

Magnificent Rivers Avalon River Cruises

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Overview

- From Amsterdam to Budapest, and in many exciting stops along the way, experience the culture of Central Europe in a unique way on this timeless river cruise vacation.
- Amsterdam is Holland's lively capital—both historical and modern. This colorful city is loved for its vibrant mix of sophisticated architecture and classic squares and canals. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city from a unique perspective on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten.
- On to Germany for a guided city walk in Cologne—the stunning 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture.
- Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, offering the most beautiful view of the Rhine River, and stop in the charming wine town of Rüdesheim.
- Enjoy guided sightseeing in Würzburg, Volkach, Bamberg, Nuremberg, and Regensburg, and sail the Main Danube Canal, which connects the Main and Danube Rivers.
- Your first stop in Austria is the lovely town of Melk. Visit its magnificent Benedictine Abbey, then sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley.
- Your local experts will also introduce you to two capital cities: Vienna, Austria, also known as “The City of Music” for inspiring the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss; and lively Budapest,
- Hungary, with its unique energy and countless must-see sites. This truly is a river cruise to remember!

Map from Avalon Waterways



Day 1 Amsterdam (Embarkation):

- Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Amsterdam

- Canal cruise

Canal Boats, Amsterdam

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

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Day 3 Cologne

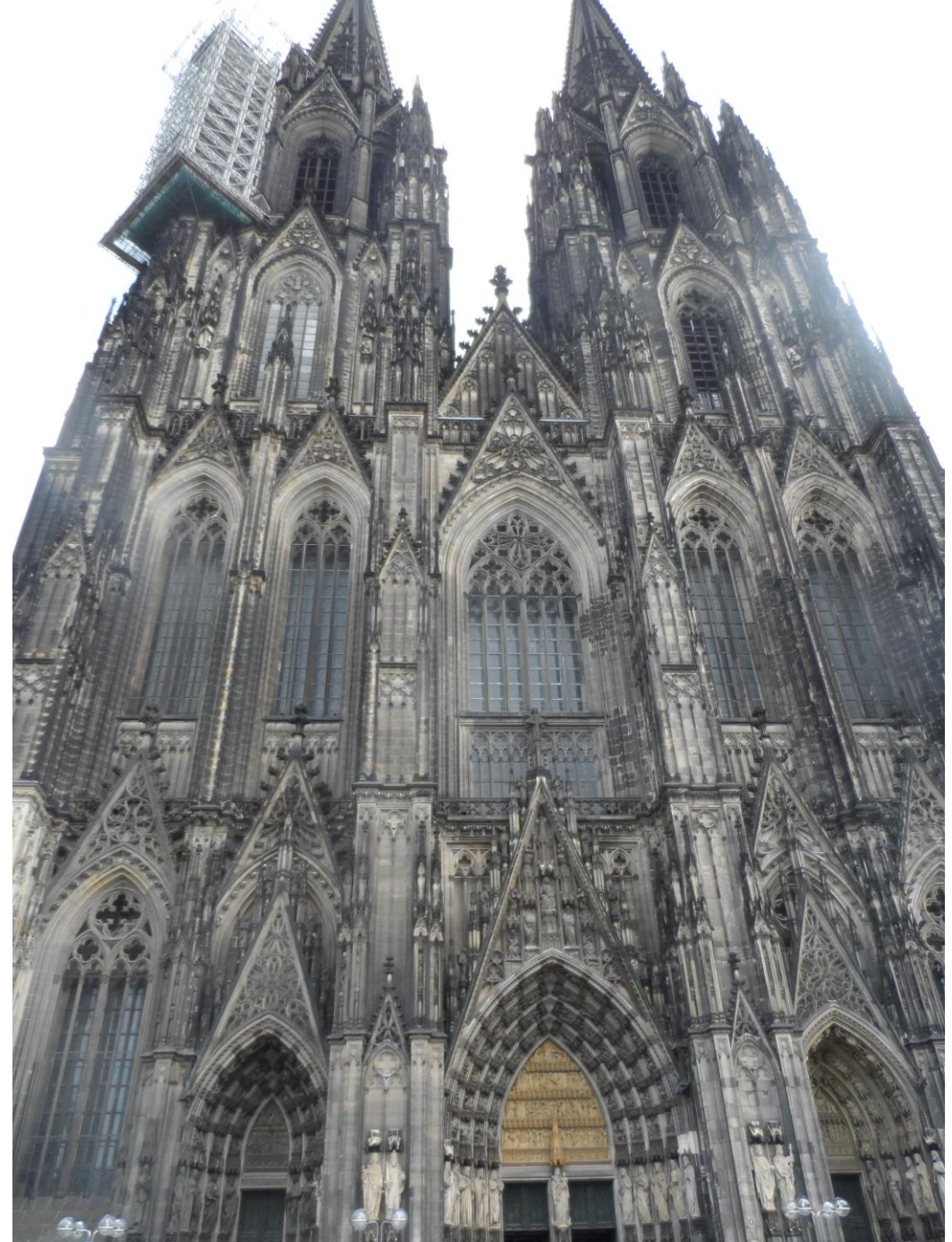
- Choice of Cologne highlights walking tour
- or Jewish Heritage walking tour
- or bike with your Adventure Host

