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# CHRISTMAS MARKET RIVER CRUISE

Hosted by

Celebrity Travel Expert, Lorraine Simpson



# WHY A RIVER CRUISE?

Suitable for all ages. Activities for all levels of activity, always available even if only two people want to do something.



What makes it special:

Sailing along scenic rivers in luxury and style and stopping in quaint towns and villages never more than a stones throw away from the dock

Unique features:

Small numbers of guests make social distancing easy with plenty of organized activities and different included excursions to go on

Fabulous Food and Service

Menus changing daily and cooked to perfection by specialty chefs will be accompanied with the service and quality you would expect from a luxurious experience.

## Here's what Lorraine has to say about European Christmas Markets

"The smell when you walk into a European Christmas market will fill your heart with joy. The Gluwine the pastries, the treats and the snacks all a feast for the senses. The markets in each town and city are different. Some have small central areas with many fabulous food choices, some offer carriage rides and tasting samples. Some are small and local in a town square decorated so beautifully but all have one thing in common, if you love Christmas you will love them all."



# Christmas Market on the Rhine



Grand cities blend in perfect harmony with their historic past and their progressive future. Inspirational towns have given way to great stories, poetry and music, like Heidelberg, where Mark Twain wrote *A Tramp Abroad*. Timeless traditions remain intact—from the making of Kölsch, Cologne’s legendary brew, to the making of Rudesheimer coffee. Take a frontrow seat on an enchanting journey that takes you along the Rhine and through its designated UNESCO World Heritage Site with its 40 castles strung like pearls on its river banks and to magnificent cities and charming villages alike.





# AMA SIENA LAUNCHED 2021



Sister ship to the award-winning AmaLea and AmaKristina, the elegant 156-passenger AmaSiena will be a warm, inviting ship offering plenty of space for guests to unwind when she debuts in 2021. From comfortable staterooms with twin balconies that keep guests well-connected via Entertainment-On-Demand, free high-speed Internet access and Wi-Fi, to the sunny Main Lounge, where delicious tapas will be served throughout the day, guests will have everything they need to enjoy their time spent on board. If an active mood strikes, the sun-deck walking track, pool with swim-up bar, fitness room and complimentary fleet of bikes will be available. Or you can take an invigorating class led by the professionally trained onboard Wellness Host. And, of course, the exquisite cuisine served in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant will satisfy your every craving aboard AmaSiena.

# Details

Experience the deeprooted holiday traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year and get caught up in the magic of the holidays with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets. Warm up with a mug of steamy glühwein while at the Cologne Christmas Market located in front of its UNESCOdesignated Gothic cathedral. Let the "Capital of Noël," Strasbourg, the oldest and largest Christmas Market in France, captivate you the way it has for so many others for centuries. Meander through Heidelberg's majestic Christmas Market nestled idyllically amongst the historic squares of the Old Town. And while in Gengenbach, marvel at the world's largest Advent calendar, where every evening at 6:00 PM, the brightly lit windows of the neoclassical town hall open and behind each one is a picture by a famous artist, such as Andy Warhol. Cherish all the glory of the season in grand European style as you cruise along the Rhine.



# Itinerary

**Day 1, AMSTERDAM.** Board the ship in Amsterdam for your Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise. (D)

**Day 2, AMSTERDAM.** There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

**Day 3, COLOGNE.** Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town. Explore the UNESCO designated cathedral and then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas Markets located in front of the cathedral. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine or visit a local tavern to taste Cologne's traditional Kölsch beer and reibekuchen mit apfelmus—potato pancakes served with applesauce. (B,L,D)

**Day 4, RHINE GORGE RÜDESHEIM.** Cruise through the castleladen Rhine River Gorge before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Once in Rüdesheim, you will have four choices of morning excursions. Wine connoisseurs will want to go to a wine cellar for a wine tasting followed by a Christmas Market visit to enjoy holiday traditions from around the world. Or go on a hike through the vineyards. Alternatively, you can take a peaceful ride over the vineyards on Rüdesheim's gondola followed by a visit to the Christmas Market. You may also opt to join a guided bike tour through the town and along the Rhine River before visiting the Christmas Market. Later in the day, you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee. (B,L,D)



**Day 5, LUDWIGSHAFEN.** You have the choice to explore two of Germany's historically rich cities, along with their festive Christmas Markets. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, the Hauptstrasse, soaking up the Yuletide celebrations at the town's Christmas Markets. Or hike along the Neckar River on the historic Philosopher's Path followed by free time to enjoy the Christmas Markets. Alternatively, you can bike along the Neckar River to the medieval town of Ladenburg and visit its Marktplatz, or explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also have time to visit its Christmas Market in front of the "Old Mint" (Alten Münze) in the famous Maximilianstrasse, with a view of the romantic Imperial cathedral (Kaiserdom). (B,L,D)

