



Romantic RHINE



Escorted by
Bill and Kathy Brown

Avalon Cruise from Amsterdam to Basel

August 25 – September 2, 2025

Highlights:

- ▲ **DAILY OPTIONS** for Active, Discovery and Classic excursions
- ▲ **EXPLORE AMSTERDAM'S** iconic canals and see the city's colorful canal houses
- ▲ **VISIT COLOGNE** and taste local Kölsch beer
- ▲ **SAIL THROUGH** the UNESCO-listed Rhine Gorge passing ancient castles and the Lorelei Rock
- ▲ **OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT** magnificent Heidelberg Castle towering above the city
- ▲ **ENJOY** live local music on board your ship
- ▲ **DISCOVER STRASBOURG'S** soaring Gothic cathedral and charming La Petite France area
- ▲ **JOURNEY** through the magical Black Forest region in Germany
- ▲ **OPPORTUNITY** to visit storybook Colmar in Alsace wine country
- ▲ **CRUISE** concludes in cosmopolitan Basel, Switzerland



Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.
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Travel Dates
August 25 –
September 2, 2025
\$2,999
 (Deluxe Stateroom)
 double occupancy
 + port charges \$210
 per person
 + air and transfers
 Prepaid Gratuities
 are included
 Upgraded Cabins Available

Travel Insurance \$359
per person



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Day 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT FROM THE US

Day 2: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. Join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM *Dinner*

Day 3: AMSTERDAM – Canals of Colorful Amsterdam

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. CLASSIC Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 4: COLOGNE, GERMANY – Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

ACTIVE Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne – with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral. Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager – locally brewed for over 100 years! Later, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 5: RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM – Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

En route to Rudesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei – where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors. ACTIVE Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rudesheim, OR: DISCOVERY Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rudesheimer coffee. Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 6: MAINZ – EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG – Printing Halls, Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel

ACTIVE Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way, OR: CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing, OR: CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel." EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 7: STRASBOURG, FRANCE – A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities. ACTIVE Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District. Choose a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line – the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 8: BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST – German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

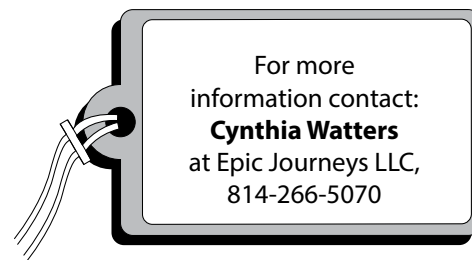
DISCOVERY Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration, OR: CLASSIC Join A Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city center, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar, with half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 9: BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. *Breakfast*

Flights should not leave Zürich airport before 10 am or Basel airport before 8 am.

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