



CLASSICAL RHINE

TOUR DAYS: 09 DAYS / 07 NIGHTS

TOUR TYPE: RIVER CRUISE

TOUR DATES: OCT 17-25, 2018

**USA - AMSTERDAM – HOORN – COLOGNE – COCHEM – KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM –
MANNHEIM – SPEYER – STRASBOURG – BASEL - USA**

TOUR SUMMARY:

Running approximately 500 miles, from the Alps of Switzerland to the North Sea, through France, Germany, and the Netherlands, the Rhine has everything a traveler could ask for: castles and monasteries, vineyards and villages, cathedrals and a wealth of epicurean delights to be savored at every bend. On this scenery-packed, 8-day journey, you'll see and experience it all, from Amsterdam through the Lower Rhine and along the fabled Rhine Gorge, beloved by the Romantics and explorers through the ages for its picturesque beauty and ancient legends. Come experience true German hospitality in charming riverside towns, get a taste of France in sophisticated Strasbourg, and discover Basel, the charming cultural capital located where the French, German, and Swiss borders meet. Enjoy the passing scenery in leisurely comfort and style, savor local specialties onboard and ashore, and discover the highlights and landmarks on a variety of guided tours and opportunities for independent exploration.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the many beautiful facets of "Father Rhine"
- Cruise along one of the most important and attractive rivers of Europe
- Delight in the panorama of the myth-enshrouded Middle Rhine Valley
- Visit to the very historic river cities of Amsterdam, Cologne, Strasbourg and Basel



TOUR PRICE:

Oct 17-25, 2018	Lower Deck Haydn C-4 (X2 Cabins)	Lower Deck Haydn C-1 (X10 Cabins)	Middle Deck Strauss B-4 (X2 Cabins)	Middle Deck Strauss B-1 (X11 Cabins)	Upper Deck Mozart A-1 (X8 Cabins)	Upper Deck Mozart Suite (X2 Cabins)
Per person on twin sharing basis	US\$ 2899	US\$ 2999	US\$ 3199	US\$ 3299	US\$ 3499	US\$ 3999
Single Supplement	US\$ 450	US\$ 490	US\$ 999	US\$ 1650	US\$ 2099	US\$ 3999

TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 Nights' Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Cruise	07 Nights	Amadeus Royal

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at listed river cruise or similar
- Daily breakfast while on the cruise
- 06 lunches on board
- 07 dinners on board
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Cocktail reception
- Welcome Dinner
- Captain's Gala Dinner



- Experienced English speaking cruise director
- 24-hour coffee station
- Onboard entertainment
- Bottled water in every stateroom
- In-stateroom infotainment center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for optional excursions
- Fitness room (open 24 hours)
- Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted on the Sun Deck)
- All port charges
- All Local applicable taxes
- **International return airfare from NEW YORK**
- Air taxes and Fuel surcharges

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Visa fees if applicable
- Optional Tours
- Items of personal nature, tips & gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Any type of beverage other than Tea and coffee
- Any items not mentioned as being included

EXTRA SERVICES:

Amadeus Package: USD \$200.00 per person

Includes the following services: Wine, draft beer and soft drinks for lunch and dinner as well as bottled water in cabins (replenished daily), WIFI, Wireless AMADEUS-Audio-Guides by Quiet Vox for all excursions

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: USA - AMSTERDAM

Make your own way to your gateway airport for your international flight to Amsterdam. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

DAY 02: AMSTERDAM (ARRIVAL & EMBARKATION) (-/-/D)

Welcome to Amsterdam! Today you will be transferred to the port where you will embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. Check in starts at 4 pm. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially prepared Welcome Dinner. Overnight on board cruise

DAY 03: AMSTERDAM – HOORN (B/L/D)

Begin your day with a relaxing cruise through a myriad of landscapes along the Rhine river. For more active pursuits, spend the morning exploring the canal city of Amsterdam and the surrounding countryside, rejoin the vessel in the town of Hoorn and cruise along the IJsselmeer. This evening join your fellow travelers for dinner.

