



# RHINE GETAWAY

AMSTERDAM - BASEL  
8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 4 COUNTRIES

**OVERLOOK THE RHINE FROM GERMANY'S BEST-PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CASTLE.** Discover the rich culinary traditions of Alsace. Explore the Black Forest your way: join a guided coach tour or walk lush country trails to a farm. With fairytale castles, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery, is it any wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers. From Amsterdam and Cologne to Basel, this eight-day journey reveals a wonderland of beauty and culture.





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DAY 1	<b>AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS</b> Arrive in Amsterdam and board your ship. The afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. You may wish to visit the Rijks museum or the Van Gogh Museum.
DAY 2	<b>KINDERDIJK, THE NETHERLANDS</b> This morning we sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site, for a tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. Enjoy lunch on board before a culturally enriching presentation of the Dutch Golden Age.
DAY 3	<b>COLOGNE, GERMANY</b> A morning tour of Cologne — stroll through Old Town past St. Martin's Church and visit the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, you may wish to set off on an optional excursion to explore Cologne's spirited beer culture, sampling Kölsch and enjoying a Brauhaus dinner.
DAY 4	<b>KOBLENZ &amp; RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY</b> Disembark for a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Alternately, choose an optional excursion to tour the 700-year old Marksburg Castle. Enjoy an onboard lunch as you cruise the scenic Middle Rhine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, then arrive in Rüdesheim and spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse.
DAY 5	<b>SPEYER, GERMANY</b> Enjoy an included tour to visit the historic town of Speyer and take in views of the imposing Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Alternatively, after breakfast, you may choose to disembark for a full day tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386.
DAY 6	<b>STRASBOURG, FRANCE</b> Embark on a guided tour of Strasbourg — see the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. The afternoon is free to further explore Strasbourg, or join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country. On board this evening, enjoy a 'Taste of Germany' dinner event.
DAY 7	<b>BREISACH, GERMANY</b> Take a scenic excursion through Breisach's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Lunch on board, followed by an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar, or an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history.
DAY 8	<b>BASEL, SWITZERLAND</b> After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight. Alternatively, extend your journey with two nights in Lucerne or Basel.



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## OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSIONS ON YOUR JOURNEY



### STRASBOURG FROM THE TOP

Begin your tour with a tram ride into the heart of the city where you'll find the towering Gothic cathedral. Admire its grand exterior, then ascend its spiral staircase for unrivalled views of Strasbourg. Next, visit the Petite France area — a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### ALSATIAN WINE TASTING

Explore the treasures of Alsace, from its Renaissance beauty and distinct culture to its crisp, clean white wines. Enjoy a drive into the Alsatian wine country and stop for a winery and cellar tour and tasting. If the season permits, take a walk through the vineyards.

### TOP OF COLOGNE

Climb up to the roof of Cologne Cathedral with a local guide. Visit the restoration workshops and see the vast tower spaces and massive iron structures holding up the roof. Venture onto the roof itself for incredible, up-close views of the cathedral's Gothic architecture.

### MEDIEVAL MARKSBURG CASTLE

The incredible Marksburg Castle watches over the town as it has since the 13th century. Enjoy spectacular views of the Rhine and the surrounding countryside, tour the citadel, see the impressive kitchens in the Gothic Hall building and study the Gimbel Collection.

### KINDERDIJK BY VINTAGE BARGE

Board the Jantina, a 125-year-old restored cargo vessel, and sail to the Blokker Windmill, which dates back to 1630. Meet the miller and his family and tour the windmill — take a peek at the vegetable garden, the cooking shed and the outhouse.

### MERCEDES-BENZ FACTORY

Witness the precision that goes into every Mercedes. Marvel at the all-glass, futuristic visitor centre and watch as these fine cars come together along a vast and intricate assembly line. More than three million Mercedes have been built here since the plant's opening in 1992.

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RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY

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### DINE IN RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN

During this evening excursion, board a mini train to the 15th-century Drosselgasse and take in the medieval atmosphere. At the Rüdesheimer Schloss, enjoy the flavours of the Rheingau region during a festive dinner with traditional music and local Schnapps.

### MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF COLMAR

Stroll the charming medieval lanes and squares of Colmar and explore its 'Little Venice' quarter. On a guided tour, discover the village's 13th-century Gothic churches, original Old Town, Alsatian homes and beautiful Renaissance architecture. Later, visit Musée d'Unterlinden.

### KINDERDIJK WINDMILLS & DUTCH CHEESE MAKING

See the picturesque Dutch countryside and visit a traditional cheese farm — there will be plenty of delicious cheese to sample. You will also visit Kinderdijk's 19 historic windmills, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### BRÜHL UNESCO PALACES

With your guide, drive to Schlosspark at the edge of the Naturpark Kottenforst-Ville nature reserve. Here, tour the Augustusburg Castle, admiring its beautifully landscaped grounds, rococo architecture, grand staircase and extravagantly decorated rooms and chambers.

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### COLOGNE'S BEER CULTURE & DINNER

Stroll the Old Town's cobblestone streets to three Kölsch brewhouses. Brauhaus servers, called köbes, will deliver Kölsch straight from the barrel to your table. Later, enjoy dinner at the popular Brauhaus zur Malzmühle.

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