

joining a walking tour, concluding with a tasting of Altbier, a local specialty brewed using traditional techniques. Alternatively, cover more ground with an active bike tour of the city. If you're feeling adventurous, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the Fishmarkt, which dates back to the 12th century and the Great St. Martin Church. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Rhine Gorge Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising
Rüdesheim Rüdesheim wine tasting
OR Gondola ride
OR Vineyards hike
OR Guided bike tour of the Rheingau
Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
OR Rüdesheimer Coffee

Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards. Or drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Ludwigshafen "Romantic Heidelberg" excursion
OR "Secrets of Speyer" tour
OR Heidelberg Philosopher's hike
OR Ladenburg bike tour

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Or join a guided bike tour along the shores of the river Neckar and enjoy a cycling break to explore the picturesque medieval town of Ladenburg. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 Strasbourg "The Gem of Alsace" tour
OR Strasbourg bike tour

Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République before walking through its iconic "La Petite France" district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Breisach Colmar walking tour
OR Freiburg excursion
OR Black Forest hike
OR Breisach wine country bike tour

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Colmar, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and perhaps get a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, a small replica of the famous version in New York, to commemorate the sculptor's Colmar birthplace. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to

the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the countryside, or hike in the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. (B,L,D)

DISEMBARKATION

DAY 8 **Basel**

Basel highlights tour
Transfer to Lake Lucerne
Lake Lucerne
Lake Lucerne walking tour
Hotel check-in

Disembark the ship and, before transferring to Lake Lucerne, go on a highlights tour of Basel. Once at Lake Lucerne, discover the unrivaled beauty and charm of this pristine city on a walking tour. Check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening. (B)

DAY 9 **Lake Lucerne** **Lion Monument and medieval city walls**

Today, stop at the iconic Lion Monument, sculpted in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. You'll also visit the spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B)

DAY 10 **Lake Lucerne** **Lucerne Lake cruise and Mount Rigi**

Zurich **Hotel check-in**

Check out of your hotel and before your transfer via motorcoach to Zurich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. As part of your included excursion, you will ascend a picturesque mountain on a cable car ride, Mount Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains." Take in breathtaking views of the city and surrounding landscape below. Later, check into your Zurich hotel. (B)

DAY 11 **Zurich** "Little Big City" tour

Switzerland's largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zurich is a visit to Old Town where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. (B)

DAY 12 **Zurich** **Return flight home**

After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.