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# The Enchanting Rhine

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# Overview

- This cruise departs Basel, Switzerland and cruises the Rhine up to Amsterdam
- Grand cities blend in perfect harmony with their historic past and their progressive future.
- This is a great opportunity to visit 4 Europe Countries and taste some excellent wines.
- Inspirational towns have given way to great stories, poetry and music, like Heidelberg, where Mark Twain wrote A Tramp Abroad.
- Timeless traditions remain intact—from the making of Kölsch, Cologne's legendary brew, to the making of Rudesheimer coffee.
- Cruise along the Rhine and through its designated UNESCO World Heritage Site with its 40 castles strung like pearls on its riverbanks and to magnificent cities and charming villages alike.

# AmaSonata



# Stateroom Features

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Computer for internet access
- Entertainment on Demand system featuring, movies, TV shows, news and music
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily



# AmaSonata Twin Balcony Stateroom

## Photo AmaWaterways



# An Array of Amenities

- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar or whirlpool and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances



# Pools with an outside bar



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# Award Wining Dining

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge





# The Chef's Table Aft Dining Area



# Aft Specialty Dining Room



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# Aft Specialty Dining Room Food



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# Great Included Tours

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Limited Edition Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration

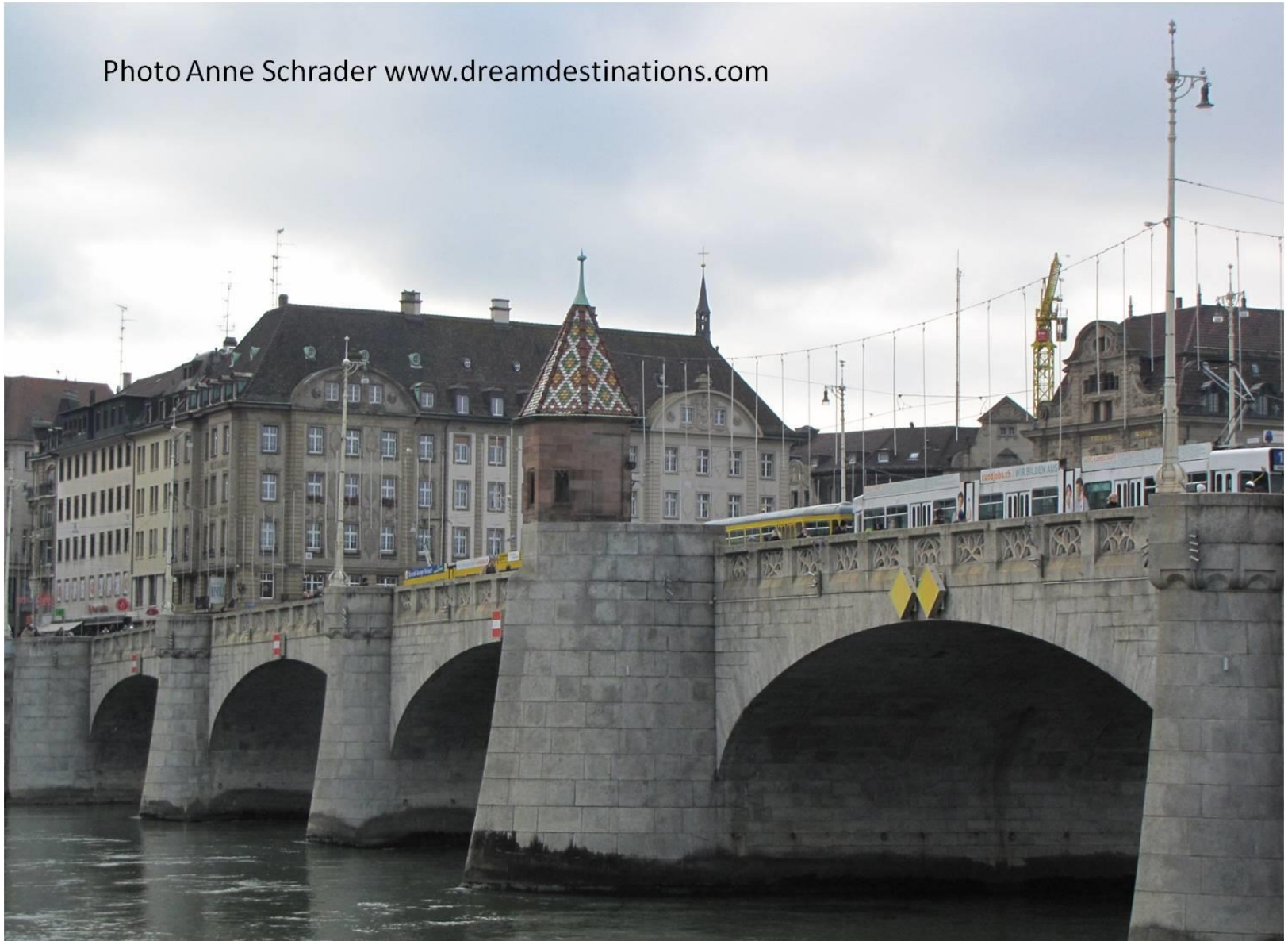


# Day 1 BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION

- Embark the ship. Tonight, gather on board for a “Welcome Aboard” Wine Toast.
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# The Rhine River at Basel

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# Basel Town Hall

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# Day 2 BREISACH, GERMANY

- Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture as well as famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate.
- Alternatively, you may wish to go to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth."
- Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic countryside. or go on a hike to the Black Forest\*, a magical land full of cultural traditions, as well as home to elaborate cuckoo clocks. (B,L,D)



