Romantic Rhine Avalon Waterways

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Route Map From Avalon Waterways



Day 1 Amsterdam (Embarkation):

Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Amsterdam:

Canal cruise

Canal Boats, Amsterdam



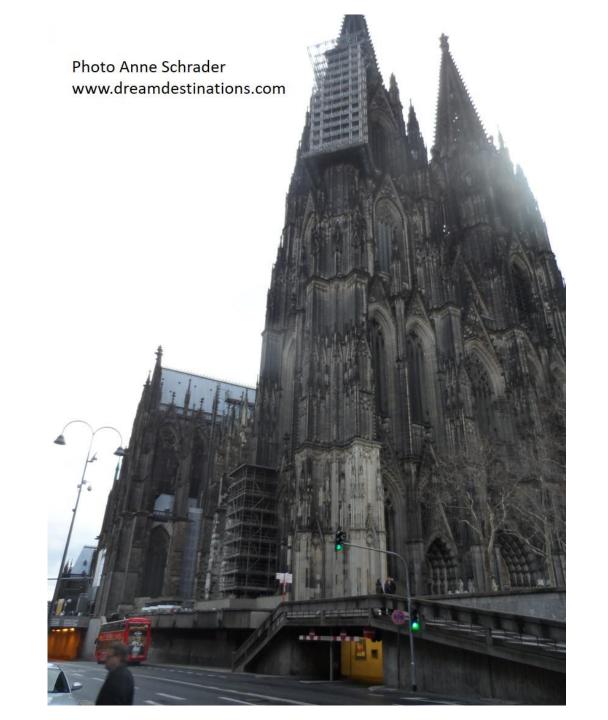
Typical Gabled Houses as seen from a canal boat cruise in 2013.



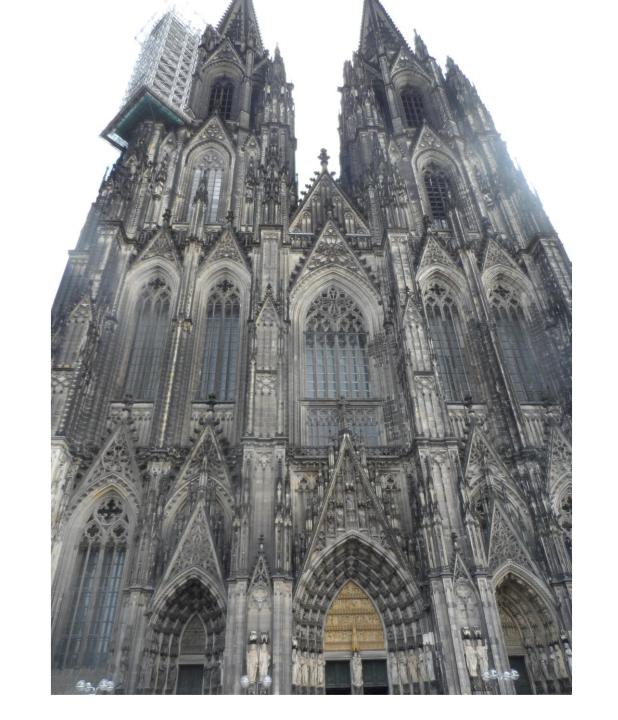
Day 3 - Cologne

- Choice of Cologne highlights walking tour,
- or Jewish Heritage walking tour
- or bike with your Adventure Host

