



**2026 CAPTIVATING RHINE
 CELEBRATION OF BEER RIVER CRUISE
 (AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – CRUISE ONLY)
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7 NIGHTS · EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS AND RETURN FROM BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Contoured by vineyard-clad hills and castles from yesteryear, the legendary Rhine captivates and will immerse you in the rich brewing traditions of Europe’s heartland on this beer-themed journey. Experience the allure of France’s Alsace region in its welcoming capital, Strasbourg, and its priceless gem, Colmar. Breisach, rising above the vineyards of the Rhine, serves as your gateway to the Black Forest. Fabled towns lost in time present you with the chance to taste local flavors—including legendary German beer—and to touch history up close with guided hikes and bike rides. From Amsterdam’s colorful canals to Breisach’s wine country, journey into the heart of the destinations you visit.

DAY	DESTINATION	YOUR ITINERARY
1	Amsterdam	RIVER CRUISE EMBARKATION
2	Amsterdam	Canal cruise Scenic cruising out of Amsterdam
	Utrecht	Walking Tour OR Beer tasting tour
3	Düsseldorf	Düsseldorf walking tour and Altbier tasting OR Cologne walking tour
4	Rhine Gorge Mainz	Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising Walking tour and Gutenberg OR Wiesbaden tour
5	Ludwigshafen	“Romantic Heidelberg” excursion OR “Secrets of Speyer” tour OR Heidelberg Philosopher’s Path hike OR Ladenburg bike tour
6	Strasbourg	“The Gem of Alsace” tour and beer tasting OR Strasbourg bike tour
7	Breisach	Brasserie du Pays Welche OR Colmar walking tour

Itinerary subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, please refer to the itinerary schedule provided with your final travel documents.

Day 1, AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Board the ship in Amsterdam for your *Captivating Rhine Celebration of Beer River Cruise*.

Day 2, AMSTERDAM. There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, cruise out of Amsterdam to Utrecht, where you can explore this charming town on a walking tour or sip beer during a special tasting tour. (B,L,D)

Day 3, DÜSSELDORF. As a leading hub for German culture, commerce and architecture, Düsseldorf is a must-visit city for any travelers on the Rhine. Here, you may explore this grand city on the Rhine by joining a walking tour, concluding with a tasting of Altbier, a local specialty brewed using traditional techniques. If you're feeling adventurous, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the Fishmarkt, which dates back to the 12th century, and the Great St. Martin Church. (B,L,D)

Day 4, RHINE GORGE – MAINZ. In the morning, head up to the Sun Deck for the best views of you cruises through Germany's breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site, the castle-laden Rhine Gorge. Later in the time, you will arrive in Mainz. Located at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers, Mainz was an important ecclesiastical center during the Middle Ages, as well as the location of the printing of the famed Gutenberg Bible, which marked the age of the printed book in the West. While in Mainz, enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town with its narrow streets, Baroque churches and half-timbered houses, followed by a visit to the Gutenberg Exhibit at the Natural History Museum. Alternatively, venture to nearby Wiesbaden to delight in the stunning architecture, cobblestone squares and thermal springs that give the city its distinct charm. (B,L,D)

Day 5, LUDWIGSHAFEN. Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Or join a guided bike tour along the shores of the river Neckar and enjoy a cycling break to explore the picturesque medieval town of Ladenburg. (B,L,D)

Day 6, STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy walking through the iconic "La Petite France" district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock and clink steins with a hearty "Prost" or "Santé" during an included beer tasting. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Day 7, BREISACH, GERMANY. Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Beer enthusiasts won't want to miss our visit to Brasserie du Pays Welche, an Alsatian craft brewery founded in 2010 that focuses on top-fermented and unfiltered beers. You may prefer instead to step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Colmar, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and perhaps get a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, a small replica of the famous version in New York,

to commemorate the sculptor's Colmar birthplace. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the countryside, or hike through the heart of the Kaiserstuhl, a volcanic region in the Rhine plain known for its unique landscapes, vineyards and exceptional biodiversity. (B,L,D)

Day 8, BASEL, SWITZERLAND – DISEMBARKATION. After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.