Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine & Moselle Delights (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAAD281004AQJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaPrima
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	04 Oct 28
Departs From:	Basel
Arrives On:	14 Oct 28
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL – EMBARKATION. Board the ship for your Rhine & Moselle Delights cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 04 Oct 28

Day 2: Breisach (Germany)

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 for a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic countryside, or hike through the heart of the Kaiserstuhl, a volcanic region in the Rhine plain

known for its unique landscapes, vineyards, and exceptional biodiversity. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 05 Oct 28

Day 3: Strasbourg (France)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, offers flavors of both France and Germany. Enjoy a walk through the 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 Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, the active adventurer can take a guided bike ride through this captivating city and Parc de l’Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 06 Oct 28

Day 4: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM. You have a choice of several excursions, depending on your interest. Visit Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany’s Castle Road. Alternatively, relive a bygone era on a tour of the glorious Schwetzingen Baroque Palace. Or, you may decide to visit Schwetzingen Palace Gardens with more than 100 sculptures and an assortment of whimsical buildings. The Apollotempel houses a statue of the ancient Greek god of light and the arts, playing the lyre; and the most spectacular, the Türkischer Garten with a mosque, are a few of the many highlights you will see. 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. Later in the day, sail to Rüdesheim where you can visit Siegfried’s Mechanical Instrument Cabinet or taste one of the town’s special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 07 Oct 28

Day 4: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

Arrives On: 07 Oct 28

Day 5: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE. Your exploration of Rüdesheim continues with your choice of three excursions. Take a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue. Afterwards, indulge your taste buds with a sampling of Riesling wines in the vineyards. Alternatively, 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 08 Oct 28

Day 6: Bernkastel-Kues (Germany)

BERNKASTEL. Explore Bernkastel, located in the middle of the Moselle Valley’s wine-producing region. Walk through its colorful Old Town center and past many medieval and Renaissance buildings on a guided tour, and afterwards, be treated to a wine tasting. Cycling enthusiasts can choose to join a bike tour along the shores of the Moselle River, and hikers can opt to trek up to the ruins of Landshut Castle. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 09 Oct 28

Day 7: Wasserbillig (Luxembourg)

WASSERBILIG. Take a city tour of Trier and find out why it has been called the “Rome of the North” or “Second Rome” as it has impressive Roman relics and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Alternatively, join a guided hike high above Trier to Petrisberg. Later, enjoy a scenic cruise to your next destination. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 Oct 28

Day 8: Cochem (Germany)

COCHEM. In Cochem, discover how Reichsburg castle has been an integral part of the town’s history, and afterwards, go on a walking tour along Cochem’s narrow cobblestone streets lined with medieval houses. For a more active excursion, hike to the castle or go on a biking tour along the Moselle River. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 Oct 28

Day 9: Cologne (Germany)

COLOGNE. Enjoy cruising to Cologne, then join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany’s oldest town hall; the Fishmarkt, which dates back to the 12th century and the Great St. Martin Church. End your city tour with a visit to a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer. Active guests will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 Oct 28

Day 10: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS.. View Amsterdam on a scenic canal cruise followed by a walk to Begijnhof, known for its Middle Age buildings. Or taste the local flavor on a guided walk past the city’s iconic canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges and house boats, tasting Dutch

specialties at a grand Amsterdam cafe. (B,L,D) **May be replaced with alternative tour based on docking location

Arrives On: 13 Oct 28

Day 11: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – DISEMBARKATION. Bid Farewell to Amsterdam and prepare for your flight home. (B)

Arrives On: 14 Oct 28

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