

SIP, SAIL & CELEBRATE WITH HCR - CHRISTMAS RIVER CRUISE!



LUXURIOUS 7nt RIVER CRUISE on AMA WATERWAYS!
Join HCR for “CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE”

December 3-10, 2026

Sail the Rhine: Amsterdam to Switzerland on the NEW AmaSiena!
With Overnight in Amsterdam during their spectacular Christmas Light Festival!
Plus Wine Tastings, Tours, and Visit the Famous **Christmas Markets** in Rudesheim,
Dusseldorf, Cologne, Ludwigshafen, Strasbourg & Breisach!

...Celebrate the Holiday Season in Style!

SEE: France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland
Special Group Discount: Over \$500/Rm Off
Priced from \$4199pp All-Inclusive!

ALL-INCLUSIVE RIVER CRUISE GROUP PKG INCLUDES:

- **UNLIMITED EXCURSIONS** in Every Port of Call Including Christmas Markets!
- **Locally-sourced European Cuisine & Fine Wines** in multiple dining venues...Fresh-caught fish, fresh baked bread daily, steak and seafood selections. Artfully presented... Plus Regional Wine Pairings nightly!
- **DRINK PACKAGE INCLUDED: Unlimited Wines**, premium beer, soft drinks, coffee & tea w/meals...Plus **Complimentary Cocktails, Beer and Wine** nightly at Sip & Sail Happy Hour
- **Michelin-Style PRIVATE CHEFS TABLE EXPERIENCE just for our Group!**

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- **Onboard Experience:** Complimentary WiFi, First Run Movies; Fine Wine Bar, Afternoon Tea Service, and **Spectacular Views throughout...beautiful castles, vineyards and churches!**
- **Heated swimming pool** with **swim-up bar** and whirlpool, Spa and Salon; Bicycles!
- **Regional Entertainment nightly:** Music performances, Piano, Dancing, more!
- **SIP HOT MULLED WINE & EAT ROASTED CHESTNUTS AT THE TOP CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN EUROPE!**
- **Pre and Post-cruise tour pkgs** available from \$950 incl transfers! Air from \$999pp!

CRUISE FROM: AMSTERDAM TO BASEL...

Cruise through Europe during the most festive time of year and experience its magical Christmas Markets. Browse colorful stalls filled with whimsical handicrafts and delight in cities illuminated by twinkling lights. From the fairytale Rhine river, enjoy unparalleled experiences on board one of the most **elegantly decorated** river ships!

You'll love the **many beautiful castles** along the Rhine River and **the iconic windmills of Holland and Belgium**...Cherish all the glory of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine. **Get caught up in the magic of the holidays with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets...**

- **Warm up with a mug of steamy** glühwein while at the Cologne Christmas Market located in front of its **UNESCO Gothic cathedral**.
- Visit "Capital of Noël," **Strasbourg**, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France.
- Meander through **Heidelberg's** majestic Christmas Markets nestled amongst the historic squares of the Old Town.
- In **Gengenbach**, marvel at the world's largest Advent calendar, where every evening at 6:00 PM, the brightly lit windows of the neo-classical town hall open.

SPECIAL GROUP OFFER...\$250pp Discount + Reduced Flat-Rate Air from \$999pp!

+ **Past Guests** of Ama Waterways receive an additional **\$100pp discount**.

+ **Active/Retired Military** receive **additional \$250pp discount** with ID.

DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES...

- **\$4199** Cat E **River-view** room **...Less any Past Guest & Military Discounts!**
- **\$4498** Category D **River-view**, midship, 160 sq ft.
- **\$5298** Cat CB **French Balcony**, 155 sqft.
- **\$6298** Cat BB **Twin Balcony**, with one French and one Outside Balcony; 210 sq feet.
- **\$6698** Cat AB **Lg Twin Balcony** with French and an Outside Balcony; 235 sq ft.
- **\$8189** Cat SS **Full Suite with Twin Balconies**, 350 sq ft!

Rates are per person and include taxes and port charges.

CRUISE DEPOSIT: \$400pp. Balance due 8/15/26.

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AMSTERDAM TO BASEL 7-NT CHRISTMAS CRUISE

DAY 1

AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION

Board the ship in Amsterdam for your *Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise!* Perfect time to enjoy the **Amsterdam Light Festival!** The canals and streets are illuminated, and the city is transformed into a fairytale! Spend the night in Amsterdam and enjoy a canal tour onboard your luxurious river cruise ship. Amsterdam is known as the Venice of Northern Europe.

DAY 2



AMSTERDAM

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

...Note that River Cruising is very smooth-sailing; perfect for those with motion issues!