**Day 6, STRASBOURG.** Strasbourg is even more alluring during the season of Advent. The Christkindelsmärik dates back to 1570, making it the oldest Christmas Market in France. Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterwards, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and through the lovely "La Petite France" district, where you will see the Cathédrale de Notre-Dame with its famous astronomical clock and then visit the town's famous Christmas Market. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. Later in the day, opt to visit Gengenbach's Christmas Markets and the town's famous illuminated town hall Advent calendar. (B,L,D)

**Day 7, BREISACH BASEL.** Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate, followed by a visit to its charming Christmas Markets. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." Then enjoy free time at the Freiburg Christmas Markets. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through Breisach's countryside. (B,L,D)

**Day 8, BASEL.** Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Basel as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)



# Rooms

Sophisticated, contemporary and elegantly appointed, your spacious stateroom serves as your personal oasis for rejuvenation. Most of the staterooms in our fleet feature not just one, but two private balconies — a French balcony and a full outside balcony. In fact, we were the very first river cruise line to offer these signature view-enhancing “twin balconies.” Together, they provide a unique panoramic view of the beautiful sights along the river while inviting both fresh air and natural light inside. With twin balconies, you can enjoy the river however you wish.



|    | Room Type                | Brochure Rate | Our Price | Discount |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| E  | Fixed Window             | CAD 4,354.68  | \$4154    | \$200    |
| D  | Fixed Window             | CAD 4,749.36  | \$4449    | \$300    |
| CB | French Balcony           | CAD 5,409.36  | \$5109    | \$300    |
| CA | French Balcony           | CAD 5,805.36  | \$5505    | \$300    |
| BB | French & Outside balcony | CAD 6,597.36  | \$6097    | \$500    |
| BA | French & Outside balcony | CAD 6,861.36  | \$6361    | \$500    |
| AB | French & Outside balcony | CAD 7,125.36  | \$6625    | \$500    |
| AA | French & Outside balcony | CAD 7,389.36  | \$6889    | \$500    |
| SS | Suite                    | CAD 9,105.36  | \$8505    | \$600    |

# CONDELLO TRAVEL BONUS INCLUSIONS

In addition to the discounts offered we are throwing in tours, exclusive to our group, that are a value of over \$600 and free gratuities for all

## In Search of the true Swiss Chocolate

I will take you on a private tour to hunt for the best Swiss delicacy.

## Private Market Tour

Foodies unite and I will take you on a special private market tour with tastings all the way.

## Special guarantee:

We guarantee freshness and quality.



# Included

- Accommodation during the cruise
- All daily shore excursions during the cruise with English-speaking expert guides
- All gourmet meals onboard (Early Riser Coffee and Croissants, a Rich Breakfast, a Festive Lunch, Afternoon Tea & Coffee with cake, cookies & sandwiches and a Multi-Course-Dinner;
- Choice of dining options at no additional cost including the main dining salon and an intimate
- Chef's Table Restaurant where the Chef prepares the meal in person
- Free flowing red and white wine from the local regions, beer or soft drinks for lunch & dinner
- Captain's Welcome Champagne Reception and Gala Dinner and Captain's Farewell
- Champagne Reception and Gala Dinner plus several theme-dinners
- Complimentary cocktail hour offering a "Happy Hour Menu" on five evenings one hour
- before dinner (Captain's Receptions on the other two evenings)
- Free coffee, tea, ice-water and iced-tea are included all day. Cappuccino, latte and espresso
- can be requested free of charge during all meals! Complimentary coffee & tea station 24/7.
- Bottled water, fluffy bathrobes and slippers are provided free of charge in each cabin
- Use of the swimming pool on the Sun Deck and the Wellness Center inside including fitness
- equipment (free of charge)
- Complimentary daily fitness classes with professional fitness and wellness coach (for full ship
- charters contingent on full ship charterer providing a cabin in cat. E for wellness coach)
- Use of the AMA bicycles and helmets in each port free of charge
- Complimentary in-cabin movies
- Elevator on board operating between 4 different levels (except for the Sun Deck and Piano
- Deck); Please see ship fact sheet for details;
- Nightly piano music; also during Afternoon Tea & Coffee Time
- Use of our Quietvox headsets is also included at no additional cost.
- Services of our professional English-speaking Cruise Director
- Gratuities in the amount of CAD\$200 pp for the crew on board and the Cruise Director

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