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Classic Rhine River Cruise: 7-Night Dusseldorf Round-Trip

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

As you glide along the legendary Rhine River, you find yourself evolving into a storyteller of your own life, each chapter enriched by the whispers of ancient castles and the gentle embrace of the river's flow. The luxury travel experience is not just about the opulence that surrounds you, but about the profound transformation within. You become a traveler who sees the world not as a series of destinations, but as a living, breathing tapestry of history and nature, where every moment etches itself into the mosaic of your memories.

Beginning in Cologne, the elegance of the city unfolds in the stories you breathe in, setting the stage for the allure of Rüdesheim am Rhein's vineyards that invite you to taste the romance of the land. In Speyer, the echoes of bygone eras stir your soul, while Strasbourg's vibrant charm renews your sense of wonder. As you reach Basel, the crossroads of culture, you feel enriched, ready to carry the spirit of the Rhine into your everyday life. Each destination leaves an indelible imprint, transforming the journey into a timeless treasure that redefines what it means to truly travel.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

DÜSSELDORF

Boarding begins at 4:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before settling in for a free afternoon to explore at your leisure. Dinner and overnight onboard.

DAY 2

KOBLENZ

Germany's Historic River City. Early this morning, we arrive in Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest and most picturesque cities. Located at the world-famous German Corner, where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet, Koblenz is surrounded by rolling vineyards, forests, and dramatic hills. With more than 2,000 years of history, the city offers a fascinating blend of natural beauty and historic charm. Join a guided walking tour of the city. Overnight onboard.





DAY 3

MANNHEIM

Mannheim and the Splendor of Heidelberg. Today we arrive in Mannheim, the birthplace of the automobile, where Carl Benz introduced the world's first automobile in 1886. Modern Mannheim is a vibrant center of culture and innovation, featuring the magnificent Baroque Palace—one of the largest in Europe—and the city's iconic Water Tower. Star Excursion (Optional): Discover the breathtaking Heidelberg Castle, one of Germany's most famous landmarks and a symbol of German Romanticism. Overnight onboard.

DAY 4

STRASBOURG



The Essence of Alsace. This morning we arrive in Strasbourg, the capital of France's Alsace region. Its historic center, the Grande Île, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 and is one of Europe's finest examples of a medieval city. Explore the charming Petite France district, once home to fishermen and millers, with its picturesque canals and half-timbered houses. The city's magnificent Gothic cathedral dominates the skyline and is one of Strasbourg's most celebrated landmarks. Enjoy an optional guided tour of the city's highlights (minimum group size required). This afternoon, relax as we continue sailing along the Rhine and take in the spectacular scenery from the Sun Deck. Overnight onboard.



DAY 5

SPEYER

Legacy of Emperors. This morning we arrive in Speyer, home to the world's largest surviving Romanesque cathedral. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cathedral serves as the final resting place of several Holy Roman Emperors. Spend the afternoon cruising the scenic Rhine while enjoying panoramic views from the Sun Deck. This evening we arrive in Mainz, a city with nearly 2,000 years of history. Dominated by its magnificent cathedral, Mainz's charming Old Town features narrow medieval streets, inviting cafés, boutiques, and the beautiful Kirschgarten square with its romantic half-timbered houses.

DAY 6

MAINZ



Tradition and Scenic Beauty. This afternoon we arrive in Rüdesheim, one of Germany's most beloved wine towns. Discover historic landmarks including Klunkhardshof, the medieval Adler Tower, the thousand-year-old Brömser Castle, and the ruins of Ehrenfels Castle. Enjoy another opportunity to admire the Rhine's stunning landscapes from the Sun Deck before joining a guided walking tour of the town. Overnight onboard.



DAY 7

RÜDESHEIM

History Along the Rhine. This morning we depart Rüdesheim and cruise toward Andernach, famous for its impressive cold-water geyser. We arrive around 1:00 PM. With more than 2,000 years of history, Andernach offers a wealth of remarkable landmarks, including the 184-foot-tall Round Tower, St. Mary's Cathedral (Mariendom), the historic Rhine Crane, the medieval Mikveh, and beautifully preserved city walls. Enjoy a walk through this charming historic town before returning to the ship. Overnight onboard.

DAY 8

DÜSSELDORF

After breakfast, disembark the ship.



Tips & Travel Guide

Technical Details

Length: 104.5 m | Beam: 11.4m | Draft: 1.4m | Speed: 24 km/h | Remodeling: 2018 | Currency on board: Euro | Accepted cards: Visa, Mastercard. | Passenger capacity - 110. | Voltage 220V. *Vessel classification has been given at our own discretion

Amenities

On the Promenade Bridge, located around the grand spiral staircase leading to the Main Deck, you will find the lobby and reception. In this area there is a large library with comfortable seats and an open fireplace surrounded with large sofas. The elegant and spacious restaurant is located on the Main deck. The Sol bridge is divided into 2 areas: a large open area with sun loungers and a covered area with a large awning. The Main deck and the Promenade deck are connected by a large elevator with capacity for up to 4 people. The Sol Bridge can be accessed from the Promenade Bridge by an outdoor chairlift. Without a doubt, you will spend a relaxing stay on board.

