



Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Christmas Markets with Bruges
Reference:	SCENICXABB031227-1
Operator:	Scenic River Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Amber
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	03 Dec 27
Departs From:	Brussel (Bruxelles)
Arrives On:	13 Dec 27
Arrives At:	Basel
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

Welcome to Belgium. Today you'll transfer from Brussels Airport to the city of Bruges, where your European journey of discovery begins. Over the next three days, enjoy the city's vibrant atmosphere, well-preserved medieval architecture, world-renowned beer and exquisite chocolatiers. Upon arrival, check into your wonderfully located hotel.

Please book your flight to arrive into Brussels prior to 03:00 PM.

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Day 1: Brugge (Bruges) (Belgium)

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Day 2: Brugge (Bruges) (Belgium)

This morning you will have the pleasure of exploring the beautifully preserved medieval centre as you embark on a walking tour with your local guide. Meander through cobbled laneways to charming town squares, see sights such as the Belfry of Bruges, the medieval bell tower and learn about the fascinating history of this ancient town.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an included dinner featuring delicious Flemish cuisine.

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Day 3: Brugge (Bruges) (Belgium)

Scenic Freechoice: Immerse yourself in Bruges with Scenic Freechoice activities:

Canal Cruise: Delight in a cruise through the canals of Bruges and see the sights of the city from a different angle. Admire medieval architecture at its best as you gently cruise under bridges and past the idyllic swans that grace these canals.

Beer & Chocolate tasting: Bruges is famous for many things, beer and chocolate chief among them. Join a local guide and gain an understanding of the city's storied history in crafting these delicacies.

Spend the afternoon at your leisure; if you're feeling adventurous, climb the 366 steps of the Belfry Tower for breathtaking city views or indulge in the irresistible flavours of Belgian waffles at a nearby eatery.

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Day 4: Brugge (Bruges) (Belgium)

After breakfast, farewell beautiful Bruges and join your coach transfer to Amsterdam where you will board your Scenic Space-Ship.

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Day 5: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Take the morning to enjoy the luxuries of your 5-star Scenic Space-Ship. Perhaps enjoy coffee in your suite, delivered by your personal butler, followed by breakfast in Crystal Dining.

This afternoon you'll arrive in Düsseldorf. The city comes alive during the Christmas season with lively markets, festive music and the scent of mulled wine sweetening the air. The Old Town is brimming with festive revelers and the famed Königsallee is lined with traditional market stalls.

Enjoy a walking tour of Düsseldorf with a local guide. Discover traditions of the festive season before free time to explore the city's Christmas markets.

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Day 6: Cologne (Germany)

Today you will arrive in Cologne before lunch. Cologne is a city known for its liberal and laidback lifestyle, its unique beer culture, thriving auto industry and the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland. Take the time to discover Cologne on a walking tour. Visit the city's centrepiece and icon, Cologne Cathedral, and its magnificent Christmas Markets, where local vendors sell delicious treats and decorations. Your Scenic Space-Ship will depart after dinner, allowing you plenty of time to be immersed in the tastes and scents of Christmas like hot chestnuts, freshly baked gingerbread and mulled wine.

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Day 7: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Cruise into the Rhine Gorge, one of the most picturesque regions on this journey. After passing spectacular vineyards and ancient castles, you'll disembark in Rüdesheim, a pretty town surrounded by steep vineyards that have been cultivating wine for a staggering two millennia. Take a mini-train from the pier to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, where some 350 musical instruments from the 18th and 19th century play themselves for your enjoyment. You will have time to wander through this beautiful town before returning to your Scenic Space-Ship.

Arrives On: 09 Dec 27

Day 8: Mannheim (Germany)

You will arrive in Mannheim early this morning. Known as a 'chessboard city' for its methodical grid of streets, it is also home to some of the world's most brilliant engineering minds, including Carl Benz, founder of Mercedes-Benz.

Scenic Freechoice:

Today you can choose from the following Scenic Freechoice excursions on offer:

Orientation tour of Heidelberg with free time: From Mannheim, you will transfer by coach to Heidelberg. Enjoy a brief walking tour of Heidelberg, including the old town, and then enjoy ample free time to explore on your own.

Historical tour of Heidelberg: As well as a guided tour of Heidelberg, this option includes a visit to Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. Explore the courtyard, the balcony that offers an incredible view over the Old Town and view the great Heidelberg Tun, the world's largest Wine Barrel located in the castle's Cellar.

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Private classical concert at Bruchsal Palace: Enjoy a private evening concert at Bruchsal Palace. Be greeted at the Palace with a welcome drink before witnessing the grandeur of the theatre room and taking in a fabulous classical concert. Your memorable performance will feature

accomplished musicians and a soloist.

Arrives On: 10 Dec 27

Day 9: Kehl (Germany)

Arrive in the city of Kehl, the gateway to Strasbourg, this morning. Strasbourg, is located on the border of France and Germany, making it a unique mixture of both French and German architecture and culture.

Join your local guide on a walking tour of Strasbourg. After your guided tour you have free time to explore the magical markets. Strasbourg has some of the largest and most popular Christmas markets in Europe with the town squares and pedestrian zone coming alive with festive cheer.

Arrives On: 11 Dec 27

Day 10: Breisach (Germany)

Wake up in Breisach, a charming town on the Rhine, this morning.

Scenic Freechoice: Enjoy local festivities with the following Scenic Freechoice

Guided tour of Colmar with Christmas Markets: Take a tour of Colmar, the cultural centre of the Alsace region. You'll stroll medieval lanes lined with delightful Christmas markets and absorb the confluence of French and German architecture. After your tour, enjoy free time at the markets.

Guided tour of Freiburg Christmas with Markets: Located on the edge of the Black Forest, Freiburg is a picturesque city. Enjoy a guided walking tour to see the 13th Century Freiburg Minster cathedral, which survived WWII bombings.

Arrives On: 12 Dec 27

Day 11: Basel (Switzerland)

After a hearty breakfast, you will be transferred from your final port of Basel to Zurich airport for your onward or homebound flight.

Please book your flight to depart out of Zurich after 11:30 AM.

This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from what is stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions.

^Massage/spa treatments at additional cost.

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Day 11: Zurich (Switzerland)

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