

Castles Along the Rhine

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM, 8 DAYS

Castles Along the Rhine River Cruise Package Includes:

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the stylish *River Ambassador*
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas
- 6 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Complimentary use of bicycles
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "The European City from the Middle Ages to the Present"
- Epicurean Adventurer Program
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Multi-Generational Family-Friendly Program during the summer
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

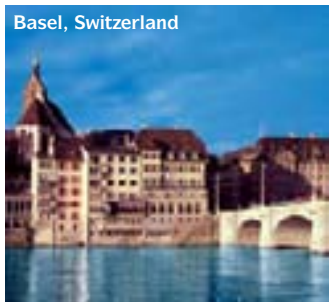
NZ\$
From **2,575** per person,
cruise only



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Colmar, France



Basel, Switzerland

Epicurean Adventurer

Private winetasting, a culinary demonstration, and a special wine and food pairing dinner make your trip even more memorable. Includes:

- Castle Vollards winetasting
- Black chocolate forest cake demonstration and tasting
- Wine and food pairing dinner

Celebrate the fairytale beauty and romantic spirit of the Rhine

This tour really lives up to its name with castles, castles, and more spectacular castles. Gracing the shores of the middle Rhine Valley are more Medieval, Gothic, and Renaissance castles than in any other river valley in the world. The fairytale castles, combined with the breathtaking landscape of terraced vineyards, Alsatian countryside, and old-world towns, will leave you awestruck.

Artists, musicians, writers, and poets from all over Europe have immortalized the Rhine's unadulterated natural beauty in their songs, art, stories, and poetry. Byron, Dumas, Hugo, and Heine celebrated it in their writing. Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Schubert, and Wagner idolized it in their music, and Turner captured it in his paintings. And even today, the Rhine continues to inspire those who visit—especially Germany's upper middle Rhine Valley, spanning approximately 40 miles between Koblenz and Rudesheim. This area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a full-day tour along the Alsatian Wine Road, and taste the region's famous Rheingau Rieslings while at Castle Vollrads. As you travel along the Rhine, you'll discover each bend and twist affords new surprises that are certain to inspire you the way countless others have been inspired for centuries.

Castles Along the Rhine also features Uniworld's Multi-Generational Family-Friendly Program during the summer months, so you can share the magic of this fairytale region with special young people in your life.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Romantics, history buffs, wine connoisseurs, and nature lovers will rejoice in Medieval wine towns, glorious castles, majestic cathedrals, world-class cities, and the romantic Rhine's glorious natural beauty.



Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Port
Day 1	Basel (embark)
Day 2	Breisach (Colmar), Strasbourg
Day 3	Strasbourg
Day 4	Speyer
Day 5	Rudesheim
Day 6	Cruising the romantic Rhine, Koblenz
Day 7	Cologne
Day 8	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Port
Day 1	Amsterdam (embark)
Day 2	Cologne
Day 3	Koblenz
Day 4	Cruising the romantic Rhine, Rudesheim
Day 5	Speyer
Day 6	Strasbourg
Day 7	Strasbourg (Colmar), Breisach
Day 8	Basel (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:

April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30, June 13, 27,
July 11, 25, August 8, 22, September 5, 19,
October 3, 17, 31

Departure Dates:

March 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 6, 20,
July 4, 18, August 1, 15, 29, September 12, 26,
October 10, 24, November 7

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Day 1: Basel

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Breisach (Colmar), Strasbourg

Featured Excursion: Full-day tour along the Alsatian Wine Road

Starting from Medieval Breisach, the gateway to the Black Forest, you'll cross the Rhine and head for the Alsatian Wine Road, which hugs the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. Charming villages, pastoral landscapes, and lush vineyards producing great white wines line this winding scenic route. You'll visit enchanting Colmar with its winding old streets, Medieval historic center, and St. Martin's Church, which is made of pink stone. You'll also see the picturesque timber-framed houses in the village of Riquewihr. (BB, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Strasbourg

Featured Excursion: Strasbourg canal cruise

Situated halfway between Paris and Prague, the Alsatian town of Strasbourg is known as the "Crossroads of Europe." It is home to a magnificent Gothic cathedral and beautiful half-timbered houses. View Strasbourg in the way it has been seen through the centuries—on a canal cruise. In addition to viewing the town's covered bridges, Medieval watchtowers, old tanners' district, and the modern building that houses the European Parliament, you will see Petite France, the picturesque district that seems as if it has been lifted from the pages of a fairytale. (BB, L, D)

