



## Cruise Details

Name:	Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest
Reference:	TAUCKRIB202616092026
Operator:	Tauck
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS Inspire
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	16 Sep 26
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	25 Sep 26
Arrives At:	Munich
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Amsterdam. A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat; check-in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. After a discovery briefing where you'll hear about your travels ahead, join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner aboard your riverboat.

Arrives On: 16 Sep 26

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Enjoy a private guided cruise aboard a canal boat along Amsterdam's 17th-century canals, the heart of the old city. Take in the houseboats along the waterways, the curving bridges, the historic houses that line the banks – and watch Amsterdam's many bicyclists zipping through the streets bordering the canals. Then, take to the streets for a walking tour starting at Westerkerk and ending at Centraal Station, a major international railway hub. Back aboard the ship, enjoy lunch and an

afternoon of cruising as your ship charts a course for Nijmegen, which you'll arrive at this evening.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 26

### Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Spend the morning sailing to Düsseldorf, enjoying a talk by your Tauck Director. After lunch, dock in Düsseldorf, a city with a thriving fashion and art scene, and disembark for a walking tour of Old Town, stopping to sample local craft beers. You'll also have free time in town; possibilities include checking out the modern buildings designed by some of the world's leading architects in the revitalized district along the Rhine, visiting Museum Kunstpalast, or strolling the city's high-end shopping street, Königsallee. Return to your ship for dinner.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 26

### Day 4: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Spend the day cruising along the Middle Rhine – "the Romantic Rhine" – passing countless castles and fortresses standing watch over the river. Your riverboat is surrounded by splendid scenery; lush vineyards cover the hillsides and historic towns line the riverbanks, seemingly unchanged by time. Late this afternoon, your ship arrives in Rüdesheim, where a choice of included activities awaits you on shore. Choose between either a guided walk of the town alongside your Tour Director or an active walk to the Niederwald Monument, constructed to commemorate the founding of the German Empire in the late 19th-century. Enjoy entertainment onboard your ship this evening.

Arrives On: 19 Sep 26

### Day 5: Heidelberg (Germany)

Dock in Mannheim this morning for a drive to Heidelberg on the Neckar River. A guided tour of Heidelberg Castle introduces you to the picturesque ruins of a pink sandstone edifice centuries old, sprawling high on a hill with breathtaking views of the river. Take a funicular down the hill to Old Town Heidelberg for a Tauck Exclusive beer-pairing lunch of local dishes at an award-winning brewery where you'll meet the brew master. Return to your ship and sail on this evening.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 26

### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Your riverboat arrives in Strasbourg, a jumping off point for exploration of the Alsatian countryside. Blanketed with vineyards and dotted with historic wine villages, the Alsace has a unique personality – a blend of German and French influences – because for centuries the region has gone back and forth between the two countries. Since World War II, Alsace has been part of France, but the locals think of themselves as "Alsatian" first and foremost. Discovering this beautiful area for yourself, sip

white wines, taste regional specialties, and stroll along cobbled streets, soaking up the history.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 26

#### Day 7: Basel (Switzerland)

Dock in Basel this morning for a day (and a choice of excursions) in Switzerland. One option brings you to the base of Mt. Pilatus for a gondola ride to the summit. Prepare to go from autumn to winter in less than half an hour! Take the world's steepest cogwheel train ride down the mountain, a thrilling experience through stunning scenery. Alternatively, drive to the lakeside city of Lucerne for an orientation tour that reveals the Renaissance paintings inside the iconic covered Chapel Bridge and the poignant Lion Monument. You'll have some free time – a perfect opportunity for sampling Swiss chocolate. Back onboard ship, enjoy your captain's farewell reception followed by dinner this evening.

Arrives On: 22 Sep 26

#### Day 8: Munich (Germany)

Disembark your riverboat for a drive through Switzerland and Germany en route to the legendary city of Munich; spend some time near Lake Konstanz. Upon arrival, take a sightseeing tour of the Bavarian capital that includes the celebrated Maximilianstrasse, the 17th-century Residenz, and the old town hall. Explore more of Munich at your leisure this afternoon; this evening, enjoy dinner at your leisure at your historic hotel, the Bayerischer Hof.

Arrives On: 23 Sep 26

#### Day 9: Munich (Germany)

This morning get dressed up Bavarian style, in lederhosen or a dirndl, for a full Oktoberfest experience! There are "Oktoberfest" celebrations all over the world, but until you experience the festival in Munich, where the tradition began, you haven't really "done" Oktoberfest – a unique mix of beer consumption, Bavarian feasting, live brass bands, communal singing, and dancing. It all started in 1810 when a royal couple invited the citizens to their wedding festivities on the fields in front of the city. The event was so popular that it took on a life of its own. Today Munich's Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world. Tauck has reserved seats for you in the center of the action, in one of the exclusive brewery tents for a three-course lunch, traditional Bavarian live music – including the Ein Prosit toasting song – and lots of fun. Word to the wise: the local breweries make an especially strong beer just for Oktoberfest, so pace yourself, or choose to drink a radler (half lemonade, half beer). A shuttle will run back to your hotel after lunch – or stay and enjoy the festival until evening. Gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell reception and casual dinner at your hotel tonight.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 26

## Day 10: Munich (Germany)

Tour ends: Munich. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included today to Munich Airport from Hotel Bayerischer Hof. Allow three hours for flight check-in.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 26

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