

Legendary Rhine & Moselle



13 Days from Amsterdam to Basel | Pace: Leisurely

Experience the enduring allure of the spectacularly scenic Rhine and Moselle. Revel in the UNESCO-designated Rhine River Valley, with its vine-covered slopes and castle-dotted shores, and the mesmerizing Moselle, the Rhine's breathtaking tributary. Explore the delights of five nations and savor the best these regions have to offer.

Trip Itinerary

DAY 1: Basel

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Milhouse-Freiburg. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

DAY 2: Breisach (Colmar or Kaysersberg and Ribeauville)

Look up "charming" and "picturesque" in the dictionary and it could very well show images of today's choice of destinations—two of Alsace's best-known wine villages or a town some have hailed as the prettiest in the world. Is it really? See for yourself from our uniquely Uniworld perspective. Today, you are presented with two wonderful ways to spend the final day of

your river cruise adventure. This morning, you can tour medieval Colmar or join us on an exploration of two Alsatian wine villages, Kaysersberg and Ribeauville.

Choice of Colmar city tour or Alsatian "Village Day"

A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

DAY 3: Strasbourg

Strasbourg is invariably described as quaint, a rather overused word that in this case is perfectly apropos. Whether you see it via a canal boat or on foot with an insightful local expert, this historic town with its cobbled lanes, half-timbered homes, giant stork nests and impossible-to-resist pastry shops will win your heart.

Situated halfway between Paris

and Prague, the Alsatian town of Strasbourg is known as the "Crossroads of Europe." It's also located right on the border of France and Germany, which has resulted in Strasbourg's unique blending of those nations' traditional culinary and architectural styles. Choose which way you wish to explore it: with a panoramic tour or by rambling through the vibrant streets of Grande Île.

Choice of Strasbourg panoramic tour with cathedral and Old Town walk or Exclusive "Do as the Locals Do" Strasbourg walking tour

DAY 4: Speyer

Expect the unexpected in Speyer, where ancient treasures harmoniously co-exist with modern day innovation. For something really unexpected,

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venture into a spooky, candlelit tasting room to sample flavorful elixirs made from wine vinegars. Utterly unique and surprisingly delicious, and something you'll experience with no other river cruise line. A host of possibilities await you today. You can either enjoy a tour of historic Speyer or visit a local vinegar estate to sample its gourmet wares. In the afternoon you can choose to relax onboard or, if you'd like to get some exercise, bike along the Rhine.

Choice of Speyer walking discovery tour or Exclusive Doktorenhof vinegar estate visit and tasting

DAY 5: Rudesheim, Cruising the Romantic Rhine River, Boppard

Like many cities along the Rhine, Rudesheim has a lengthy history that stretches back to Roman times; today the city is famous for its narrow avenue of shops and wine bars called the Drosselgasse and its impressive Niederwald Monument. Rudesheim is also particularly noted for its delicate white wines, which you can sample in any of the numerous wine bars you'll find in town.

Featured Excursion:

Boppard village stroll
Choice of Aerial cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument or Kloster Eberbach medieval monastery tour with Riesling tasting

DAY 6: Cochem (Ediger-Eller)

Turner succumbed to the scenic charms of Cochem in 1839, immortalizing views of the old gate tower and the castle ruins in his famously luminous watercolors. And who could blame him? Cochem boasts some of the most enchanting sights in the Moselle River wine region, and you'll have a chance to immerse yourself in them in various ways today.

When you wake up this morning and gaze out your window, you'll see steep vineyard-covered hillsides and the distinctive profile of an imperial castle.

Featured Excursion:

Cochem walking discovery tour with Reichsburg Castle
Choice of "Let's Go" Calmont vineyard hike or Exclusive Ediger-Eller "Village Day" with wine tasting

DAY 7: Cruising the Moselle River, Trier

After a morning of scenic cruising, the ship arrives in Germany's oldest city today, Trier, which dates back to ancient Roman times (and was also the birthplace of Karl Marx). Get to know this fascinating locale with an in-depth city tour with an insightful local guide. Spend this morning relaxing onboard the regal River Queen as the romantic Moselle River Valley unfolds before you. Quiet hamlets and magnificent castles dot the rolling hillsides, and each bend in the river reveals new and thrilling scenic surprises. The ancient Romans and Celts planted the first grapevines on these steep riverside slopes thousands of years ago, and you can see the remnants of their handiwork even today. Once the ship docks, you get to know Trier with a city tour.

