



CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. SKL_PP

Christmas Markets along the Rhine (port-to-port package)

STRASBOURG - SPEYER - RÜDESHEIM - KOBLENZ - COLOGNE

Christmas markets are in full boom during the holiday season. The smell of freshly baked goods fills the air surrounding the festive wooden booths selling artisan gifts. We'll visit several markets during this cruise for an authentic German holiday experience, including those in Speyer, romantic Heidelberg, the Christmas Market of Nations in Rudesheim, and Koblenz.

Favorite : The mechanical music cabinet museum and the Christmas Market of Nations in Rudesheim(1)



Cruise highlights

- An exciting cruise on the Rhine River bringing on the holiday cheer
- THE MUST-SEE SITES:
 - Heidelberg and one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Germany(1)
 - Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress(1)

CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : STRASBOURG

You'll board our ship at 6 p.m. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board.



Day 2 : STRASBOURG - SPEYER(3) - Heidelberg - SPEYER(3)

We'll spend the morning cruising to Speyer. Enjoy an afternoon on your own in the city or join us for an optional excursion: Heidelberg and its Christmas Market. We'll leave by coach for Heidelberg for a visit of the city and its castle (exteriors). The city was the center of German Romanticism during the 19th century. After a guided tour of the old town, enjoy some time on your own exploring the enchanting Christmas market. You'll discover some great finds for your holiday shopping at the Marktplatz, Universitätsplatz (with its antique carousel), and the winter wonderland at the Kornmarkt. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board. We'll remain in Speyer for the night.



Day 3 : SPEYER(3) - RÜDESHEIM

We'll spend the morning cruising to Rudesheim. This afternoon, join us for an optional tour of the city by tourist train and a visit to the mechanical music cabinet museum.(2) We'll board a tourist train for Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet.(2) The museum holds approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries – from delicate musical boxes to a gigantic piano-orchestrion. Afterwards, spend some time strolling through the Christmas Market of Nations, enjoying what the ambiance has to offer. The 120 wooden chalets set the stage for an authentic German Christmas market displaying artisan objects, great gift ideas, and delicious culinary specialties such as local confections and cookies, and of course, pretzels! You'll return to the ship by walking down the famous Drosselgasse. After our excursion, we'll return on board for dinner. In the evening, the famous Drosselgasse awaits you once again with its numerous cafés, bars, and music. We'll remain in Rudesheim for the night.



Day 4 : RÜDESHEIM - KOBLENZ

This morning, we'll pass through the beautiful and romantic Rhine Valley. The fascinating Rhine River has been the muse for many legends, including the Rock of the Lorelei. Each twist and turn of the river reveals another castle atop a peak above the sprawling vineyards. In the afternoon, we'll set out on an optional tour of Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Located at the crossroads of the Rhine and Moselle regions and surrounded by several mountain peaks, Koblenz is a rich mosaic of culture and history. We'll take the funicular railway up the hill to visit the historic castle, where we'll have a magnificent view across the city and valleys. You'll immediately understand the strategic importance of this fortress throughout history, as the lands stretch as far as the eye can see. What better way to wrap up the day than to check out the holiday market in Koblenz? Gingerbread, grilled almonds, cinnamon, and mulled wine scents waft through the air at the city's traditional Christmas market set up at several squares throughout the picturesque old town. Tonight we'll enjoy our gala dinner on board. Our ship will cruise to Cologne overnight.



Day 5 : COLOGNE

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages with meals (not including the special lists) - accommodations in a double-occupancy cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala evening - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists, at the bar, or ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers to/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

For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(1) Optional excursions.

(2) The tourist train tour is subject to favorable weather conditions.

(3) The stopover in Speyer could be replaced by a stopover in Mannheim.

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

EXCURSIONS

Day 2 1 Excursion (s)



Guided tour of Heidelberg and its castle (outdoor) *(Optional)*

Classic



Afternoon

Day 3 1 Excursion (s)



Rudesheim: small train and Music Museum *(Optional)*

Duration : 02h00

Classic



Afternoon

Day 4 1 Excursion (s)



Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress *(Optional)*

Duration : 03h00

Classic



Afternoon