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Christmas Markets on the Rhine

Tour Dates: December 4 – 12, 2024

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A DIVISION OF THE SCENIC GROUP

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Explore the picturesque canals of Amsterdam



Visit the Christmas Markets of Baden Baden

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

DAY 2 Amsterdam, the Netherlands: Your journey begins in the picturesque city of Amsterdam. A labyrinth of narrow laneways adorned with twinkling lights, canals lined with beautifully preserved 17th century buildings and Christmas trees decorating historic squares. **Meals: D**

DAY 3 Amsterdam: Freechoice: Canal cruise through Amsterdam and see some of the prettiest sights of the city from these historical waterways. OR, explore the Dutch capital on foot and see the city highlights while tasting delicious local treats that are typically served at this time of the year. OR, take a small ferry to the outskirts of town for a biking tour. Amsterdam is known as the bicycle capital of the world, with more bikes than cars and over 35,000 kilometres of cycle paths. Hop on one of Scenic's eco-friendly e-bikes and let it do the hard work for you while you take in the sights. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 Cologne, Germany: Cologne is a city known for its liberal and laidback lifestyle, its unique beer culture, thriving auto industry and the jaw-dropping cathedral that dominates its skyline. Take the time to discover Cologne on a walking tour. Wander the laneways of the historic Old Town, which is home to many breweries serving up draft Kolsch beer. Enjoy some free time to visit the city's centrepiece and icon, Cologne Cathedral. The Kolner Dom, as it is known locally, is also the location for magnificent Christmas Markets and after your guided tour there is plenty of time to wander the wooden stalls where local vendors sell delicious treats and decorations. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Koblenz: Freechoice: Join your guide through one of the oldest cities in Germany. Explore the Florinsmarkt, the former political and economic centre of the city. On your way through the winding streets of the old town you will see impressive townhouses, each with its own unique history, charming squares and historic churches. OR, Journey to the town of Cochem, a medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River. Cochem will make you feel as if you are stepping directly

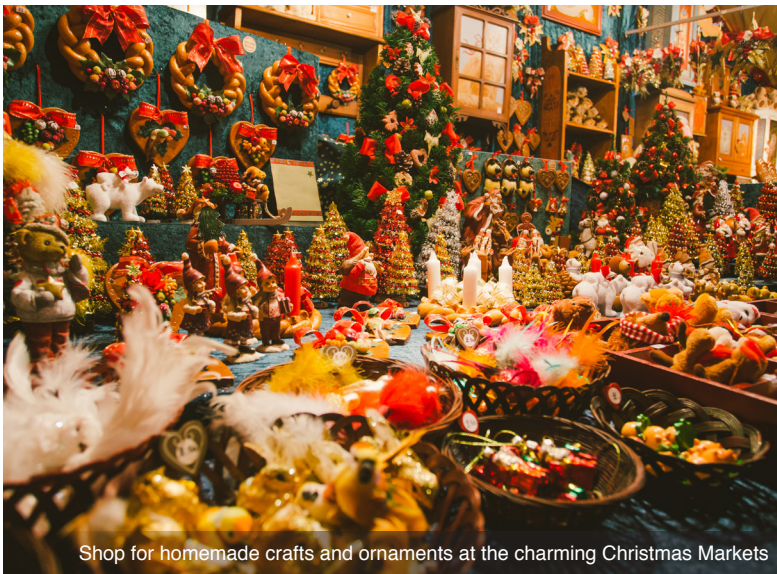
into a medieval romance; the traditional town is nestled on the riverbanks, with pastel-coloured buildings, half-timbered houses, cobbled laneways and an enchanting hilltop castle surrounded by sloped vineyards. Transfer via minibus to Reichsburg Castle, which dates to the Middle Ages. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle, which features a knight's hall, trophy room and cellars, before wandering down to the Old Town seeing many historic buildings along the way. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Mannheim: Freechoice: Enjoy a brief walking tour of Heidelberg, including the old town, and then enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. OR, take a historical tour of Heidelberg. This option includes a visit to Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. OR, take a short drive through stunning vine-covered landscapes to Bad Dürkheim. On arrival, visit Fitz Ritter, a 9th generation family-owned vineyard that offers exceptional quality wine. You will have the opportunity to taste some during your guided tour. **Meals: B, L, D**

Scenic Enrich: Private classical concert at Schwetzingen Palace: Known for its perfect balance and symmetry, Schwetzingen Palace offers an unparalleled grandeur in the region. At Christmas, the exterior is illuminated with captivating lights.

DAY 7 Rastatt: This morning you will arrive in Rastatt. Enjoy a delicious, hearty breakfast before your excursion to Baden Baden, famous for its Roman baths.

Freechoice: Walking tour of Baden Baden: Walk in the steps of the upper class, who enjoyed this spa town as a summer retreat in the 19th century. See the elegant Kurhaus, a plush spa resort built in the 1820s with a casino and luxury shopping in its colonnade and explore the remains of Roman baths. You'll find the charming Christmas Markets and a huge Christmas tree in the market square directly in front of the Kurhaus. OR, enjoy a Spa visit: What better way to enjoy the splendours of the town than relaxing and rejuvenating in the thermal baths at Caracalla Spa, permanently and naturally heated by thermal waters some 2,000 metres under the Earth's surface. Comprising numerous



Shop for homemade crafts and ornaments at the charming Christmas Markets

baths, guests can soak in these waters said to possess healing properties, at your leisure.

