classic fishing village of Volendam, located near IJsselmeer Lake just outside of Amsterdam. With its beautiful harbor, home to old fishing boats and residents who still wear traditional clothing such as pointed bonnets, it represents life in The Netherlands.

OPTION B:

See the Sights in Zaanse Schans

Take in the community of Zaanse Schans, located amidst a meadow landscape and appearing as if it's straight out of a child's storybook, with iconic wooden windmills and other structures that have been moved and reassembled here piece by piece to bring the history of this area to life. Feel welcomed by this community as you stroll past wooden houses, shops and museums.

Try your hand at clog-decorating and see a cheese-making demonstration.

Dinner On Board the Ship

As you cruise towards Amsterdam, savor a delectable dinner on board.

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DAY 8

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Activities Highlights:

Disembark the Ship, Transfer to the Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

Breakfast On Board the Ship

Enjoy one last breakfast on the ship as you close your incredible adventure.

Transfer to the Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)

Get assistance with your luggage and be escorted to the Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS) for your journey home.