Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Holiday Markets
Reference:	UNIWORLD58199
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	River Duchess
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	16 Dec 26
Departs From:	Cologne
Arrives On:	23 Dec 26
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 26

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 26

Day 3: Koblenz (Germany)

This morning, you'll reach the famous intersection of the Rhine and the Moselle. Here, where the two rivers meet, you'll find the enchanting town of Koblenz. Watch the waters of the Moselle gush into the Rhine as you stand on the spit of land called German Corner before embarking on a walking tour of Koblenz's historical treasures. Later, spend a spectacular afternoon onboard your luxurious boutique ship as you sail the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this stretch of the Rhine is extraordinarily picturesque: Castles perch atop steep cliffs above the water and each quaint village is marked by the spire of its historic church.

Arrives On: 18 Dec 26

Day 4: Mainz (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. Then you'll explore neighboring Wiesbaden's Christmas Market.

Arrives On: 19 Dec 26

Day 5: Mannheim (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 visit the Doktorenhof vinegar estate for a special vinegar tasting. The atmospheric cellar is like no other you'll ever experience, and the candlelit tasting room is decked for the holidays. If you speak no German, here's one phrase you might want to learn now: "Fröhliche Weihnachten," or "Merry Christmas!"

Arrives On: 20 Dec 26

Day 6: 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: 21 Dec 26

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 26

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 26

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