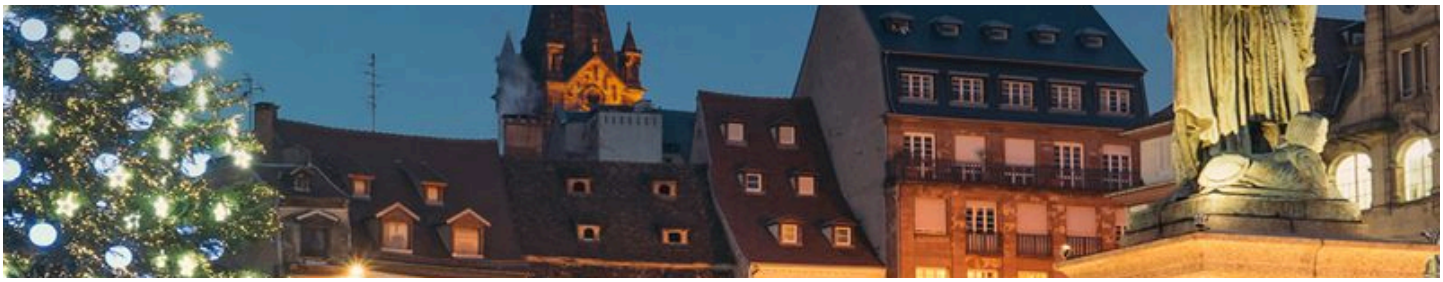
CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. MNL_PP

The Magic of Christmas: Savory delights and holiday traditions on a Rhine River cruise (port-to-port cruise)

FRANCE - GERMANY

Join us for a cruise on the Rhine River to explore the oldest, most revered Christmas markets in Europe. Let yourself be swept away by the beauty and charm of long-standing holiday traditions that include dazzling lights, soothing mulled wine, and zesty gingerbread delights. Plunge into the holiday spirit on our exclusive European Christmas cruise.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the magic of Christmas on a Rhine cruise with a special onboard holiday program
- The romantic Rhine Valley and the legendary rock of the Lorelei under the winter sky
- EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
- Rüdesheim and a tour of its unique mechanical music cabinet museum, a visit to its Christmas Market of Nations, and a hot cup of its local specialty: Rüdesheimer Kaffee.
- Mainz, its cathedral, the Gutenberg Museum, and one of the most beautiful holiday markets in Germany
- The Musée Lalique, dedicated to the master craftsman of fine glass
- Strasbourg during the holiday season
- Tasting of traditional Alsatian Christmas cookies on board

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

STRASBOURG

You'll board our ship at 5 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. After dinner on board, join us for an evening celebrating the Alsatian holiday cookies known as bredeles. Our ship will cruise through the night.

DAY 2

Romantic Rhine River - RÜDESHEIM

We'll cruise the Rhine to the legendary rock of the Lorelei, following the twists and turns dominated by dramatic ruins, scenic vineyards, and majestic fortresses. Join us in the lounge and tast delicious bredeles! Our next stop is Rüdesheim, a picturesque village lined with narrow, cobblestone streets and half-timbered homes. We'll board a tourist train(1) for Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, showcasing 350 self-playing, mechanical music instruments dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries and including delicate musical boxes and a gigantic piano-orchestrion. Then enjoy some free time on your own to discover the international Christmas market located in the city's historic downtown area. The 120 wooden chalets set the stage for an authentic German Christmas market displaying artisan objects, great gift ideas, and delicious culinary specialties such as local confections and cookies, and of course, pretzels! The city is also home to one of the largest nativity scenes in Europe. You'll return to the ship by walking down the infamous Drosselgasse, lined with numerous cafés and bars. We'll enjoy dinner on board before a quick escape to the city again this evening to taste the exquisite Rüdesheimer Kaffee.

DAY 3

RÜDESHEIM - MAINZ - GAMBSHEIM

We'll cruise to Mainz in the early morning. Upon arrival, included excursion: Mainz and its Cathedral (2). Guided walking tour of the historic heart of Mainz. Admire its beautifully restored historic residences and its majestic cathedral. Its impressive silhouette dominates the city with its distinctive towers and rich architectural features. Then enjoy free time to stroll through the Christmas Market, set in a picturesque square against the backdrop of magnificent Renaissance-style historic houses. Wander along the lanes lined with the region's characteristic Christmas pyramids and wooden chalets displaying handcrafted items, local curiosities and traditional specialties inspired by authentic family cuisine that will delight your taste buds. A true reflection of the German way of life, immerse yourself in this magical Christmas atmosphere to your heart's content. Return to the ship on foot. After the tour, we'll have lunch on the ship and spend the afternoon cruising to Gambsheim. Feel free to join us for a bit of onboard entertainment recounting Christmas traditions. Tonight is our festive gala evening. Our ship will cruise through the night.

DAY 4

GAMBSHEIM - STRASBOURG

Once we arrive in Gambsheim, we'll leave by coach for Wingen-sur-Moder and a visit to the Musée Lalique to learn about crystalware-genius René Lalique and his successors. Lalique became one of the greatest names of his time, both as a jeweler and a master glassmaker. His instantly recognizable style was a major influence in the Art Nouveau and Art Deco movements. Discover the company's wide range of impressive crystal and glass designs, pieces of jewelry, tableware, lights, and vases. Admire the fabulous collections and don't miss the temporary exhibit just for the holidays! Christmas is the perfect time to showcase the exceptional past and present work of Lalique. Continuation towards Strasbourg for a panoramic tour, then return on board in Strasbourg for lunch. In the afternoon, feel free set out on your own to admire the lights around the city near the cathedral, the Place Kléber, Carré d'Or, and Place Gutenberg. It's quite a sight! And don't forget to browse a few of the Christmas Markets set up across the city. We'll greet you with a hot cup of mulled wine* as you return on board. Enjoy an authentic Alsatian dinner this evening, followed by a quiz to test your knowledge about Alsatian Christmas Markets.

DAY 5

STRASBOURG

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (1)

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE - CLASSIC PACKAGE INCLUDED

1 day

Our price includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - cabin category of your choice - onboard drinks (except for drinks from our special lists) - the Rüdesheimer Kaffee in the evening of Day 2 - coach trip on Day 4 - onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner and evening - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary. (1) Travel by tourist train is subject to the weather conditions at the time of the tour. (2) Subject to religious services or celebrations. Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

Drinks on our special lists - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - cancellation and baggage insurance - any services not specifically mentioned in the program - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.