



# Cruise the Rhine & Mosel Rivers

Basel to Amsterdam with a stay in Interlaken

## Inspiring Moments

- Revel in **Amsterdam's wonderful ambience** as you float along its picturesque Golden Age canals.
- Bask in **beautiful Interlaken** tucked between two pristine lakes and the adventure-filled, **alpine splendor of the Jungfrau and Eiger** region.
- Feel enveloped in the **Rhine Valley's enchanting scenery** of hilltop castles, vine-laced slopes and medieval towns.
- Be awed by the Gothic grandeur of **Cologne Cathedral**.
- Delight in the Alsatian flavor of Grande Île, **Strasbourg's historic heart**.
- Take in the **serene Mosel river valley** from the castle high above Cochem.
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Lauterbrunnen Valley, Switzerland

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Amsterdam | 2 Nights | POST-Trip

(See website for details.)

Enjoy an intimate view of European history on this enriching journey to Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands! Kick off your adventure with three nights in Interlaken, Switzerland, amid alpine grandeur, and then embark on a carefree, seven-night river cruise that reveals the cultural riches of Old World cities and towns. Discover magnificent cathedrals in Cologne and Strasbourg, glide along Amsterdam's iconic canals and cruise through the legendary Rhine Gorge. Plus, tailor your experience with a choice of engaging, included excursions, such as museum visits, hiking, biking and culinary tours, in Interlaken, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Rudesheim and Amsterdam!

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚗

### Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken

Transfer 🚗 to Interlaken and check in to the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa. Gather for a Welcome Reception in the hotel tonight.

### Day 3 | Interlaken

A thrilling day in the breathtaking Swiss Alps is in store!

#### 🌟PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

• **Alpine Villages of Lauterbrunnen and Mürren.** Travel by train to Lauterbrunnen set in a splendid valley. After a cable car ride, take a hike with dazzling alpine views, then head to lovely Mürren for free time. (Active)

• **Scenic Grindelwald.** Travel by train to this popular resort town at the base of the Jungfrau, Monch and Eiger peaks and take in spectacular scenery. (Active)

### Day 4 | Interlaken

**Free Time:** The day is yours to plan! Set off on more outdoor adventures or indulge in the hotel's amenities.

### Day 5 | Brienz | Basel

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and cruise across majestic Lake Brienz.

**Discovery: Brienz.** After disembarking, follow your guide on a stroll through this picture-perfect village that boasts pretty chalets decorated with wood carvings. Depart by motor coach for Basel and embark the ship. Later tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 6 | Strasbourg, France

The ship arrives in the capital of France's Alsace region.

#### 🌟PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

• **Strasbourg Panorama.** See the city's unique blend of German and French influences on a guided scenic/walking tour, and then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral.





•**Strasbourg Canal Cruise and Petite France Walking Tour.** Discover this captivating quarter by boat and on foot, then go inside Notre Dame Cathedral.

•**Culinary Strasbourg.** Sample classic Alsatian dishes and wines in local *winstubs* (small wine pubs) and other shops. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral during your route.

**Free Time:** Take a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center and explore more this afternoon. Late this evening, the ship departs for Germany.

Day 7 | **Speyer, Germany | Mannheim | Heidelberg**

The ship docks in Speyer this morning.

**Discovery: Speyer Walking Tour.** Admire the stately Romanesque cathedral, the burial place of emperors for almost 300 years; the 13th-century Old Gate; and other sites in the center of one of Germany's oldest cities. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise to Mannheim.

🌟**PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

•**Heidelberg Castle and Town.** Visit the impressive, hillside castle, look out over the Neckar Valley below, and take an easygoing walk in the romantic old town.

•**Hike Heidelberg's Philosopher's Way.** Hike up this famous winding path to the Philosopher's Garden. Take a snack break and relish the marvelous views. *(Active)*

Day 8 | **Rüdesheim | Rhine Gorge | Koblenz**

The ship arrives in Rüdesheim this morning.

🌟**PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

•**Wines of the Rhine.** Take a guided stroll on bustling Drosselgasse in Rüdesheim's old town, and try flavorful wines from this renowned Riesling region at a winery.

•**A Musical Walk in Time.** Explore along Rüdesheim's medieval walls and delight in self-playing mechanical musical instruments at a charming museum. *(Active)*

Savor the views as the ship sails through the stunning Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

**Enrichment: Castles and Legends of the Rhine.** The ship arrives in Koblenz, where it will overnight.

**Discovery: Koblenz.** See the Church of Our Lady with its onion-domed towers, the Jesuitenplatz and other highlights on a guided walk in this storied town at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers.

Day 9 | **Mosel River | Cochem**

Sail through a narrow portion of the Mosel River flanked by colorful villages, rolling hills and tiered vineyards.

**Enrichment: German Lunch.** Dig into this satisfying meal on the ship featuring beer, pretzels and mustards!

**Discovery: Cochem and the Reichsburg Castle.** Situated along a bend in the Mosel, Cochem delights



with quaint, half-timbered houses, winding streets and the hilltop castle above the town. Take a guided walk, then tour the castle and gaze out over the river valley.

Day 10 | **Cologne**

**Discovery: Cologne Walking Tour.** View historic gems of the old town and marvel at the cathedral's ornamented exterior as you stand in Cathedral Square. Step inside to see the stone columns soaring upward toward the vaulted ceiling. After your walk through the old town, shop or linger in a quaint café.

Depart Cologne this afternoon and cruise toward the Netherlands. This evening, share in a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers.

Day 11 | **Amsterdam, Netherlands**

🌟**PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

•**Rijksmuseum.** View fabulous art representing 800 years of Dutch history, including national treasures by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other important artists.

•**Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Pedal through this serene wetland north of the city that extends through nine historical villages and stop for a pastry. *(Active)*

•**Jordaan District Walking and Food Tour.** Pop into local shops in this hip neighborhood to sample favorite Dutch treats like *poffertjes*, *kibbeling* and fresh cheese. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by some free time.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Europe.**

**Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam.** Aboard a cruiser, soak up the unfolding scenery of elegant, Golden Age gabled canal houses and locals of all ages pedaling by.

Day 12 | **In Transit**

Transfer🚗 to the airport for the return flight✈️ to your gateway city.

Included Features

**Accommodations** {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Interlaken, Switzerland, at the deluxe Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa.
- Cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Cara.

**Extensive Meal Program**

- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board the ship.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- 🌟**PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**  
A choice of excursions in each locale.
- 🌱**AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- 🌐**Electives** to pursue your individual interests.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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