



Medieval Treasures Route Guide

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Medieval Treasures Trip Map



Overview of the Cruise

- Starting in Switzerland in Basel cruise to Strasburg “The Gem of the Alsace” in France and then on to Speyer in Germany.
- Experience Europe on the picturesque meandering Main River beginning with Rudesheim and finishing in Nuremberg.
- Be captivated by the storybook villages of Wertheim and Miltenberg.
- Marvel at the Residenz Palace.
- Savor the wine of the Rheingau and the smoked beer in Bamberg and the famous Rudesheim Coffee.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION

- Embark the ship.
- Tonight, gather on board for a “Welcome Aboard” Wine Toast as you commence your wine-themed itinerary through some of Europe’s most enchanting and historic wine regions. (D)

The AmaPrima getting ready to dock



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The Rhine River at Basel

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Basel Town Hall



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STRASBOURG, FRANCE

- Alsace's principal city is situated on the Ill River where it flows into the Rhine at the German border. This morning, take a tour through this charming town lined with narrow cobblestone streets.
- Visit the "La Petite France" district, where you will see the sandstone Gothic Cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, timber-framed buildings, covered bridges and medieval watchtowers.
- As an alternative, take a guided bicycle tour (capacity controlled) past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament, and Place de la Republique.
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Strasbourg



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Ludwigshafen

- Tour the Mannheim Baroque Palace
- Or, Take the Secrets of Speyer Tour
- Or. Take the Speyer Technical Museum

Mannheim Baroque Palace



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Knight's Hall Mannheim Palace



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Speyer, Germany

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Speyer is
part of the
pilgrimage
route.

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Rüdesheim, Overview

- This is a charming wine village.
- It is famous for the great white wines grown in the region, along with a special coffee drink, aptly named Rüdesheimer coffee (Flambé Asbach brandy, sugar cube, coffee garnished with whipped cream).
- A lively lane, the Drosselgasse, is lined with taverns and wine-cellars.

Hank & Jim (our client) enjoy a Rudesheimer Coffee



Sailing into Rudesheim

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Gondola Ride Rüdesheim



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Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

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Rüdesheimer Coffee



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RÜDESHEIM



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Crowded Drosselgasse Lane Rüdesheim



Miltenberg Overview

- The old town of Miltenberg is about 150 meters wide but about 2.5 Km long from to banks of the Main River up the hillside.
- There are over 100 half-timbered houses in this scenic town.
- This is a place time seems to have stood still—almost all the older buildings have survived.
- Its market square is often cited as one of the most attractive in all of Germany. And, to just round out the fairly-tale feel of the city, there is a castle perched on a hillside.

Alter Markt Platz Miltenberg



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St. Jacobus Church. In the background on the right is Miltenberg Castle

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Miltenberg



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Wertheim Overview

- Wertheim is located where the Tauber River and the Main River meet.
- Overlooking the town are ruins of castle that was built in the 12th century.
- The old town and its market square are ringed with several half-timbered houses.
- This old walled city has an impressive watch tower that still remains.

Wertheim

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Wertheim Market Square

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The 115-foot tall Sprizer Turm. It dates back to the 1200s and was one of the original 18 watch towers that ringed this city. The tower is 36.5 meter high (116 feet) and the tower can only be entered by ladder at 10 meters (33 feet)



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Würzburg Overview

- Würzburg is located in the heart of Franconia's wine country.
- As you move to the town from the port, your first sights are the Marienberg Citadel and the old stone bridge to enter the town.
- The key sight in Würzburg is the baroque Residenz Palace and its amazing gardens.
- You should tour the palace—about 40 of the 360 rooms are available for visitors.

Marienberg Fortress



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Old Stone Bridge

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Residenz Palace Würzburg



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Garden statue Residenz Palace



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Rothenburg ob der Tauber

- Rothenburg ob der Tauber—, ob means above the Tauber River), is one of the most visited towns in Germany
- This walled city has all its ramparts intact, has massive gates, and many folks walk the walls or part of the walls as I did during our previous visit.
- Its medieval past is everywhere—the impressive town hall, half-timbered buildings, a criminal museum, a carved wooden altarpiece masterpiece in St. Jacobs Church--all are surrounded by massive fortifications.

Translated from German, Plönlein is actually the small square at a fountain". This is probably the most famous picture of Rothenburg.



Market Square



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Burger Gate
(Castle Gate).
This gate was
built around
1460 and is the
western gate
entrance. It is
the highest gate
tower of the
town
fortifications.



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Volkach

- Walking Tour
- Volkach Wine Event--We attended a wonderful wine event in Volkach.
- It is an exclusive event where the small town puts on a wine festival with grilled brats, white and rose local wines, hosted by the mayor with a band and traditional dancers.

