

# Castles along the Rhine

Basel to Amsterdam | 8 Days

## Castles along the Rhine River Cruise Package Includes:

7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the exquisite *S.S. Antoinette*

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

Captain's Welcome Gala and Farewell Dinners

Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner onboard; replenished bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar

9 excursions, including 2 "Choice Is Yours" options, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides

An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions

Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks throughout your cruise

Captivating onboard local entertainment

Signature Lecture: "The European City from the Middle Ages to the Present"

Exclusive Epicurean Adventurer Program™

All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 170)

## Celebrate the fairytale beauty and romantic spirit of the Rhine

Artists, musicians, writers, and poets from all over Europe have immortalized the Rhine's unadulterated natural beauty in their songs, art, stories, and poetry. Byron, Dumas, Hugo, and Heine celebrated it in their writing. Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Schubert, and Wagner idolized it in their music, and Turner captured it in his paintings. And even today, the Rhine continues to inspire those who visit—especially Germany's Upper Middle Rhine Valley, spanning approximately 40 miles between Rudesheim and Koblenz. More than 40 castles grace its shores, along with vineyard-terraced landscapes and breathtaking countryside, and as such, this area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

It's only fitting to sail this inspirational region onboard Uniworld's stunning ship, *S.S. Antoinette*. Travel in ultimate style and comfort to numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites. Take a breathtaking tour along the Alsatian Wine Road. Indulge in the region's famous Rheingau Rieslings at Castle Vollrads, and view fairytale Strasbourg as it has been seen for centuries, via a canal cruise. All this and more awaits you on "Castles along the Rhine."

**Who will enjoy this cruise:** Romantics, history buffs, wine connoisseurs, and nature lovers will rejoice in Medieval wine towns, glorious castles, majestic cathedrals, and world-class cities.

## Epicurean Adventurer Program

**Program Includes:** Castle Vollrads wine tasting | Black Forest chocolate cake-baking demonstration and tasting | Special wine and food pairing dinner

From **\$2,249** per person,  
cruise only

Rhine River Valley, Germany



### Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Port/City
1	Basel (embark)
2	Breisach (Colmar and Riquewhir)
3	Kehl (Strasbourg)
4	Germersheim (Speyer or Germersheim)
5	Rudesheim, cruising the romantic Rhine River, Boppard
6	Cruising the romantic Rhine River, Koblenz
7	Cologne
8	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Port/City
1	Amsterdam (embark)
2	Cologne
3	Koblenz, Boppard
4	Cruising the romantic Rhine River, Rudesheim
5	Germersheim (Speyer or Germersheim)
6	Kehl (Strasbourg)
7	Breisach (Colmar and Riquewhir)
8	Basel (disembark), transfer to the airport

**Cruise Start Dates:** March 25\* | April 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*, 29 | May 6\*, 13, 20\*, 27 | June 3\*, 10, 17\*, 24 | July 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22, 29\* | August 5, 12\*, 19, 26\* | September 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*, 30 | October 7\*, 14, 21\*, 28 | November 4\*, 11

\* On these dates, cruise operates from Amsterdam to Basel.





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## Day 1 | Basel

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg where you will be transferred to the ship. (D)

## Day 2 | Breisach (Colmar and Riquewhir)

**Featured Excursion:** Full-day tour along the Alsatian Wine Road

Starting from Medieval Breisach, the gateway to the Black Forest, you will cross the Rhine and head for the Alsatian Wine Road, which hugs the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. Charming villages, pastoral landscapes, and lush vineyards line this beautiful winding road. You will visit enchanting Colmar with its historic city center and St. Martin's Church, which is made of pink stone. You will also see the picturesque timber-framed houses in the romantic Medieval town of Riquewhir. (BB, Captain's Welcome Gala)

## Day 3 | Kehl (Strasbourg)

**Featured Excursion:** Strasbourg canal cruise

Situated halfway between Paris and Prague, the Alsatian town of Strasbourg is known as the "Crossroads of Europe." It is home to a magnificent Gothic cathedral and beautiful half-timbered houses. View Strasbourg in the way it has been seen through the centuries—on a canal cruise. In addition to viewing the town's covered bridges, Medieval watchtowers, old tanners' district, and the modern building that houses the European Parliament, you will see Petite France, the picturesque district that seems as if it has been lifted from the pages of a fairytale. Then spend your afternoon at leisure in this beautiful city. (BB, L, D)

## Day 4 | Germersheim (Speyer or Germersheim)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Speyer walking tour **OR** Germersheim village stroll

Your guided walking tour through Speyer reveals a Medieval town with a grand heritage and a compact historic center dominated by the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its basilica laid out in the form of a Latin cross, including four towers and two domes, this is a marvel to behold. Or explore daily life in the typical German town of Germersheim, with its lively historic downtown and unique old ring fortification around the city core. (BB, L, D)