# Riquewihr Dolder Gate

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# Riquewihr

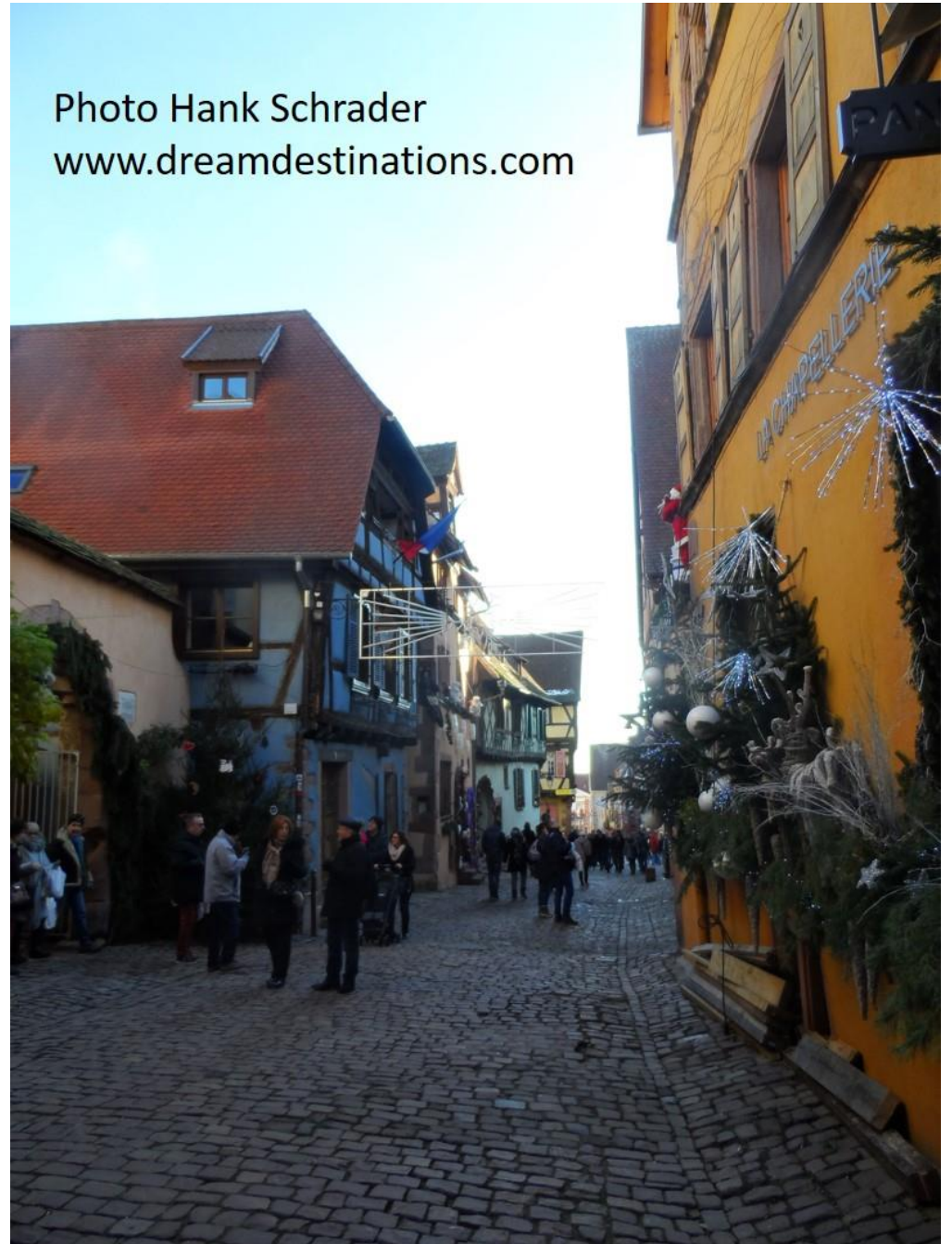


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