

River Cruise

CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE



BASEL TO AMSTERDAM
NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 6, 2025
HOSTED BY CARROUSEL TRAVEL

Join us!

Join Carrousel Travel for a hosted river cruise on this festive journey down the Rhine River, where you will discover the wonder of Europe's iconic Christmas markets.

Experience the deep-rooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year and 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-designated Gothic cathedral. Let the "Capital of Noël," Strasbourg, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France, captivate you the way it has for so many others for centuries. Meander through Heidelberg's majestic Christmas Market nestled idyllically amongst the historic squares of the Old Town. And while 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 and behind each one is a picture by a famous artist, such as Andy Warhol. Cherish all the glory of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine.

The trip includes a 7-night Rhine River Cruise onboard the AmaWaterways *AmaViola* from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands. You will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours throughout the cruise. In many cases, you will have a choice of excursions, so you can choose how you want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder.

An optional pre-cruise stay in Basel will be available to get you started as well as discounted group airfare which will complete your entire experience from start to finish.





INCLUSIONS

- » Roundtrip airport to ship transfers including meet and greet and luggage handling
- » Seven nights cruise cabin accommodations on the AmaWaterways *AmaViola*
- » Gourmet dining for all meals onboard the ship throughout the cruise
- » Wine and beer with lunch and dinner
- » Daily happy hour
- » All shore excursions in each port
- » Onboard entertainment and lectures
- » Ship-wide Internet and Wi-Fi access
- » All onboard gratuities for ship staff
- » Taxes, fees and port charges
- » The services of a Carrousel Travel host throughout the program

PRICING

FRENCH BALCONY CA CABIN

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$4,345 per person (\$4,495 per person*)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$6,165 per person (\$6,380 per person*)

DOUBLE BALCONY BB CABIN

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$4,895 per person (\$5,035 per person*)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$6,940 per person (\$7,185 per person*)

DOUBLE BALCONY BA CABIN

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$5,085 per person (\$5,265 per person*)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$7,260 per person (\$7,515 per person*)

DOUBLE BALCONY AB CABIN

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$5,420 per person (\$5,610 per person*)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$7,760 per person (\$8,035 per person*)

DOUBLE BALCONY AA CABIN

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$5,570 per person (\$5,765 per person*)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$7,985 per person (\$8,265 per person*)

(*) Pricing based on credit card payment. All other pricing based on cash or check payment.

All prices listed are per person, based on stated occupancy. Airfare is not included in listed prices.



Itinerary

DAY 1 // SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Board AmaWaterways *AmaViola* in Basel for your *Christmas Markets on the Rhine* cruise. (D)

DAY 2 // SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 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, you may wish to visit Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral constructed of red sandstone, as well as its enchanting Christmas market. Those wishing a more active excursion will want to cycle through the scenic countryside. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 // MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 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 République. 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 Nôtre 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. During the afternoon, visit Gengenbach Christmas market where, every year, the locals count down to Christmas with a 24-day, larger-than-life Advent calendar. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 // TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025 LUDWIGSHAFEN + RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY

You have a choice of several excursions, depending on your interest. Visit Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along German's Castle Road, followed by a visit to the Christmas markets. For those seeking a more active adventure, hike the historic Philosopher's Path or bike along the shores of the river Neckar, ultimately arriving in the medieval town of Ladenburg. Alternatively, you can discover the medieval past of Speyer and its charming Christmas markets.



Later in the day, sail to the winemaking town of Rüdesheim, where you can taste the village's sweet wine or its special delight, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with whipped cream and brandy. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 // WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 RÜDESHEIM + LAHNSTEIN, GERMANY

Visit Siegfried's whimsical Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, take a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River, hike through the vineyards or soar high above the town by gondola and later enjoy Christmas traditions from all over the world at Rüdesheim Christmas market. Later in the day, sit in the Main Lounge, out on your balcony or bundle up on the Sun Deck to enjoy a scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge, during which you will see many historic castles. Upon reaching Lahnstein, take a unique tour of Lahneck Castle. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 // THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 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 Fishmarkt, 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 7 // FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Cruise the iconic canals of Amsterdam, considered the "Venice of the North" and admire the historic architecture along the way. Alternatively, taste local specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafés. Please note that an alternative tour will depend on docking location. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 // SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Disembark the ship in Amsterdam and bid farewell to the city before preparing for your return flight home. (B)

AmaViola

Brightly colored floral and geometric patterns from stateroom to Main Lounge immediately show you that **AmaViola** is no ordinary river cruise ship. Twin balconies in most staterooms maximize your enjoyment as steeples and vineyards glide by. Mouthwatering cuisine worthy of *La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs*, an exclusive and internationally renowned gastronomic society, is served from sunrise to sunset. There's something symphonic about the flourish and style of The Chef's Table specialty restaurant and the coordinated effort to serve each bold, beautiful and delicious course of the regionally inspired tasting menu. Butterfly wallpaper in the hair salon highlights how you'll emerge brand new while an inviting sun-deck pool with a swim-up bar refreshes your spirit. Plus, **AmaViola** inspires you to be the best version of yourself with a walking track, fitness room and fleet of onboard bikes to keep you happy and healthy during your cruise.