Accommodation

The passenger cabins are distributed between two decks: Promenade and Main. They are spacious rooms of about 12m2 that have two beds that convert into a sofa during the day to create extra space (Main deck). The cabins have a large desk with a chair and a large mirror. All cabins are equipped with air conditioning/heating that can be regulated individually, satellite TV with several channels with a remote control, safe, telephone and hairdryer. An elegant bathroom is equipped with a shower and a sink. The cabins on the Main deck have panoramic windows, while the cabins on the Promenade deck have a French balcony.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
May 1, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$3,598**	**$2,399**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$4,546**	**$2,598**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$5,422**	**$3,098**
May 15, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$3,598**	**$2,399**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$4,546**	**$2,598**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$5,422**	**$3,098**
Jun 12, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$3,598**	**$2,399**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$4,546**	**$2,598**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$5,422**	**$3,098**
Aug 28, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	**$3,598**	**$2,399**
	Category B - Middle Deck	**$4,546**	**$2,598**
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	**$5,422**	**$3,098**

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Booking Conditions

- **Confirmation:** Booking confirmed upon deposit receipt

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing. Charges apply:

- Charges are as set out in our Booking Terms & Conditions.

Important Terms

- Travel insurance: recommended

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the Classic Rhine River Cruise start and end?

> This 7-night cruise is a round trip from Dusseldorf, so it begins and ends in the same city. Boarding starts at 4:00 PM on Day 1 with a welcome cocktail, followed by a free afternoon, dinner and your first night on board.

Which ports does the Classic Rhine River Cruise visit?

> From Dusseldorf the ship sails to Koblenz, Mannheim (for Heidelberg), Strasbourg, Speyer, Mainz, Rudesheim and Andernach before returning to Dusseldorf. The route combines castle-lined Rhine scenery with historic cities in Germany and France.

What ship is used for the Classic Rhine River Cruise?

> The cruise sails aboard the MS Cruce Rio, a river ship of 104.5 m with capacity for 110 passengers, remodelled in 2018. She has a lobby with a library and open fireplace, a spacious restaurant on the Main Deck, a sun deck with loungers and a covered area, and an elevator between decks.

What cabin categories are available on the MS Cruce Rio?

> There are three categories:
- Category C - Lower Deck, fixed window (lead fare)
- Category B - Middle Deck, panorama window that opens
- Category A - Upper Deck, French balcony

All have a private bathroom, individual air-conditioning and river views.

How much does the Classic Rhine River Cruise cost?

> Fares are in US dollars per person sharing a cabin and are led by the Category C Lower Deck fare, with supplements for the Middle and Upper Decks. The exact fare for each departure is shown in the departure list on this page.

What is included in the Rhine cruise fare?

> The fare includes your cabin, full-board dining with breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout, a welcome cocktail and captain's events, guided shore excursions as per the itinerary, an English-speaking cruise manager, onboard entertainment, port charges, and Wi-Fi where available.

What is not included in the Classic Rhine River Cruise?

> International flights, travel insurance, gratuities, drinks not listed, personal expenses and optional excursions are not included. Port and tourist taxes of US$95 per person and a fuel surcharge of US$45 per person are added to the fare.

What is special about Koblenz on this Rhine cruise?

> Koblenz sits at the German Corner, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. With more than 2,000 years of history and a setting of forests and hills, it is one of Germany's oldest cities, and a guided walking tour is included on Day 2.

Is the Heidelberg Castle visit included?

> Heidelberg is offered as an optional Star Excursion from Mannheim on Day 3. Heidelberg Castle is one of Germany's most famous landmarks and a symbol of German Romanticism. Mannheim itself is known as the birthplace of the automobile and for its large Baroque Palace.

Does the Classic Rhine cruise visit France?

> Yes. On Day 4 the ship arrives in Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region. Its historic centre, the Grande Ile, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 and is one of Europe's finest examples of a medieval city.

What currency is used on board the MS Cruce Rio?

> The currency on board is the euro, and Visa and Mastercard are accepted for onboard purchases. Cabins use 220V electricity, so bring a suitable adapter if your devices use a different plug.

Can I book the Rhine cruise as a solo traveller?

> Yes. Single occupancy is priced at a 50% supplement on the per-person rate for Category C, and a 75% supplement for Categories B and A. Single-use cabins are limited, so we suggest enquiring early.

What deposit is required for the Classic Rhine River Cruise?

> A 25% deposit secures your cabin. The balance is due 65 days before departure; if you book within 65 days of sailing, full payment is taken at booking.

Is there child pricing on the Rhine cruise?

> Children sharing with adults are priced in two bands based on age at departure: from 0 up to 5 years, and from 5 up to 12 years. A travel specialist can confirm child fares and cabin arrangements for your date.

When does the Classic Rhine River Cruise sail?

> Departures on sale run from 17 April 2027 to 9 October 2027, with frequent sailings through spring, summer and early autumn. Every available date is listed on this page with its current fare.

How do I get to Dusseldorf for the start of the cruise?

> International flights and individual transfers are not included. Because the cruise is a round trip, you can book a simple return flight into and out of Dusseldorf, and our travel specialists can help plan your arrival for the 4:00 PM boarding.

Are the Rhine shore excursions guided in English?

> Yes. Guided shore excursions as per the itinerary are included, and an English-speaking cruise manager accompanies the cruise. Optional excursions such as the Heidelberg Star Excursion are available at extra cost.

Which Rhine cruise cabin is best for scenery?

> Category A Upper Deck cabins have a French balcony, and Category B Middle Deck cabins have a panorama window that opens, both good for watching castles and vineyards pass. Category C Lower Deck cabins have a fixed window and offer the lowest fare.

Is the Classic Rhine River Cruise suitable for guests with limited mobility?

> The MS Cruce Rio has an elevator connecting the Main Deck and the Promenade Deck, which helps on board. Shore excursions involve walking tours in historic towns, so please tell us about any mobility needs and we will advise before you book.

How do I ask a question or book the Classic Rhine River Cruise?

> The departure list on this page is bookable directly. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply.

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