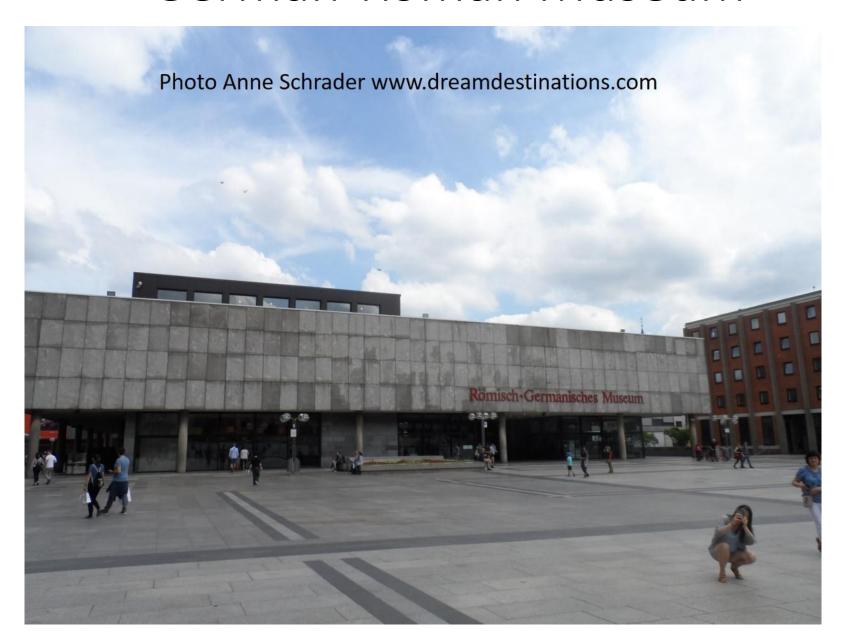
Cologne Cathedral



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German-Roman Museum



Hohenzollern Bridge



Christmas Markets in Old Market Square



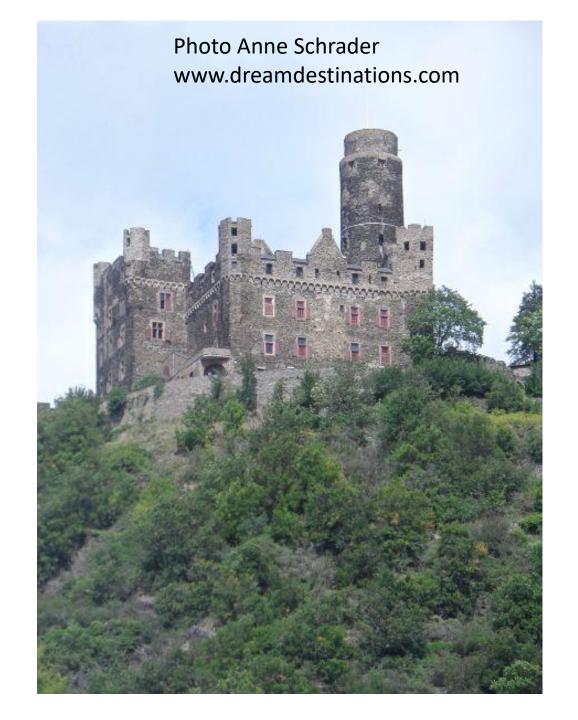
Day 4 Rhine Gorge- Rüdesheim

- Cruise through the scenic Rhine Gorge with breathtaking views of ancient castles, towering cliffs, and the legendary Rock of the Lorelei;
- visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rüdesheim
- or hike in the vineyards with your Adventure Host

Marksburg Castle



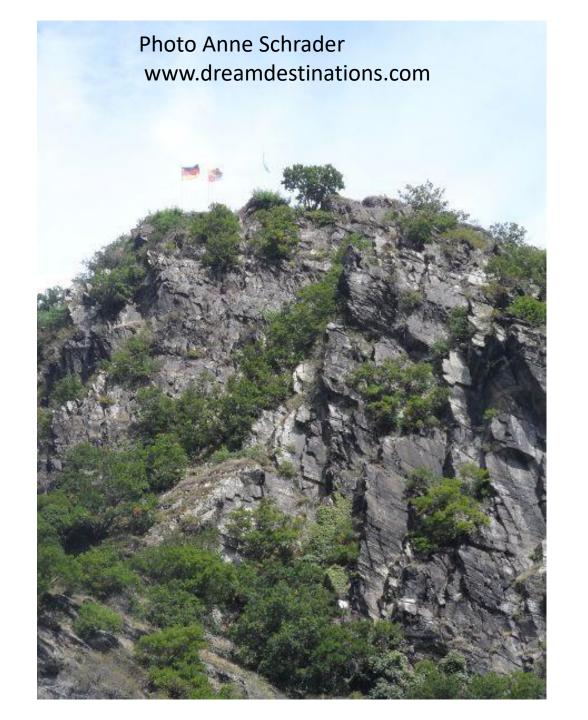
Maus (Mouse) Castle



Katz (Cat) Castle



Lorelei—this treecovered cliff inspired the legend of a love forsaken siren who lures sailors to their death by her enchanting song in this swift flowing, narrow part of the Rhine.



Schönburg Castle on the rock massif above Oberwesel



Pfalzgrafenstein Castle (foreground) & Gutenfels Castle on the Hill



Reichenstein Castle



Day 5 Mainz. Excursion to Heidelberg

- Choice of guided walk in Mainz with a visit to the Gutenberg Museum-
- or a guided tour of Heidelberg Castle, see the Great Vat,
- or a hike up Philosophers' Way

