



CRUISE OF 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - REF. BEA\_PP

# From Basel to Amsterdam: The Treasures of the Celebrated Rhine River (port-to-port cruise)

BASEL - BREISACH - STRASBOURG - MAINZ - KOBLENZ - COLOGNE - DÜSSELDORF - AMSTERDAM

From Basel to Amsterdam, embark on a cruise rich in history and authenticity. Admire the beauty of the Rhine Falls before discovering historic monuments through cities such as Haarlem or Colmar and its Unterlinden museum. You can take a stroll to the Arnhem Open Air Museum, which reveals a 100-year-old story.





## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- From the Three Countries Bridge to Holland, discover a unique blend of nature and culture
- Discover(2):
  - Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum(3)
  - Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
  - Delightful scents and springtime colors at the Keukenhof floral gardens(1)
  - **Haarlem,** the golden age of the 17th century



# CRUISE PROGRAM (8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS)



Day 1: BASEL

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. We'll enjoy dinner on board.



#### Day 2: BREISACH

This afternoon, join us for an optional excursion for both packages: A guided tour of Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum.(3) Colmar is a colorful city bursting with Alsatian charm. We'll spend time in the romantic Little Venice neighborhood before visiting the Unterlinden Museum. The museum exhibits span 7,000 years—from prehistoric times to modern art. The most regarded masterpiece in its collection is the polyptych by artists Niclaus of Haguenau and Grünewald.

Join us for dinner and an evening of entertainment.



#### Day 3: BREISACH - STRASBOURG

The morning will be spent cruising through the vineyards dotting the hills along the Vosges mountain range, the Black Forest, and the Alsatian plains.

Optional excursion for both packages: Boat tour of Strasbourg and a visit to its cathedral (only on pre-booking before departure). Like many European cities, Strasbourg has a striking mix of architecture that includes a broad range of traditional structures next to bold modern designs.

Join us for an evening of dancing in the lounge. Our ship will cruise to Mainz.



## Day 4: MAINZ - KOBLENZ

Optional excursion for both packages: Tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum. This tour on foot will take us to the city's magnificent cathedral. We'll then stroll down the picturesque streets of the Old City to the Gutenberg Museum.

Afterwards, we'll cruise through the romantic Rhine Valley and enjoy the amazing scenery as we travel to the legendary rock of the Lorelei. We'll have dinner on board, and then visit the city with our host or hostess.



## Day 5: KOBLENZ - COLOGNE - DÜSSELDORF

We'll begin to cruise to Cologne, passing the cities of Andernach, Konigswinter, and Bonn. As our ship approaches Cologne, you'll catch a glimpse of the Seven Hills (Siebengebirge), known for the myths and fairytales about its origins. We'll arrive at the end of the morning. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Cologne, the crossroads of Europe since the Middle Ages. We'll see the immense, Gothic cathedral—the tallest twin-spire church in the world and the most visited landmark in Germany. We'll then head over to the Old Town to stroll the streets and pass in front of the famous Farina Fragrance Museum. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship. You'll be transferred to Düsseldorf by coach.

Tonight is our festive gala evening.



# Day 6: DÜSSELDORF - NIJMEGEN - AMSTERDAM or surroundings(4)

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: A visit to the Netherlands Open-Air Museum in Arnhem. This national museum focuses on the everyday life of Dutch people throughout the country's history and includes old homes, farms, and factories from different regions. You can stroll through the attraction at your own pace or take the authentic trams. As you enjoy your day, the ship will cruise to Nijmegen. We'll return on board in Nijmegen and begin to cruise to Amsterdam. Join us for dinner and an evening of entertainment.





## Day 7: AMSTERDAM or surroundings(4)

This morning, we offer two optional excursions depending on your package.

CLASSIC package: Panoramic tour of the city and a visit to a diamond merchant. Amsterdam is one of the most unique and extraordinary cities in the world. Enjoy a highlight tour of all the major sites, including the tallest windmill in the Netherlands, the De Gooyer. We'll then visit one of the many diamond merchants located throughout the city, before heading over to the dazzling floating flower market. DISCOVERY package: An off-the-beaten-path bike tour of Amsterdam. We'll leave on foot to head to the bike rental office. Once equipped, we'll set out on a bike tour to discover places only the locals know about. As we ride, we'll pass in front of many famous monuments and sites, including Dam Square, the Royal Palace, the Anne Frank House, Nieuwmarkt, the Rembrandt House Museum, and much more!

This afternoon, join us for an optional excursion for both packages: A visit to the Keukenhof Gardens.(1) (only on pre-booking before departure) Tour the beautiful spring gardens at your own pace. Don't forget to visit the Orchid House, the Japanese Garden, and the 19th-century windmill on the edge of the tulip fields! Keukenhof also contains the works of 25 artists. To make your visit more active, you can take a boat trip through the fields or bike ride through the surrounding area.

During the off-season, we'll visit Haarlem instead.



#### Day 8 : AMSTERDAM or surroundings(4)

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

#### This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - onboard entertainment - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers/travel to and from departure/ arrival points - personal expenses.

#### **Transport**

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

#### Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included DRINKS
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- Refined French cuisine Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# **MENTIONS**

For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

- (1) Open from March 23rd to May 14th, 2023. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof Flower Park.
- (2) Optional excursions.
- (3) The museum is closed on Tuesdays. It will be replaced by a visit to the Hansi Museum instead.
- (4) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.

Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.



# **EXCURSIONS**

Day 2

1 Excursion (s)



**Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum** (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

Afternoon

Day 3

1 Excursion (s)



Boat tour of Strasbourg and a visit to its cathedral (Optional)

Duration: 03h00

Classic

Afternoon

Day 4

1 Excursion (s)



**Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum** (Optional)

Duration: 02h30

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Morning

Day 5

1 Excursion (s)



Guided tour of Köln (Optional)

Duration: 05h00

Classic

Afternoon

Day 6

1 Excursion (s)



Visit of the Dutch Open Air Museum of Arnhem (Optional)

Duration: 04h30

Classic

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Afternoon



Day 7

4 Excursion (s)

Amsterdam and diamond producer (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

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Morning



Amsterdam by bike (Optional)

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**Guided tour of Haarlem** (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

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Afternoon



**Excursion to the Keukenhof Gardens** (Optional)

Duration: 04h30

Classic

Afternoon