

CAPTIVATING RHINE

July 25 – August 1, 2024



COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRAVEL

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7 Night Rhine River Cruise aboard the AmaLucia
Optional 2 Night Pre-Cruise in Amsterdam
Optional 4 Night Post-Cruise in Lucerne & Zurich

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 FLIGHT TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

DAY 2 AMSTERDAM Arrive at hotel in Amsterdam for 2-night stay. Evening at leisure.

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM Walking tour of Amsterdam with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

DAY 4 CRUISE BEGINS – EMBARKATION IN AMSTERDAM Visit Zaanse Schans. Authentic windmills and houses were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th- to 18th-century village. Embark ship to begin your Captivating Rhine Cruise. (B, D)

DAY 5 AMSTERDAM Enjoy an Amsterdam canal cruise before setting sail out of the city. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 COLOGNE, GERMANY Guided tour of Old Town Cologne. Explore Cologne Cathedral, one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces. Continue to Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall. Visit a local tavern for a taste of the city's famous Kolsch Beer and reibekuchen mit apfelmus, potato pancakes served with applesauce. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY Cruise the stunningly beautiful Rhine Gorge to the winemaking town of Rudesheim. Savor a wine tasting from the town's iconic vineyards or soar high above via the Niederwalddenkmal gondola ride. Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum and its collection of self-playing musical instruments or taste the town's special delight, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B, L, D)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Amsterdam Canal Cruise
- ★ Zaanse Schans Historic Village
- ★ Cologne Guided Tour
- ★ Cologne Cathedral & Rathaus
- ★ Rhine River Gorge
- ★ Rudesheim Wine Tasting
- ★ Niederwalddenkmal Aerial Gondola
- ★ Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum
- ★ Heidelberg Castle & Great Vat
- ★ Speyer & Altpörtel
- ★ Neckar River Valley
- ★ Strasbourg Guided Tour
- ★ Village of Riquewihir
- ★ Freiburg's Münster
- ★ Black Forest
- ★ Basel Guided Tour
- ★ Lucerne Guided Tour
- ★ Zurich Guided Tour



dating back to the 13th century. (B)

DAY 13 LUCERNE – ZURICH, SWITZERLAND Depart Lucerne and travel to Zurich. Scenic lake cruise. Arrive at hotel in Zurich for a 2-night stay. (B)

DAY 14 ZURICH Guide tour of Zurich, Switzerland’s largest city, and visit Old Town, known for its medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. (B)

DAY 15 FLIGHT HOME FROM ZURICH. (B)

DAY 8 LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY Visit Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask, or visit Speyer and the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 STRASBOURG, FRANCE Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Panoramic tour past the Parc de l’Orangerie, European Parliament, Place de la République, and Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Stroll Strasbourg’s iconic “La Petite France” district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 BREISACH, GERMANY Step back in time while in the enchanting 16th century Alsatian town of Riquewihr and its famous Dolder Gate, or visit Freiburg, founded in 1120, and home to the Freiburg’s Münster, a Gothic cathedral with “the most beautiful spire on earth.” (B, L, D)

DAY 11 CRUISE ENDS – DISEMBARKATION IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND Disembark ship followed by a guided tour of Basel. Arrive in Lucerne for a walking tour to discover this pristine city. Arrive at hotel in Lucerne for a 2-night stay. (B)

DAY 12 LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND See iconic Lion Monument, sculpted in memory of Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. See spectacular medieval walls and towers,



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July 22 – August 5, 2024 (Cruise + Pre & Post)

CRUISE STATEROOM

From **\$3,999** per person

FOR CRUISE PACKAGE QUOTE CALL 847-548-3333

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN CRUISE PACKAGE

7 night cruise on the Rhine River aboard AmaLucia, all shipboard meals & inclusive drink package, shore excursions at each port of call, port charges, luggage handling and all onboard gratuities, services of American Classic Tour director, Ama Cruise manager and local guides.

PRE & POST PACKAGES

3 night pre-cruise in Amsterdam and **4 night** post-cruise in Zurich and Lucerne are available to add on to your cruise. Call for pricing & availability.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PRE & POST PACKAGE

Hotel accommodations, breakfast each morning, tours, attractions & admission fees, transfer to/from hotel and ship, luggage handling, services of American Classic Tour director and local guides.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Add travel insurance to your package at the time of reservation.

DEPOSIT: \$1,500 per Person

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: 2/10/24

ACTIVITY LEVEL: ① ② ③ **PASSPORT REQUIRED**

CLASSIC ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

INCLUDES HOME PICK-UP SERVICE & AIRFARE

Our Classic All-Inclusive Package features home pick-up & return service, roundtrip airfare, and airport transfers, in addition to your cruise package (listed above).

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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR?

- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- ★ Fine-Dining (see pg. 3 for exact meal count)
- ★ All Attractions, Tours, Admissions
- ★ Luggage Handling
- ★ All Tips & Taxes
- ★ Premier Local Guides
- ★ American Classic Tour Director

EASY ADD-ONS

- ★ Home Pickup & Return
- ★ Airfare
- ★ Travel Insurance

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- 3. TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel Insurance may be added to all tour packages.

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