Choice # 1 Mainz



Mainz



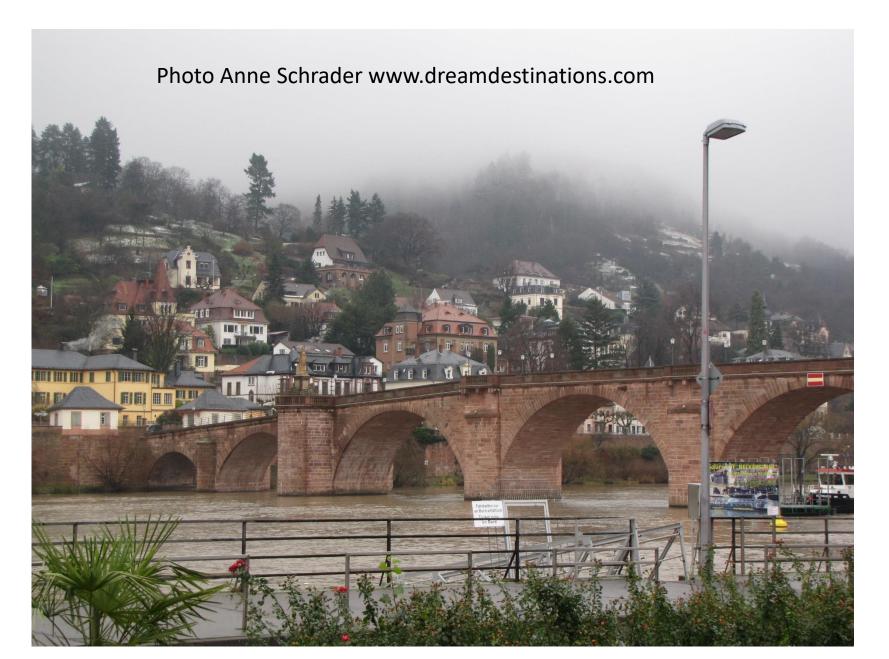
Gutenberg Museum-



Choice # 2 Heidelberg Castle in the Snow



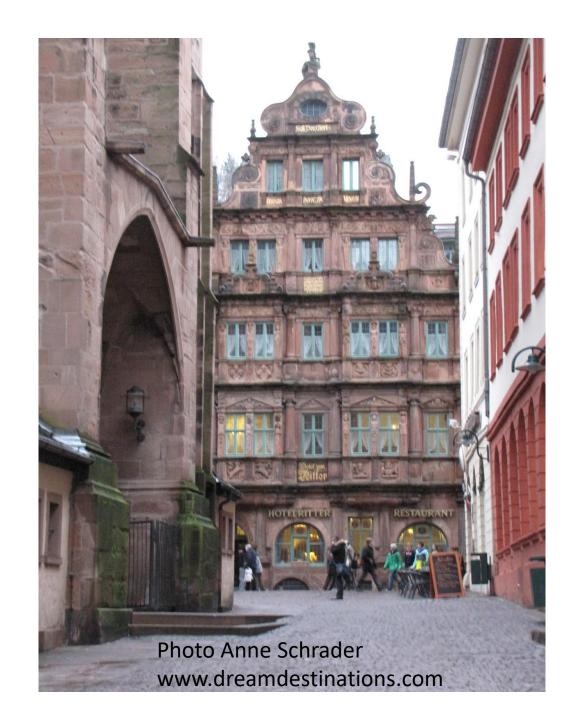
Old Bridge in Heidelberg



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

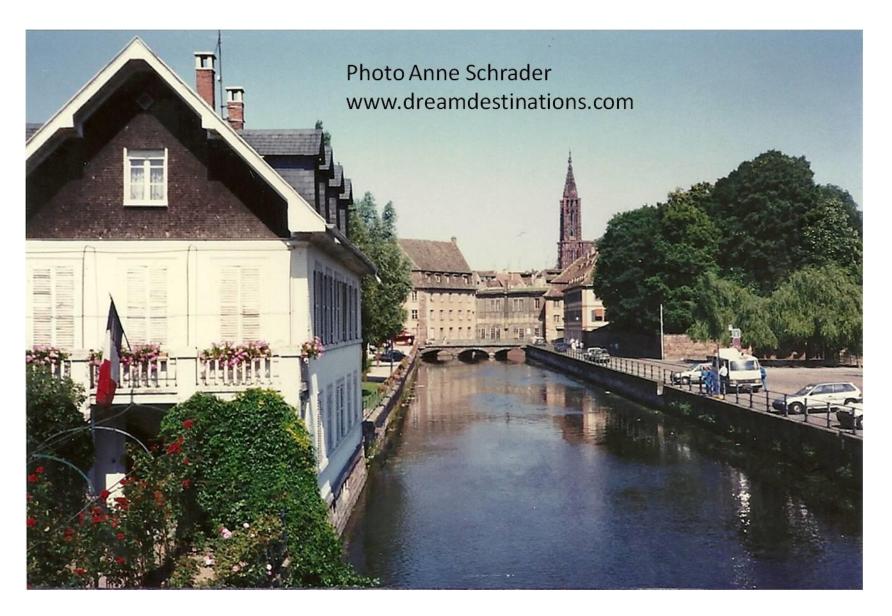


Day 6 Strasbourg:

Choice of guided sightseeing, visit the La Petite France district and the Gothic cathedral

or bike with your Adventure Host

Strasbourg





Strasbourg

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There are plenty of small places to eat



Colorful Shop in Strasbourg



A narrow lane in Old Town Strasbourg





Medieval Watch Towers Strasbourg, France

Strasbourg



Palais Rohan



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



Day 7 Breisach

Choice of excursion to Black Forest, or visit to a local winery in Breisach

Day 8 Basel (Disembarkation)

Your cruise ends this morning

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