The Town Hall



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The town band played for us



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There were several traditional dances performed by this wonderful dance group



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4 awesome
ladies
enjoying the
festival.
From left to
right, Bianca,
Jennifer,
Marcia
(standing)
and Anne.



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The local
Silvaner wine
we drank—it
was very
good.



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Some folks
enjoying
the festival



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Bamberg Overview

- Bamberg is about 7 Km from the Main River, in the Upper Franconia region of Bavaria.
- It has a wonderfully preserved old town area on the west bank of the Regnitz River.
- Key sights include the Altes Rathaus (old town hall), the Bamberg Cathedral, and the Neue Residenz (home of the prince bishops).
- Bamberg has a special beer—it is a historic smoked beer.

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Bamberg Rathaus (town hall)



Bamberg Cathedral

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New Residence Rose Garden, Bamberg, Germany

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The Walled City of Nuremberg. There are 4 km of medieval walls and 67 defensive towers that ring the old town

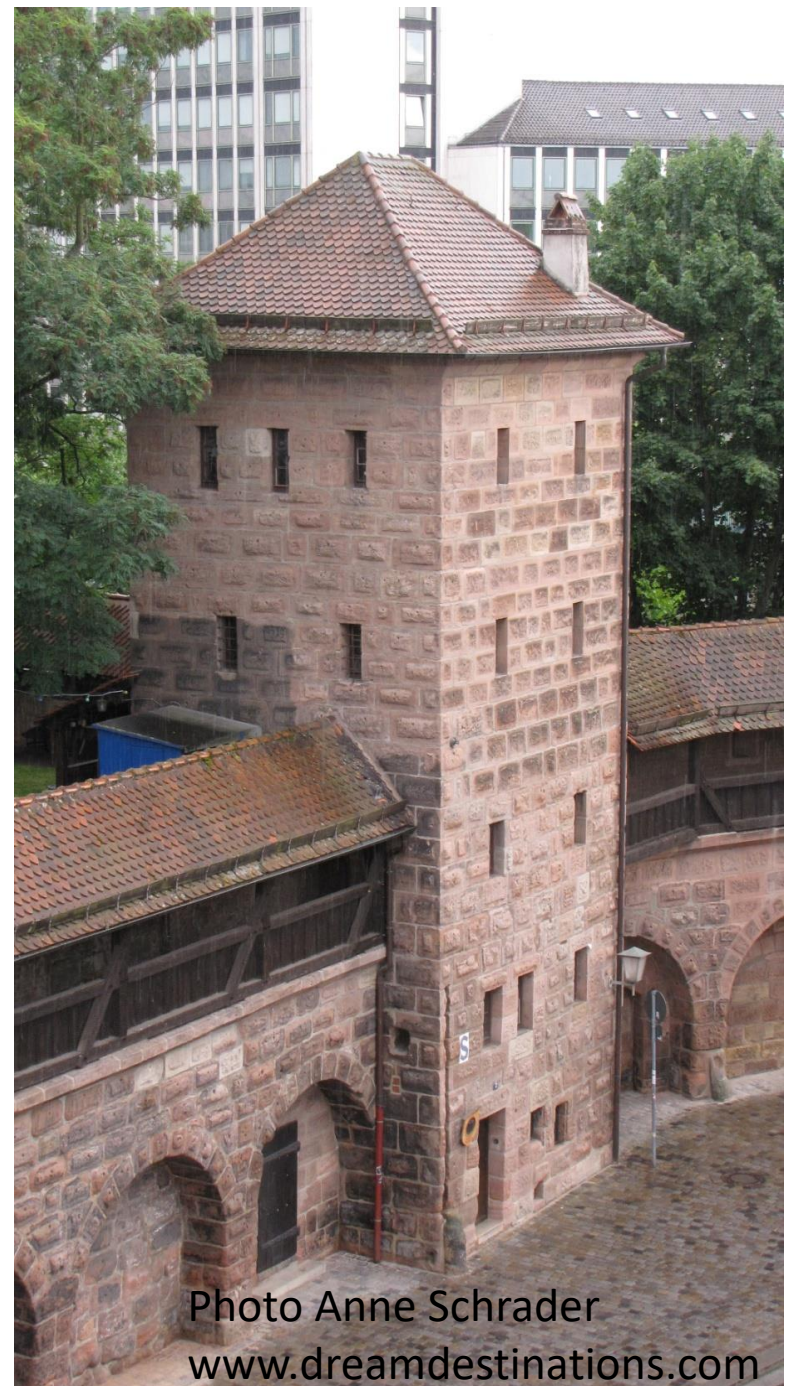


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Maxbrücke (also called Hangman's Bridge) at the Pegnitz River—Nuremberg's oldest stone bridge

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