



Cruise Details

Name:	Christmas Markets on the Rhine (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAAJ281203AIXJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaViola
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	03 Dec 28
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	10 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Basel
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p>AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS – EMBARKATION. Arrive in Amsterdam and settle aboard your luxurious river ship as the city’s canals shimmer with lights, signaling the start of your enchanting Christmas voyage.</p>

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Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p>AMSTERDAM – UTRECHT. 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.</p>

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Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

<p>DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY. Discover Düsseldorf's lively winter streets, or venture to Cologne to uncover the city's ancient past among remarkable Roman ruins—then raise a glass of Kölsch at the storied Belgian House in celebration of its living history.</p>

Arrives On: 05 Dec 28

Day 4: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

<p>RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM. Sail through the enchanting Rhine River Gorge, where castle ruins and steep vineyards frame breathtaking winter views. In Rüdesheim, stroll the cobblestone lanes, savor local wines, and take in the festive glow of one of Germany's most charming Christmas Markets.</p>

Arrives On: 06 Dec 28

Day 5: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

<p>LUDWIGSHAFEN. Celebrate Germany's holiday traditions in Heidelberg's castle-topped old town or Speyer's historic heart, where centuries-old streets lead from soaring cathedrals to the wonders of the Technik Museum.</p>

Arrives On: 07 Dec 28

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

<p>STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Step into Strasbourg's cobblestone streets, where timbered houses and glowing market stalls fill the air with the timeless magic of the season. While you're there, gain exclusive insight into the heart of European democracy with a guided visit to the European Parliament, where history and policy converge in Strasbourg's grand halls.</p>

Arrives On: 08 Dec 28

Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

<p>BREISACH, GERMANY. Step into the magic of Alsace as you wander through Colmar’s half-timbered houses and snow-dusted squares, or explore the medieval charm of Freiburg, alive with the scent of mulled wine and the sparkle of its Christmas Market. For a deeper look into the region’s history, journey to the UNESCO-listed Neuf-Brisach Citadel—a masterpiece of 17th-century military design and a testament to France’s enduring cultural heritage.</p>

Arrives On: 09 Dec 28

Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

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

Arrives On: 10 Dec 28

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