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ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST LEGENDARY RIVERS TAKES YOU ACROSS GERMANY AND TOUCHES IN HOLLAND, FRANCE, AND SWITZERLAND! A CERTIFIED SOMMELIER WILL TRAVEL WITH YOU ON YOUR CRUISE TO HOST LECTURES, TASTINGS, AND TIPS ON FOOD-AND-WINE PAIRING.

ABOUT CERTIFIED SOMMELIERS

Seldom do travelers get the chance to learn about wines from certified experts in the field! Avalon invites you to sail in the company of a certified sommelier who shares elite experience, unsurpassed knowledge, and personal passion for wines on board your ship. We are honored to offer our guests the expertise of certified sommeliers who join select cruises to share their insights and inspiration in all things wine. Truly exclusive experiences for wine lovers!

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This magnificent Rhine River cruise begins in the ever popular, modern city of Amsterdam, Holland. Cruise on its famous canals along the elegant grachten—the best way to see the treasures of this 700-year-old city dating back to the “Golden Age.” Visit Cologne, Germany—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture—and see its famous twin-spired cathedral and Old Town with many shops, cafés, and taverns. Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—offering the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Cruise to the charming wine town of Rüdesheim and visit the unique Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Continue your Rhine River cruise to Speyer for a guided walk and visit the Wine Museum or take an excursion to Heidelberg to visit the ruins of its red-walled castle. In Strasbourg, France, marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Also, stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Stop in Breisach, Germany, and enjoy an excursion to Germany’s Black Forest or take an excursion to the charming village of Colmar, followed by a visit to a chateau wine cellar.

Cruise to Basel, Switzerland, to disembark from your Avalon Suite Ship® and continue your vacation with a visit to Mt. Pilatus and a walking tour in Lucerne. Your Rhine River cruise and vacation in Switzerland are the perfect combination to unlock a guided European vacation of a lifetime.

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DAY 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

You might join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

MEAL : DINNER

DAY 2: AMSTERDAM

CANALS OF COLORFUL AMSTERDAM

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon, choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an onboard lecture hosted by your Certified Sommelier.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE

BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER



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DAY 3 : COLOGNE, GERMANY

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an onboard wine and cheese tasting hosted by your Certified Sommelier.

ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steeped gothic cathedral.

Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years!

Later, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM
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DAY 4 : RHINE GORGE-RUDESHEIM

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY IN WINE COUNTRY

En route to Rudesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei—where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors.

ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rudesheim, OR:

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to experience the beauty and simplicity of 13th-century Eberbach Monastery—a former abbey for Cistercian monks that today is known for its wine production and as the film location for the blockbuster movie, "The Name of the Rose". Also enjoy a wine tasting, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a wine tasting.

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SPEYER
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DAY 5 : SPEYER. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST WINE BARREL

ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Tour through the vibrant streets of Speyer and learn about its fascinating history and traditions. Also enjoy a wine tasting, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel."

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KEHL
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DAY 6 : KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A GRAND CATHEDRAL AND LA PETITE FRANCE

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.

ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an enchanting Guided Tour along the famed Alsace Wine Route to discover the heart of France's wine country and sample several local wines.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Certified Sommelier..

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH
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DAY 7 : BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

WINEMAKING AND THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK FOREST

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a full-day Guided Tour to the charming village of Colmar, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings, followed by a visit to a countryside chateau wine cellar, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration, OR:

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour in the morning through storybook Colmar, along the charming canals of the “Little Venice” of France and past countless historic buildings and monuments.

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to explore Freiburg’s medieval city center, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL

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DAY 8 : BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION) - MOUNT PILATUS

SPECTACULAR VIEWS IN SWITZERLAND

This morning, disembark your Avalon ship and take a motorcoach transfer to Mount Pilatus

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a special highlight excursion to Mount Pilatus. Journey almost 7,000 ft. (2,132 m) up for spectacular views over central Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

LUCERNE

A Historic Bridge and Heart of a Lion

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking tour to explore beautiful Lucerne, which includes the famous Chapel Bridge.

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DAY 9 : LUCERNE

LAKE AND MOUNTAINS

Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Lucerne. Discover the many squares and churches and how tradition and modernity stand side-by-side or spend your free time enjoying some shopping in the city center.

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DAY 10 : LUCERNE

YOUR VACATION ENDS WITH BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.

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A VIEW WITH A ROOM

You've always forged your own path... with your own distinct perspective of looking at the world. Avalon Waterways presents a river cruise experience with your unique style in mind - offering expansive views and wider perspectives. That's why we've designed a cruise experience that's just a bit different.

Here are just some of the features and amenities you'll experience on board our Avalon ships. See the Ship Amenities section below for more information about the amenities in our fleet's unique ships.

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AVALON SUITE FLEET

- Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi (Standard Wi-Fi where available in Asia)
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms

FITNESS & WELLNESS

- Active shore excursions, both included and optional
- Fitness Center
- Avalon Adventure Center
- Your place for active gear* and activities through your Avalon Adventure HostSM, including:
 - Bikes
 - Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes
 - Canoe and kayak excursions
 - Fitbits[®]
 - Walking Sticks
 - Binoculars
 - Daypacks
 - Yoga Mats
 - Fitness bands
- *Personal-use bikes and watercraft not available on Avalon AlegriaSM

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AVALON SUITES & DELUXE STATEROOMS

- Open-Air Balconies® and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama SuitesSM
- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane® bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage
- Well-stocked mini-bar

DINING

- Chef-prepared onboard meals with regional cuisine and familiar favorites
- Seasonal cuisine featuring the freshest local ingredients
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Spacious, open-seating Panorama Dining Room
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and daily a la carte specials
- Complimentary room service for Continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and rotating chef's features including carving & pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées and desserts or cheese
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu & venue options
- Vegetarian options at every meal, as well as vegan, low calorie, low fat, high fiber, low cholesterol, high energy and allergy-free selections
- Panorama Lounge & Bar with premium spirits, cozy seating, panoramic windows & dance floor
- Welcome & farewell cocktails with sparkling wine & canapés
- Included Happy Hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails and a drink of the day
- Cocktails with a view on the Sky Deck
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks and beWell Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day

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