

Castles Along the Rhine September 8-16, 2018



DAY 1 – BASEL (BREISACH)

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, where you will be transferred to the ship.

DAY 2 – BREISACH (KAYSERBERG AND RIQUEWIHR OR COLMAR)

FEATURED EXCURSIONS:

Choice of Alsatian “Village Day” **OR** Colmar city tour

Breisach is your gateway to the Alsatian wine road, your launching point for one of two excursions. You can visit Kayserberg and Riquewihr, two of the most picturesque villages in the region, sampling local delicacies and getting a feel for daily life, or take a tour of the larger town, Colmar, considered one of the most beautiful destinations along the wine road. Enjoy the festive **Captain’s Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner**.

DAY 3 – KEHL (STRASBOURG)

FEATURED EXCURSIONS:

Choice of Strasbourg by canal OR exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Strasbourg walking tour

The Alsatian town of Strasbourg boasts a UNESCO-designated city center, a grand Gothic cathedral and half-timbered houses. See the sights on a delightful canal cruise through the picturesque Petite France district, or if you wish to do as the locals do, opt for an Old Town walking tour with stops for pastries and coffee.

Note: The canal cruise has limited capacity.

DAY 4 – MANNHEIM (SPEYER)

FEATURED EXCURSIONS:

Choice of Speyer walking discovery tour OR exclusive Doktorenhof vinegar estate visit and tasting

Stroll through Speyer’s charming Old Town to the city’s grand cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, for a different spin on the Palatinate wine region, visit the Doktorenhof vinegar estate to sample unique aperitifs made from wine vinegars.

DAY 5 – RUDESHIEM, CRUISING THE ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER, BOPPARD

FEATURED EXCURSIONS:

Choice of exclusive Castle Vollrads wine tasting OR exclusive guided “Go Active” hike from Rudesheim to Assmanshausen, and guided Boppard village stroll

Wine connoisseurs will want to go on a private tour and Riesling tasting at Castle Vollrad. Adventurers will want to soar up to the Niederwald Heights on a gondola, followed by a hike. Then, after a cruise along the UNESCO-designated Upper Middle Rhine, stroll through quaint Boppard.

DAY 6 – CRUISING THE ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER, KOBLENZ

FEATURED EXCURSIONS:

Choice of Koblenz walking discovery tour OR exclusive guided “Go Active” bike ride, and Marksburg Castle visit

Watch the waters of the Moselle meld with the Rhine as you stand at the German Corner during your discovery tour. For more active exploration, bike from Boppard to Koblenz. Later in the day, get a close-up look at Marksburg Castle.

DAY 7 - COLOGNE

FEATURED EXCURSION:

Cologne walking discovery tour with choice of Cologne Cathedral

Experience Cologne's history and architecture today on a stroll with a local expert through the city's Old Town. Visit the iconic Cologne Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a Gothic masterpiece. Cap off the day at the Captain's Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

Note: On Sundays and Catholic holidays, tours inside the cathedral are not allowed, but individual visits are still welcomed.

DAY 8 - AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARK), TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Disembark the ship and transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in Amsterdam.

Call for group pricing: 517-819-8442.