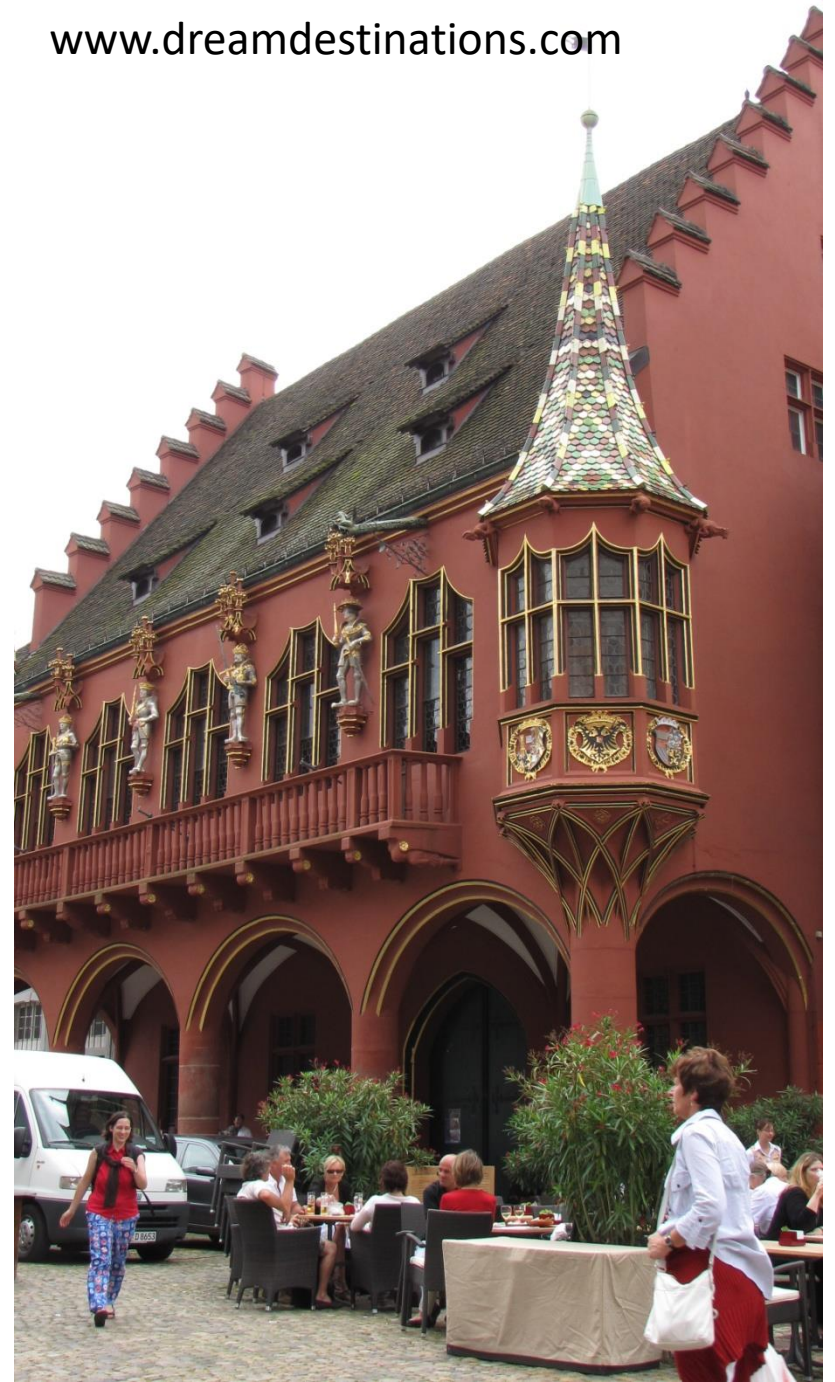
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# Freiburg—Historic Merchant's Hall in the Augustinerplatz.





