



## Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Castles & Swiss Alps (Christmas)
Reference:	AMAAH261215ASX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSerena
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	15 Dec 26
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	22 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Basel
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Embark your ship in Amsterdam for your *Rhine Castles & Swiss Alps* cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 15 Dec 26

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

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

Arrives On: 16 Dec 26

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

COLOGNE, GERMANY. Enjoy cruising to Cologne. Join a guided tour through the Old Town. During your free time, browse through the city's most impressive Christmas Markets, offering 160 attractively designed wooden pavilions. 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: 17 Dec 26

#### Day 4: Rudesheim am Rhein (Germany)

Arrives On: 18 Dec 26

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RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY. Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching the winemaking town of Rudesheim. In the afternoon, join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the town, perhaps to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's cultural heart, and the Christmas markets. Or drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal and with free time visiting the Christmas markets. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 18 Dec 26

#### Day 5: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY. Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of four excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. Here you can also enjoy visiting some of the festive Christmas Markets. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. In your free time, you might choose to visit the Christmas Markets or Technik Museum featuring exhibits of vintage cars, military aircraft and even a submarine! (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 19 Dec 26

#### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg 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, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. During the tour you will receive free time to visit the Christmas markets. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 20 Dec 26

#### Day 7: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL, SWITZERLAND. Enjoy getting to know Basel, Switzerland's third largest city. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval town hall, richly decorated market square and exquisite 18th-century patrician homes. Tour the city by foot or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries: Switzerland, France and Germany. Alternatively, you may opt to visit Lucerne with a full-day excursion. In the afternoon, enjoy a tasting of Swiss wines or venture to the powerful Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall. (B,L,D)  
*\*Not combinable with other tours offered this day.\**

Arrives On: 21 Dec 26

#### Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

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

Arrives On: 22 Dec 26

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