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DAY 3... DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY

Enjoy a scenic cruise into Düsseldorf. In the afternoon, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne on a guided tour of its enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the Fishmarket, which dates back to the 12th century, and the Great St. Martin Church. Then visit one of Europe's largest and most **renowned Christmas Markets**. Or explore historic Düsseldorf on foot with a knowledgeable local tour guide. Then, be treated to a tasting of Altbier, a clean and crisp beer developed in Düsseldorf that is crafted using traditional brewing techniques. Conclude the tour with a visit to the local Christmas Market. Alternatively, cover more ground with an active bike tour of the city. (B,L,D)



DAY 4... RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the castle-laden Rhine River Gorge before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Once in Rüdesheim, you will have four choices of morning excursions. **Wine connoisseurs will want to go to a wine cellar for a wine tasting followed by a Christmas Market visit** to enjoy holiday traditions from around the world. Or go on a hike through the vineyards. Alternatively, you can take a peaceful ride over the vineyards on **Rüdesheim's gondola** followed by a visit to the Christmas Market. You may also opt to join a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River before visiting the Christmas Market. Later in the day, you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, **or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee**. (B,L,D)

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DAY 5

LUDWIGSHAFEN

You have the choice to explore two of Germany's historically rich cities, along with their festive **Christmas Markets**. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, the Hauptstrasse, soaking up the Yuletide celebrations at the town's Christmas Markets. Or hike along the Neckar River on the historic Philosopher's Path followed by free time to enjoy the Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can bike along the Neckar River to the medieval town of



Ladenburg and visit its Marktplatz, or explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site. You'll also have time to visit its **Christmas Market** in front of the "Old Mint" (Alten Münze) in the famous Maximilianstrasse, with a view of the romantic Imperial cathedral (Kaiserdom). (B,L,D)



DAY 6

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterwards, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site, and through the lovely "La Petite France" district, where you will see **the Cathédrale de Notre Dame** with its famous

astronomical clock and then visit the town's famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. Later in the day, opt to visit **Gengenbach's Christmas Markets** and the **town's famous illuminated town hall Advent calendar**. (B,L,D)

...AMA Waterways is the top-rated river cruise line, popular for exceptional dining, fantastic excursions, and spacious, uncrowded ships (fewer guests than on other river cruises). **Only 77 Staterooms on this ship; 152 guests on average.**

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DAY 7

BREISACH, GERMANY

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Journey into **medieval Colmar**, located in the enchanting Alsace region of France. Delight in the half-timbered houses lining the cobblestone streets as you take in the whimsical blend of French and German culture and the town's wonderful **Christmas Markets**. 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." Then enjoy free time at the **Freiburg Christmas Markets**. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through Breisach's countryside. (B,L,D)



DAY 8

BASEL – DISEMBARKATION ... Prepare for your flight home **Or JOIN THE POST-CRUISE TOUR OF LAKE LUCERNE AND ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.** (B)

OPTIONAL CRUISE ADD ONS:

- **\$999pp Fixed Price Economy Airfare** from all US Cities, incl Airport Transfers! (Upgrades available to Premium Economy for **\$2299** or Business Class **\$4299pp**)...These AirPlus special prices good till 6/25/2025.
- **2 Nights Accommodations and Tours** Pre-Cruise in Amsterdam for **\$950pp including: Barbizon Palace & Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky**, Transfers to/from ship, Breakfast daily, city Tours, and see the charming windmills and historic wooden houses of Zaanse Schans...Hosted by your Cruise Manager who will be with you the entire time. (Also gives you more time to see the Amsterdam Art Light competition.)
- **4 Nights post-cruise in the beautiful Zurich, Switzerland** area for **\$1960pp Including:** 2 Nts accommodations at Zurich Marriott Hotel and 2 Nts at the Hotel Schweizerhof of Lake Lucerne; **Scenic Lake Lucerne cruise**, Zurich "Little Big City tour" plus Christmas Markets; Basel city tour, Lake Lucerne tour, Lion Monument & Medieval City Walls, all hosted by your Cruise Manager. Includes all Transfers, and Breakfast daily. (Pre/Post extension rates are based on double occupancy.)
- **Staff Gratuities** can be prepaid at **\$144pp**, or pay staff directly onboard.
- AMA offers **travel insurance** for 13% of trip cost. Or ask about an annual policy from **\$280pp** to cover all your travel for a full year.

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Choose from these spacious staterooms, with sitting areas, marble bathrooms, plush bedding, bathrobes, TV with first run movies, more!

Cat D/E River View Room- 160 sq ft...



Cat C French Balcony - 170 sq ft...



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Cat BB Twin Balcony (French & Outside Balcony) - 210 sq ft...



Cat SS Full Suite with Twin Balconies - 300 sq ft...



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