

WFSU Public Media presents...

# Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers

August 27 – September 4, 2023



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**9 Days • 20 Meals:** 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Amsterdam, 7-Night River Cruise, Rhine River, Cologne, Moselle River, Cochem, Wine Tasting, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight  
Days 2 – 8 MS Amadeus Queen, Bavaria  
*On some dates an alternate may be used.*

**Day 1: Sunday, August 27, 2023 Overnight Flight** Discover a dramatic waterway where winding valleys give way to riverside cities and Alpine hamlets. Venture along the Rhine and Moselle and spend time in beloved European cities, getting a taste of the local culture in each stop along the way.

**Day 2: Monday, August 28, 2023 Amsterdam, Netherlands** - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship Your tour opens in Amsterdam, a city of narrow canals and stone bridges, where you will board your ship. Your home for the next seven nights, this ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. (D)

**Day 3: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Amsterdam** Embark on a tour of Amsterdam with a local expert before seeing the city from a different perspective, voyaging along the city's centuries-old canal system. Sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. In the evening, relax as your ship departs the Netherlands and makes its way to Germany. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 Cologne, Germany** As the sun rises, glide along the Rhine River and pass through the picturesque German landscapes dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne, where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Gothic Old Town. Wander along cobblestone streets and admire the Cologne Cathedral, the Roman Dionysus mosaic, and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, August 31, 2023 Moselle River - Cochem** Cross into the Moselle River to Cochem, a storybook town overlooking the water. Embark on a guided tour through the town and into Reichsburg Castle, a fortress perched high above the surrounding area. End your tour in one of Cochem's wine cellars, introducing you to the culture with a local winemaker and a tasting of regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Friday, September 1, 2023 Koblenz - Rudesheim** Get to know the 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz your way because this morning, **it's your choice!** Explore the restored Old Town on a walking tour and see Schängel Fountain featuring a bronze statue of a mischievous young boy that has become a symbol of the city **-OR-** embark on a walking tour that immerses you in the darker history of the city as you hear tales of the gangsters who made Koblenz their home and see where they lived in the 18th century. Your next stop this afternoon is Rudesheim, which you'll explore with an expert guide. Visit the city's famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (Mechanical Music Museum) and hear the traditional music of barrel organs and medieval instruments. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Saturday, September 2, 2023 Mannheim - Speyer** The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore this German city and its parks on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Heidelberg, an ancient city of Renaissance buildings and castle ramparts. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and



**Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$4,348\***

**Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$5,098\***

**Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$5,448\***

**Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$7,448\***

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Tallahassee Municipal, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, \$100 donation to WFSU

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first serve basis.

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

step back in time on a walking tour to explore the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. End your day at the Captain's Gala Dinner – a lively celebration of food, music and entertainment. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, September 3, 2023 Strasbourg, France** Cross the French border and experience Strasbourg, a fairytale town that blends centuries of international influences to create its own unique culture. Walking through the old quarter, Petite

France, take in the iconic timber-framed houses, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and Place de la République. Make the most of some free time to explore this perfectly preserved town. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of a fabulous journey at your farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Monday, September 4, 2023 Basel, Switzerland - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends** Wish the river valleys goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### Experience It! The Rhine River

To know the Rhine River is to know Europe. Running from the Swiss Alps through Germany, this vital waterway eventually flows into the North Sea. Historically important and visually stunning, the Rhine provides the perfect "highway" from which to explore the heart of the Old World. From your cruise ship, you will see fairy-tale castles, endless vineyards and ancient cities. Legendary landmarks like Lorelei Rock, which soars high above the river, complete a perfect picture. Travel from Amsterdam, the Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland in style. Along the way, you gain a new perspective that only a river and land travel experience can offer.

## PLEASE NOTE:

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

*Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

Cabins are available on lower (Haydn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of reservation; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites are available (Amadeus Suites) on a very limited basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. Priority will be given to guests purchasing the complete land and air package. Guests purchasing their own air will be put on a waiting list until the booking deadline. If you book your own air, you will need to purchase transfers to stay with the group. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for ladies and jacket and tie for gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the trip.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.



**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time but need some time to unwind and relax.

Please note that this trip is not appropriate for individuals using wheelchairs. The ship's embarkation process requires the use of steps.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. Air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

**A deposit of \$900 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of December 21, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 29, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until December 28, 2022.**

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