This afternoon, choose to stay in Baden Baden and enjoy the Christmas Markets, with around 100 beautifully decorated huts and stalls set up in front of the Kurhaus. Pick up handmade gifts, sample local festive treats or take a turn around the ice rink.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8 Kehl - Strasbourg, France: Arrive in the city of Kehl, the gateway to Strasbourg. Its meandering cobbled laneways are lined with a medley of buildings with shuttered windows and bright flowerboxes.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of this charming town, taking in many of its most important sights including the Cathedral, Petit France, the Grand Ile and its beautiful canals. Strasbourg is located on the border of France and Germany and ownership of the town has changed hands many times between the two countries. Due to this, Strasbourg is a unique mixture of both French and German architecture and culture.

After your guided tour you have free time to explore the magical markets. Strasbourg has some of the largest and most popular Christmas markets in Europe with the town squares and pedestrian zone coming alive with festive cheer. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Depart Switzerland: Bid a fond farewell to Europe as you transfer to the Zurich airport and return home with wonderful memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Rhine and its magical Christmas Markets.

Meal: B

Itinerary is subject to change.

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 8 – Aboard a Scenic Space-Ship

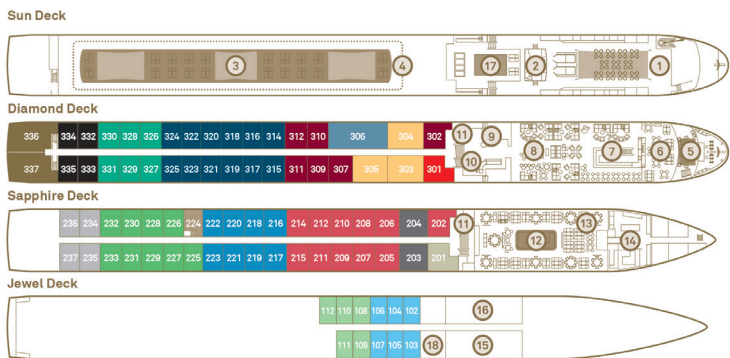


Exceptional Inclusions

- **20 Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Free home pickup** and return service on tour dates, when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **5-star Scenic Space-Ship** featuring Scenic Sun Lounges
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- **Scenic Tailormade App** for river commentary and independent exploration
- All meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- **Complimentary beverages onboard** ship, all day, every day
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- **Complimentary mini-bar** in all suites – restocked daily
- **Butler service** for all guests
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary **e-bikes onboard** for use ashore
- Variety of **onboard evening entertainment**

Scenic Space-Ship

Built: 2015 (Scenic Opal Shown) **Suites:** 85 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 53 **Passengers:** 169



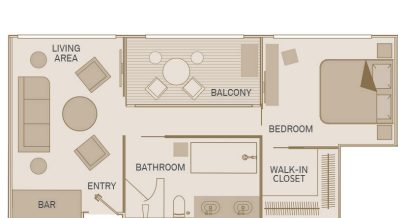
Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- ① Riverview Terrace
- ② Wheelhouse
- ③ Sun Deck
- ④ Walking Track
- ⑤ Panorama Deck
- ⑥ Portobello Restaurant
- ⑦ River Cafe
- ⑧ Lounge & Bar
- ⑨ Gift Shop
- ⑩ Reception
- ⑪ Elevator
- ⑫ Crystal Dining
- ⑬ Table La Rive
- ⑭ Galley
- ⑮ Massage
- ⑯ Hairdresser
- ⑰ Fitness Center
- ⑱ Vitality Pool



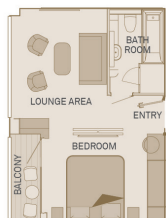
Standard Suite
160ft²

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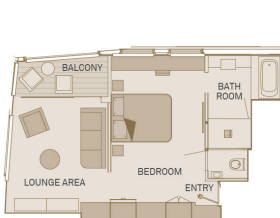
Royal Owner's Suite
520ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

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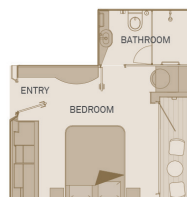
Royal Balcony Suite
360ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT RR



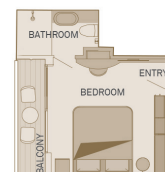
Royal Panorama Suite
475ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT RP



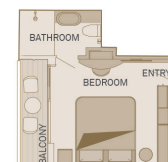
Junior Suite
250ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT RJ CAT BJ



Deluxe Balcony Suite
225ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT PD CAT BD



Balcony Suite
205ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT A PA PP C BA BB

Christmas Markets on the Rhine River Cruise

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CAT	SUITE	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN
E	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$4,995
D	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$5,260
C	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$6,255
BA	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$6,255
BB	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$6,520
BD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$6,730
BJ	Junior Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$6,885
A	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$6,520
PA	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$6,520
PP	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$6,675
PD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$6,885
RJ	Junior Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$7,200
RR	Royal Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,250
RP	Royal Panorama Suite	Diamond	\$8,565
RO	Royal Owner's Suite	Diamond	N/A

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Mayflower Cruises & Tours' Guaranteed Share Program
only available in Category B, C, D and E cabins

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$499

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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