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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Cologne Cathedral



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



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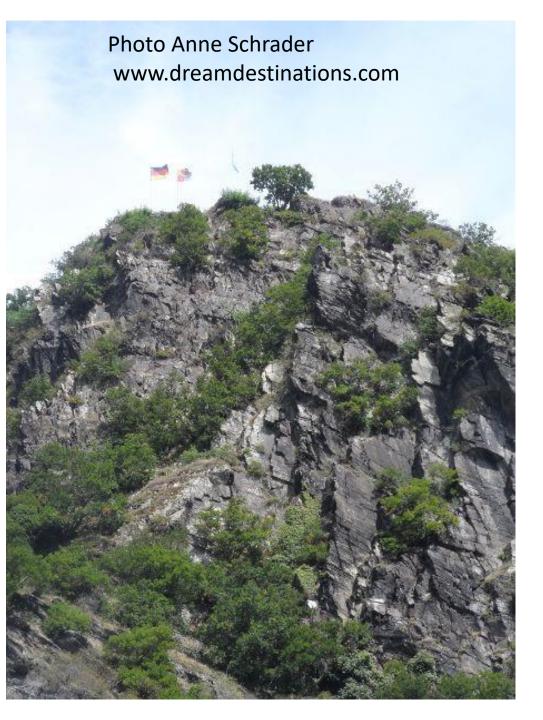
Maus (Mouse) Castle



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-

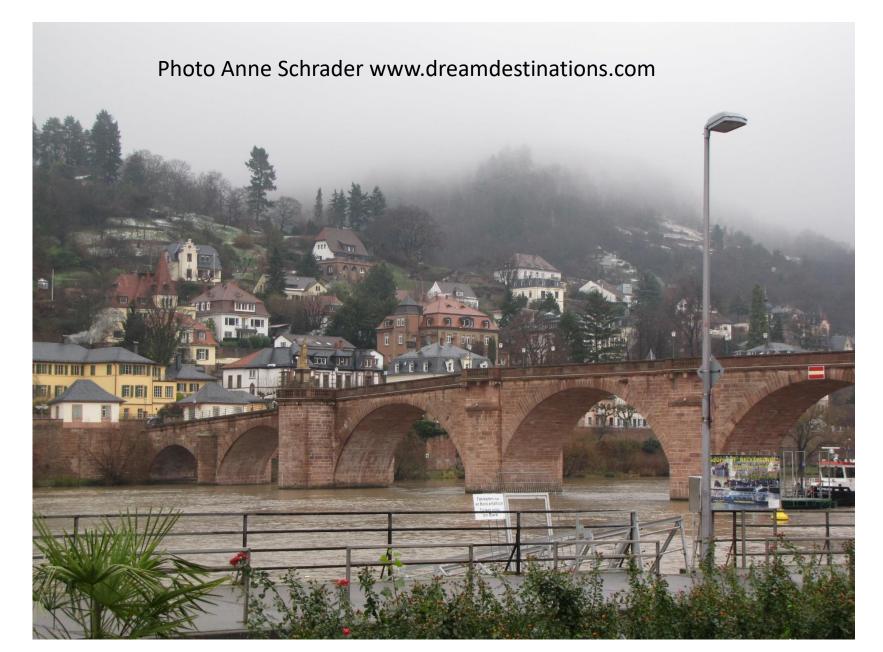


Choice # 2 Heidelberg Castle in the Snow

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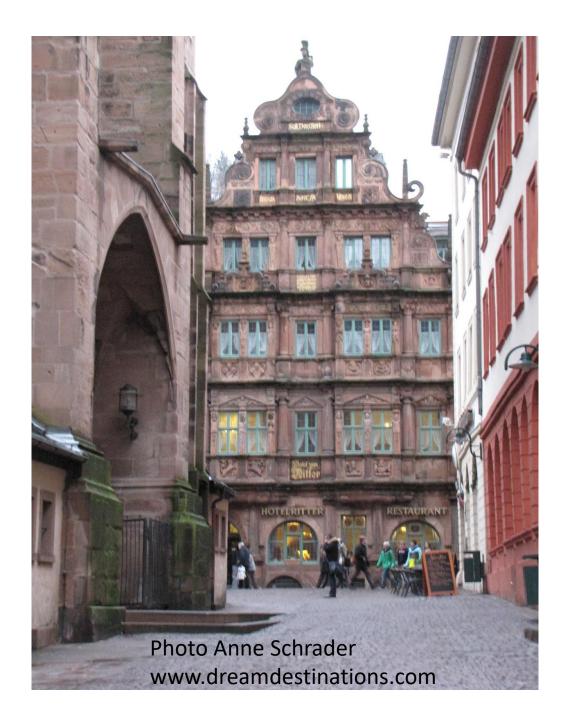
Old Bridge in Heidelberg



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 Strasbourg:

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

• or bike with your Adventure Host

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 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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