Featured Excursion:

Trier city tour

DAY 8: Remich (Luxembourg), Cruising the Moselle River

You'll encounter a new country today—Luxembourg—and its historically rich capital city of the same name. Stay here to visit the American cemetery and WWII memorial or venture further into the past at an ancient wine village and an even more ancient Roman villa. The oldest city in Germany, Trier delights visitors with its cheerful blend of old and new, as

its illustrious history is matched by a vibrant social scene. Enjoy the day in Trier and later enjoy the scenes of the ever-changing and always beautiful Moselle.

Choice of Luxembourg with WWII cemetery or Visit to the wine village of Perl, the reconstructed Roman Villa Borg, and the Saar Bow river bend

DAY 9: Bernkastel, Cruising the Moselle River

Just when you thought you'd seen the most stunning scenery Germany had to offer, along come the emerald fields, beguiling cottages and historic vineyards of Bernkastel. Explore the village and some of the surrounding region, with your choice of excursions—including a visit to the famous Bernkasteler Doctor. Today you'll embark on a morning walking tour of Bernkastel, followed by a sampling of luscious local wines at the region's most prestigious wine estate; or, if you are feeling active, enjoy an invigorating bicycle ride along the banks of the winding Moselle.

Choice of Bernkastel walking discovery tour with exclusive Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler wine estate visit and tasting or "Let's Go" bike ride along the Moselle River

DAY 10: Koblenz

Perfectly situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, Koblenz is a medieval gem with a colorful history and eclectic architecture. Join a local expert to see the sights on foot—including charming churches, baroque-style buildings and graceful fountains (including one known to spit water at unsuspecting passersby). Or "Go Active" with a scenic bike ride along the river. Begin the morning with a pleasant stroll into the heart of Koblenz, a medieval

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town that lies at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine rivers, or get out in the fresh air for a guided bicycle ride.

Choice of Koblenz walking discovery tour or “Let’s Go” bicycle ride along the Moselle River

DAY 11: Cologne

You simply cannot visit Cologne without paying homage to its most notorious site, the Gothic masterpiece that serves as the city’s cathedral. A local expert will show you favorite haunts around the Old Town and share some of the cathedral’s most intriguing and Magi-cal secrets with you. Your ship docks today in the oldest major city in Germany, lively Cologne (Köln in German). Cologne is the largest city of the Rhineland and a cultural mecca boasting more than 30 museums and hundreds of art galleries. Join a guided walking discovery tour, visit a unique museum or simply enjoy the city on your own. If you’re looking for something more physically challenging, consider a bike ride or walk along the many riverside parks and promenades. Nordic walking sticks and bicycles are available onboard.

Featured Excursions:

Cologne walking discovery tour with Cologne Cathedral and Kölsch beer tasting

Cologne walking discovery tour with Roman Germanic Museum

A special Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

DAY 12: Amsterdam

Enjoy the luxury of a full day in the “Venice of the North,” starting with a private “Morning with the Masters” tour of the Amsterdam Hermitage. You’ll have the museum’s extraordinary collection

of Dutch Masters all to yourself, with an art historian to show you Portrait Gallery highlights and part of a special exhibition of Dutch art collected by Catherine the Great—a show available only through May 2018. Afterwards, explore the city with a choice of excursions.

Featured Excursion:

Exclusive “Morning with the Masters” at the Amsterdam Hermitage

Choice of Amsterdam canal cruise or Exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Amsterdam walking tour

DAY 13: Amsterdam (Disembark)

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Amsterdam Schipol Airport for your flight home. Your Uniworld adventure may be over, but we know you’ll enjoy the memories for years to come.

Price Includes

DINING

- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee and tea, and mineral water

EXCURSIONS

- 11 days of excursions, including "Choice Is Yours" options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts
- "Let's Go," "Do as the Locals Do" and "Village Day" programs
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio-headset system on all excursions
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking stick

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 12-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the regal *River Queen*
- Lavishly appointed riverview staterooms and suites have handcrafted Savoir® of England beds, high-thread count 100% Egyptian cotton sheets and European duvets, and a menu of pillow options
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi access

EXPERIENCES

- 5 countries: France, Germany,

Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Switzerland

- 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- All gratuities, both onboard and onshore
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Cultural enrichment, including a Signature Lecture: "The Roman Empire along the Rhine and Moselle"

Extensions

BASEL & LAKE LUCERNE

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the deluxe Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois (or similar)
- Breakfast daily and all gratuities, service charges, taxes and portorage
- Lucerne walking discovery tour with Lake Lucerne boat ride
- Basel walking discovery tour
- English-speaking expert
- All transfers

Pricing:

\$949 per person (for 2 guests)

For solo travelers, there is a single supplement of \$399.

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Basel.