

## 2021 - Treasures of the Main & Rhine

### 7-NIGHT CRUISE

From Prague, the “City of Spires,” to the heartland of Germany along the Rhine and Main rivers and to cosmopolitan Amsterdam, you’ll get an up-close look at the magnificent castles, medieval towns and forever-inspiring cities. Experience Prague’s eclectic mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Get lost in the medieval chivalric atmosphere of Nuremberg’s Kaiserburg Castle, representative of the thousands of fortresses that dotted Germany’s landscape in the Middle Ages. Marvel at an immaculate example of Baroque architecture at the designated UNESCO World Heritage Würzburg Residenz, a reminder of life lived on a grand scale. Savor the storybook atmosphere of some of Europe’s most charming towns, Wertheim and Rüdesheim; and along the way, get swept up in the many treasures just waiting to be discovered along the Rhine and Main rivers.

#### OVERVIEW:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1	NUREMBERG	EMBARKATION
2	BAMBERG	UNESCO city walking tour and smoked beer tasting OR Bamberg Specialties tasting OR Bamberg bike tour Free evening
3	WÜRZBURG	City tour OR Residenz Palace tour OR Marienberg Fortress hike OR Rothenburg excursion
4	WERTHEIM	Walking tour OR Pretzel bakery visit and tasting OR Main River bike tour OR “The Pearl of the Main” walking tour OR Miltenberg Castle hike
5	RÜDESHEIM	Gondola Ride and wine tasting OR Vineyard hike OR Rheingau bike tour Castles scenic cruising Unique Lahneck Castle visit
6	COLOGNE	"Holy City" tour and cathedral visit OR Kölsch beer tasting OR Cologne bike tour
7	AMSTERDAM	Canal cruise OR A Taste of Amsterdam*
8	AMSTERDAM	DISEMBARKATION

#### ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, NUREMBERG. Embark the ship in Nuremberg for your Treasures of the Main & Rhine cruise. (D)

Day 2, BAMBERG - VOLKACH. Explore enchanting Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in one of three ways. Join a guided walking tour of this medieval gem to see its cathedral, Old Town Hall and elegant old mansions followed by a tasting of the city's famous smoked beer. Or indulge in the local flavors by sampling smoked beer, licorice root and Hornla pastry, a local favorite whose recipe dates back to 1427. And for those wishing to explore the town more actively, hop on a bike for a guided bike tour along the Main River and to its quirky quarters beyond the town center. In the evening, sail to the Bavarian town of Volkach, where you'll enjoy a free evening strolling along the streets and visiting shops and cafes. (B,L,D)

Day 3, WÜRZBURG. Visit Würzburg, nestled along the "Romantic Road" in the middle of Germany's largest wine producing region. Join a walking tour of this beautiful city bursting with Baroque splendor. Or admire its crown jewel, the Baroque Residenz Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features an opulent interior, including a grand fresco by Tiepolo. As an alternative, hike up to Marienberg Fortress, dating back to the 13th century, and overlooking the Main. You may also head to picturesque Rothenburg on the "Romantic Road," known for its well-preserved medieval Old Town. (B,L,D)

Day 4, WERTHEIM. Wertheim's old town center still features half-timbered houses and the Gothic architecture of the Stiftskirche, its oldest Protestant church. You may either join a guided walking tour through the historic city center or learn the art of pretzel making with a visit to a local bakery. For those seeking a more active adventure, take a scenic bike ride through the Main River Valley. Alternatively, enjoy a guided walking tour through the medieval town of Miltenberg where you'll see you will see the Schnatterloch (old market square) and one of the oldest inns in Germany, the Hotel Zum Reisen. Or, opt for a hike up into the surrounding hills to Miltenberg Castle. (B,L,D)

Day 5, RÜDESHEIM - RHINE GORGE - LAHNSTEIN. Cruise from the meandering Main River to the captivating Rhine River en route to the winemaking town of Rudesheim. Once there, you will have a choice of two excursions. Take a peaceful ride over the vineyards on Rudesheim's gondola. Afterwards, wine connoisseurs will want to go on a wine tasting with a local vintner. Alternatively, visit hike through a Rudesheim vineyard or take a bike ride through the Rheingau wine region. (B,L,D)

Day 6, COLOGNE. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral. Continue on to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Heumarkt and the Alter Markt. For a different view of the city, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne, and reibekuchen mit apfelmus, potato pancakes typically served with applesauce. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine. (B,L,D)

Day 7, AMSTERDAM. View Amsterdam on a scenic canal cruise, taking in the magic of its iconic bridges. If you prefer exploring the world with your taste buds, stroll past traditional canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges and house boats to taste Dutch specialties at a grand Amsterdam café. (B,L,D)

*\*Depending on docking location, A Taste of Amsterdam may not operate; therefore, an alternative tour will operate instead.*

Day 8, AMSTERDAM. Bid farewell to Amsterdam and prepare for your homebound flight. (B)