

RHINE CASTLES & SWISS ALPS

7 NIGHT ADVENTURE FROM AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 7, 2024



HOSTED BY SOLUTIONS TRAVEL IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH AMA WATERWAYS



They say the third time is the charm! After having river cruise groups booked in 2020 and 2021 cancel, it is time to try again! Join us as we explore one of the most beautiful rivers in Europe as it takes us through the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. Experience the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliff tops 400 feet above the water and many other wonderful sites. If this entices you, please see below for a day by day account of this fabulous trip.



We are happy to partner with AMA Waterways for this seven-night adventure beginning in Amsterdam and ending in Basel aboard the AmaSerena. Each port will include an excursion that is typically half a day with free time to explore in the afternoons. (Please note the map shows additional pre and post stays which are not being offered with the group pricing.)

The beauty of a river cruise is that you are immersed in your destination from the moment you arrive. Waking up in a new destination each day, while only having to unpack once during your journey. Not only will you visit six ports of call in four different countries, but you will also enjoy a boutique ship experience with only 162 guests onboard.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, September 29th - Overnight Flight

Today we will depart Norfolk and travel over the Atlantic Ocean to Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Day 2 – Monday, September 30th - Arrive Amsterdam – Embarkation

Welcome to the Netherlands! Upon arrival in Amsterdam, we will transfer to the ship docked near the Central Station. You will have the afternoon free to explore on your own prior to getting settled into your cabin. Dinner will be served onboard, and the ship will stay in port overnight in case you want to stretch your legs after dinner! (Dinner)

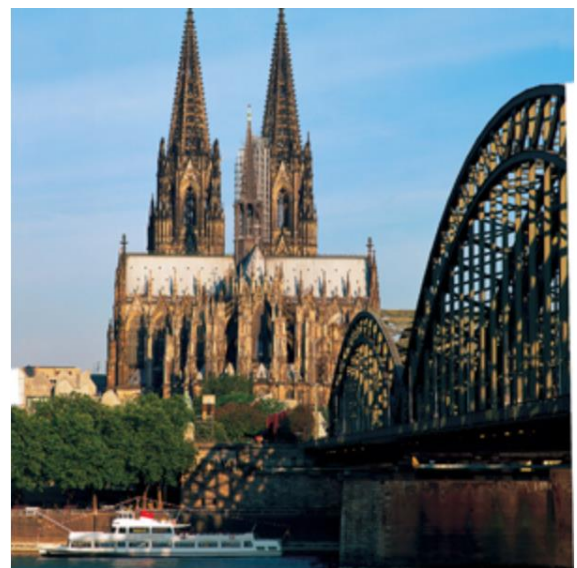


Day 3 – Tuesday, October 1st – Amsterdam / Time to Set Sail

Did you know that there are 165 canals in Amsterdam? After breakfast enjoy an included canal cruise and take all the beautiful Amsterdam sights from the water. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 4 – Wednesday, October 2nd – Cologne, Germany

Enjoy cruising to Cologne. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated Cologne Cathedral, one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces. Continue to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, plus see other local sights. For a different view, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



Day 5 – Thursday, October 3rd – Rhine Gorge and Rüdesheim, Germany

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. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



Day 6 – Friday, October 4th – Ludwigshafen, Germany

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of four 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 pedal along the river Neckar to the picturesque medieval city center of Ladenburg and enjoy some free time to explore the shops. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



Day 7 – Saturday, October 5th – Strasbourg, France

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 (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



Day 8 – Sunday, October 6th – Basel, Switzerland

Enjoy getting to know Basel, Switzerland's third largest city. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval town hall, richly decorated market square and exquisite 18th-century patrician homes. Tour the city by foot or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries: Switzerland, France and Germany. Alternatively, go on a full-day excursion to Lucerne, or opt for one of the morning excursions and visit Lucerne in the afternoon. With either Lucerne excursion, you'll have the opportunity to see its Lion Monument – the figure of a dying lion carved into a hillside in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution in 1792 – which Mark Twain described as “the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world.” You'll also see Lucerne's spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



Day 9 – Monday, October 7th – Basel, Switzerland

Our journey has quickly come to an end, and it is time to say farewell to Basel. After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight to Norfolk.

Amenities onboard the AmaSerena

SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, a music library and English language TV stations
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily



AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Wellness Activities with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access (complimentary)
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

AWARD-WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients.
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala 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
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks, and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

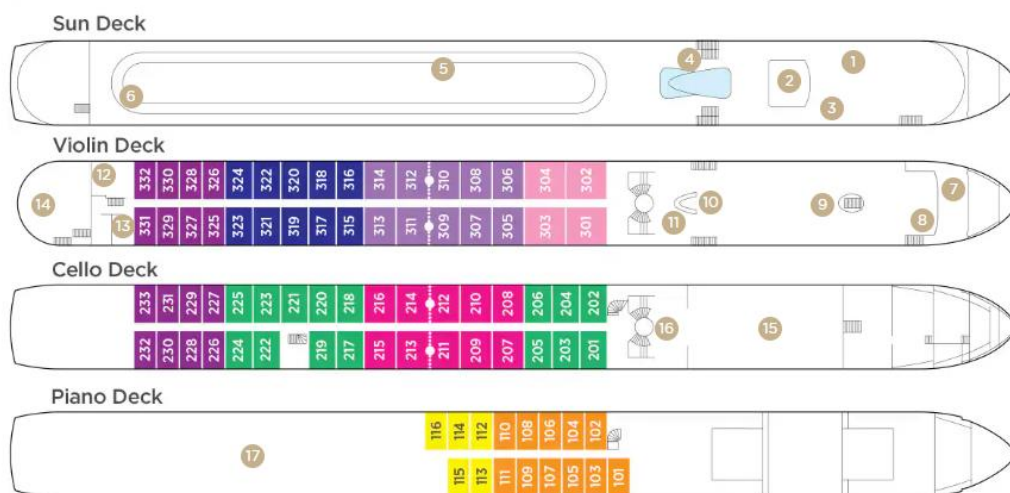


A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active, and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

