



2021 ENCHANTING RHINE AR

**12 DAYS · TRAVEL TO ZURICH, SWITZERLAND AND RETURN FROM AMSTERDAM,
NETHERLANDS**

**START WITH 2 NIGHTS IN ZURICH, 2 NIGHTS IN LUCERNE AND ENDING WITH AN
ENCHANTING 7-NIGHT CRUISE FROM BASEL TO AMSTERDAM**

Grand cities blend in perfect harmony with their historic past and their progressive future. Zurich's medieval houses, narrow lanes and town halls from the Renaissance period offer a striking backdrop to its trendy and ultra-modern metropolis. And Amsterdam's Golden Age melds seamlessly with its lively cafés, exciting nightlife and glorious museums. Inspirational towns have given way to great stories, poetry and music, like Heidelberg, where Mark Twain wrote *A Tramp Abroad*. Timeless traditions remain intact—from the making of Kölsch, Cologne's legendary brew, to the making of Rudesheimer coffee. Take a front-row seat on an enchanting journey that takes you along the Rhine and through its designated UNESCO World Heritage Site with its 40 castles strung like pearls on its river banks and to magnificent cities and charming villages alike.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Zurich	Hotel check-in
2	Zurich	"Little Big City" tour Free time
3	Zurich Lucerne	Transfer from Zurich Scenic Lake Lucerne cruise Hotel check-in
4	Lucerne	Lucerne City Tour
5	Lucerne Basel	Depart Hotel Lion Monument Transfer to Basel Highlights tour
6	Breisach	EMBARKATION Riquewihr excursion OR Freiburg excursion OR Breisach wine country bike tour OR Black Forest hike
7	Strasbourg	"The Gem of Alsace" tour OR Strasbourg bike tour
8	Ludwigshafen Rudesheim	"Romantic Heidelberg" excursion OR Heidelberg Philosopher's Path hike OR "Secrets of Speyer" tour Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum OR Rudesheimer coffee
9	Rudesheim Rhine Gorge	Gondola ride and wine tasting OR Schloss Johannisberg bike tour OR Vineyard hike Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising



2021 ENCHANTING RHINE AR

	Lahnstein	Unique Lahneck Castle visit
10	Cologne	“Holy City” walking tour and cathedral visit OR Kölsch Beer tasting OR Cologne bike tour
11	Amsterdam	Canal cruise tour
12	Amsterdam	DISEMBARKATION

Day 1, ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND. Arrive in Zurich and check into your hotel.

Day 2, ZURICH. Zurich seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. (B)

Day 3, ZURICH – LUCERNE. Check out of your hotel and transfer to Lucerne, where you’ll enjoy a cruise across the tranquil waters of Lake Lucerne. (B)

Day 4, LUCERNE. Discover Lucerne's unrivaled beauty on a walking tour that includes the spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B)

Day 5, LUCERNE – BASEL – EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel and visit the iconic Lion Monument, sculpted in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. Later, head to Basel. Before boarding the ship, you’ll go on a highlights tour of the city. (B,D)

Day 6, BREISACH, GERMANY. Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions, depending on your interests. 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 as well as famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate. Alternatively, you may wish to go to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg’s Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have “the most beautiful spire on earth.” Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic countryside, or go on a hike to the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. (B,L,D)

Day 7, STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l’Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République. Then walk through its iconic UNESCO World Heritage “La Petite France” district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through these charming streets and past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. For the active adventurer, you can take a guided bike ride through this captivating city and Parc de l’Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Day 8, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM. Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany’s Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher’s Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and be rewarded with panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany’s oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a



2021 ENCHANTING RHINE AR

UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Later in the day, sail to Rudesheim where you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy. (B,L,D)

Day 9, RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE – LAHNSTEIN. Your exploration of Rudesheim continues with your choice of three excursions. Take a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the river. Afterwards, indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Riesling wines in the vineyards. If you prefer a more active adventure, you can join a guided bike ride through the town and along the Rhine River to Schloss Johannisberg or hike through the town's beautiful vineyards. During the afternoon, set sail along the scenic Rhine River Gorge with its fabled legends and many castles to Lahnstein, where you'll visit Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)

Day 10, COLOGNE. Home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral, this 2,000-year-old city is also a bustling cosmopolitan hotspot. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral, where the remains of the fabled Three Kings—the Magi—are believed to rest. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten; or visit a local tavern to taste Kölsch beer and reibekuchen mit apfelmus—potato pancakes served with applesauce. (B,L,D)

Day 11, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS. Amsterdam boasts amazing history, art, architecture, and museums, and you have a choice as to how you wish to explore it. The famous canals of Amsterdam await discovery on your city tour beginning with a scenic canal cruise followed by a walk to Begijnhof, known for its Middle Age buildings. (B,L,D)

Day 12, AMSTERDAM – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your flight home. (B)