

CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. MNT_PP2

Delightful Christmas Markets in the Neckar Valley (port-to-port package)

STRASBOURG - HEIDELBERG - EBERBACH - Heilbronn - HEIDELBERG - SPEYER - STRASBOURG

Discover timeless Christmas traditions in the heart of the Neckar Valley. Sitting on the banks of the Neckar River, Heidelberg hosts one of the most romantic Christmas markets in its historical center as its magnificent castle sits above. Mulled wine and cinnamon aromas will be your guide as you take in the holiday spirit. Each city shimmers in its best festive getups as they dance to Yuletide tunes.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- A romantic holiday cruise along the enchanting Neckar River lined with medieval cities, majestic fortresses, and lovely countryside
- Our stops include:
 - The Christmas market in **Heidelberg**, an exceptional setting in one of Germany's most romantic cities
 - The former medieval city of **Eberbach**
 - The poetic charm of **Heilbronn**
 - Historic **Speyer** and its Imperial Cathedral

CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : STRASBOURG

We will welcome you on our ship at 1:00 p.m. so that you can drop off your luggage before **heading out on a panoramic tour** at 2:00 p.m. to see the holiday decorations in Strasbourg and spend some free time at its famous Christmas markets. In the evening, passengers are welcome to (re)board at 6:00 p.m. After you've comfortably settled into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner and an evening of entertainment on board. Our ship will begin to cruise to Mannheim. Our ship will cruise through the night.



Day 2 : HEIDELBERG - EBERBACH

We'll arrive in Mannheim, **our starting point for the tour of Heidelberg and its castle** (exterior only). Heidelberg is Germany's oldest and most famous university town. The late 18th- and 19th-century Romanticists found quite the inspiration in this riverside setting. After a guided tour of the old town, enjoy some free time wandering through the local Christmas markets. Soak up the atmosphere, jump on the old-time carousel like a kid, enjoy the scrumptious food, and throw back a beer or sip on mulled wine*. There's no better way to welcome the season than being at the heart of the festivities. After our tour, we'll return on board in Heidelberg.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising the Neckar River towards Eberbach. **We'll pass by what the Germans call the "Romantic Four"**—Neckargemünd and its wonderfully decorated half-timbered homes dominated by Dilsberg Castle above the city; Necksteinach and its four castles that form a ribbon around the river bends; Hirschhorn, its castle, and former Carmelite cloister; and lastly, our arrival point at the quaint city of Eberbach. Enjoy some free time to stroll through the vibrant, inspiring town located on what was once an old trade route linking Mannheim to Prague.

Join us for dinner and an evening of entertainment.



Day 3 : EBERBACH - Heilbronn - HEIDELBERG

Full-day excursion included: Heilbronn (lunch included - approximately 2.5 hours of round-trip travel).

You'll travel from Eberbach to Heilbronn, the wine capital of historic Wurtemberg—an ancient Imperial Free City sitting within beautiful forests and vineyards.

During your stroll through downtown, you'll see the astronomical clock on the old City Hall in the market square; St. Kilian's Church and its Renaissance-style belfry; and the Deutschhof, an old monastery that now houses the city museums.

At Christmastime, the city overflows with music and traditional spices such as aniseed and cinnamon. Enjoy browsing the decorated stands brimming with crafts and souvenirs around St. Kilian's Church, the City Hall, and the market square. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant.

After the excursion, we'll return on board in Heidelberg. The rest of the evening is yours to do as you please.



Day 4 : HEIDELBERG - SPEYER

We'll spend the morning cruising.

On arrival, join us for a tour of Speyer. The city is littered with impressive landmarks, including the UNESCO-listed cathedral and medieval ruins from the time when it was inhabited by one of the most important Jewish communities in Germany. Speyer also hosts a delightful and ethereal Christmas and New Year market on the famous Maximilianstrasse in front of the Alten Münze (Old Mint).

Tonight is our festive gala evening. Our ship will begin to cruise to Strasbourg.



Day 5 : STRASBOURG

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning 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 - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard entertainment - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - excursions listed in program - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

drinks from our special wine list or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - 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 INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- 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

Warning: Navigational obligations and weather conditions can disrupt the itinerary, and in certain cases, intermediate stops may be canceled. If this happens, CroisiEurope will do our best to find the best solution according to passenger expectations.

*Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.