## Day 5 | Rudesheim, cruising the romantic Rhine River, Boppard

**Featured Excursions:** Exclusive Castle Vollrads wine tasting and Boppard village stroll

Rudesheim has a long history dating back to Roman times and is considered one of the most charming of the Rhine Valley towns. It has been a magnet for romantics ever since the 19th century. The town is famous for, among other things, the Drosselgasse, a narrow alleyway lined with wine taverns and shops. Explore Rudesheim at your leisure. Later in the day, be our guest at a princely wine tasting at the prestigious Castle Vollrads, which is perfectly situated in the vineyard-covered hills and is one of the world's top wine estates for Rheingau Rieslings. The highlight of your day is the scenic cruising along the romantic Rhine—the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage-designated Upper Middle Rhine Valley. End your day with a guided village stroll around Boppard, a typical small town on the shores of the Rhine. (BB, L, D)

Castle Vollrads, Rudesheim, Germany

Day 6 | Cruising the romantic Rhine River, Koblenz  

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Koblenz walking tour **OR** aerial tram to Fortress Ehrenbreitstein

Awaken on the romantic Rhine and enjoy a morning cruise along the castle-lined river. The German Corner, with its famous William II monument, announces our arrival in Koblenz at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine rivers. Choose a walking tour highlighting the appeal of Koblenz—its romantic narrow streets and historical squares, the picturesque alleyways and fountains in the old quarter, and the 12th-century churches of St. Florin and Our Lady. Or ride the aerial tram across the Rhine to Fortress Ehrenbreitstein—inspiration to authors Melville and Byron—which has stood high on the hill overlooking the rivers' confluence since its beginnings as a fortification in 1,000 BC. (BB, L, D)

Day 7 | Cologne 

**Featured Excursion:** Cologne walking tour and Cologne Cathedral visit

Stroll through the narrow streets of Old Town with your guide, passing by tiny squares and small churches as you make your way to Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous landmark and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took 632 years for Germany's largest cathedral to be completed, and it is one of the most important Gothic churches in Europe. A visit inside features the Shrine of the Three Magi and the beautiful stained glass windows that survived WWII. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Note: No inside tours of the cathedral are given on Sundays or Catholic holidays.

Day 8 | Depart Amsterdam  

Disembark the ship and transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in bustling Amsterdam. (CB/BB)

Pay-in-Full Savings

Pay in full at time of booking to **SAVE \$800 per couple** (\$400 per person) on category 2 & 1 staterooms and suites. **SAVE \$600 per couple** (\$300 per person) on category 5, 4 & 3 staterooms. This offer expires **September 30, 2011**.

Early Booking Savings

Book and deposit at time of reservation to **SAVE \$300 per couple** (\$150 per person). This offer expires **November 30, 2011**.

Pricing Details Per Person

Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship	Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 25*	\$2,349	S.S. Antoinette	Aug 26*	\$3,349	S.S. Antoinette
Apr 1	\$2,499	S.S. Antoinette	Sep 2, 9,* 16	\$3,499	S.S. Antoinette
Apr 8*	\$2,599	S.S. Antoinette	Sep 23,* 30	\$3,449	S.S. Antoinette
Apr 15	\$2,799	S.S. Antoinette	Oct 7*	\$3,299	S.S. Antoinette
Apr 22*	\$2,999	S.S. Antoinette	Oct 14	\$3,049	S.S. Antoinette
Apr 29	\$3,249	S.S. Antoinette	Oct 21*	\$2,749	S.S. Antoinette
May 6,* 13, 20,* 27	\$3,249	S.S. Antoinette	Oct 28	\$2,449	S.S. Antoinette
Jun 3,* 10, 17,* 24	\$3,249	S.S. Antoinette	Nov 4*	\$2,349	S.S. Antoinette
Jul 1,* 8, 15,* 22, 29*	\$3,049	S.S. Antoinette	Nov 11	\$2,249	S.S. Antoinette
Aug 5, 12,* 19	\$3,049	S.S. Antoinette			

— Pay-in-Full and Early Booking Savings cannot be combined. — Prices listed in US dollars. — Travel document shipping/handling fee of \$5 per person applies. — Airfare is not included in the prices listed above. Please inquire at time of booking for best available airfare pricing. — Port Charges: \$126 — Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, La Countesse Deck. — A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement. \* On these dates, cruise operates from Amsterdam to Basel. Please visit [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com) for reverse itinerary and more information.

To upgrade to a higher category stateroom, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	\$200	Suite	\$1,925
Category 3	\$700	Royal Suite	\$3,725
Category 2	\$925	See Deck Plan on page 140	
Category 1	\$1,275		

Extend your vacation with these pre- and/or post-cruise optional extensions



**Amsterdam** | Spend time discovering Holland's best-known city, which is filled with history, art, architecture, canals, cobblestone streets, museums, bicycles, and so much more.

**Included in your 3-day stay:** 2 nights at the superior first-class Eden Rembrandt Square Hotel Amsterdam (or similar) with breakfast daily | All transfers | Local host | Canal cruise | Quietvox

**Only \$679 per person** (single supplement \$299)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Amsterdam.



**Lucerne** | Relax on the lush shores of Lake Lucerne, which is framed by the awesome peaks of the snow-capped Alps. Lucerne is unrivaled in its pristine beauty, old-world atmosphere, and Swiss charm.

**Included in your 3-day stay:** 2 nights at the first-class Romantik Hotel Wilden Mann (or similar) with breakfast daily | All transfers | Local host | Lucerne walking tour and lake cruise

**Only \$899 per person** (single supplement \$249)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Basel. Arrival or departure transfers will be provided to/from the Basel airport.