## Rhine Highlights Scenic River Cruises

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#### Scenic All-Inclusive

- 5-Star Scenic Space-Ships with up to 163 guests
- Spacious Balcony Suites with an innovative Scenic Sun Lounge
- •1 Scenic Enrich experience with a private classical concert at the spectacular Baroque Palace of Rastatt Exclusive to Scenic
- Personalize your trip with 20 included Scenic Freechoice activities
- Dine at your choice of up to five on board venues, from casual to fine dining
- •20 meals 7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) and 7 dinners (D)
- •Complimentary premium beverages all day, every day not just at mealtimes
- Butler service for every suite
- Complimentary full mini-bar restocked daily
- Innovative Salt Therapy Lounge and fitness area
- •Scenic Tailormade App for river commentary and independent exploration
- •The freedom of our e-bikes electrically assisted bicycles
- •Scenic Cruise Director to guide and assist & expert local guides
- •Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout your cruise
- Return airport transfers
- •All tipping and gratuities on board and on shore

#### Route Map From Scenic





- Your journey into wonder begins in this fascinating and compact harbor city. Relax and raise your glass to the days ahead at this evening's welcome reception.
- Meals Included: Dinner

## Day 2 - Amsterdam

#### Freechoice

- Explore Amsterdam on a guided walking tour, pausing along the way to sample Dutch favorites,
- or cruise the iconic canals that have made Amsterdam world famous. Amsterdam has over 100 kilometres of canals and today you will see some of the prettiest sights of the city such as elegant merchant's houses, churches and historic warehouses.
- Alternatively, if you're feeling more active, join a guided cycling tour outside of the city,
- or discover charming Volendam and Edam. The quaint fishing village of Volendam is home to many wooden houses and a beautiful harbor, explore the charm of the village before a short drive to the nearby town of Edam, where you will visit a local cheese farm for a delicious tasting.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Canal Boats, Amsterdam



#### Typical Gabled Houses as seen from a canal boat cruise in 2013.



## Day 3 - Cologne

#### • Freechoice

- Enjoy a scenic ride on the oldest cog railway in Germany and discover splendid Drachenburg Castle,
- or stroll through Cologne and get up close to the filigree twin towers of the famous cathedral.
- Alternatively, learn the history of one of the city's most famous namesake, Eau de Cologne on a guided tour. Visit the house of Farina, the world's oldest fragrance company and discover what makes it so unique and why it was the scent of choice for many of the European royals.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Cologne Cathedral

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## Cologne Cathedral



#### German-Roman Museum



#### Hohenzollern Bridge



#### Christmas Markets in Old Market Square



#### Day 4 - Koblenz

#### • Freechoice

- Take a guided tour of Koblenz, straddling two of Europe's most beautiful rivers.
- Alternatively, discover Cochem a true medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River. Cochem will make you feel as if you're stepping straight into a fairytale, and you'll be able to explore this charming city on a guided tour including a visit to Reichsburg Castle.
- Alternatively, visit a local winery and sample some of the fine wines of this region. Learn about the wine making process while being surrounded by picture postcard scenery.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### KOBLENZ, Germany



#### Deutsches Eck (German Corner)



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#### St Castor's Basilica

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### Goerresplaz Square



#### Cochem Castle



#### • Freechoice

Join a local guide on a historic tour of Heidelberg, where you'll visit Heidelberg's Renaissance castle. The castle ruins are among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps,

• or join a guide for an orientation tour of Heidelberg, followed by free time at leisure to explore the sights of this beautiful city as you wish.

#### • Enrich

Enjoy a private evening concert at the Baroque Palace of Rastatt, one of the most magnificent historic venues in the region. It'll be an evening of grandeur unlike any other and a chance to create memories you'll cherish for a lifetime.

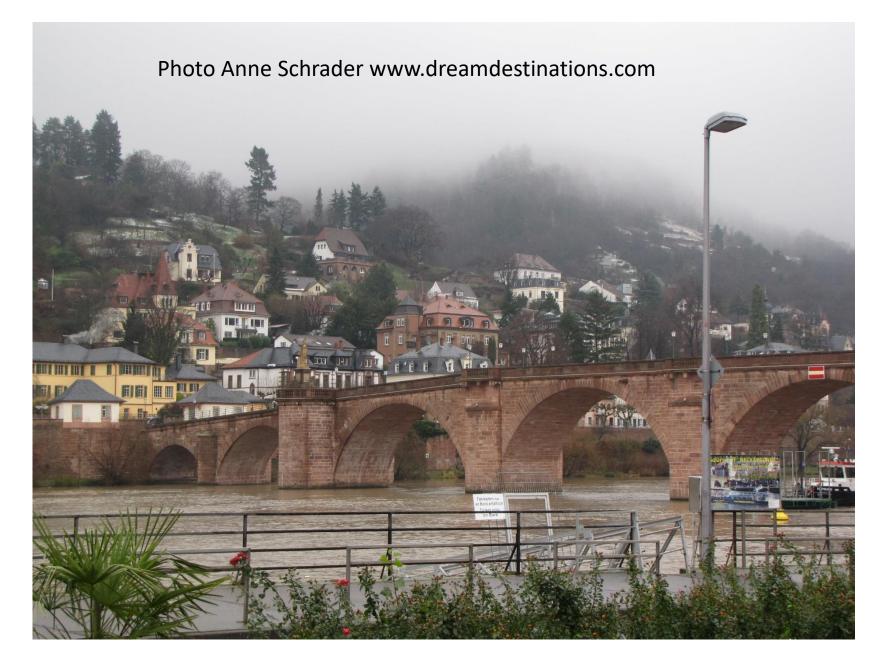
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#### Heidelberg Castle in the Snow