Cologne Cathedral

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Cologne Cathedral



German-Roman Museum

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Hohenzollern Bridge



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Christmas Markets in Old Market Square

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Day 4 Rhine Gorge-Rüdesheim:

- Scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge;
- choice of visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
- or cable-car ride to the Niederwald Monument in Rüdesheim

Marksburg Castle



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Maus (Mouse) Castle

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Katz (Cat) Castle

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Lorelei—this tree-covered 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

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Pfalzgrafenstein Castle (foreground) & Gutenfels Castle on the Hill

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Reichenstein Castle



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Sailing into Rudesheim

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Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

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Gondola Ride Rüdesheim



Germania Monument

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Germania Monument



Day 5 Miltenberg

- Guided walk

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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Day 6 Würzburg

:Guided sightseeing, visit the Bishop's Residence

Marienberg Fortress Würzburg



Old Stone Bridge Würzburg

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Residenz Palace Würzburg



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Garden statue Residenz Palace



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Day 7 Volkach:

- Choice of walking tour
- bike with your Adventure Host

Day 8 Bamberg:

- Choice of guided tour, see the Old Town Hall
- or bike with your Adventure Host

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Bamberg
Rathaus
(town hall)

Bamberg Cathedral



New Residence Rose Garden, Bamberg, Germany

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Day 9 Roth. Excursion to Nuremberg:

- Choice of guided tour in Roth,
- or guided tour in Nuremberg,
- or hike with your Adventure Host,
- or Nuremberg Rally Grounds tour;
- onboard lecture