Overnight on board cruise

Optional: City Tour of Amsterdam with Canal Trip and North Holland Excursion USD 63/ CAD 85 per person

Settled as a small fishing village in the late 12th century, Amsterdam became one of the most important ports in the world during the Dutch Golden Age, a result of its innovative developments in trade. During that time, the city was the leading centre for finance and diamonds. Today, the city has one of the largest historic centres in Europe, with about 7,000 registered historic buildings. The street pattern is largely unchanged since the 19th century. The centre consists of 90 islands, linked by 400 bridges. Its most prominent feature is the concentric canal ring begun in the 17th century. On the city tour through the Dutch metropolis, you see Dam Square, the Royal Palace, numerous canals as well as the Museum Quarter. Aside from touring by motor coach, what better way is there to see the city of Amsterdam than by canal cruise boat as well? Afterwards you drive through the Dutch Polder landscape to the old fishing village of Volendam. Built on the shore of the former Zuiderzee, the Volendam houses are built very close to each other forming the typical neighbourhoods of Volendam. Have a stroll through the old village and see people still dressed in traditional costumes. Board your motor coach and drive out of Volendam into the countryside to visit a local cheese farm. Here you will learn how Dutch cheese is made. There will also be time for you to try some and if you wish, to buy some.

**DAY 04: COLOGNE****(B/L/D)**

After lunch, view our arrival into the beautiful city of Cologne. Every year visitors from all over the world are drawn to the historical city and its 2000-year history. Explore the historic Old Town, visit the famous twin-spired Cologne Cathedral, or perhaps sample some of the famous Kölsch beer brewed in Cologne. There are many medieval houses, bridges, and gates that will delight the historian in you, while the more modern skyscrapers that tower overhead are sure to impress. After an exciting day, we return to the vessel and make our way south.

Overnight on board cruise

Optional: Cologne Walking Tour**USD 20/ CAD 27 per person**

During a city walk you can explore the surroundings of the famous cathedral and the old town. Many attractions are concentrated on one square kilometre around the cathedral, town hall and old town with the large Romanesque church of St. Martin. You take a look at the Roman Dionysus mosaic. In the narrow, cobbled streets of the old town and on the busy places such as the Roncalliplatz, the old market or the hay market you get a feeling for life in the city yesterday and today. Of course, you will take a look at the inside of the Cologne Cathedral either in accompanied by your guide or at your own initiative (depending on the opening hours of the Cathedral and / or if a mess is celebrated etc.). The Cologne Cathedral is the most frequently visited sight in Germany.

DAY 05: COCHEM**(B/L/D)**

Today our Amadeus vessel takes a special trip down the romantic Moselle river, the largest tributary of the Rhine, and anchors at the old town of Cochem. The scenery in the Moselle Valley has been dominated by vineyards for millennia. Cochem itself has narrow streets, twisting alleys and medieval town gates, churches and walls. Discover the beauty of Cochem and perhaps sample some of the Riesling wines produced in this region. This evening we set off towards Koblenz.

Overnight on board cruise

Optional: Cochem Walking Tour with Wine Tasting**USD 44/ CAD 59 per person**

The harmonic triad of unique Mosel landscape, thousands of years of wine growing and culture makes Cochem so popular. Discover the city with its narrow, winding streets and lovingly restored half-timbered houses with the typical slate roofs during the city walk. Along this tour, you will also visit the Reichsburg Castle. The magnificent castle is by its size and its location on a precipitous rock high above the city dominating the cityscape. Equally impressive is the view you can enjoy from the castle; you will see the Moselle Valley with its dreamy mixed forests, meadows and vineyards and the old town. End your tour in Cochem with a taste of local Mosel wines.

DAY 06: KOBLENZ - RÜDESHEIM**(B/L/D)**

This morning, arrive in Koblenz, ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. The Romans, the Franks, the Holy Roman Empire, the French, and the Germans have all had a hand in this strategic city's 2000-year history. St. Castor Basilica, the Church of our Beloved Lady, and the Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm's memorial at the German Corner, are just a few of the sites which reflect the history of the area. This afternoon, spend time on deck as we cruise the most beautiful section of the river – the legendary Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Late this afternoon, the vessel arrives in Rüdesheim, a winemaking town in the Rhine Gorge. Discover the region's rich history of winemaking – perhaps visit the local museum – a great place to start. Back onboard your crew awaits with a delicious dinner.

Overnight on board cruise

Optional: Koblenz Walking Tour**USD 18/ CAD 24 per person**

Discover Koblenz, one of the most beautiful and oldest towns in Germany with over 2,000 years of history. On our guided walk you can admire the town's old quarter, which was badly damaged during the Second World War and then rebuilt. The romantic streets between the St. Castor Basilica and the Church of our Beloved Lady represent the number one tourist attraction nowadays. Obviously, this tour is not complete without a visit to the Emperor Wilhelm Memorial at the famous German Corner and the town's landmark, the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall.

