



**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT
for Solo
Travelers**

Holiday Markets Cruise

The Festive Rhine River | Basel to Düsseldorf

Inspiring Moments

- Relax on deck as the **river's glorious scenery unfolds around you**, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.
- Be immersed in the **joyful spirit of the holiday markets** amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.
- Enjoy an **exclusive musical treat** in Heidelberg's romantic old town.
- Delight in the quaint timbered houses and cobbled streets of Grande Île, the **historic heart of Strasbourg**.
- Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of **Cologne Cathedral**.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Warming up with mulled wine

Celebrate centuries-old traditions at European holiday markets on a seven-night Rhine River cruise to Germany and France. Feel the holiday magic in town squares aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer and overflowing with handmade decorations. Delight in the uplifting sounds of carolers and bells and the scent of nutmeg, cinnamon and fresh pine in the air. New adventures await daily! Visit Heidelberg's red sandstone castle over the Neckar valley and admire Cologne's cathedral built over 630 years. Customize your cruise with a selection of included excursions in Breisach, Strasbourg, Rüdesheim and Düsseldorf.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚢

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland

Transfer 🚗 to Basel and embark the ship.

Get acquainted at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Breisach, Germany | Freiburg

Discovery: Freiburg. Stroll in the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the turreted Merchants' Hall and other highlights, then visit the cheery *Christkindlmarkt*.

🌟PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

•**Riquewihr and the Wines of the Alsace.** Visit this exquisite French medieval village set in a small valley near the Vosges mountains. Sample some of its fabulous wines and take in its romantic charm.

•**Colmar Markets.** Explore four different Alsatian holiday markets, each with its own character, in this pretty French town lined with half-timbered houses.

The ship sails for Strasbourg, France.

Day 4 | Strasbourg, France

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•**Strasbourg Panorama.** Witness the city's unique blend of German and French influences as you see top landmarks. Take a guided walk in the historic area and visit the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral.

•**Culinary Strasbourg.** Sample traditional Alsatian dishes and wines as you explore the city's *winstubs* (small wine pubs) and other local cafés and shops.

Free Time: Catch a complimentary shuttle from the ship to the city center and meander in the luminous wonderland of Strasbourg's *marché de Noël* that dates to 1570. Warm up with a mug of mulled wine!

Enrichment: German Holiday Traditions.

The ship remains docked in Strasbourg this evening.

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Berlin | 3 Nights | POST-Trip

{See website for details.}



Day 5 | Mannheim, Germany | Heidelberg

The ship departs for Mannheim early this morning.

Discovery: Heidelberg Castle and Town. Tour the impressive castle with its immense wine barrel and gaze over Neckar Valley from above. Then walk with your guide in the old town, past the Student Jail, Old University, the cathedral and along the Neckar River. Relax afterward at a traditional German restaurant.

Free Time: Explore the old town on your own.

AHI Connects: Musical Trio. Relish a special and exclusive treat as a professional trio performs holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces.

Day 6 | Rudesheim | Rhine Gorge

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

Rudesheim Tour. In the old town, head along the lively Drosselgasse to visit a charming museum of self-playing mechanical musical instruments and the “Christmas Market of the Nations” with holiday items from around the world.

Rhine Wine Tasting. Travel to the beautiful Abbey of St. Hildegard to visit the abbey and church and learn about the remarkable St. Hildegard of Bingen. Later, taste fine vintages at a Rudesheim winery.

Sail through stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a gently curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

Tonight on board, gather with your fellow cruisers for a Glühwein party, and savor this spiced winter drink.

Day 7 | Cologne

Discovery: Cologne. Walk with your guide to see the old town’s landmarks and visit the majestic cathedral.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Cologne.

Day 8 | Düsseldorf

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

Düsseldorf and Holiday Markets. See the city’s eclectic, eye-catching architecture, including the



Medienhafen riverfront district. Then explore the old town, famed for a half-mile stretch of more than 250 bars, cafés and breweries. Next, enjoy time to visit the city’s seven themed *Christkindlmarkts*, focused on handicrafts, angels and fairy tales, among others.

Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne. Travel to this historic city that was once the capital and favorite royal residence of Charlemagne, crowned emperor of the Romans by Pope Leo III in 800. Tour Aachen’s cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring Charlemagne’s richly decorated imperial chapel and his original throne. Walk through the city center and spa area before finishing at the holiday market.

Return to the ship for lunch.

Free Time: Pay a final visit to Düsseldorf’s markets.

Celebrate your magical holiday cruise with fellow travelers at tonight’s Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Düsseldorf for the return flight to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

– **Unpack once** and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

Extensive Meal Program

– 7 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.

– 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.

– **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.

– 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.



2023 Departures & Pricing

November 27 – December 5, 2023

Full Price from	\$3,045
Special Savings	\$250
Special Price from	\$2,795*

***See page XXX for complete category pricing.**

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.