



## Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine & Moselle Fairytale
Reference:	AMAAH250501AP
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSerena
Regions:	Rhine and Moselle
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Departs On:	01 May 25
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	12 May 25
Arrives At:	Basel
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Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Board the ship for your *Rhine & Moselle Fairytale* cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 01 May 25

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM. There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canalcruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 02 May 25

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

COLOGNE, GERMANY. 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. As an alternative, examine the historic architectural styles on display throughout the Cologne Cathedral during a guided tour. This 13th-century Gothic marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site was the tallest building in the world at the time of its completion, and the church withstood 14 hits from aerial bombs during World War II. Active guests will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 03 May 25

#### Day 4: Lahnstein (Germany)

LAHNSTEIN. Visit Lahneck Castle, a 13th-century medieval fortress in the riverside town of Lahnstein. There are a treasure trove of legends surrounding this castle, some including the twelve Knights Templar. Hear these stories and more on a guided tour through this historic castle. Alternatively, head to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress to take the aerial cable car over the Rhine to Koblenz, which boasts a rich history spanning more than 2,000 years. For those seeking a more active adventure, explore the area on the "Two Rivers Bike Tour," which takes you along both the Rhine and Moselle rivers; or go on a hike around Lahnstein to Burg Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 04 May 25

#### Day 5: Port information not found

COCHEM. Spend the morning taking in the beauty of the Moselle on this scenic stretch of the river before reaching Cochem with its half-timbered houses and Reichsburg Castle. Join a guided tour through the castle and then walk through its Old Town. For those wishing to have a more active exploration of the area, you can go on a guided hike to the castle or a bike tour through Cochem. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 05 May 25

#### Day 5: Cochem (Germany)

Arrives On: 05 May 25

#### Day 6: Port information not found

TRIER. Set sail for Trier, Germany's oldest city, where you can discover on a city tour why it has been called the "Rome of the North" as it has impressive Roman relics and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Alternatively, go in search of the secrets of the Porta Nigra Gate on a tour that takes

you back to a time when Rome ruled the world from the Emperor's seat in Trier. You also have the choice of a bike tour through the historic city center and along the Moselle River; or hike high above Trier to Petrisberg. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 06 May 25

#### Day 6: Trier (Germany)

Arrives On: 06 May 25

#### Day 7: Bernkastel-Kues (Germany)

BERNKASTEL. Enjoy a scenic cruise to Bernkastel that will enchant you. Walk through its colorful Old Town center and past many medieval and Renaissance buildings on a guided tour that also includes a winery visit and tasting. Cycling enthusiasts can choose to join a bike tour and hikers can opt to trek up to the ruins of Landshut Castle, which dates all the way back to the 9th century. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 07 May 25

#### Day 8: Port information not found

RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM. Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river, before reaching Rüdesheim. Drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue, and afterwards, be treated to a wine tasting. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour through the Rheingau wine region. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 08 May 25

#### Day 8: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

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#### Day 9: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN. 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 an excursion to the glorious Schwetzingen Baroque Palace. Tour this splendid palace furnished with over 800 exhibits. You can also hike the historic Philosopher's Path along the Neckar River or bike to the charming town of Ladenburg and glide past its half-timbered architecture. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 09 May 25

#### Day 10: Strasbourg (France)

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 before walking through its 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. Alternatively, the active adventurer can take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 May 25

#### Day 11: 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. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic wine country, or go on a hike in the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. 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." (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 May 25

#### Day 12: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL, SWITZERLAND – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Switzerland as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)

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