Day 4: Speyer

Featured Excursion: Speyer walking tour

Your guided walking tour through Speyer reveals a Medieval town with a grand heritage and a compact historic center dominated by the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its basilica laid out in the form of a Latin cross, including four towers and two domes, this is a marvel to behold. (BB, L, D)

Day 5: Rudesheim


Featured Excursion: Castle Vollrads winetasting

Rudesheim has a long history dating back to Roman times and is considered one of the most charming of the Rhine Valley towns. It has been a magnet for romantics ever since the 19th century. The town is famous for, among other things, the Drosselgasse, a narrow alleyway lined with wine taverns and shops. Explore Rudesheim at your leisure. Later in the day, be our guest at a princely winetasting at the prestigious Castle Vollrads, which is perfectly situated in the vineyard-covered hills and is one of the world's top wine estates for Rheingau Rieslings. (BB, L, D)


Day 6: Cruising the romantic Rhine, Koblenz

Featured Excursion: Koblenz walking tour

Cruise along the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage-designated middle Rhine Valley with its more than 40 castles and famous Lorelei Rock. Arrive in Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Your walking tour will highlight the appeal of Koblenz—its romantic narrow streets and historical squares, the picturesque alleyways and fountains in the old quarter, and the 12th-century churches of St. Florin and Our Lady. (BB, L, D)

 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Museum Visit

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

BB = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 7: Cologne

Featured Excursion: Cologne walking tour and Cologne Cathedral visit

Stroll through the narrow streets of Old Town with your guide, passing by tiny squares and little churches as you make your way to Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous landmark and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took 632 years for Germany's largest cathedral to be completed, and it is one of the most important Gothic churches in Europe.

A visit inside features the Shrine of the Three Magi and the beautiful stained glass windows that survived WWII. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Note: No inside tours of the Cathedral on Sundays or Catholic holidays.

Day 8: Depart Amsterdam

Disembark the ship and transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in bustling Amsterdam.

Extend your vacation with these exciting pre- or post-optional extensions



Lucerne – Relax on the lush shores of Lake Lucerne, framed by the awesome peaks of the snow-capped Alps. Lucerne is unrivaled in its pristine beauty, old-world atmosphere, and Swiss charm.

Included in your 4-day stay:

- 3 nights at the first class Astoria Hotel (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- Lucerne walking tour and lake cruise

Only NZ\$1,459 per person (single supplement NZ\$645)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Basel. Arrival and departure transfers will be provided to/from Basel Airport.

Amsterdam – Spend time discovering Holland's best-known city, which is filled with history, art, architecture, canals, cobblestone streets, museums, bicycles, and so much more.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the superior first class NH Amsterdam Centre (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- City tour with Rijksmuseum visit
- Quietvox

Only NZ\$970 per person (single supplement NZ\$490)

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



Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$1,500 per couple** (NZ\$750 per person) off cruise rates on category 1 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,000 per couple** (NZ\$500 per person) on category 2 and 3 staterooms.

-OR-

Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **November 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$500 per couple** (NZ\$250 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 28*	NZ\$2,575	River Ambassador
Apr 4	NZ\$2,750	River Ambassador
Apr 11*	NZ\$2,899	River Ambassador
Apr 18	NZ\$3,225	River Ambassador
Apr 25*	NZ\$3,699	River Ambassador
May 2	NZ\$3,950	River Ambassador
May 9*	NZ\$3,950	River Ambassador
May 16, 23,* 30	NZ\$4,125	River Ambassador
Jun 6* 13, 20* 27	NZ\$4,125	River Ambassador
Jul 4* 11, ♦ 18*	NZ\$3,875	River Ambassador
Jul 25	NZ\$3,875	River Ambassador
Aug 1* 8, 15* 22♦	NZ\$3,875	River Ambassador
Aug 29*	NZ\$4,025	River Ambassador
Sep 5	NZ\$4,350	River Ambassador
Sep 12* 19, 26*	NZ\$4,350	River Ambassador
Oct 3	NZ\$4,350	River Ambassador
Oct 10*	NZ\$4,025	River Ambassador
Oct 17, 24*	NZ\$3,699	River Ambassador
Oct 31	NZ\$3,225	River Ambassador
Nov 7*	NZ\$3,075	River Ambassador

* On these dates cruise operates from Amsterdam to Basel.

- Port Charges: NZ\$159 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 3, Main Deck.

- A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.

- Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

♦ These dates include special amenities for young travelers. Please visit www.uniworldcruises.co.nz for more information on our Multi-Generational Family-Friendly Program.

To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 2	NZ\$399	See Deck Plan on page 124
Category 1	NZ\$799	