# Market at Munster Square, Freiburg



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# Day 3 STRASBOURG, FRANCE

- Alsace's principal city is situated on the Ill River where it flows into the Rhine at the German border. This morning, take a tour through this charming town lined with narrow cobblestone streets.
- Visit the "La Petite France" district, where you will see the sandstone Gothic Cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, timber-framed buildings, covered bridges and medieval watchtowers.
- As an alternative, take a guided bicycle tour (capacity controlled) past the Orangery, the town's oldest park, the European Parliament, and Place de la Republique.
- In the afternoon, you will sample Riesling, Gewurztraminer and other famous wines of this region. (B,L,D)



# Strasbourg



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# Strasbourg

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# Day 4 Ludwigshafen-- Rüdeshheim

- Option #1 is a half-day excursion to the historic university town of Heidelberg, to visit the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000-gallon wine cask) & enjoy beautiful views of the Neckar Valley & city below.
- Option # 2, enjoy a hike up the Philosopher's Path up to a panoramic viewpoint of Heidelberg.
- Option #3 is a city tour of Speyer known for its cathedral, numerous churches and the medieval Altpörtel (Old Gate).
- In Rüdeshheim, visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum home to a remarkable collection of old robotic and self-playing musical instruments
- Or, enjoy a tasting of Rüdeshheimer coffee, a local specialty.

# Heidelberg Castle

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# Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



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# Speyer, Germany

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# Sailing into Rudesheim

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# Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

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# Hank & Jim (our client) enjoy a Rudesheimer Coffee





# Rüdesheimer Coffee

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# Day 5

- This morning you will have the option to take one of three excursions:
- a Gondola Ride above the town to see the Niederwalddenkmal Statue followed by wine tasting with a local vintner,
- a guided hike through the town and surrounding vineyards,
- a guided bike tour along the Rhine River to one of Germany's best wine regions.
- Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's most famous and charming street, a narrow passage lined with shops and taverns.

# Gondola Ride Rüdesheim





# Germania Monument

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# Germania Monument



# Rudesheim



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# RÜDESHEIM



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Crowded  
Drosselgasse  
Lane  
Rüdesheim



# Day 5 Rhine Gorge (con't)

- During the afternoon, set sail along the scenic Rhine Gorge and see 40 castles.
- Arrive in Lahnstein, where you enjoy a visit to Lahneck Castle.



# Rhine Castles

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# Rhine River Gorge

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# Lahneck Castle





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# Day 6 Cologne

- Home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral, this 2,000-year-old city is also a bustling cosmopolitan hotspot.
- Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral, where the remains of the fabled Three Kings—the Magi—are believed to rest.
- Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten; or visit a local tavern to taste Kölsch beer and reibekuchen mit apfelmus—potato pancakes served with applesauce. (B,L,D)



# COLOGNE, Germany

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# Day 7 Amsterdam

- Arrive in Amsterdam at mid-day. Admire beautiful 17th-century homes, charming churches and 16th-century merchant houses on a guided canal boat cruise.
- Later, take a motor coach tour of Amsterdam, exploring the city's most notable sights, followed by free time in Amsterdam.
- This evening, enjoy one last night with your fellow passengers at the Farewell Dinner. (B,L,D)



# Amsterdam's Main Square (Dam Square)

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# Canal Boats, Amsterdam

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# Typical Gabled Houses as seen from a canal boat cruise in 2013.

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- Certified Destination Specialist Western Europe
- '86 U of Houston grad in hotel & restaurant management
- Earned over 20 specialty designations from individual travel vendors



# Hank Schrader

- West Point '71, MS U. of Washington, MBA Long Island University
- Accredited Cruise Counselor (ACC)
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