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The Enchanting Rhine 2017 Wine Cruise

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Overview

- This special wine themed cruise departs Basel, Switzerland and cruises the Rhine up to Amsterdam on November 11-18, 2017.
- The Wine hosts are Winemaker and Foodie super duo Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld of Nice Winery. They are Certified Sommeliers, wine educators, and Le Cordon Bleu trained chefs.
- This is a great opportunity to visit 4 Europe Countries and taste some excellent wines.
- The cruise ship is the AmaSonata, an 135 meter longship.

AmaSonata



Stateroom Features

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Computer for internet access
- Entertainment on Demand system featuring, movies, TV shows, news and music
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

AmaSonata Twin Balcony Stateroom

Photo AmaWaterways



An Array of Amenities

- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar or whirlpool and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

Pools with an outside bar



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Award Wining Dining

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

The Chef's Table Aft Dining Area



Aft Specialty Dining Room



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Aft Specialty Dining Room Food



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Great Included Tours

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- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
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- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration

Day 1 BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION

- Embark the ship. Tonight, gather on board for a “Welcome Aboard” Wine Toast as you commence your wine-themed itinerary through some of Europe’s most enchanting and historic wine regions. (D)

The Rhine River at Basel

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Basel Town Hall



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Day 2 BREISACH, GERMANY

- This morning, enjoy a wine lecture and tasting during a scenic cruise to Breisach, Germany.
- This afternoon, you have your choice of excursions: a scenic tour of the villages of Breisach and Freiburg, or a visit to the wine village of Riquewihr. Both excursions include a special wine tasting opportunity. The ship moors overnight in Breisach. (B,L,D)

Freiburg—Historic Merchant's Hall in the Augustinerplatz.



Market at Munster Square, Freiburg



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Day 3 STRASBOURG, FRANCE

- Alsace's principal city is situated on the Ill River where it flows into the Rhine at the German border. This morning, take a tour through this charming town lined with narrow cobblestone streets.
- Visit the "La Petite France" district, where you will see the sandstone Gothic Cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, timber-framed buildings, covered bridges and medieval watchtowers.
- As an alternative, take a guided bicycle tour (capacity controlled) past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament, and Place de la Republique.
- In the afternoon, you will sample Riesling, Gewurztraminer and other famous wines of this region. (B,L,D)

Strasbourg



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Strasbourg

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Day 4

- This morning, enjoy a wine lecture & tasting onboard.
- Arrive in Mannheim, & choose one of 3 afternoon excursions.
- Option #1 is a half-day excursion to the historic university town of Heidelberg, to visit the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000-gallon wine cask) & enjoy beautiful views of the Neckar Valley & city below.
- Option # 2, enjoy a hike up the Philosopher's Path up to a panoramic view point of Heidelberg.
- Option #3 is a city tour of Speyer known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the medieval Altpörtel (Old Gate).

Heidelberg Castle

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Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



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Speyer, Germany

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Day 4

- This evening, enjoy a sumptuous Chaîne Des Rôtisseurs Dinner with wine pairing as you cruise to Rüdesheim.
- After dinner, you will have the opportunity to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, home to a remarkable collection of old robotic and self-playing musical instruments, or enjoy a tasting of Rüdesheimer coffee, a local specialty.
- The ship moors overnight in Rüdesheim. (B,L,D)

Rüdesheimer Coffee

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Day 5

- This morning you will have the option to take one of three excursions:
- a Gondola Ride above the town to see the Niederwalddenkmal Statue followed by wine tasting with a local vintner,
- a guided hike through the town and surrounding vineyards,
- a guided bike tour along the Rhine River to one of Germany's best wine regions.
- Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's most famous and charming street, a narrow passage lined with shops and taverns.

RÜDESHEIM



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Rudesheim



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Day 5

- This afternoon, your ship departs for Koblenz and cruises through the Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river, with hillsides dotted with fairy-tale castles.
- After arriving in Koblenz this evening, your Cruise Manager will take you on a walking tour through this charming town.
- The ship moors here overnight. (B,L,D)

Rhine Castles



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Rhine River Gorge

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KOBLENZ, Germany



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Day 6 Cologne

- This morning, enjoy an onboard wine lecture and tasting as the ship cruises to Cologne, famous for its university and legendary 13th-century Gothic cathedral.
- Upon arrival, you will take a walking tour through the old part of the city and visit the cathedral. Afterwards, head to a local pub for a tasting of Kölsch, a distinctive yellow-hued beer brewed only in Cologne. (B,L,D)

COLOGNE, Germany

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Day 7 Amsterdam

- Arrive in Amsterdam at mid-day. Admire beautiful 17th-century homes, charming churches and 16th-century merchant houses on a guided canal boat cruise.
- Later, take a motor coach tour of Amsterdam, exploring the city's most notable sights, followed by free time in Amsterdam.
- This evening, enjoy one last night with your fellow passengers at the Farewell Dinner. (B,L,D)

Amsterdam's Main Square (Dam Square)

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Canal Boats, Amsterdam

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

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