



**THE ENCHANTING RHINE RIVER BOAT CRUISE
AMA WATERWAYS
JUNE 9-17, 2017**

June 9 – TRAVEL DAY

This is a travel day. Multiple meals will be served in flight. Try and get some sleep.

June 10 – EMBARKATION – BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Embark the ship. Tonight gather on board to a Welcome Dinner (D)

June 11 - BREISACH GERMANY

You have two exciting excursions to choose from today. The first is a walking tour of Riquewahr, a picturesque town renowned for its historic architecture and its Riesling wines. A second option is a the beautiful towns of Breisach and Freiburg where you will visit the historical city center and Freiburg's Munster, a Gothic cathedral constructed of red sandstone. (B,L,D)

June 12 – STRASBOURG, FRANCE

The capital city of France's Alsace region. Strasbourg is situated on the Rhine at the German border. Here you will enjoy either a panoramic bus tour that will take you past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republiques. Afterwards, explore on foot with a walking tour of the lovely La Petite France neighborhood where you will see the Gothic cathedral with its famous astronomical clock. The remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish,. The ship departs tonight for Mannheim. (B,L,D)

June 13 – MANNHEIM GERMANY – HEIDELBERG – RUDE SHEIM

Arrive in Mannheim where you have a choice of one of three excursions this afternoon. Your first option half-day excursion is to the historic university town of Heidelberg, where you will visit the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000 gallon wine cask) and enjoy beautiful views of the Neckar Valley and city below. Or, for your second option enjoy a hike up the Philosopher's Path up to a panoramic view point of Heidelberg. Your third option is a city tour of Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the medieval Altportel (Old Gate). Continue on to Rudesheim where tonight you can choose from either a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum or a Rudesheimer Coffee excursion (B,L,D)

June 14 – RUDESHEIM – RHINE CASTLES – KOBLENZ

Your exploration of Rudesheim continues this morning with your choice of one of three excursions: a gondola ride above the town to see the Niederwalddenkmal Statue followed by a wine tasting with a local vintner; a guided bike tour along the Rhine River to one of Germany's best wine regions, or a guided hike to Ehrenfels Castle. Afterwards, you'll have a free time to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's most famous and charming street, a narrow passage lined with shops and taverns. Late risers can skip the gondola ride and still participate in the wine tasting if they'd like. This afternoon, your ship departs for Koblenz and cruises through the Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river, with hillsides dotted with fairy-tale castles. After arriving in Koblenz your Cruise Manager will take you on a walking tour through this charming town. The ship moors here overnight. (B,L,D)

June 15 – KOBLENZ – COLOGNE

The ship cruises to Cologne today where you will have a choice of tours. The first is an afternoon walking tour that includes the Old Town, Cathedral Square, and the city's majestic Gothic cathedral. The second option is a Kolsch Beer and local specialties tasting, and the third is a guided bike tour of the city. The ship departs this evening for Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

June 16 – AMSTERDAM THE NETHERLANDS

The famous canals of Amsterdam await discovery on your city tour. Begin with a scenic canal cruise and see the tall narrow homes lining the water, the Skinny Bridge, and the house where Ann Frank and her family lived in hiding during WWII. Next, you'll walk to Begijnhof, known for its historic building dating back to the Middle Ages and have some free time to explore. Later, enjoy a panoramic city tour on which you'll see the Royal Palace, Westerkerk and stop for photos at a Dutch windmill before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

June 17 - AMSTERDAM THE NETHERLANDS

Bid farewell to Amsterdam and prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

OPTIONAL – PRE-CRUISE LAND PACKAGE - \$1680 PPDO

June 6, – ARRIVE IN ZURICH

Arrive in Zurich and check in to your hotel. Spend your day exploring this beautiful town.

June 7 - ZURICH

Your morning city tour of Switzerland's largest city, Zurich, includes Grossmunster Abby (which offers exceptional views of Zurich), St Peter (which boasts the world's largest church clock face), Old Town, Town Hall and Fraumunster Abbey, home to five world famous Chagall windows. The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore the town on your own. (B)

June 8 – ZURICH – LUCERNE

After a free morning in Zurich, check out of your hotel and head off on a scenic drive past three lakes before reaching Vizinau. Upon arrival, enjoy a cruise across the tranquil waters of Lake Lucerne, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. This afternoon, check into your hotel (B)

June 9 – LUCERNE

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of the lakeside medieval gem. You will see some of the city's lovely cobblestone streets, monuments, fountains, public squares, covered bridges and colorful frescoed buildings. The afternoon offers free time to shop for Swiss-made watches, knives and delicious chocolates. (B)

June 10 – LUCERNE-BASEL-EMBARKATION

This morning depart from Lucerne, visiting the Lion Monument en route to Basel. Arrive for a walking tour and the time to explore on your own before embarking you luxurious river cruise ship. Switzerland's second largest city is ideally located at the crossroads of Switzerland, France and Germany. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in the medieval Town Hall and exquisite 18th century homes. Tonight, gather on board for a Welcome Dinner. The ship departs tonight from Breisach. (B,D)