

# CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE CRUISE on the AmaLucia

\$ 5,849 < From
Per person/Double occupancy,
Cruise package, Cabin category D

Discover Europe's most festive time of year and its ageold Christmas traditions. From the glittering towns of Germany to the iconic canals of Amsterdam, let the magic of the holiday season sweep you away as you visit some of the world's most famous Christmas markets. Warm up with a cup of steaming Glühwein at Cologne's Christmas market, located opposite its UNESCO-listed Gothic cathedral. Let yourself be seduced by the "capital of Christmas," Strasbourg, home to France's oldest and largest Christmas market, a tradition that has drawn visitors for centuries.

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Stroll through the majestic Heidelberg Christmas market nestled in the heart of the historic squares of the old town. Taste the splendor of European Christmas magic on your Rhine cruise.

# DAY 1: BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Arrive at Basel Mulhouse airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Night in Basel** 

### DAY 2: BASEL. SWITZERLAND. EMBARKATION

Transfer to the port and embark on your cruise to discover the Rhine Christmas markets

7 nights on the AMALucia cruise





# DAY 3: BREISACH, GERMANY

Breisach, the first of the stops, offers a wide choice of excursions in the region, each more enticing than the last. Discover the medieval town of Colmar. Seemingly frozen in time, it's located in the enchanting Alsace region of France. Admire the half-timbered houses lining the cobbled streets, the whimsical blend of French and German cultures and the town's wonderful Christmas markets. You can also visit Freiburg. Located on the German side of the border, it was founded in 1120, and is home to the Münster, a Gothic cathedral built of red sandstone, and its enchanting Christmas market. Those looking for a more active excursion can enjoy cycling through the picturesque countryside and vineyards.

# DAY 4 : STRASBOURG. FRANCE

Strasbourg is even more attractive during the Advent season. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it France's oldest Christmas market. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour of the Orangerie Park, the European Parliament and the Place de la République. Next, stroll through the historic center of the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the charming Petite France district, where you'll see Notre-Dame Cathedral and its famous astronomical clock. Then visit the city's famous Christmas market. For the more active, you can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bike. In the afternoon, visit the Gengenbach Christmas market where, every year, locals count down to Christmas with a larger-than-life Advent calendar. Every evening in December, a window in the town hall is revealed. Every evening, a different image to discover!

# DAY 5: LUDWIGSHAFEN. GERMANY - RÜDESHEIM. **GERMANY**

Today, several excursions are available for you to choose from, depending on your interests. Visit Heidelberg, a perfectly preserved medieval town nestled in the Neckar river valley along the German Castle Route, then visit the Christmas markets. For those looking for a more active adventure, hike the historic Philosopher's Trail or cycle along the banks of the Neckar, eventually arriving in the medieval town of Ladenburg. You can also discover Speyer's medieval past and its charming Christmas markets. Later in the day, you'll sail to the wine town of Rüdesheim, where you can sample the village's sweet wine or its distinctive and decadent delicacy, Rüdesheim coffee, ceremoniously prepared with whipped cream and brandy.



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# DAY 6: RÜDESHEIM. RHINE GORGE CRUISE -LAHNSTEIN. GERMANY

Visit Siegfried's whimsical cabinet of mechanical musical instruments or take a gondola ride over the city. Both tours end with a visit to the Rüdesheim Christmas Market, where you can enjoy Christmas traditions from all over the world. More active travelers can opt for a guided bike tour through the city and along the Rhine, or a hike through the vineyards. Later in the day, sit back in the main lounge, on your balcony or wrap up on the sun deck to enjoy a picturesque cruise through the Rhine Gorge, during which you'll see many historic castles. Arriving in Lahnstein, you'll enjoy a unique and exclusive visit to Burg Lahneck Castle.



# DAY 7: DÜSSELDORF. GERMANY

Enjoy a picturesque cruise to Düsseldorf. In the afternoon, you'll take a short excursion to neighboring Cologne for a guided tour of its enchanting old town. You'll discover the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the 12thcentury Fishmarkt and the great St. Martin's Church. Then visit one of Europe's largest and most famous Christmas markets. You can also choose to explore Düsseldorf's historic center on foot, accompanied by a local guide. Afterwards, you'll be treated to a tasting of Altbier, a refreshing combination of bitter and sweet beer developed in Düsseldorf and made using traditional brewing techniques unique to the region. The tour ends with a visit to the local Christmas market. You can also take an active tour of the city by bike.

### DAY 8: AMSTERDAM. NETHERLANDS

Today you'll cruise the iconic canals of Amsterdam, considered the "Venice of the North". Admire the unique and historic architecture along the way. You'll have the chance to sample local specialties in one of Amsterdam's areat cafés.

### DAY 9: AMSTERDAM. DEPARTURE

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam. Transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol airport for your return flight.



# THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights accommodation in the cabin of your choice aboard the AmaLucia
- 1 night in a 4\* hotel in Basel before the cruise, including breakfast
- Transfers: Basel Mulhouse airport /hotel in Basel/port / Amsterdam Schiphol airport
- Daily shore excursions during the cruise
- All gourmet meals on board (coffee and croissants in the morning, a hearty breakfast, a festive lunch, afternoon tea and coffee with cakes, biscuits and sandwiches, and a multi-course dinner)
- Choice of dining options at no extra charge, including the main lounge and the intimate "Chef's Table" restaurant where the chef prepares the meal in person
- Free-flowing red and white wine from local regions, beer, or soft drinks for lunch and dinner
- Champagne welcome reception and captain's gala dinner, champagne reception and captain's farewell gala dinner, plus several theme dinners
- Complimentary cocktail offering a "Happy Hour Menu" on five evenings one hour before dinner (Captain's Receptions on the other two evenings)
- Coffee, tea, iced water and iced tea all day long.
- Cappuccino, café au lait and espresso can be requested free of charge during mealtime! Free coffee and tea station 24 hours a day
- Bottled water, soft bathrobes and slippers are provided in every cabin
- Free use of fitness room and equipment. Daily free wellness and fitness program with qualified fitness instructor
- Utilisation gratuite de la piscine sur le pont soleil

- Free use of AMA bicycles and helmets in each port
- Free movies in the cabin
- Unlimited Internet on board subject to availability
- Elevator on board to move from one deck level to another (see ship's data sheet for details)
- Piano music every evening, and during afternoon tea and coffee
- Use of Quietvox headphones
- Services of a professional English-speaking cruise director
- Gratuities for the crew on board and the cruise director \$207
- Port taxes \$323

# THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Luggage porterage
- Any service not mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Non cruise gratuities
- Non cruise meals/drinks
- Tourist tax payable at hotel (if applicable): approx. CHF 4 per day

### CRUISE PACKAGE 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS. PRICE PER PERSON

December 2, 2026*	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CCabin category D	\$ 5,849
Cabin category CA	\$ 7,199
Cabin category BB	\$ 7,899
Cabin category BA	\$ 8,099
Cabin category AB	\$ 8,349
Cabin category AA	\$ 8,549
Cabin category SS	\$ 9,999

<sup>\*</sup> Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 30 passengers. Single occupancy rates available on request

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