Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Holiday Markets
Reference:	UNIWORLD63460
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Victoria
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	09 Dec 28
Departs From:	Basel
Arrives On:	16 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Cologne
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Arrives On: 09 Dec 28

Day 2: 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: 10 Dec 28

Day 3: 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: 11 Dec 28

Day 4: 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: 12 Dec 28

Day 5: Speyer (Germany)

Your ship left France behind and sailed into Germany during the wee hours of the morning. If you speak no German, here’s one phrase you might want to learn now: “Fröhliche Weihnachten,” or “Merry Christmas!” 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 atmospheric Christmas Market of Speyer.

Arrives On: 13 Dec 28

Day 6: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Mainz’s Old Town brims with specialty shops tucked into lovingly restored buildings. You’ll find jewelry, leather goods, books, toys—something special for every special person on your list. Or opt to explore neighboring Wiesbaden’s Christmas Market. However you choose to spend your time in Mainz, you’ll head back to the ship for a short cruise to 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.

Arrives On: 14 Dec 28

Day 7: 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: 15 Dec 28

Day 8: Cologne (Germany)

Disembark the ship. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Cologne Bonn Airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 16 Dec 28

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