

#### Treasures of the Main & Rhine Cruise Route Guide

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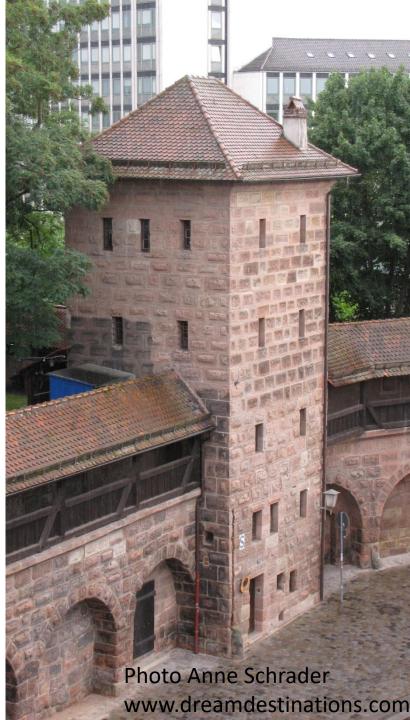
#### Treasures of the Main & Rhine Trip Map



# **Overview of the Cruise**

- Experience Europe on the picturesque meandering Main River to the castle-laden Rhine River Gorge to Amsterdam on the Rhine River.
- 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 Rüdesheim Coffee.

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



# Maxbruckle (also called Hangman's Bridge) at the Pegnitz River—Nuremburg's oldest stone bridge



# **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.



Bamburg Rathaus (town hall)

# Bamberg Cathedral



# New Residence Rose Garden, Bamberg, Germany



# 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 Wurzburg 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



### **Old Stone Bridge**



## **Residenz Palace Würzburg**



#### Garden statue Residenz Palace



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> century.
- The old town and its market square is ringed with several half-timbered houses.
- This old walled city has an impressive watch tower that still remains.

### Wertheim



#### Wertheim Market Square



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.



# 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



#### St. Jacobus Church



# Miltenberg



# 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.

# Rüdesheimer Coffee



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# Hank & Jim (our client) enjoy a Rüdesheimer Coffee





# Rüdesheim

# RÜDESHEIM



Crowded Drosselgasse Lane Rüdesheim



### The Scenic Rhine River Gorge Castles

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#### Pfatzgrafenstein Toll Station, Germany



### Rhine Gorge Castles



#### Marksburg Castle, Germany

#### **Rheinstein Castle, Rhine River Castles**

# Cologne, Germany Overview

- The huge Cologne Cathedral, with its twin pointed towers, is the best known landmark in Cologne. Construction of the cathedral begin in 1248 and took the next 600 years to complete.
- Next door to the Cathedral Romano-Germanic Museum which has artifacts from the old Roman town, including part of an old Roman villa.
- Hohenzollern Bridge--This is one of the 7 bridges that cross the Rhine in Cologne. About 1200 trains pass over this bridge daily to the main train station.
- The old town square is also another good site to visit.

#### **Roman-Germanic Museum**



Jan von Werth Fountain—in honor of a famous German General in the 30 Years War in the Alter Markt (Old Market)



# Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Amsterdam is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands.
- It is known for its elaborate canal system, narrow houses with gabled roofs, art museums and bike riders.
- Your cruise will include a canal boat cruise on the famous canals of Amsterdam.

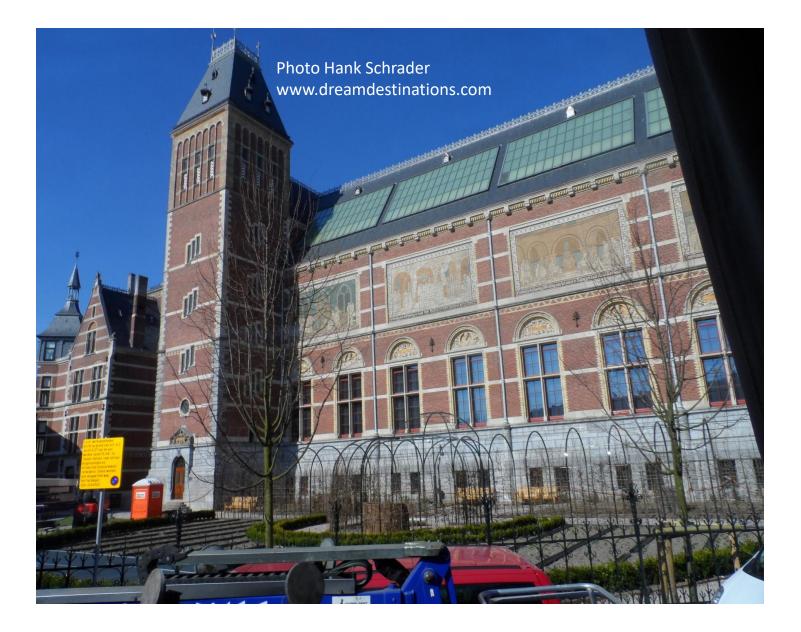
#### **Canal Cruise**



#### The Famous Gabled Roofs



#### Rijksmuseum



#### Skinny Bridge, Amsterdam



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