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ACTIVE & DISCOVERY ON THE RHINE

WWA ● MAINZ → AMSTERDAM

Meals

Breakfast: 7 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels

with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's

exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HighLights

Rudesheim - Eltville

Cologne

Dutch countryside

Guided Hike

Chocolate Tasting



DAY 1:

How Suite It Is! Welcome Aboard Your Avalon Suite Ship. Flights into Frankfurt must arrive before 3pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5pm. The day is yours to explore Mainz. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN MAINZ. (D)

DAY 2: MAINZ

Forests and Famous Vineyards ACTIVE - Join a Guided Nature Walk along one of the Rheinsteig walking

trails through Eltville's idyllic forests and vineyards, OR: DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Walk through the historic Old Town of Eltville am Rhein, well known as the City of Wine, with Wine Tasting included, OR:

CLASSIC - Discover the Romanesque Beauty of Eberbach Monastery, the location of almost all the interior scenes of the film version of Umberto Eco's dark medieval murder mystery, "The Name of the Rose." Enjoy

a brief cruise on your way to the picturesque village of Rudesheim. This evening, enjoy dinner on board while cruising to Bingen. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BINGEN (B,L,D)

DAY 3: RHINE GORGE-BOPPARD

The Majestic Rhine Gorge and a Peaceful Jewel on the Rhine Enjoy breakfast on board as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Boppard. ACTIVE - Take a Guided Tour of Marksburg Castle, visit its battlements overlooking the Rhine, and take a scenic walk down the surrounding hillside back to your ship, OR: DISCOVERY - For a unique experience, join us on an excursion to the "Lava City" of Mendig for a Volcano Encounter, including exploring the caverns and corridors where basalt (cold lava) was mined. Also, enjoy a visit to the nearby Monastery at "Maria Laach," OR: CLASSIC - Take a leisurely Guided Walk in ancient Koblenz, including a cable-car ride to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for a spectacular panoramic view. At day's end, you'll dine aboard your ship as you cruise to Engers. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ENGERS (B,L,D)

DAY 4: BONN

Beethoven's Birthplace, Beer Gardens, and History on the Rhine Take advantage of some free time in Bonn this morning, or choose to join an Optional Guided Excursion before sailing to Cologne while having lunch on board. COLOGNE: Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland. ACTIVE - For a unique view of Cologne's history and beauty, join us on a Jogging Tour of the city, OR: DISCOVERY - Join an off-the-beaten-path Guided Tour to discover the quaint Belgian Quarter of Cologne, OR: DISCOVERY - Visit Cologne's Chocolate Museum and learn the process of chocolate production and ancient history of this food of the gods, OR: CLASSIC - Take a leisurely Guided City Walk of Cologne for a view of its must-see sights, including the Old City and its soaring twin-steepled Gothic cathedral. Enjoy live entertainment on board this evening. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DUSSELDORF (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DUSSELDORF

Avant-Garde Architecture and Amazing Altbiers. ACTIVE - See the main sights in Dusseldorf's on a biking tour. At each point, your guide will share fascinating highlights about Dusseldorf and its interesting history, OR: DISCOVERY - Experience Dusseldorf's Old Town and get an insight into its culinary diversity, OR: CLASSIC - Join a Guided Tour of Dusseldorf with a visit to the city's Old Town, and discover its spectacular U-Bahn subway line, where each station incorporates its own magical character of innovative art, architecture, and design. This afternoon, you might take a Guided Optional Excursion to Dusseldorf's microbreweries to try a variety of Altbiers. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ARNHEM (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ARNHEM, HOLLAND

Wildlife, WWII Valor, and Van Gogh. ACTIVE - Go on a hike in the Hoge Veluwe National Park with a Nature Expert and discover its abundance of wildlife, including deer, wild boar and mouflon (wild sheep), OR: DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Arnhem's courageous past with impressive monuments and places of remembrance, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Tour of Arnhem's Kroller-Muller Museum with the world's second largest Van Gogh collection. NIJMEGEN: Delicious Dutch Specialties and Famous Mills. You may join a Guided Optional Excursion to a Windmill, or take an Optional Cooking Workshop. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM (B,L,D)

DAY 7: AMSTERDAM

Colorful Amsterdam-with Canals, Crooked Houses, and Cuisine of a Golden Age. ACTIVE - See the sights of Amsterdam from a unique perspective by joining our Guided Jogging Tour of the city-all at an easy pace with stops for commentary, OR: DISCOVERY - Attend a Painting Class and be inspired by the masters' techniques. Paint your own canvas and discover your inner artist, OR: DISCOVERY - Join a leisurely Culinary Walk in one of Amsterdam's famous districts, where you'll sample savory and sweet Dutch specialties, OR: CLASSIC - Enjoy a Guided Canal Cruise to explore the iconic waterways and sites of Amsterdam. This afternoon, you might take a Guided Optional Bike Excursion through the Dutch countryside, or an Optional Kayaking Excursion. Alternatively, take an Optional Excursion to Holland's beautiful medieval Muiderslot Castle. Spend free time strolling at leisure through the galleries and cafes of Amsterdam. Later, enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board your ship. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION).

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)