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AmaWaterways Christmas Markets on the Rhine ~ AmaSiena

Enjoy a Magical Christmas Time Adventure ~ December 12 – 19, 2024

Join your Travel Hosts Cathie Lentz Fryer from CTA Travel and Brad Martin from Anywhere Anytime Journeys for a magical journey along the Rhine!

*Cruise along the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam on the AmaSiena.
Optional AmaWaterways pre -cruise package in Switzerland.
We can customize your pre & post cruise journey!*



Experience the deep-rooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year. From the iconic canals of Amsterdam to Switzerland, 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. Cherish all the glory of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine.

7 Nights AmaSiena Christmas Markets on the Rhine

AmaWaterways Past Passengers receive additional discounts!

Rates include a Special AmaWaterways Promotional Discount!

All Rates include: \$224.00 port taxes and \$50.00 Anywhere Anytime Journeys Management Fee.

Special promotional discount expires soon, call today to confirm your cabin.

CTA Travel Advisor, Jade Chiarini Gallagher will be joining us on this journey!

Specific cabin availability will be determined at the time of request.

Air, Insurance & Airport transportation will be an additional cost.

Deposit of \$450.00 per person due at time of deposit. At time of deposit, \$250.00 p/p non-refundable. Cabin price subject to availability at time of request.

Don't miss this Magical River Cruise Journey

Contact Brad Today!

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7- Night Christmas Markets Rhine River Cruise with CTA Travel

DAY 1 BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION

Board your ship in Basel for your *Christmas Markets on the Rhine* cruise. (B)

DAY 2 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 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 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. During the afternoon, visit Gengenbach Christmas market. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – 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 Rudesheim, where you can taste the village's sweet wine or its special delight, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with whipped cream and brandy. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE CRUISING – LAHNSTEIN, GERMANY



Visit Siegfried's whimsical Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, 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 Rudesheim 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 COLOGNE, GERMANY



Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town. Explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral and then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas markets located in front of the cathedral. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine or visit a local tavern to taste Cologne's traditional Kölsch beer. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 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)

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DAY 8 AMSTERDAM - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home.