

## **DECEMBER 2025**

## Christmas Markets on the Rhine

## 7 NIGHT CRUISE



Experience the deep-rooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year and get caught up in the magic of the holidays with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets. Warm up with a mug of steamy glühwein while at the Cologne Christmas Market located in front of its UNESCO-designated Gothic cathedral. Let the "Capital of Noël," Strasbourg, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France, captivate you the way it has for so many others for centuries. Meander through Heidelberg's majestic Christmas Market nestled idyllically amongst the historic squares of the Old Town. And while in Gengenbach, marvel at the world's largest Advent calendar, where every evening at 6:00 PM, the brightly lit windows of the neo-classical town hall open and behind each one is a picture by a famous artist, such as Andy Warhol. Cherish all the glory of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine.

COUNTRIES: FRANCE, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND

**RIVERS: RHINE** 

### Friday, December 5, 2025 Day 2: AMSTERDAM

Canal cruise

Scenic cruising out of Amsterdam

### Saturday, December 6, 2025 Day 3: DUSSELDORF

 Cologne "Holy City" Walking Tour and Christmas Markets OR Düsseldorf Walking Tour with Altbier tasting and Christmas Markets OR Düsseldorf bike tour

### Sunday, December 7, 2025 Day 4: RHINE GORGE

- Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising
- Wine Tasting and Christmas Markets
   OR Gondola Ride and Christmas Market
   OR Vineyards Hike OR Guided Bike Tour of the Rheingau and Christmas Markets
- Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet
   OR Rüdesheimer coffee

### Monday, December 8, 2025 Day 5: LUDWIGSHAFEN

 Heidelberg Tour and Christmas Markets OR Medieval Speyer and Christmas Markets OR Heidelberg Philosopher's Path Hike and Christmas Markets OR Ladenburg Bike Tour

### Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Day 6: STRASBOURG

- Strasbourg City Tour and Christmas Markets OR Strasbourg bike tour
- Gengenbach Christmas Markets Tour

### Wednesday, December 10, 2025 Day 7: BREISACH

 Colmar Excursion and Christmas Markets OR Freiburg Excursion and Christmas Markets OR Breisach Wine Country Bike Tour

### Thursday, December 11, 2025 Day 8: BASEL

DISEMBARKATION



\*\*PRICING BELOW IS GOOD THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023\*\*



## **ITINERARY DETAILS:**

#### Day 1: Amsterdam Netherlands (D)

• Board the ship in Amsterdam for your Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise.

#### Day 2: Amsterdam Netherlands (B,L,D)

• There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam.

### Day 3, Cologne, Germany (B,L,D)

Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the
Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town. Explore the
UNESCO designated cathedral and then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned
Christmas Markets located in front of the cathedral. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine
or visit a local tavern to taste Cologne's traditional Kölsch beer and reibekuchen mit
apfelmus—potato pancakes served with applesauce.

### Day 4, Rhine Gorge → Rudesheim, Germany (B,L,D)

• Cruise through the castleladen Rhine River Gorge before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Once in Rüdesheim, you will have four choices of morning excursions. Wine connoisseurs will want to go to a wine cellar for a wine tasting followed by a Christmas Market visit to enjoy holiday traditions from around the world. Or go on a hike through the vineyards. Alternatively, you can take a peaceful ride over the vineyards on Rüdesheim's gondola followed by a visit to the Christmas Market. You may also opt to join a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River before visiting the Christmas Market. Later in the day, you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee.

### Day 5, Ludwigshafen, Germany (B,L,D)

You have the choice to explore two of Germany's historically rich cities, along with their festive Christmas Markets. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, the Hauptstrasse, soaking up the Yuletide celebrations at the town's Christmas Markets. Or hike along the Neckar River on the historic Philosopher's Path followed by free time to enjoy the Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can bike along the Neckar River to the medieval town of Ladenburg and visit its Marktplatz, or explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also have time to visit its Christmas Market in front of the "Old Mint" (Alten Münze) in the famous aximilianstrasse, with a view of the romantic Imperial cathedral (Kaiserdom).

#### Day 6, Strasbourg, France (B,L,D)

Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterwards, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and through the lovely "La Petite France" district, where you will see the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock and then visit the town's famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. Later in the day, opt to visit Gengenbach's Christmas Markets and the town's famous illuminated town hall Advent calendar.

























#### Day 7, Breisach, Germany (B,L,D)

• Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate, followed by a visit to its charming Christmas Markets. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." Then enjoy free time at the Freiburg Christmas Markets. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through Breisach's countryside.





