Cruise Details

Name:	Captivating Rhine (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAAI280917AIJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaStella
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	17 Sep 28
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	24 Sep 28
Arrives At:	Basel
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Board your luxurious ship in Amsterdam, and use your ample amount of time to explore the city before evening briefings, cocktails, and dinner.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 28

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM. Step into centuries of history at Slot Zuylen, a castle first built around 1250 and shaped by generations that followed. A significant renovation in the mid-17th century transformed the castle. This, along with smaller changes over the centuries have created a rich tapestry of architectural styles, evident as you move through its rooms and corridors. Beyond the walls, the gardens offer a more peaceful, quieter retreat. Together, the castle and its gardens make Slot Zuylen a place where history feels layered, lived in, and very much alive.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 28

Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

DÜSSELDORF. Explore Düsseldorf, a hub of German culture, commerce, and architecture, on a walking tour concluding with a tasting of Altbier, a local specialty brewed using traditional methods. For a nearby adventure, visit Cologne’s Old Town to see the historic Rathaus, the 12th-century Fishmarkt, and the Great St. Martin Church.

Arrives On: 19 Sep 28

Day 4: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

RHINE GORGE - RÜDESHEIM*. Cruise through the UNESCO-listed Rhine Gorge before arriving in the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Soar above the vineyards on a gondola ride and savor the flavors of local wines, or take a more active route hiking through the vineyards or biking along the Rhine. Later, explore Siegfried’s Mechanical Instrument Cabinet or enjoy the town’s signature Rüdesheimer coffee, made with brandy, coffee, and whipped cream. "Cruises departing in February through mid March will dock in Mainz in place of Rudesheim, and a selection of alternative excursions will be made available."

Arrives On: 20 Sep 28

Day 5: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN. Ludwigshafen serves as your gateway to a variety of excursions. Explore Heidelberg’s medieval streets, red sandstone castle, and the Great Vat, or take a more active route hiking the Philosopher’s Path or biking along the Neckar to Ladenburg’s charming Marktplatz. Alternatively, visit Speyer to see its UNESCO-listed Romanesque cathedral and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 28

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Experience Strasbourg, where French and German influences intertwine, as you stroll through the fairytale streets of La Petite France and admire the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Savor the region’s distinctive Alsatian wines in a guided tasting, or explore the city by bike through charming streets and Parc de l’Orangerie.

Arrives On: 22 Sep 28

Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

BREISACH, GERMANY. From Breisach, journey into the storybook streets of Colmar, where 16th-century architecture and quaint corners evoke a timeless charm, and spot a miniature Statue of Liberty honoring the town’s famed sculptor. For a more active adventure, cycle or hike through

the Kaiserstuhl, a volcanic region of rolling vineyards, lush landscapes, and remarkable biodiversity, where every turn reveals a new vista.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 28

Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL, SWITZERLAND – DISEMBARKATION. Begin your journey home

Arrives On: 24 Sep 28

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