Optional: City Walk of Rüdesheim and Music Museum**USD 25/ CAD 34 per person**

The unique winemakers Express takes you from the dock of the ship to „Siegfried Mechanical Music Cabinet“. There you can expect a musical adventure with historical self-playing musical instruments. Right after this a guided tour leads you through the picturesque town. Explore the heart of old town Rüdesheim -the Drosselgasse -where wine houses and garden taverns invite you to linger. Immerse yourself in the history of the city and visit the eagle tower, a part of the city wall and the fortifications from the 15th century.

**DAY 07: MANNHEIM – SPEYER****(B/L/D)**

After breakfast, explore the bustling metropolis of Mannheim. This unique city has many sights to see including the University of Mannheim, the National Theater Mannheim, and St. Sebastian's Church. It is also home to Luisenpark, one of the most beautiful parks in all of Germany. Nearby Heidelberg is another old university city which is also a worthwhile visit. This afternoon's call is at Speyer, a city known for its Cathedral where eight Roman Emperors and German Kings are interred. The Old Town Gate, Memorial Church, and Transportation Museum are all highlights of this beautiful city. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's Gala Dinner after your exciting day.

Overnight on board cruise

Optional: City tour of Heidelberg**USD 53/ CAD 72 per person**

On this excursion, you will visit Heidelberg, the world-famous University City on the Neckar River. The tour begins with a visit of the castle. The formerly splendid residence made of red sandstone has been a ruin, maybe the most beautiful in all of Germany, since it has experienced destruction by the French in the 17th century. The castle tour leads into the court yard and into the castle garden. From the Grand Terrace, you have a wonderful view onto the city and the Neckar River. The tour continues with a stroll through the enchanting old town to Karl-Theodor Bridge with the two-tower bridge gate, to the Late-Gothic Holy Ghost Church, to the town hall and the Renaissance building "Zum Ritter" which survived the fire of 1693.

Optional: Speyer Walking Tour**USD 18/ CAD 24 per person**

Speyer, the venerable emperor's city on the Rhine, has had a rich and turbulent past. Religious architecture steeped in history, impressive facades of various styles, winding alleys and romantic squares express the character of the city. The tour of the city includes a guided tour of the Romanesque Imperial Cathedral, with its striking twin tower portal, and visits to the church of the Holy Spirit, the Old Gate (Altpoertel) and the Jewish Ritual Bath (Mikveh).

DAY 08: STRASBOURG**(B/L/D)**

This morning we arrive in the dynamic capital of Alsace. This beautiful city's sights include the famous cathedral Straßburger Münster and the Petite France quarter, a former mill and tanner district that still maintains its medieval charm. Half-timbered houses, the Ponts Couverts, the Palais de Rohan, the Council of Europe are among the wonders that Strasbourg holds in store for you. The Grand Island, the city center, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is connected to the rest of the city by 22 stone bridges. After lunch, onboard, take in the views of the romantic Rhine as we move towards Switzerland, our final destination. Overnight on board cruise

Optional: City Tour of Strasbourg**USD 60/ CAD 80 per person**

Enjoy a discovery tour through the beautiful city of Strasbourg. After a short bus tour through the city the tour continues with a walk through the historic and lovely old part of the town and includes a visit of the famous cathedral (not possible on Sundays and public holidays). During a cruise on a river boat you will discover the famous quarter Petite France. This former mill and tanner district still maintains its medieval charm. Some of the beautiful half-timbered houses on the bank of the river Ill are up to 500 years old. You will enjoy Strasbourg with its half-timbered houses, the Ponts Couverts, the Palais de Rohan, the Council of Europe and all the other wonders that Strasbourg holds in store for you (the river boat cruise is not available in the winter-season).

DAY 09: BASEL (DISEMBARKATION & DEPARTURE) – USA**(B/-/-)**

Enjoy breakfast on board before you disembark. Later you will be transferred to the airport on your own for your flight back home.

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EXCURSION PACKAGES

Excursion	Package A	Package B	Package C
City Tour of Amsterdam with Canal Trip and North Holland	X	X	X
Cologne Walking Tour	X	X	X
Cochem Walking Tour with Wine Tasting		X	X
Koblenz Walking Tour	X		X
City Walk of Rudesheim and Music Museum		X	X
City tour of Heidelberg	X	X	X
Speyer Walking Tour			X
City Tour of Strasbourg	X	X	X
Price per person	USD 184 CAD 250	USD 228 CAD 310	USD 258 CAD 350