

Rhine Discovery

NUREMBERG TO BASEL, 8 DAYS

Rhine Discovery River Cruise Package Includes:

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the stunning *River Countess*
- 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: "Contemporary Germany"
- Exclusive Epicurean Adventurer Program
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- 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\$ 3,075 per person,
From **3,075** cruise only



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Epicurean Adventurer

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

- Würzburg Residenz Cellar winetasting
- Luscious Rhine Valley dessert-making demonstration and tasting
- Special wine and food pairing dinner

Nature and history have left a rich heritage along the Rhine and Main rivers

Experience the inescapable rich romantic spirit of the Rhine, with ancient castles and grand palaces, Medieval towns with half-timbered houses, famous Franconian wines, and robust beers, as you sail along the breathtaking Rhine and the peaceful, meandering Main.

Explore the architectural gem and UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg, spread over seven hills in the heart of Bavaria. Visit Heidelberg and admire the most famous Renaissance castle in Europe. Take a gondola ride to the Niederwald monument while in Rüdesheim, where you'll see the stunning scenic vistas of the vineyards below. Enjoy a canal cruise through Strasbourg, with its half-timbered houses and quaint canals. Marvel at the world's largest ceiling fresco while at the Würzburg Residenz, and then taste the wonderful fruity Franconian wines in the cellar below.

Discover the romance of the Rhine and the tranquil charm of the Main on this leisurely paced cruise that takes you through a truly enchanting part of Europe.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Connoisseurs of fine German wines, hearty regional dishes, and exquisite desserts—epicurean adventurers! History buffs, fans of diverse architecture, anyone wanting to step into the land of fairytales, and those who would like to learn more about contemporary Germany.



Nuremberg to Basel

Day	Port
Day 1	Nuremberg (embark)
Day 2	Bamberg
Day 3	Würzburg
Day 4	Miltenberg
Day 5	Rüdesheim
Day 6	Speyer (Heidelberg)
Day 7	Strasbourg
Day 8	Basel (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:
May 7, July 22, October 30

Basel to Nuremberg

Day	Port
Day 1	Basel (embark)
Day 2	Strasbourg, Speyer
Day 3	Speyer (Heidelberg), Rüdesheim
Day 4	Rüdesheim
Day 5	Miltenberg
Day 6	Würzburg
Day 7	Bamberg
Day 8	Nuremberg (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:
May 14, July 29, November 6

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Day 1: Nuremberg

Arrive at Nuremberg Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Bamberg

Featured Excursion: Bamberg walking tour

Awaken in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg, located on the Regnitz River near its confluence with the Main. Bamberg has one of Europe's largest intact Old Town centers, and like Rome, the city is built on seven hills—only here, a church tops each hill. Your walking tour takes you past the imperial cathedral, the four-winged New Residence, the Town Hall lapped by the Regnitz River, and Little Venice, an area of colorful fishermen's houses from the 19th century. During the afternoon, you'll cruise the peaceful, meandering Main River. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Würzburg

Featured Excursion: Würzburg Residenz visit and winetasting

Visit Würzburg Residenz, an immaculate example of Baroque architecture and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. This grand palace was built and decorated in the 18th century by an international team of architects, sculptors, stucco-workers, and painters. Particularly noteworthy is Tiepolo's ceiling fresco—the largest in the world. Enjoy the magnificent garden, one of the most expansive and beautiful in Europe. Your tour will be capped off with a private winetasting of fabulous Franconian wines in the historic Residenz cellar. (BB, L, D)

Day 4: Miltenberg


Featured Excursion: Miltenberg walking tour


Relax onboard during the morning as your ship travels the tranquil waters of the meandering Main River through a series of locks and past quiet Franconian hamlets. Arrive in charming and romantic Miltenberg, the “Pearl of the Main River.” The town is protected by its old walls and two gates—one facing east, and another facing west. While on your walking tour, you'll discover why this Medieval town seems to leap from the pages of a German fairytale with its 14th- and 15th-century half-timbered, gabled houses; the Crooked House; and the Royal Inn, which has been a working hotel since the 17th century. (BB, L, D)


Day 5: Rudesheim

Featured Excursion: Gondola ride to the scenic Niederwald Heights


Rudesheim is one of the most scenic wine towns along the Rhine and its history dates back to Roman times, as do most of the cities along the Rhine. The town is famous for, among other things, its long avenue of shops and wine bars—known as the *Drosselgasse*—as well as the Niederwald Monument commemorating the unification of Germany. As an added treat today, you'll board a mini-train for the short trip to the Niederwald Gondola. The adventure takes off the moment your gondola rises up the hillside. During the ride and once at the top, you will be mesmerized by the fairytale views that appear on all sides, including Rudesheim, the vineyards of the Rheingau, and the Niederwald Monument. Perched at the top of the Niederwald heights, the monument can be seen by all who pass through this section of the beautiful Rhine Valley. (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 6: Speyer (Heidelberg)

Featured Excursion: Full-day tour of Heidelberg

From the port of Speyer, you'll take a motorcoach to Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved Medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Heidelberg is home to Germany's oldest university and is forever immortalized by Sigmund Romberg's operetta, *The Student Prince*. Your tour takes you past the romantic ruins of Heidelberg Castle, where you'll be guided through the castle's courtyard. You will also get to see the world's largest wine barrel. Continue your tour in downtown Heidelberg and through Old Town where you'll see the town's late-Gothic church. You'll have some free time to wander along one of Germany's longest pedestrian streets, enjoy bustling squares lined with cafés, or simply take in the serene atmosphere of this truly charming town. (BB, D)

Day 7: Strasbourg

Featured Excursion: Strasbourg canal cruise

You'll wake up in the beautiful port of the Alsatian town of Strasbourg. Situated halfway between Paris and Prague, Strasbourg is known as the "Crossroads of Europe." It is home to a magnificent, single-spired Gothic cathedral, Notre Dame, and beautiful half-timbered houses; it is also the seat of the European Parliament. See Strasbourg in the way it has been seen through the centuries—on a canal cruise that passes Petite France, the picturesque old quarter with its timber-frame houses adorned with flower boxes. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 8: Depart Basel

Disembark the ship and transfer to EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg for your flight home, or extend your stay in lovely Lucerne.

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 suites or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,000 per couple** (NZ\$500 per person) on category 3, 4, and 5 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
May 7, 14*	NZ\$4,199	<i>River Countess</i>
Jul 22, 29*	NZ\$3,875	<i>River Countess</i>
Oct 30	NZ\$3,225	<i>River Countess</i>
Nov 6*	NZ\$3,075	<i>River Countess</i>

* On these dates cruise operates from Basel to Nuremberg.
 - Port Charges: NZ\$159 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle 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.

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

Category 4	NZ\$275	Category 1	NZ\$1,399
Category 3	NZ\$675	Suite	NZ\$2,250
Category 2	NZ\$999	See Deck Plan on page 119	

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



Munich – Spend time getting to know the capital of Bavaria, the "Village of One Million." Munich boasts astonishing architecture, top museums, stunning scenery, wonderful restaurants, and folksy Bavarian beer gardens.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the superior first class Munich Hilton City (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- Munich city tour

Only NZ\$970 per person (single supplement NZ\$399)

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



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.