



CRUISE OF 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS - REF. MNW\_PP

# Magical Christmas extravaganzas in Alsace and Switzerland along the Rhine (port-to-port cruise)

STRASBOURG - BREISACH - Riquewihr - Colmar - BASEL

Alsace puts on its finest during the holiday season. You'll discover Strasbourg's Christmas market and its giant tree, the medieval village of Riquewihr, and the magic of Little Venice in Colmar. Enticing smells and delicious flavors mix perfectly with the friendly atmosphere found under the festive lights. You'll finish your vacation by learning about the longtime holiday traditions found around Basel, Switzerland. We'll visit the Läckerli Huus—home of traditional spice cookies—and the largest Christmas market in the country.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED :
  - The magic of Alsatian Christmas markets
  - Basel, the largest Christmas market in Switzerland
  - The Strasbourg Christmas market, one of the oldest in the world
  - Visit the Läckerli Huus, a delicious Swiss tradition
  - Christmas delights: Hot chocolate, gingerbread, Christmas cookies, and mulled wine
  - The charming Alsatian village of Riquewihr and its Christmas market



# CRUISE PROGRAM (4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS)



## Day 1: STRASBOURG

Passengers are welcome to board at 5:00 p.m. in Strasbourg. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Transfer to the city center of Strasbourg. Enjoy time on your own strolling through the various Christmas markets in the capital of Alsace. The smell of mulled wine and gingerbread mixed with the holiday decorations and the immense Christmas tree in the city center are what make Strasbourg the "capital of Christmas." The market first began in 1570 and is one of the oldest in the world.

We'll return to the ship for dinner.

Our ship will begin to cruise to Breisach.



## Day 2: BREISACH - Riquewihr - Colmar

A full-day escapade to local Christmas markets (lunch included). In Riquewihr, a charming medieval village nestled among the vineyards, you'll discover an authentic Christmas market in a unique setting. The bright colors of the half-timbered homes add to the postcard-like setting of traditional Alsace. Take your time wandering the cobblestone streets and admiring the marvelous decorations covering the facades and village monuments.

We'll have lunch in a typical restaurant, and you'll discover just how delicious the local cuisine can be.

In the afternoon, we'll head to Colmar—an undeniably charming city located on the vast plain between the Vosges Mountains and the Black Forest. The historic center and the romantic Little Venice neighborhood with its gaily decorated canals are European charm at its best. We'll visit the Choco-Story chocolate museum in Colmar. The museum, dedicated to the wonders of our favorite sweet, is located in the center of the holiday activity in Colmar. Warm up with a cup of delightful hot chocolate.

Discover the city's Christmas market before we head back.



## Day 3: BASEL

We'll spend the morning cruising to Basel. Learn how to make traditional Alsatian Christmas cookies on board, what the locals call bredeles. All of its delicious secrets will be revealed to you.

We'll arrive in Basel in the early afternoon. Let your sweet tooth go wild with a tasting and tour at the Lackerli Huus, where the famous sugar-glazed Basler Läckerli are made along with other chocolates and candies. When we return to Basel, enjoy time discovering the holiday market with more than 150 vendors and craftspeople. You'll adore the largest Christmas market in Switzerland.

We'll return to the ship for a cup of mulled wine.

An evening of Christmas tales.



Day 4: BASEL

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning. Disembarkation.



#### This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - cabin category of your choice - Drinks included on board (excluding special cards) and a drinks package for meals taken outside the ship (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal) - onboard entertainment - visits mentioned in program - the assistance of our onboard host/hostess - welcome cocktail - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

#### This offer does not include

Transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - cancellation and baggage insurance - any services not specifically mentioned in the program - personal expenses - drinks on special menus, drinks taken during excursions or transfers

#### **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
  PACKAGE INCLUDED with meals
- 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 the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. To better serve our customers, the tour itinerary may be reversed.

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