Holiday Markets Cruise
The Festive Rhine River | Düsseldorf to Basel

Inspiring Moments

➤ Watch the river's glorious scenery unfold around you, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.

➤ Be immersed in the joyful spirit of the holiday markets amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.

➤ Enjoy an exclusive musical treat in Heidelberg's romantic old town.

➤ Delight in the charming timbered houses and cobblestone streets of Grande Île, the historic heart of Strasbourg.

➤ Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of Cologne Cathedral.

➤ Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Warming up with mulled wine

Celebrate centuries-old traditions at European holiday markets on a seven-night Rhine River cruise to Germany and France. Feel the holiday magic in town squares aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer and overflowing with handmade decorations. Delight in the uplifting sounds of carolers and bells and the scent of nutmeg, cinnamon and fresh pine in the air. New adventures await daily! Visit Heidelberg's red sandstone castle over the Neckar valley and admire Cologne's cathedral built over 630 years. Customize your cruise with a selection of included excursions in Düsseldorf, Rüdesheim, Strasbourg and Breisach.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Düsseldorf, Germany.

Day 2 | Düsseldorf, Germany
Transfer to the pier and embark the ship.
Get acquainted at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Düsseldorf
PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Düsseldorf and Holiday Markets. See the city's eclectic, eye-catching architecture, including the Medienhafen riverfront district. Then, explore the old town, famed for a half-mile stretch of more than 250 bars, cafés and breweries. Next, enjoy time to visit the city's seven themed Christkindlmarkts, focused on handicrafts, angels and fairy tales, among others.
• Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne. Travel to this historic city that was once the capital and favorite royal residence of Charlemagne, crowned emperor of the Romans by Pope Leo III in 800. Tour Aachen's cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring Charlemagne's richly decorated imperial chapel and his original throne. Walk through the city center and spa area before finishing at the holiday market. Return to the ship for a delicious lunch.

Free Time: Explore Düsseldorf and its markets.

Day 4 | Cologne
Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions.
Cologne Walking Tour. See the old town's landmarks and visit the majestic cathedral. After your excursion, savor a tasty lunch on the ship.
Free Time: Enjoy Cologne on your own this afternoon.

Day 5 | Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim
Sail through stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

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Enhanced Health & Safety Protocols (see website for details)
Day 6 | Mannheim | Heidelberg
The ship arrives in Mannheim this morning.

Mannheim has been the capital of the Rheinland-Pfalz state since 1947. The castle with its immense wine barrel and gaze over Neckar Valley from above. Relax afterward at a traditional German restaurant.

Day 7 | Strasbourg, France

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Day 8 | Breisach, Germany | Freiburg

Freiburg. Stroll in the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the turreted Merchants’ Hall and other highlights, then visit the cheery Christkindlmarkt.

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
•Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace. Visit this exquisite French medieval village set in a small valley near the Vosges mountains. Sample some of its fabulous wines and take in its romantic charm.
•Colmar Markets. Explore four different Alsatian holiday markets, each with its own character, in this pretty French town lined with half-timbered houses. Celebrate your magical holiday cruise with your fellow travelers at tonight’s Farewell Reception and Dinner. The ship cruises overnight to Basel, Switzerland.

Day 9 | Basel, Switzerland | In Transit

Disembark the ship in Basel. Transfer to the airport in Zürich for the return flight to your gateway city.

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