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Magical Rhine & Moselle Rivers

Highlights…

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Rhine and Moselle Rivers • Cologne • Cochem • Lorelei Passage • Speyer • Strasbourg • Breisach • Freiburg



9 Days • 20 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 6 Lunches • 7 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- Discover lovely Strasbourg on a guided tour and cruise its canals.
- Set out on a 7-night cruise along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.
- Experience Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities.

Must-See Highlights

- Explore the picturesque town of Cochem and Reichsburg Castle.
- Discover Amsterdam as you glide through its canals with a local guide.
- Stroll Cologne's Old Town during a walking tour.

Culinary Experiences

- Enjoy included meals in the stylish and chic atmosphere of the ship's onboard restaurant.
- Sample famous Kölsch beer in Cologne.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Discover a dramatic waterway where winding valleys give way to riverside cities and Alpine hamlets. Venture along the Rhine and Moselle and spend time in beloved European cities, getting a taste of the local culture at each stop along the way.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Cruise Ship
Arrive in Amsterdam,* the 800-year-old capital of the Netherlands, a city of narrow canals and stone bridges. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. For those arriving earlier in the day, you may relax in the ship's lounge and enjoy refreshments until your cabin is ready in the late afternoon. Or, if you're ready to explore, consider visiting one of Amsterdam's famed museums, such as the Van Gogh Museum** or the Anne Frank House.** This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Amsterdam
Begin your day with a canal cruise led by a local expert, experiencing Amsterdam from a unique perspective as you glide along the city's centuries-old canal system. Sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. Once your tour concludes in the late morning, spend some time exploring the city however you wish. Perhaps you'll stroll through the charming Jordaan district, or soak in the atmosphere at a canal-side café. This afternoon, relax as your ship departs the Netherlands and makes its way to Germany. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Cologne, Germany
As the sun rises, glide along the Rhine River and pass through picturesque German landscapes dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne, where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Gothic Old Town. Wander along cobblestone streets and admire the Cologne Cathedral, the Roman Dionysus mosaic, and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. Top off this walking tour with a tasting of Cologne's famous Kölsch beer, before enjoying some free time this afternoon in this magnificent city. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Winningen - Cochem - Winningen***
Start your morning by traveling by coach to Cochem, a storybook town overlooking the water. Embark on a guided tour through the town and into Reichsburg Castle,**** a fortress perched high upon a hill with a stunning view of Cochem and the Moselle Valley below. Rejoin your ship in Winningen to spend a scenic afternoon and evening sailing along the Rhine and through the Lorelei Passage, the river's narrowest point, named for a storied siren. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Speyer
The river takes you to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, where **it's your choice!** Get to know Speyer on a walking tour where you'll trace the story of Speyer's Jewish community from the year 1084 to today, visiting significant UNESCO sites **-OR-** follow guides on a journey back in time to discover the everyday lives of citizens in the Middle Ages. Spend the afternoon as you wish, perhaps joining an optional excursion to Heidelberg, an ancient city of Renaissance buildings and castle ramparts. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Strasbourg, France
Cross the French border and experience Strasbourg, a fairytale town that blends centuries of international influences to create its own unique culture. On a guided walking tour through the old quarter and a canal cruise along *Petite France*, take in the iconic timber-framed houses, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and Place de la République. Make the most of your free time in the afternoon by exploring this perfectly preserved town. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of a fabulous journey at your farewell dinner. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Breisach, Germany - Freiburg - Breisach
This morning, arrive back in Germany and travel by coach to Freiburg, the capital of the Black Forest region. Enjoy a guided tour through Freiburg's beautifully preserved medieval Old Town set against the stunning backdrop of the Black Forest. Then return to Breisach, one of the oldest towns in the country, and spend the afternoon strolling through its picturesque alleys and colorful market square. Perhaps you'll visit one of the town's many cafés or ice cream shops before your ship departs for Basel. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Basel, Switzerland - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends
Wish the river valleys goodbye as your tour comes to a close today.***** *Today breakfast will be included.*

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8	*MS The Nobleman*

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Private yachts to small ships, iconic rivers and fjords to open sea, **Cruising** offers a new perspective of the world. Local experts guide the way on land, introducing travelers to each new destination through included cultural experiences, iconic sights, and regional cuisine.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Important Tour Information:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with a maximum of four groups of 44 travelers onboard this river cruise itinerary.

During the walking tours in Cologne and Strasbourg, expect to navigate cobblestone streets and uneven grounds covering a walking distance of around two miles (around 3.2 kilometers). You should also be prepared to stand for longer periods of time, up to three hours.

****In Cochem, the expected length of the walking tour is approximately 2.5 miles navigating through cobblestone streets on your way to Reichsburg Castle. To access the castle, there is a shuttle bus available to take you to the lower entrance, from where there's an entrance ramp to walk up. There are no elevators available.

In Amsterdam and Strasbourg, be prepared for climbing in/out of a canal boat, which requires agility.

*As there is no porterage service at Amsterdam airport, you are required to handle your luggage from the terminal to the luggage truck on your arrival day. The walking distance between the luggage truck and the motorcoach is approximately one quarter of a mile. Departing Zurich airport, you'll be responsible for handling your own luggage from the motorcoach to the departures terminal.

While this tour is appropriate for travelers that require some mobility assistance devices, river cruises cannot accommodate travelers on wheelchairs or with restricted mobility due to gangway access, mooring requirements, and lack of elevator accessibility to every deck of the ship.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In Speyer and Strasbourg, depending on the docking position, the ship may not be docked within walking distance of the old city.

*****The driving distance from Basel to Zurich is 54 miles/87 kilometers and expected traveling time is 1.5 hours depending on traffic.

Due to city regulations in Amsterdam, tour coaches have restricted access. Designated drop-off and pick-up points are located approximately 2 miles/3 kilometers from the city center, requiring a walk through the picturesque streets.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks, and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

While the ship is the primary mode of transportation on this tour, some daily excursions may use coaches, depending on the docking position.

***Winningen is only used as a docking place for the Cochem visit.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer, and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the tour. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for ladies and jacket and tie for gentlemen are recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

**The Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House are the 2 most popular sites in Amsterdam. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the museums official websites.

Cabins are available on Main (Ariane), Middle (Alexia), and Upper (Amalia) decks. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a limited number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at the time of reservation, however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Upgrades are available from Lower to Stateroom, Deluxe Stateroom, and Suite. All cabin upgrades are available on the Amalia and Alexia Decks. The Ariane Deck is connected to the Alexia Deck by 12 steps, and there is no elevator access to this deck. Suites are very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Embarkation begins at 9:00 a.m. A coffee and tea station is available upon arrival, a light lunch service is available at noon, and cabins are available after 3:00 p.m. Disembarkation on the last day is by 9:00 a.m. at the latest.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our transfers will depart from Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and return to Zurich, Switzerland airport.

Air travelers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys, cruise manager, and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours. Gratuities for your Tour Manager, primary motor coach driver, and other applicable services are not included in the cost of your tour. Additional gratuity guidance can be found within the final travel documents you'll receive prior to departure.

The drink package includes various coffees, teas, and water and is available throughout the day. Soft drinks, juices, draft beers, and house wines are served during included meals.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of $1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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