

Enchanting Rhine River Cruise



Zurich - Lucerne - Rudesheim - Amsterdam



June 5 - 17, 2017 (13 days)



We start our journey amid **Switzerland's** snow-capped vistas and cosmopolitan cities with a boat ride across the tranquil waters of **Lake Lucerne**. Next we'll wander the streets of **Strasbourg** in Alsace before experiencing the university town of **Heidelberg**. Relax on board as you **cruise** the stunning **Rhine River Gorge**, lined with ruins of medieval **castles** and fortresses. Then visit **Cologne** and its majestic Gothic cathedral before we conclude in **Amsterdam** with a tour of it's **legendary canals**, lined with narrow buildings, cafes, and the house where Anne Frank once lived in hiding.

additional AmaSonota Features

- Multiple outdoor decks offering unimpeded panoramic views
- Sundecks with lounge chairs and retractable roof
- 24-hour specialty coffee and tea station
- Heated pool with "swim up" bar
- Gift Shop and Fireside Library
- Fitness Center
- Massage and Hair Salon
- Walking track

AmaSonota is one of the highest ranked ships in Europe!
(According to Berlitz ratings)



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MAP AT A GLANCE



Category E&D
Fixed Windows
160 sq. ft.



Category C
French Balcony
170 sq. ft.



Category BB&AB
French & Outside
Balconies
BB: 210 sq. ft.
AB: 235 sq. ft.



TOUR & CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 Nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom, most with French balconies
- Shore excursions in every port with personal headset included
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board
- Gourmet dining with all meals included during your cruise
- Unlimited red and white wines from Europe's great wine regions, beer and soft drinks with every lunch and dinner on board
- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- 2 Nights in Lucerne at the Radisson Blu including daily Buffet Breakfast
- 2 Nights in Zürich Hotel Continental including daily Buffet Breakfast
- Special highlights including lectures, cooking demonstration, onboard music performances and piano music
- Bicycles to explore on your own and guided bicycle tours
- Services of professional Cruise Manager
- All English language on board in a non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- All transfers included



Day 1 - Depart Home

Board your overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland. Your R&J Tour Director is there to assist you throughout your entire trip.

Day 2 - Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland

Arrive in Zurich and check-in to your hotel. Spend your day exploring this beautiful town.

Hotel: Zurich Hotel Continental (2 Nights)

Day 3 - Zurich

Your morning city tour of Switzerland's largest city, Zurich, includes

Grossmünster Abbey (which offers exceptional views of Zurich), St. Peter (which boasts the world's largest church clock face), Old Town, Town Hall and Fraumünster Abbey, home to five world-famous Chagall windows. The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore the town on your own.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 - Zurich to Lucerne, Switzerland

After a free morning in Zurich, check out of your hotel and head off on a scenic drive past three lakes before reaching Vitznau. Upon arrival, enjoy a cruise across the tranquil waters of Lake Lucerne, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. This afternoon, check into your hotel.

Hotel: Radisson Blu (2 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 5 - Lucerne

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of this lakeside medieval gem. You will see some of the city's lovely cobblestone streets, monuments, fountains, public squares, covered bridges and colorful frescoed buildings. The afternoon offers free time to shop for Swiss-made watches, knives and delicious chocolates.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 - Lucerne to Basel - Embarkation

This morning, depart from Lucerne, visiting the Lion Monument en route to Basel. Arrive in Basel for a walking tour and free time to explore on your own before embarking your luxurious river cruise ship. Switzerland's second largest city is ideally located at the crossroads of Switzerland, France and Germany. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval Town Hall and exquisite 18th-century homes. Tonight, gather on board for a Welcome Dinner. The ship departs tonight for Breisach.

