

# Travel Dreams & AmaWaterways Captivating Rhine Itinerary

Sailing onboard AmaWaterways AmaStella Nov 1 – 8, 2025 4 nights \*\*Complimentary\*\* Post Cruise Land Extension Nov 8 – 12, 2025 OR \$1250 per person credit on cruise (\*\*if booked by June 30, 2024\*\*) (2 nights Lake Lucerne – 2 nights Zurich)

\*\*MUST book by June 30, 2024 for Complimentary Post Cruise Land Extension or \$1250 Discount\*\*

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- ~ 7 nights Captivating Rhine River Cruise onboard AmaStella
- ~ 4 nights complimentary post cruise stay in Lake Lucerne & Zurich or \$1250 per person discount on cruise portion(\*only if reserved and deposited by June 30\*\*) after June 30, 2024 \$250 per person discount/pre or post extensions at standard rates
- ~ Choice of complimentary tours in each port
- $\sim$  All meals on board the ships are included in the cruise price (including Chef's Table)
- ~ Sparkling wine and juices at breakfast; beer, soft drinks and unlimited wines at lunch and dinner (new selections daily)
- ~ Sip & Sail cocktail hour with a selection of complimentary wine, beer and spirits
- ~ Gourmet coffee, tea and bottled water 24/7

DETAILED ITINERARY (7 night cruise – 4 night post extension)
INCLUDED EXCURSION CHOICES IN EACH PORT

DAY 1 EMBARKATION (overnight in Amsterdam)

DAY 2 Amsterdam Canal cruise tour

Scenic cruising out of Amsterdam

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 Düsseldorf Cologne walking tour

OR Düsseldorf walking tour and Altbier tasting

OR Düsseldorf Bike tour

As a leading hub for German culture, commerce, and architecture, Düsseldorf is a must-visit city for any travelers on the Rhine. Here, you will have multiple options for the day's excursion. Explore this grand city on the Rhine by

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 Nôtre 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 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.*