AmaSerena Deck Plans

1	Lower Sun Deck
2	Navigation Bridge
3	Bicycles
4	Heated Pool
5	Sun Deck
6	Walking Track
7	Al Fresco Dining Terrace
8	Observation Lounge
9	Main Lounge & Bar
10	Gift Shop
11	Reception
12	Fitness Room
13	Massage & Hair Salon
14	The Chef's Table Restaurant
15	Main Restaurant
16	Elevator
17	Crew Cabins



Note: Elevator reaches the Violin and Cello Deck (does not reach Piano Deck or Sun Deck).

Staterooms can become adjoining by request.

Stateroom Categories

SUITE	AA	AB	BA	BB	C	D	E
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Stateroom Options

Fixed Window – Category E and Category D – Piano Deck – 160 Square Feet



Stateroom with two windows offering river views.

French Balcony – Category C – Violin or Cello Decks – 170 Square Feet



Stateroom with floor to ceiling sliding door windows.

French Balcony and Outside Balcony – Category BB (Cello Deck) and BA (Violin Deck) – 210 Square Feet



Larger cabin offering a French balcony and an outside balcony with seating.

French Balcony and Outside Balcony – Category AB (Cello Deck) and AA (Violin Deck) – 235 Square Feet



Offering the same configuration as the option above with some additional square footage.

Pricing includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Norfolk (ask me about other gateways)
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Accommodations for seven nights on the AmaSerena
- See cabin choices below
- Meals – as listed in the itinerary
- Daily excursion in each port
- Pre-paid gratuities for your stateroom attendant and waitstaff on the ship
- All service charges, baggage handling and local taxes
- Hosting services provided by Solutions Travel
- Optional travel protection with Allianz. (Help protect your trip and your investment with a travel protection plan.)

Cabin Category	Tour package per person	Optional travel protection	Total per person cost with travel protection
Category E – Fixed Window	\$4,816.00	\$367.00	\$5,183.00
Category D – Fixed Window	\$5,115.00	\$403.00	\$5,518.00
Category C – French Balcony	\$6,115.00	\$477.00	\$6,592.00
Category BB– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT		
Category BA– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	\$6,915.00	\$516.00	\$7,431.00
Category AB– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT		\$7,709.00
Category AA– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT		

Please contact me for information on single occupancy rates.

Your package does not include:

- Meals other than what is included in the daily itinerary
- Gratuities for local guides
- Airport baggage fees (if applicable)

A word about pricing and cabin availability

The advertised rates are part of a promotion that includes significantly reduced airfare cost for our group and must be booked by November 30, 2023. I would encourage you to book by this date to take advantage of these savings and confirm the best cabin selections. After November 30, 2023, airfare rates will increase and be based on availability at time of booking.

Cabin categories are based upon availability at the time of booking. While group rates are confirmed, I am not able to hold specific cabin categories to sell into.

Payment Information

Cabin Category:	Deposit Requirement:
Category E – Fixed Window	\$1,517.00 per person
Category D – Fixed Window	\$1,553.00 per person
Category C – French Balcony	\$1,627.00 per person
Category BB– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT
Category BA– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	\$1,666.00 per person
Category AB– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT
Category AA– French Balcony with Outside Balcony	SOLD OUT

Per person deposit amounts are inclusive of:

- \$400.00 per person AMA Waterways cabin deposit
- \$750.00 per person AMA Waterways airfare deposit
- Allianz travel protection based on your cabin category.

We strongly suggest that travel protection is purchased at the time of deposit since some benefits are time sensitive. Your deposit is due at time of booking and will be split between AMA Waterways and Allianz, if accepting travel protection, as noted above. The remaining balance may be paid by check or with credit card.

Additional payments can be made at any time. Final payment for your package is due on or before June 20, 2024.

Cancellation Penalties

\$200.00 of your cruise deposit and \$550.00 of your airfare cost is non-refundable at time of booking. Allianz travel protection is also non-refundable at the time of booking.

For Cruise Package:

- More than 121 days prior to cruise \$200.00 per person
- 120 – 90 days prior to cruise \$400.00 per person
- 89 - 60 days prior to cruise 35% of the total price per person
- 59 – 30 days prior to cruise 50% of the total price per person
- 29 - 7 days prior to cruise 80% of the total price per person
- 6 – until the departure day 100% of the total price per person



I would like to thank you for your interest in traveling with Solutions Travel. Should you have any questions or would like to confirm your cabin for this bucket list adventure, please call or email me to request your booking form.

I look forward to sharing this Rhine River experience with you!

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