Cruise Details

Name:	Christmas Markets on the Rhine
Reference:	AMAAQ271218ARX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSofia
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	18 Dec 27
Departs From:	Basel
Arrives On:	25 Dec 27
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION. Board your ship in Basel for your Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise. (B)

Arrives On: 18 Dec 27

Day 2: Breisach (Germany)

BREISACH, GERMANY. Breisach is your gateway to medieval Colmar, located in the enchanting Alsace region of France. Delight in the half-timbered houses lining the cobblestone streets as you take in the whimsical blend of French and German culture and the town’s wonderful Christmas Markets. Those wishing a more active excursion will want to cycle through the scenic countryside. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 19 Dec 27

Day 3: Strasbourg (France)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE. Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy walking through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and through the lovely “La Petite France” district, where you will see the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock and then visit the town’s famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to exploreStrasbourg’s different districts by bicycle. During the afternoon, visit Baden-Baden and take in the town’s romantic Christmas Markets. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 20 Dec 27

Day 4: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY. 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 German’s Castle Road, followed by a visit to the Christmas markets. For those seeking a more active adventure, hike the historic Philosopher’s Path or bike along the shores of the river Neckar, ultimately arriving in the medieval town of Ladenburg. Alternatively, you can discover the medieval past of Speyer and its charming Christmas markets. Later in the day, sail to the winemaking town of Rüdesheim, where you can taste the village’s sweet wine or its special delight, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with whipped cream and brandy. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 21 Dec 27

Day 4: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

Arrives On: 21 Dec 27

Day 5: Rüdesheim am Rhein (Germany)

RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE SCENIC CRUISING – LAHNSTEIN, GERMANY. Visit Siegfried’s whimsical Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, take a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River, hike through the vineyards or soar high above the town by gondola. Later in the day, sit in the Main Lounge, out on your balcony or bundle up on the Sun Deck to enjoy a scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge, during which you will see many historic castles. Upon reaching Lahnstein, take a unique tour of Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 22 Dec 27

Day 5: Lahnstein (Germany)

Arrives On: 22 Dec 27

Day 6: Düsseldorf (Germany)

MONHEIM – DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY. Monheim is your gateway to the nearby city of Cologne, where you may join a guided tour of its 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. Then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas Markets. If you would like more time in Cologne, you may opt for a full-day excursion, which includes ample free time to explore independently. In the afternoon, explore historic Düsseldorf on foot with a knowledgeable local tour guide. Conclude the tour with a visit to the local Christmas Market. Alternatively, cover more ground with an active bike tour of the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 23 Dec 27

Day 6: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Arrives On: 23 Dec 27

Day 6: Monheim am Rhein (Germany)

Arrives On: 23 Dec 27

Day 7: Utrecht (Netherlands)

UTRECHT – AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS. Begin your day in Utrecht, where you can explore this charming town on a walking tour or sip beer during a special tasting tour. In the afternoon, enjoy the beautiful scenery as you glide to Amsterdam. Cruise the iconic canals of Amsterdam, considered the "Venice of the North" and admire the historic architecture along the way. Alternatively, taste local specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafés. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 27

Day 7: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 27

Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM - DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 27

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