

# RHINE HOLIDAY MARKETS

8 Days // S.S. Antoinette

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Grab a cocktail from the *S.S. Antoinette's* stylish Bar du Leopard.

Follow a local host around breathtaking Lucerne, Switzerland, on a *Masterpiece Collection* tour.

Marvel at the 10-foot dazzling blue Strauss Baccarat chandelier that hangs in the ship's foyer.

FRANCE

GERMANY

SWITZERLAND



## DAY 1 BASEL (EMBARK) D

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer, or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

## DAY 2 BASEL BB L WD

Basel is a cultural and artistic powerhouse, with all sorts of galleries, theaters and museums. And at this time of year, the city's Christmas Market draws visitors from all over Europe, as does its Christmas Street, lined with more than 100 beautifully decorated and illuminated Christmas trees. Do you have a special wish for Christmas? Write it in the Wish Book, which lies open in Basel's 17th-century Town Hall during Advent, waiting for residents and visitors to express their hopes and dreams for the holiday—or for the world.

**Featured Excursion:** Basel walking tour with Christmas Market.

**Onboard:** A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

## DAY 3 KEHL (STRASBOURG) BB L D

Strasbourg is invariably described as quaint, a rather overused word that in this case is perfectly apropos. It's also been known as the "Crossroads of Europe" for its strategic location halfway between Paris and Prague. With a friendly local expert, see this historic town with its cobbled lanes, half-timbered homes, giant stork nests and impossible-to-resist pastry shops that will win your heart. You won't want to miss the holiday treats like bûche de Noël, the delicious Christmas cake made to look like a yule log.

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Strasbourg walking tour with Christmas Market or "Taste of Christmas" Strasbourg walking tour.

**Your Call:** Your afternoon is all up to you! Perhaps take a shuttle to explore even more Christmas Markets or make your way along the Alsatian Wine Route, sampling as you go, of course, on a "Masterpiece Collection."

## DAY 4 MANNHEIM (HEIDELBERG) » MAINZ BB L D

Your ship left France behind and sailed into Germany during the wee hours of the morning. If you speak no German, here's one phrase you might want to learn now: "Fröhliche Weihnachten," or "Merry Christmas!" Today you'll have two choices: Venture into the storied city of Heidelberg, home to the oldest university in the country, or visit the Doktorenhof vinegar estate for a special vinegar tasting. The atmospheric cellar is like no other you'll ever experience, and the candlelit tasting room is decked for the holidays.

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Heidelberg tour with Christmas Market\* and Treasure Hunt or private Doktorenhof vinegar estate visit and tasting.

## DAY 5 MAINZ » RÜDESHEIM BB L D

Mainz's Old Town brims with specialty shops tucked into lovingly restored buildings. You'll find jewelry, leather goods, books, toys—something special for every special person on your list. Or opt to explore neighboring

Wiesbaden's Christmas Market. However you choose to spend your time in Mainz, you'll head back to the ship for a short cruise to Rudesheim, which, like many cities along the Rhine, dates back to Roman times, when the Rhine was the northern border of the empire. Today, Rudesheim is famous for its beauty and its entertaining alley of shops and wine bars called the Drosselgasse.

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Mainz Christmas Market stroll or Wiesbaden Twinkling Star Christmas Market, and Rudesheim walk with local treats and Christmas Market.

**Evening Entertainment:** This evening, enjoy an appropriately titled lecture, "European Christmas Traditions."

## DAY 6 RÜDESHEIM » KOBLENZ BB L D

Spend a spectacular morning onboard your luxurious boutique ship as you sail the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this stretch of the Rhine is extraordinarily picturesque: Castles perch atop steep cliffs above the water and each quaint village is marked by the spire of its historic church. After sailing past 40 miles (65 kilometers) of gorgeous scenery, you'll reach the famous intersection of the Rhine and the Moselle. Here, where the two rivers meet, you'll find the enchanting town of Koblenz. Watch the waters of the Moselle gush into the Rhine as you stand on the spit of land called German Corner before embarking on a walking tour of Koblenz's historical treasures.

**Featured Excursion:** Koblenz walking tour with Christmas Market.

## DAY 7 COLOGNE BB L FD

Your local expert will show you favorite haunts around the Old Town and share some of the cathedral's most intriguing and magical secrets with you.

**Featured Excursion:** Cologne walking tour with Old Town visit and Christmas Markets.

**Back Onboard:** A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

## DAY 8 COLOGNE (DISEMBARK) BB

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer, or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Cologne Bonn Airport for your flight home.

\*Lunch is not included with Heidelberg tour with Christmas Market.

## CRUISE SNAPSHOT

- 7 Nights Cruising
- 1 Private Experience
- 20 Meals Including 1 Welcome Dinner and 1 Farewell Dinner
- 3 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- 10 Included Excursions

## Cruise Start Dates

**BASEL TO COLOGNE** Nov 28\* Dec 5, 12\*, 19  
S.S. Antoinette \*Itinerary operates in reverse.

- Embark/Disembark
- UNESCO Site
- Motorcoach
- Flight
- Boat
- CB/BB** Cont'l Breakfast/Buffer
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- WD/FD** Welcome/Farewell Dinner