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

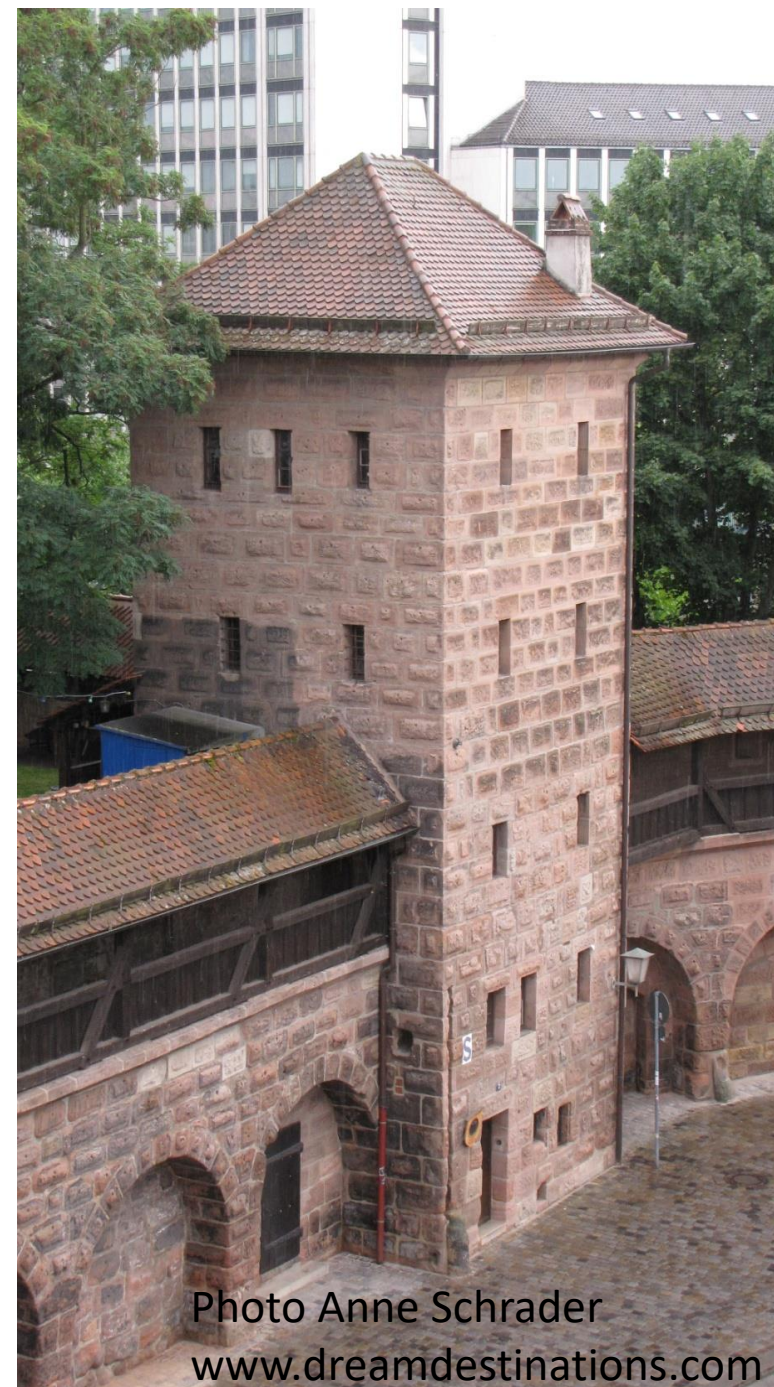


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Maxbrücke (also called Hangman's Bridge) at the Pegnitz River—Nuremberg's oldest stone bridge

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Nuremberg

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Day 10 Regensburg:

- Choice of guided tour
- or bike with your Adventure Host

Regensburg, Germany

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Porta Praetoria

Roman ruins used in a new building



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Old Town Hall Regensburg

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Regensburg St. Peter's Cathedral



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Day 11 Passau-Linz:

- Guided tour in Passau;
- free time in Linz

The Veste Oberhaus

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St. Stephen's Cathedral

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St. Stephen's
Cathedral. Its organ
has 17,947 pipes.

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Passau, where three rivers meet—the Inn, the Ilz and the Danube



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Day 12 Melk-Wachau Valley-Vienna

- Guided tour of the Benedictine Abbey in Melk
- or walk with your Adventure Host;
- scenic cruise through the Wachau Valley;
- free time in Vienna

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Melk

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Schonbuhl Castle

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Aggstein Castle Ruins

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Hinterhaus Castle Ruins

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Weisskirchen Wachau Valley 2012

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Spitz Wachau Valley

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Wachau Valley

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Krems

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Day 13 Vienna:

- Choice of guided tour
- or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 3 Habsburg Palace

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St.
Stephens
Cathedral
Vienna
Day 3



Day 14 Budapest:

- Scenic cruising into Budapest;
- choice of guided tour, see Heroes' Square
- or hike with your Adventure Host

Buda Castle

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Fisherman's Bastion

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Gothic Matthias Church



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Day 15 Budapest (Disembarkation):

- Your vacation ends this morning

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