

The Rhine River

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Why Experience the Rhine River

You want to immerse in the culture of your destination, enjoy those one-of-a-kind experiences, consume the local cuisine, and have the exclusive luxury in an unhurried, relaxing, yet adventurous, setting.

With a smaller vessel, usually only about 200 passengers, river cruises provide a more intimate setting.

River cruises dock right in the heart of the most remarkable cities, so you can stroll the history, culture, and hidden gems of your destination.

Just imagine biking your way through a quaint village in France, Switzerland or Germany. Castle views from Amsterdam to Basel - Don't just view them, hike or bike to them. Literally walk in the footsteps of world history.

With a river cruise, you spend more time at your destination, yet visit many different countries in one week without packing and unpacking. The perfect balance of culture, adventure and relaxation. You can chose your theme if you'd like. Spring has tulips, late Fall has Holiday/Winter/Christmas Markets.



Four Phenomenal Countries One Week

With exquisite cuisine and delicious cocktail drinks, and continuous scenic views available around-the-clock—it's tempting to many to never leave the ship. But as much as they take pride in their impeccable service, we know that the main reason travelers choose a river cruise is because of the adventure—the amazing, breathtaking stops along the way. With that in mind, the countries you'll explore on the Rhine are historic, romantic and truly awe-inspiring.



Switzerland

A pristine alpine wonderland, Switzerland is beautiful any time of year. It's known for its snowy mountain caps in the winter and lush green hills in the summer. Whether you're taking a scenic train ride through the Alps or traveling the Rhine by ship, Switzerland will have you wondering if you've walked straight into a fairytale.

Many river cruises on the Rhine start or end in Basel, a city known for its love of art and museums. The city has the highest concentration of museums in the country and is centered around a market square, making it perfectly easy to tour.

Basel is a fantastic representation of Switzerland as it's situated right between France and Germany, two countries which have significantly influenced Swiss culture. Enjoy this melding of cultures as you dine alfresco at a cafe along the banks of the Rhine.

But why stop with Basel when there's so much more of Switzerland to see. We'd recommend tacking on a trip to Lucerne or Zurich.



France

Parlez-vous français? Non? Well, no worries. A good translation app can do wonders to help you navigate the luscious countryside of France, and its mouthwatering cafes and menus. For its food, wine, and historic sights, we love this country for all the right reasons.

Wine and France go hand-in-hand, and if you haven't had a bowl of French onion soup, you're seriously missing out. Whether you're stopping at a bakery in the morning for a fresh croissant and cafe au lait, a light lunch of a croque monsieur or a full 3-course French dinner, you will not be disappointed.

Strasbourg, the capital city of the Alsace region and a charming city for a day trip. We'd recommend the Cave des Hospices for a wine tour and light beverage during the afternoon.

If wine tasting isn't your idea of a relaxing afternoon, there is no shortage of other soothing activities in Strasbourg. The Parc de l'Orangerie, Parc de la Citadelle and the botanical gardens are all equally serene places for an afternoon walk or bike ride.



Germany

Traveling to Germany usually takes tourists to Berlin, Munich and other metropolitan areas. On a river cruise on the Rhine, however, you'll experience a whole new side of the country—one that is more traditional and inviting.

Cruising down the Rhine, you'll see cultural hubs as well as quaint cities you may not otherwise experience. Rudesheim and Cologne both offer a variety of entertainment including local musicians and museums, providing for a well-rounded German experience.

A 2,000-year-old city, Cologne is best known for its colorful rows of houses and its famous Christmas markets. In contrast to the small-town charm of Rudesheim, Cologne is a much larger city and cultural hub of this area of Germany.

Where Rudesheim is medieval and rustic, Cologne is more Gothic and modern. Visible from the Rhine River, the Cologne Cathedral is a must-see landmark. Its two towers are still some of the largest peaks in the city.



The Netherlands

What better way to begin or end a cruise on the Rhine than right in the heart of the Netherlands- Amsterdam.

A city known for its red-light district and overall carefree way of life, Amsterdam offers an incredible array of cultural experiences. Cruising one of the world's most elaborate canal systems will show you much of the beauty this city has to offer.

If you prefer to observe the canals by land, you can opt for a tour through the bohemian neighborhood of Jordaan, which boasts trendy cafes, eateries, and shops. After grabbing a coffee, head to one of the many historical landmarks in this part of town. The Anne Frank House is located just outside Jordaan and across from the historical Westerkerk Cathedral where Rembrandt was buried in 1669.

The people in the Netherlands are truly some of the kindest and friendly people in Europe. Described as modest, direct and very prompt, don't be surprised by how welcomed you feel in this city. And don't forget to try the stroopwafel, you won't be sorry!



Meet Vicky



Life is to be savored - to be soaked up and enjoyed thoroughly. What better way to make the most of life than sharing in the stories and experiences of cultures around the world?

That's where I come in. Vicky Lopez, travel curator, at your service.

I can help you enrich your life through travel. By curating unique trips where you can immerse in the culture, cuisine, and experiences of your destination.

Whether you prefer the splendor of a river cruise with wine and bike tours, or a Mediterranean ocean cruise to explore the history of Europe, we will combine your desires with my expert knowledge and I will design the perfect journey for you.



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