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# The Captivating Rhine 2018

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# Overview

- This cruise departs Amsterdam and cruises the Rhine down to Basel, Switzerland on April 1, 2018.
- This is a great opportunity to visit 4 Europe Countries.
- The cruise ship is the AmaSonata, an 135 meter longship.

# AmaSonata



# Stateroom Features

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Computer for internet access
- Entertainment on Demand system featuring, movies, TV shows, news and music
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

# AmaSonata Twin Balcony Stateroom

## Photo AmaWaterways



# Category C French Balcony Cabin

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# AmaSonata Category E Stateroom

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# An Array of Amenities

- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar or whirlpool and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances



# Pools with an outside bar



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# Award Wining Dining

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

# The Chef's Table Aft Dining Area



# Aft Specialty Dining Room



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# Aft Specialty Dining Room Food



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- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Limited Edition Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration

# Day 1 Amsterdam, Netherlands - EMBARKATION

- Embark the ship.
- Tonight, gather on board for a “Welcome Aboard” Wine Toast as you commence your awesome itinerary through some of Europe’s most enchanting and historic regions. (D)

# Day 2 Amsterdam

- Admire beautiful 17th-century homes, charming churches and 16th-century merchant houses on a guided canal boat cruise.
- Later, take a motor coach tour of Amsterdam, exploring the city's most notable sights, followed by free time in Amsterdam.
- This afternoon, the ship departs for Germany.  
(B,L,D)



# Typical Gabled Houses as seen from a canal boat cruise in 2013.

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# Canal Boats, Amsterdam

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# Day 3 Cologne

- This morning, you will take a walking tour through the old part of the city and visit the cathedral in Cologne, famous for its university and legendary 13th-century Gothic cathedral.
- Afterwards, with free time, head to a local pub for a tasting of Kölsch, a distinctive yellow-hued beer brewed only in Cologne.
- This afternoon sail to Koblenz and moors overnight (B,L,D).

# COLOGNE, Germany

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# KOBLENZ, Germany



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# Day 4

- In the morning, cruise through the Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river, with hillsides dotted with fairy-tale castles.
- In the afternoon, you will arrive at Rüdesheim.

# Rhine Castles



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# Rhine River Gorge

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# Day 4

- This afternoon you will have the option to take one of three excursions:
- a Gondola Ride above the town to see the Niederwalddenkmal Statue followed by wine tasting with a local vintner,
- a guided hike through the town and surrounding vineyards,
- a guided bike tour along the Rhine River to one of Germany's best wine regions.
- Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's most famous and charming street, a narrow passage lined with shops and taverns.

# RÜDESHEIM



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# Day 4

- After dinner, you will have the opportunity to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, home to a remarkable collection of old robotic and self-playing musical instruments, or enjoy a tasting of Rudesheimer coffee, a local specialty.
- The ship sails overnight. (B,L,D)

# Rüdesheimer Coffee

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# Day 5

- Arrive in Mannheim, & choose one of 3 afternoon excursions.
- Option #1 is a half-day excursion to the historic university town of Heidelberg, to visit the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000-gallon wine cask) & enjoy beautiful views of the Neckar Valley & city below.
- Option # 2, enjoy a hike up the Philosopher's Path up to a panoramic view point of Heidelberg.
- Option #3 is a city tour of Speyer known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the medieval Altpörtel (Old Gate).

# Heidelberg Castle

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# Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



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# Speyer, Germany

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# Day 6 STRASBOURG, FRANCE

- Alsace's principal city is situated on the Ill River where it flows into the Rhine at the German border. This morning, take a tour through this charming town lined with narrow cobblestone streets.
- Visit the "La Petite France" district, where you will see the sandstone Gothic Cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, timber-framed buildings, covered bridges and medieval watchtowers.
- As an alternative, take a guided bicycle tour (capacity controlled) past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament, and Place de la Republique.

# Strasbourg



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# Day 7 BREISACH, GERMANY

- Today, you have your choice of excursions:
- a scenic tour of the villages of Breisach and Freiburg,
- or a visit to the wine village of Riquewihr.
- or a guided bike tour of Breisach that takes you through the Rheinau woods.
- The ship sails overnight to Basel. (B,L,D)

# Freiburg—Historic Merchant's Hall in the Augustinerplatz.



# Market at Munster Square, Freiburg



# Day 8

- Disembark after breakfast.
- The town of Basel is known as a longtime center for banking, commerce and trade.
- Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval Town Hall and exquisite old homes.

# Basel Town Hall



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# The Rhine River at Basel

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