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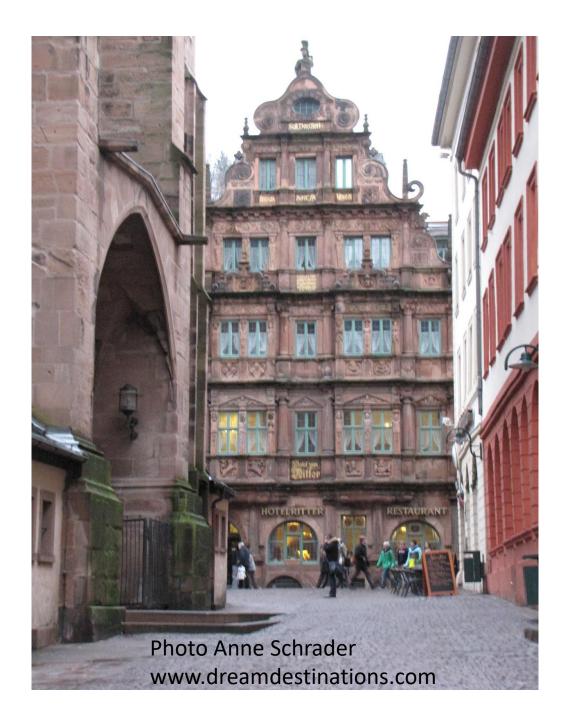
## Old Bridge in Heidelberg



#### Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



Haus Zum Ritter "House of the Knights" Oldest burger house in the city



## Church of the Holy Spirit



## Golden Fleece Sign



Hauptstrasse—the main street in the old town of Heidelberg



#### Dirndls (Traditional Dresses) for sale



#### Day 6 - Baden- Baden

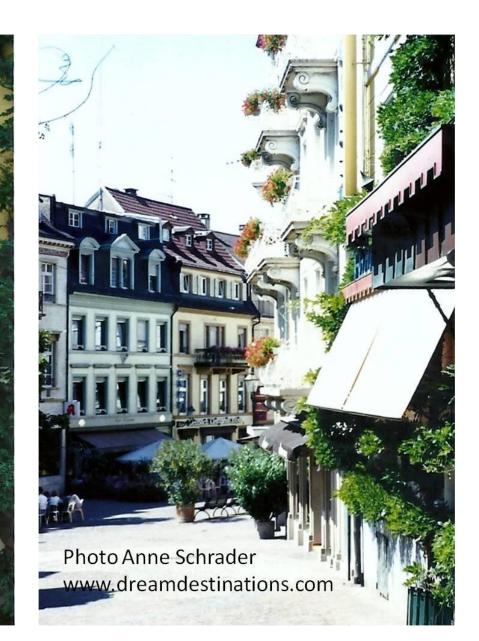
• Arrive in charming Baden Baden, a spa town famous for its Roman baths.

#### • Freechoice

- Join your local guide on a tour of this picturesque town and tour the ruins of the Roman baths that have made this city famous,
- or take an active hike to Hohenbaden Castle and be rewarded with wonderful views overlooking the town.
- Alternatively, visit the Mercedes-Benz factory and be transported into the world of this luxury car brand, learning about the history and prestige of the global product, or relax and rejuvenate during a visit to a thermal spa.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Baden-Baden

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## Day 7 - Strasbourg > Kehl

#### Freechoice

- Visit Strasbourg and stroll through the Old Town with its half-timbered houses and distinctive Alsatian winstubs.
- Alternatively, journey to Mittelbergheim in the Alsace and sample some of the best wines the region has to offer,
- or join a tour through the Black Forest, stopping along the way for a tasting of Black Forest Cake.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Strasbourg





#### Strasbourg Photos Hank Schrader



## There are plenty of small places to eat



#### Colorful Shop in Strasbourg



## A narrow lane in Old Town Strasbourg



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## Medieval Watch Towers Strasbourg, France



## Strasbourg



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## Palais Rohan

Take a Canal Boat Ride. In the background is Vauban Dam which could flood the III River. It actually worked in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.



#### Day 8 - Basel

- After a hearty breakfast, you'll be transferred to Zurich Airport for your onward or homebound flight, taking a lifetime of wonderful memories with you.
- Please book your flight to depart out of Zurich after 11:30 AM.
- Meals Included: Breakfast

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