



# PALMS AND PEAKS TRAVEL PRESENTS FESTIVE SEASON ON THE RHINE 2020

**DECEMBER 12, 2020 - DECEMBER 19, 2020**

EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY SEASON THE EUROPEAN WAY--on a river cruise!

Delight in the sights, smells, and tastes of local Christmas markets, where you're sure to find the perfect traditionally handcrafted souvenirs. And onboard your luxurious Avalon ship, you'll enjoy Christmas carols, learn about Christmas and New Year's traditions in Europe, and much more.

Sail through four countries from Amsterdam, the Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland on this 8-day festive season river cruise Dec. 12-19, 2020. Palms & Peaks Travel has special pricing on a select number of cabins. Don't miss out!

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship is ready for Boarding.

With a free day to explore before your cruise, take time to enjoy the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition or join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

DAY 2 - AMSTERDAM - Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

ATERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE

DAY 3 - COLOGNE, GERMANY- Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral. Spend free time enjoying the festive, warm glow of Cologne's Christmas markets.

DAY 4 - RHINE GORGE—RÜDESHEIM - Sail through the Rhine Gorge to Rüdesheim past the legendary rock of The Lorelei—where the siren of mythology sang songs to lure ill-fated sailors.

SHORE EXCURSION CHOICES:

DISCOVERY Based on your departure date, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting.

DISCOVERY Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for one-of-a-kind instrumental experience.



Don't miss the tantalizing treats, and seasonal handiwork of sparkling winter wonderlands in the city.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

#### DAY 5 - MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

##### SHORE EXCURSION CHOICES:

CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing, OR:

CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel."

In your free time visit the local Christmas market: explore at your own pace to soak up the sights and sound.

##### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

#### DAY 6 - STRASBOURG, FRANCE

CLASSIC Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petit France District.

Savor the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition by spending your free time wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music, and the pleasures of the season.

You may also choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit Alsace's wine country today.

##### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH

#### DAY 7 - BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO THE BLACK FOREST

##### SHORE EXCURSION CHOICES:

DISCOVERY Visit to Badische Winzerkeller, the largest German wine producer in Europe. Discover Germany's southernmost wine country in Baden and learn about the vintners' process in the vineyards here, and enjoy a wine tasting, OR:

DISCOVERY Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood.

Follow your visit to Badische Winzerkeller with a free afternoon in Breisach for shopping and taking a break in one of the many cozies cafés.

##### EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL

#### DAY 8 - BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Pricing: includes cabin, pre-paid gratuities, trip insurance, meals, guided sightseeing, taxes/fees, and a \$750 pp discount. Airfare can be added to the package, with free transfers included.

Avalon suite ships offer premium accommodations, service, and amenities. Avalon's lead-in deluxe staterooms boast 172 square feet, which is larger than the industry standard.

Relaxed luxury means a casual and comfortable dress code, flexible dining, comforts like complimentary Wi-Fi, and a 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day.

Category E (lead-in): \$2840 pp (172 sq. ft)

Category D \$3039 (172 sq. ft)

Category B \$3989 (first level of Open Air balcony) (200 sq. ft)

Category A \$4039 (200 sq. ft)

Category P \$4159 (200, or 300 sq. ft)



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