#### Day 8, Basel, Switzerland (B)

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Basel as you prepare for your return flight home.

### **ENROLLMENT LINK:** https://www.alipicturethistravel.com/christmasmarkets

\*\$400pp NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE AT ENROLLMENT\*\* | Final Payment Due: August 22, 2025
Payments can be made between deposit and final payment (monthly, quarterly, etc.)

# HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION? PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR AGENTS FOR MORE DETAILS.

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## **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

### SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, a music library and English language TV stations
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

#### AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Wellness Activities with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

#### AWARD-WINNING DINING

- AAll onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

### A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways



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## THE SHIP: AmaSiena



Sister ship to the award-winning *AmaLea* and *AmaKristina*, the elegant 156-passenger *AmaSiena* brought with her a sense of joy when she was christened in 2021. Vivid shades of red create an air of confidence throughout the Main Restaurant while bold floral patterns are sprinkled throughout the ship, from her spacious twin-balcony staterooms to her Main Lounge, with its floor-to-ceiling windows offering exceptional views of the castles along the Rhine River and the iconic windmills and pastures of Holland and Belgium. Her airy Sun Deck offers a walking track, pool with swim-up bar and ever-changing views of the scenery – even as you participate in a complimentary fitness class. And her Chef's Table specialty restaurant offers a subtle elegance that allows each dish of its exquisite regionally inspired tasting menu to shine. Discover all of these delights and more on board *AmaSiena*.

























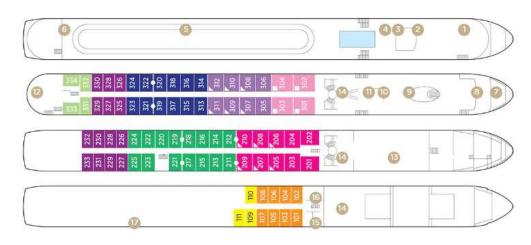




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## **DECK PLAN:**

1	Lower Sun Deck				
2	Navigation Bridge				
3	Sicycles				
4	Heated Pool				
5	Sun Deck				
6	Walking Track				
7	Al Fresco Terrace				
8	Observation Lounge				
9	Main Lounge & Bar				
10	Gift Shop				
n	Reception				
12	The Chef's Table Restaurant				
13	Main Restaurant				
14	Elevator				
15	Massage & Hair Salon				
16	Fitness Room				
17	Crew Cabins				



## **STATEROOMS:**

SUITE		AA	АВ	ВА
Curside Balcony La	Bathroom gg	Showly Bofiscon  Outside Large French Balcony Window Window	Cutalide Lage French Bakcory	Cutide Large Ferch Bakony Weston
French Balcony &	Deck Outside Balcony, sq. ft.	Violin Deck French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	Cello Deck French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.	Violin Deck French Balcony & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.
\$7,779 pe	er person	\$6,479 per person	\$6,279 per person	\$6,079 per person
ВВ	CA	СВ	D	E
Social Softwan  Outside Large Freich Balcony Window	Short Short	French Balcony	Fixed Windows	Fixed Windows
Cello Deck French Balcony & Outside	Violin & Cello Deck French Balcony	Violin Deck French Balcony,	Piano Deck Fixed Windows	Piano Deck Fixed Windows
Balcony, 210 sq. ft.	170 sq. ft.	155 sq. ft.	160 sq. ft.	160 sq. ft.





## **NOT INCLUDED IN PRICING:**

### Insurance:

• OPTION 1: Standard Policy with TravelGuard

Cost: 13% of Cruise Fare

Coverage: Standard covered reasons policy with benefits including cancellation, interruption, missed connection, delay, baggage coverage and delay, emergency medical/dental, and emergency evacuation

• OPTION 2: Standard Policy with TravelGuard + Cancel For Any Reason Supplement

Cost: 13% of Cruise Fare + \$80

Coverage: Standard covered reasons policy with benefits including cancellation, interruption, missed connection, delay, baggage coverage and delay, emergency medical/dental, emergency evacuation, etc., plus a cancel for any reason policy for future cruise credits

\*If you would like to see more insurance options, please contact Ali (ali@picturethistravel.com) or Kelley (kelley@picturethistravel.com) for a customized quote and policy unique to your travel needs.

### **Single Supplement:**

Those traveling as a single will need to pay a double occupancy rate.

### Flights:

Flights will not be made available until 11 months prior to departure.