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Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Holiday Markets
Reference:	UNIWORLD57421
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Victoria
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	16 Dec 27
Departs From:	Cologne
Arrives On:	23 Dec 27
Arrives At:	Basel
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Cologne (Germany)

Arrive at Cologne Bonn Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Arrives On: 16 Dec 27

Day 2: Cologne (Germany)

Your local expert will show you favorite haunts around the Old Town and share some of the cathedral's most intriguing and magical secrets with you.

Arrives On: 17 Dec 27

Day 3: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Your day begins in Rüdesheim, which, like many cities along the Rhine, dates back to Roman times, when the Rhine was the northern border of the empire. Today, Rüdesheim is famous for its beauty and its entertaining alley of shops and wine bars called the Drosselgasse. Or opt to explore neighboring Wiesbaden's Christmas Market.

Arrives On: 18 Dec 27

Day 4: Germersheim (Germany)

Wake up and choose your adventure for the day. Today you'll have two choices: Venture into the storied city of Baden-Baden, whose contemporary flair meshes with hot springs, spas and unspoiled nature, or enjoy a night out at the atmospheric Christmas Market of Speyer. If you speak no German, here's one phrase you might want to learn now: "Fröhliche Weihnachten," or "Merry Christmas!"

Arrives On: 19 Dec 27

Day 5: Strasbourg (France)

Strasbourg is invariably described as quaint, a rather overused word that in this case is perfectly apropos. It's also been known as the "Crossroads of Europe" for its strategic location halfway between Paris and Prague. With a friendly local expert, see this historic town with its cobbled lanes, half-timbered homes, giant stork nests, and impossible-to-resist pastry shops that will win your heart. You won't want to miss the holiday treats like bûche de Noël, the delicious Christmas cake made to look like a yule log.

Arrives On: 20 Dec 27

Day 6: Breisach (Germany)

Breisach is your gateway to the Alsatian wine road. On your excursion to Alsace today, you'll find that the holiday markets in this region have a unique blend of French and German traditions.

Arrives On: 21 Dec 27

Day 7: Basel (Switzerland)

Basel is a cultural and artistic powerhouse, with all sorts of galleries, theaters, and museums. And at this time of year, the city's Christmas Market draws visitors from all over Europe, as does its Christmas Street, lined with more than 100 beautifully decorated and illuminated Christmas trees. Do you have a special wish for Christmas? Write it in the Wish Book, which lies open in Basel's 17th-century Town Hall during Advent, waiting for residents and visitors to express their hopes and dreams for the holiday—or for the world.

Arrives On: 22 Dec 27

Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

Disembark the ship. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg for your flight home.

Arrives On: 23 Dec 27

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