TRAFALGAR

UC Irvine Alumni

Best of the Rhine and Amsterdam

Amsterdam - Basel

10 Days (2-Night Hotel Stays, 7-Night River Cruise on *Trafalgar Verity*) | 4 Countries | 24 Meals

Voyage through the heart of Europe on a Rhine river cruise, where history, culture and riverside landscapes meet. Explore Amsterdam's canals, stand beneath the towering spires of Cologne Cathedral and stroll through Strasbourg's old town. On board Trafalgar Verity, enjoy lively evenings and soak up the ever-changing scenery as you cruise through the romantic Middle Rhine, surrounded by steep Riesling vineyards, medieval castles and half-timbered towns.

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists
Cologne, Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg, Breisach

Visit Must-see Landmark
Airborne Museum in Hartenstein, Rheinstein Castle near Koblenz, German Corner in Koblenz

View Must-see Landmark
Cologne Cathedral in Cologne, the Drosselgasse in Rüdesheim, Holy Trinity Church in Speyer, the Council of Europe and the European Parliament in Strasbourg

One-of-a-kind Experiences
See day 9 for your unique local encounter

Travel Responsibly
See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

For more information or to book

Group Department Phone Number - 888-370-2736
Group Department Hours - M-F 6:30AM-5:30PM (PST)
Booking # - 31351

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Day 1 | Welkom to Amsterdam
Arrive in the vibrant Dutch capital and check in to your hotel before your first taste of river life with a canal cruise and dinner. **(D)**

Day 2 | Stroll the Canals in Amsterdam
Experience Amsterdam as you like. Wander scenic canals, explore world-class museums or soak up the atmosphere in a cafe. For something extra, join an Optional Experience on a foodie tour or visit a traditional windmill in Volendam. On select departures opt to explore the colourful blooms of Keukenhof Gardens. **(B)**

Day 3 | Embark on your Rhine River Cruise
Uncover the story of Operation Market Garden, the largest airborne operation of WWII. Visit the Airborne Museum in Hartenstein and see the "Bridge Too Far," where British paratroopers fought a heroic but ill-fated battle. This afternoon, board the Trafalgar Verity and begin your journey along the legendary Rhine. **(B,D)**

Day 4 | Cross into Cologne
Your first night on the Lower Rhine takes you through Germany's historic heart of industry. Dock in Cologne and Join a Local Specialist to explore the historic streets and see the UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral or see a different side of the city on a Street Art tour. In the afternoon, choose an Optional Experience on a Cologne Beer Experience, or visit the Michael Schumacher Private Collection, a must for motorsport fans. **(B,L,D)**

Day 5 | Cruise the Middle Rhine
Take in the scenery as you begin to cruise through the Middle Rhine, a region famous for its hillside vineyards and storybook castles. You'll also sail past Deutsches Eck (German Corner), where the Moselle meets the Rhine, marked by the grand monument to Kaiser Wilhelm I. On land, join a Local Specialist in Koblenz before cruising to Boppard. Later, explore Rheinstein Castle, perched high above the river. You can explore further with an optional bike ride passing charming villages and historic castles. **(B,L,D)**

Day 6 | Discover Rüdesheim
Cruise through the Middle Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before arriving in Rüdesheim, a wine-making town known for its half-timbered houses. Take a mini-train tour, then enjoy time to explore. You can choose to join an Optional Experience vineyard hike, winding through scenic trails. **(B,L,D)**

Day 7 | Experience Medieval Speyer
Step ashore in Speyer, a town with deep medieval roots. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour passing baroque townhouses and visiting a medieval church. Discover the 11th-century Jewish community, including its ritual baths and enjoy some local treats. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a private vinegar estate. Why not join an Optional Experience to Heidelberg? You'll walk through its charming old town, cross the Old Bridge and visit the striking Heidelberg Castle. **(B,L,D)**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Discover a unique side of the Palatinate wine region at Weinessiggut Doktorenhof. Using premium wines and traditional methods, the Wiedemann family crafts artisanal vinegars with herbs and fruits, all produced sustainably with natural materials.

Your visit directly supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, by promoting eco-friendly farming and artisanal craftsmanship.

Day 8 | Onwards to Strasbourg
Step ashore in Alsace, where French and German influences mix. With a Local Specialist by your side, explore Strasbourg's old town and see its impressive cathedral and the charming Petite France district. In the afternoon, choose an Optional Experience into the Black Forest, known for its scenic landscapes, fairytale villages and traditional crafts. **(B,L,D)**

Day 9 | Pass the Black Forest to Breisach
Cruise south of Strasbourg, where the river marks the border between Germany and France. Drift through the Upper Rhine Plain, nestled between the Black Forest and the Vosges Mountains, and take in the stunning scenery along the way. Step ashore for a tour of Breisach, a historic town known for its colourful houses and centuries-old cathedral. Then, join the Bohrer family at Bohrerhof for a Be My Guest experience on their family farm. In the afternoon, you can take an optional visit to the Alsatian villages, filled with half-timbered houses and scenic vineyards. **(B,D,BMG)**

Be My Guest
Sit down to a homegrown meal at Bohrerhof, a family-run farm in the Rhine plain. For generations, the Bohrer family has carefully cultivated their produce, staying true to their farming traditions. As you enjoy a lunch made with fresh, seasonal ingredients, you'll get a real taste of their farm and the heritage behind it.

Day 10 | Farewell in Basel
Your scenic river cruise comes to an end as you disembark in Basel. Bid farewell to your Experience Director and Experience Manager, crew and fellow cruise companions, until you cruise again. **(B)**

Included meals
(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch
(D) Dinner **(BMG)** Be My Guest

Choose your start location or extend your river cruise

Choose to start your river cruise in either Basel or Amsterdam, and consider a two-night stay in Lucerne

US Departure Date: 8/15/26

Pricing:

Cabin Category Double Occupancy Rate

Classic (per person): $3249

Deluxe C (per person):$3749

Deluxe B (per person):$3849

Deluxe A (per person): $3949

French Balcony B (per person): $4349

Balcony A (per person):$4449

Suite (per person):$5749

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Your Ship

Trafalgar Verity

With the charm of a 1930s steamship and elegance of a boutique hotel, the Trafalgar Verity is a floating Art Deco sanctuary, thoughtfully designed to make every moment on the water feel like a dream.

Relax in the lounge or bar, and enjoy live entertainment and activities from regional performances to in-house baking demonstrations. Stay active with a gym, yoga sessions, Nordic walks and complimentary bicycles for onshore exploration. With a massage therapist and a rotation of wellness activities, it's easy to keep body and mind in balance while taking in Europe's best sights.