



MARKSBURG CASTLE ON THE RHINE



RHINE GETAWAY

8 DAYS ✦ AMSTERDAM TO BASEL ✦ 2017

OVERVIEW. Visit all the highlights of the legendary Rhine in just 8 days. In Germany, see the many charming castles commanding the riverbanks as you sail by, and tour both Marksburg Castle and the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Admire Cologne, the jewel of the Rhine, with its awe-inspiring *Dom*, and experience the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Also, explore Holland’s famous windmills and waterworks, encounter multicultural Strasbourg in France, and take part in the inviting nightlife in Rudesheim’s *Drosselgasse*. On this itinerary you see a lot—without spending a lot of time.

KEY FEATURES

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 6 guided tours with audio headset
- Scenic cruising through the Middle Rhine
- Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Culture Curriculum: Classical music performance; learn how to create your own Alsatian *flammkuchen*; observe a traditional glassblower; attend lectures on Germany’s current affairs & origins of Rhine River cruising
- Wine/beer/soft drinks/ with lunch & dinner on board

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM ITINERARY

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Basel	Embark	Evening	
2	Breisach	Morning	Night	Black Forest Tour
3	Strasbourg	Morning	Evening	Strasbourg City Tour & Walk
4	Heidelberg Rudesheim	Morning Afternoon	Afternoon Overnight	Heidelberg Excursion
5	Middle Rhine			Scenic cruising
	Koblenz	Afternoon	Overnight	Marksburg Castle Tour
6	Cologne	Morning	Night	Cologne Walking Tour
7	Kinderdijk	Afternoon	Evening	Kinderdijk Windmills Excursion
8	Amsterdam	Morning	Disembark	

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL ITINERARY

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Amsterdam	Embark	Night	
2	Kinderdijk	Morning	Afternoon	Kinderdijk Windmills Excursion Scenic cruising
	Waal & Merwede			
3	Cologne	Morning	Night	Cologne Walking Tour
4	Koblenz	Morning	Afternoon	Marksburg Castle Tour Scenic cruising
	Middle Rhine Rudesheim		Afternoon Night	
5	Heidelberg Speyer	Morning Afternoon	Afternoon Evening	Heidelberg Excursion
6	Strasbourg	Morning	Night	Strasbourg City Tour & Walk
7	Breisach Basel	Morning Night	Afternoon Overnight	Black Forest Tour
8	Basel		Disembark	

EXPLORE MORE. More days means more to discover. We offer exciting ways to see even more of the region with extension packages you can add before or after your Viking journey.



AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM | 2 Nights

See our website for current pricing

Extend your journey with a trip to Amsterdam, where you will be centrally located near key sites like Museum Square and the Anne Frank House. Two nights at the Mövenpick hotel (or similar), daily breakfasts, a walking tour and transfer to ship are included along with the services of a Viking host.



LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

LUCERNE | 2 Nights

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Extend your journey in picturesque Lucerne, Switzerland; enjoy the scenic landscape of the Swiss Alps. Two nights at the Radisson Blu, Lucerne (or similar), daily breakfasts, guided walking tour and ship/hotel transfer are included along with the services of a Viking host.



BASEL, SWITZERLAND

BASEL | 2 Nights

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Discover the city that stands at the point where France, Germany and Switzerland meet. See the lovely Middle Bridge, the Basel Cathedral and the winding cobbled streets lined with medieval houses and colorful fountains. Explore the many museums and art galleries, or take an optional excursion to Lucerne and Mt. Titlis for wonderful views. Two nights at the Swissotel Le Plaza Basel (or similar), daily breakfasts, a walking tour of Basel and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a dedicated Viking host.



LAKE COMO, ITALY

LAKE COMO | 3 Nights

(Available on Amsterdam-Basel direction only)

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Discover beautiful Lake Como, a popular retreat. Visit Como Cathedral, take a funicular ride for panoramic views and cruise along the lake. Three nights at the Sheraton Lake Como (or similar), daily breakfasts, one lunch, two tours and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a dedicated Viking host.

**Hotels are subject to change. Any changes will be to comparable alternatives.*

WEATHER		Average Monthly Temperatures (avg high/avg low), F°										
CITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Basel	35 (39/30)	37 (46/28)	46 (55/36)	50 (61/39)	58 (70/46)	64 (75/54)	67 (77/57)	66 (77/55)	61 (70/52)	53 (61/45)	42 (48/36)	37 (43/32)
Cologne	36 (40/32)	38 (43/33)	43 (49/37)	48 (56/41)	56 (64/48)	61 (64/48)	64 (73/56)	64 (73/56)	59 (65/52)	53 (58/47)	43 (47/39)	38 (42/35)
Amsterdam	37 (40/33)	39 (46/31)	43 (48/37)	47 (54/37)	54 (62/46)	59 (66/51)	62 (70/55)	63 (70/55)	58 (65/51)	52 (58/47)	44 (48/40)	40 (43/37)