



Cruise Details

Name:	Medieval Treasures (Christmas Cruise)
Reference:	AMAAD241127AOX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaPrima
Regions:	Main and Rhine
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Departs On:	27 Nov 24
Departs From:	Basel
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Arrives On:	04 Dec 24
Arrives At:	Nuremberg
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL – EMBARKATION. Board the ship in Basel for your *Medieval Treasures* cruise. (D)

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Day 2: Strasbourg (France)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Capital of Alsace, Strasbourg is beloved for its wine culture and enchanting 16th- and 17th-century half-timbered houses, which line La Petite France quarter on the banks of the Grand Île (Grand Island), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a tour of the city that takes you past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République and then walk through the iconic "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 Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. In front of the cathedral, wander through the charming stalls of Strasbourg's lively Christmas Market. Alternatively, the active

adventurer can go on a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 28 Nov 24

Day 3: Rudesheim am Rhein (Germany)

Arrives On: 29 Nov 24

Day 3: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM. Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit the Mannheim Baroque Palace—one of the largest palaces in Europe, which is furnished with over 800 exhibits, recreating its bygone grandeur. Alternatively, join a walking tour of one of Germany’s oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; its crypt contains the tomb of eight German emperors and kings. Speyer is also home to the medieval Altpörtel, Old Gate. During this tour you will also have a chance to visit Speyer’s charming Christmas Markets. If you prefer a more modern view of Speyer, you can visit the intriguing Speyer Technical Museum. Later in the day, sail to Rudesheim, where you’ll be treated to a wine tasting. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 29 Nov 24

Day 4: Rudesheim am Rhein (Germany)

RÜDESHEIM. Continue your exploration of Rudesheim with a choice of excursions. Those who fancy a more whimsical adventure will want to visit Siegfried’s Mechanical Instrument Cabinet. For an adventure of a different kind, soar over the vineyards of Rudesheim on a gondola to the Niederwald Monument; or opt to take a hike through the vineyards. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 30 Nov 24

Day 5: Miltenberg (Germany)

MILTENBERG – WERTHEIM. Enjoy a scenic cruise to Miltenberg, the “Pearl of the Main River.” While on your walking tour, you’ll discover why this medieval town seems to leap from the pages of a fairytale with its 14th- and 15th-century half-timbered, gabled houses; the famed Crooked House; and the venerable Royal Inn, which has been a working hotel since the 17th century. For those who would like a more active adventure, hike to the Miltenberg Castle, offering majestic views of the town and river; or go on a guided bike ride along the Main River. Later in the day, set sail for Wertheim, considered to have one of Germany’s most beautiful city centers with precious half-timbered houses. While here, join a walking tour or go to a pretzel bakery for a delicious tasting. (B,L,D)

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Day 5: Wertheim (Germany)

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Day 6: Kitzingen (Germany)

KITZINGEN. There are several choices of excursions, depending on your interests. You can go to Würzburg, a beautiful city bursting with Baroque splendor. While here, visit its crown jewel, the Baroque Residenz Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features an opulent interior, including a grand fresco by Tiepolo, followed by a visit to Würzburg's Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can take a trip through a thousand years of history while in Rothenburg, Germany's best-preserved walled town located on the Romantic Road. Interestingly, the imagery of Walt Disney's *Pinocchio* was very much influenced by sketches of Rothenburg – and the town's Christmas Market is just as enchanting. For a more active excursion, join a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

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Day 7: Bamberg (Germany)

ELTMANN - BAMBERG. Explore enchanting Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in one of three ways. Join a guided walking tour of this medieval gem where you'll see its cathedral, Old Town Hall and elegant old mansions. This tour includes a tasting of Bamberg's famous smoked beer as well as a trip to the city's festive Christmas Markets. Alternatively, taste your way through the city sampling smoked beer, licorice root and Hornla pastry, a local favorite dating back to 1427. And for those wishing to explore the town more actively, hop on a bike for a guided bike tour along the Main River from Eltmann and to Bamberg's quirky quarters beyond the town center. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 03 Dec 24

Day 8: Nuremberg (Germany)

NUREMBERG– DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Nuremberg and prepare for your flight home. (B)

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