TWIN BALCONIES

Enjoy panoramic views and plenty of fresh air in our lavish twin-balcony staterooms that feature both a French balcony and an outside balcony. (*Double Balcony Cabin Categories*)



AWARD-WINNING DINING

Savor exquisite cuisine at a variety of dining venues, like the Main Restaurant and The Chef's Table. You can also order delicious tapas between meals in the Main Lounge.

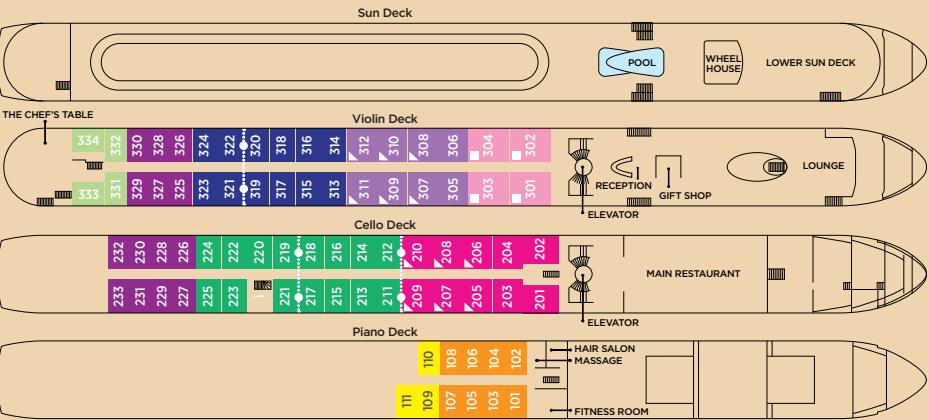


INVITING PUBLIC SPACES

With fewer guests on board, you can enjoy the luxury of space to unwind, relax and reconnect with your loved ones. Lounges and restaurants are never overcrowded.



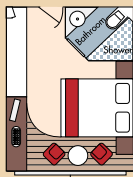
AMAVIOLA DECK PLANS



Elevator on AmaStella and AmaViola reaches the Violin and Cello Deck (does not reach the Piano or Sun Deck).

Category	Deck / Stateroom / Size
Suite	Violin / French & Outside Balcony / 350 sq. ft.
AA	Violin / French & Outside Balcony / 235 sq. ft.
AB	Cello / French & Outside Balcony / 235 sq. ft.
BA	Violin / French & Outside Balcony / 210 sq. ft.
BB	Cello / French & Outside Balcony / 210 sq. ft.
CA	Violin & Cello / French Balcony / 170 sq. ft.
CB	Violin / French Balcony / 155 sq. ft.
D	Piano / Fixed Windows / 160 sq. ft.
E	Piano / Fixed Windows / 160 sq. ft.

FRENCH BALCONY CABIN (CA)



DOUBLE BALCONY CABIN (BB/BA)



DOUBLE BALCONY CABIN (AB/AA)



Step aboard AmaViola and unpack once, then cruise through grand capitals and charming towns.



MASSAGE SERVICES AND HAIR SALON

After a marvelous day of immersive shore excursions, return to the ship and treat yourself to a bit of pampering with a soothing massage.



ENRICHING ENTERTAINMENT

Whether it's traditional Bavarian music, a local quartet or modern piano favorites, there is an eclectic schedule of entertainment on board.



FITNESS ROOM

Are you looking for a way to stay fit on vacation? Hit the treadmill or lift some weights while cruising from one destination to the next.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cruise Deposit: \$1,500 per person at time of booking

Cruise Second Deposit: \$1,500 per person due by April 18, 2025

Cruise Final Payment: Due by July 25, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY:

From 1st deposit through April 18, 2025:
\$1,500 fee per person

From April 18, 2025 through July 25, 2025:
\$3,000 fee per person

From July 26, 2025 through departure date:
No Refund

Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office.

Trip cancellation insurance is available and is strongly recommended. Ask for details.

PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of whether you have signed the agreement on your registration form, retention of your Itinerary/ Invoice shall constitute acceptance of all the provisions listed here as well as those terms and conditions set forth in the announcement and brochures of the tour/package, charter, cruise or service.

PROOF OF IDENTITY: Proof of identity is required for all travel. A valid U.S. passport with 6 months validity past the trip return date is required for all travel. Please ask your travel consultant for assistance if you are a citizen of another country.

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