Ship: AmaSonata (7 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 - Breisach, Germany

You have two exciting excursions to choose from today. The first is a walking tour of Riquewihr, a picturesque town renowned for its historic architecture and its Riesling wines. A second option is a walking tour of the beautiful towns of Breisach and Freiburg, where you will visit the historical city center and Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral constructed of red sandstone.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Lucerne



Heidelberg

Day 8 - Strasbourg, France

The capital city of France's Alsace region, Strasbourg is situated on the Rhine at the German border. Here you will enjoy either a panoramic bus tour that will take you past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterwards, explore on foot with a walking tour of the lovely "La Petite France" neighborhood, where you will see the Gothic cathedral with its famous astronomical clock. The remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish. The ship departs tonight for Mannheim.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Mannheim to Heidelberg to Rüdesheim

Arrive in Mannheim, where you have a choice of one of three excursions this afternoon. Your first option is a half-day excursion to the historic university town of Heidelberg, where you will visit the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000-gallon wine cask) and enjoy beautiful views of the Neckar Valley and city below. Or, for your second option, enjoy a hike up the Philosopher's Path up to a panoramic view point of Heidelberg. Your third option is a city tour of Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the medieval Altpörtel (Old Gate). Continue on to Rüdesheim, where tonight you can choose from either a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum or a Rüdesheimer Coffee excursion.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Rüdesheim - Rhine Castles - Koblenz

Your exploration of Rüdesheim continues this morning with your choice of one of three excursions: a gondola ride above the town to see the Niederwalddenkmal Statue followed by a wine tasting with a local vintner; a guided bike tour along the Rhine River to one of Germany's best wine regions; or a guided hike to Ehrenfel's Castle. 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. Late risers can skip the gondola ride and still participate in the wine tasting if they'd like. 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, your Cruise Manager will take you on a walking tour through this charming town. The ship moors here overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - Koblenz to Cologne

The ship cruises to Cologne today, where you will have a choice of tours. The first is an afternoon walking tour that includes the Old Town, Cathedral Square, and the city's majestic Gothic cathedral. The second option is a Kolsch Beer and local specialties tasting,

and the third is a guided bike tour of the city. The ship departs this evening for Amsterdam.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 - Amsterdam, The Netherlands

After arriving this afternoon, your discovery of Amsterdam begins with a panoramic city tour of famed landmarks and photo opportunity at a Dutch windmill, followed by a scenic canal cruise through the city known as the "Venice of the North." See the beautiful homes that line the water, the fabled Skinny Bridge, and the famous house where Anne Frank once lived in hiding during WWII. Afterwards you'll walk to Begijnhof, known for its historic buildings dating back to the Middle Ages and have some free time to explore. Alternatively, you could opt for a tour of the Jordaan District, or join an Amsterdam Jewish Heritage excursion. The ship moors here.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 - Disembark-Depart Amsterdam to Home

Bid farewell to Amsterdam and prepare for your homeward flight.

Included Meals: Breakfast

2017 DATES & PRICES



DATES:	June 5 - 17, 2017 (13 Days)	
<u>PRICE PER PERSON:</u>	\$6,499 Double	\$483 Dbl TP p/p
CATEGORY E:	\$8,389 Single	\$655 Sgl TP
CATEGORY D:	\$6,799 Double	\$517 Dbl TP p/p
	\$8,839 Single	\$655 Sgl TP
CATEGORY C:	\$7,399 Double	\$579 Dbl TP p/p
	\$9,739 Single	\$731 Sgl TP
CATEGORY BB:	\$7,899 Double	\$579 Dbl TP p/p
	\$10,489 Single	\$805 Sgl TP
CATEGORY AB:	\$8,299 Double	\$655 Dbl TP p/p
	\$11,089 Single	\$884 Sgl TP
PRICE INCLUDES:	RT Airfare, 24 Meals, Activities as stated, Shore excursions included!	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$400 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 90 days prior to departure.	
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$75 per person on future travel with R & J	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	
PASSPORT NEEDED	A Valid Passport is Required! Must be valid 6 months beyond June 17, 2017.	
CANCELLATION:	Canceling less than 120 days prior to departure results in cancellation fees.	

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AmaSonota DECK PLANS



Category E



Category D



Category C



Category BB



Category AB

