



# SWISS ALPS & RHINE CASTLES - AMA WATERWAYS

7 NIGHTS - NOVEMBER 10, 2025



Discover fairytale castles and historic vineyards as part of this spectacular Rhine River cruise aboard the beautiful Ama Serena. Start by exploring Basel, Switzerland then crossing the border into France's Alsace region in enchanting Strasbourg taking in the spectacular panoramas of the Swiss Alps. Enjoy cruising through the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, where 40 castles are strung like pearls along the riverbanks. Then it's off to Germany, where you'll discover not only the grand city of Cologne but charming villages like the winemaking hamlet of Rüdesheim and the university town of Heidelberg. Lastly, enjoy the canal-laden city of Amsterdam, with its neat rows of buildings and rich history. Encompassing the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, as well as iconic landmarks and majestic mountain landscapes, this distinctive itinerary is truly a dream come true.

From \$3,499 per person, double occupancy, including port taxes

For details or reservations, contact:

#### **AAA EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

- \$150 per person AAA Member Benefit (included in the price) ++
- \$250 per person Group Discount (included in the price) ++
- ++ All inclusions are for guests 1 & 2 in the stateroom only

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valid thru March 31, 2025

#### **Optional Pre Cruise-Package:**

 3 nights Lake Como - \$1,650 Per Person, Double Occupancy



#### SWISS ALPS & RHINE CASTLES CRUISE ITINERARY

#### Day 1

#### Basel, Switzerland

Embark the AMA Serena for your Swiss Alps & Rhine Castles Cruise. (D)

#### Day 2

#### Basel, Switzerland

Enjoy exploring Basel, Switzerland's third largest city by foot seeing its medieval town hall, market square and exquisite 18th- century homes, or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries: Switzerland, France and Germany. Alternatively, go on a full-day excursion to Lake Lucerne, or opt for one of the morning excursions and visit Lake Lucerne in the afternoon. With either Lake Lucerne excursion, you'll see its Lion Monument - the figure of a dying lion carved into a hillside in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution in 1792. You'll also see Lake Lucerne's spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B, L, D)

### Day 3 France

Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a tour past the stunning Parc de L'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique before walking through its iconic "La Petite France" district. Wander through charming streets past the Cathedrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de L'Orangerie. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4

#### Ludwigshafen, Germany

From here, visit Heidelberg, the medieval

city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18thcentury, 4900-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Or you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - and the medieval Old Gate, Altportel. Or pedal along the river Neckar to the picturesque medieval city center of Ladenburg and enjoy free time to explore. Later, cruise to the charming village of Rüdesheim and let Siegfried's mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights. Rüdesheim coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5 Rüdesheim, Germany

Join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards and enjoy the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkal. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later, cruise through the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching Lahnstein, where you will enjoy a unique evening visit at Lahneck Castle. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6

#### Cologne, Germany

In Cologne, join a guided tour through the Old Town, where you will see sites such as

the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall: the Fischmarket, dating back to the 12th century and the Great St. Martin Church. The tour ends with a visit to a local tavern to taste its famous Kolsch beer. Or examine the historic architectural styles of the Cologne Cathedral on a guided tour. This 13th-century Gothic marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site was the tallest building in the world at the time, and it withstood 14 hits from aerial bombs during World War II. Active guests will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7

#### Amsterdam, Netherlands

You'll get to enjoy some of Amsterdam's 165 canals on a canal cruise. Alternatively, get a taste of local flavor, passing iconic canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges and house boats while tasting Dutch specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafe's. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8

#### Amsterdam, Netherlands

Disembark and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

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