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9 DAY RIVER CRUISE HOLIDAY

Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine River

the Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

Tour Dates: December 3 - 11, 2019

Mayflower
CRUISES & TOURS



Cruise the romantic Rhine River aboard the *MS Scenic Opal*



Enjoy a canal cruise of Amsterdam

Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine River

9 Days • 20 Meals Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Romantic Rhine, Europe's longest river. Travel onboard the deluxe *MS Scenic Opal*, exploring the wonderful Christmas Markets of Germany and France while absorbing the local, festive atmosphere at this magical time of year.



CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Eight – Aboard the *MS Scenic Opal*

EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ **20 Meals** (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners)
- ❖ **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- ❖ **Seven-night cruise**
- ❖ **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- ❖ **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- ❖ Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- ❖ 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
- ❖ **Butler service** for all guests
- ❖ **All gratuities included**
- ❖ Complimentary **e-bikes onboard** for use ashore
- ❖ Variety of **onboard evening entertainment**
- ❖ **\$45 in Mayflower Money**

DAY 1 – Depart the USA

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

DAY 2 – Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, transfer to the ship for embarkation. The day is at leisure to begin exploring Amsterdam on your own. The ship remains in port overnight. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 – Amsterdam

Begin the day with an iconic canal cruise and view the city from a different perspective as you pass historic



Explore the charming Christmas Market in Koblenz, Germany



Shop for handmade holiday ornaments and crafts

buildings, lovely townhomes and churches at water level. Afterwards, explore on foot during a walking tour. OR, choose an excursion by coach to the charming villages of Volendam and Edam. Visit a cheese farm to learn how cheese is made and enjoy a sampling of the final product. Journey to Edam for an orientation tour and free time before arriving in Volendam, a traditional fishing village, full of authentic Dutch character, and colorful wooden houses surrounding the harbor. A brief orientation tour and free time to meander through the lanes will leave a lasting impression of this quaint village. Your river cruise begins with an early afternoon departure from Amsterdam and the remainder of the day spent relaxing onboard.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4 – Cologne, Germany

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising along the river before arriving in Cologne. This afternoon, a guided walking tour showcases the highlights of the city, including the magnificent cathedral which serves as the symbol of the city. You'll have free time to visit the Christmas Market in the Domplatz, home to the largest Christmas tree in Rhineland.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5 – Koblenz / Rudesheim, Germany

As the ship docks in Koblenz, there is a choice of two activities. Explore Koblenz on a walking tour with a local guide and see this historic city which straddles two of Europe's most beautiful rivers. In the old part of the city, the Christmas Market consists of glitter-

ing, festive, cottage-style stands and Lebkuchenherzen (traditional gingerbread hearts) to create a magical European Christmas experience. OR, travel by coach to Cochem and discover a true medieval gem resting on the banks of the Mosel River. Feel as if you've stepped straight into a fairytale as you have a guided tour through town that culminates with a visit to the iconic 19th-century Reichsburg Castle. The ship departs Koblenz early afternoon for Rudesheim and arrives this evening for an overnight in port. This afternoon, enjoy a landscape of castles and quaint towns as you cruise through the Rhine Gorge. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 – Rudesheim, Germany

'All aboard' as mini-trains meet near the ship and take you to Siegfried's Musikkabinett Museum for a guided visit. Afterwards, enjoy free time in this quaint town to stroll through the picturesque lanes and along the famous Drosselgasse before re-boarding the trains for the return to the ship. During your free time, wander through the Christmas Market and search for the perfect gifts. Departing Rudesheim mid-afternoon, enjoy the remainder of the day onboard and all the amenities of the *Scenic Opal*. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 – Mannheim / Rastatt, Germany

Awaken this morning in the town of Mannheim, departure point for the day's activities. Your free choice activities include a visit to Heidelberg, with two options: visiting the castle and a walking tour, OR, a walking tour of the city with a tasting of

local specialties such as their liqueur and the famous 'student kiss' chocolate. As your final port in Germany, don't miss out on shopping for unique treasures at the Christmas Market in Heidelberg. During the excursion, the ship sails to Germersheim where you re-embark. This evening, arrive in Rastatt and enjoy a special treat as you attend a live concert in the baroque Rastatt Palace.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8 – Strasbourg, France

With a morning arrival in Kehl, travel by coach across the river to Strasbourg, France, where a local guide leads you on an included walking tour through this picturesque town. Stroll through the charming Old Quarter, 'La Petit France', admire the half-timbered houses and marvel at the gothic cathedral in the city center. Enjoy free time to visit the stalls of Strasbourg's Christkindelsmärik, one of the largest in Europe, before returning to the ship in Schonau. The final afternoon is spent cruising along the river to Basel, Switzerland. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 – Basel / Zurich / USA

It's time to bid farewell to the Captain and crew and depart for the Zurich Airport as you say goodbye to Europe and return home with lifelong memories of your Christmas Markets cruise along the Rhine River.

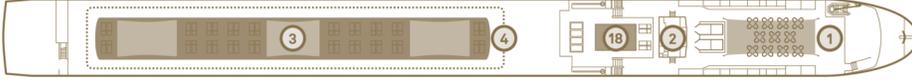
Meals: B

Itinerary and vessel are subject to change.

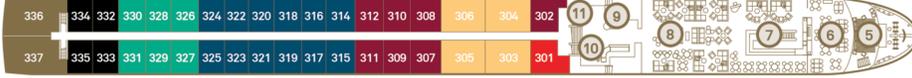
Seven nights accommodations aboard the *MS Scenic Opal*

Built: 2015 Suites: 85 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 53 Passengers: 169

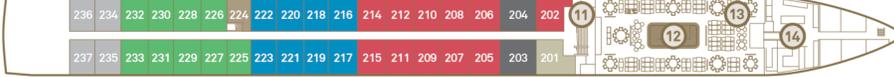
Sun Deck



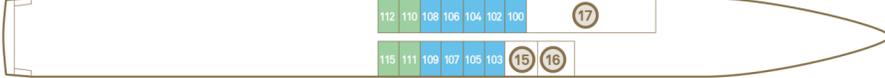
Diamond Deck



Sapphire Deck



Jewel Deck



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

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



Standard Suite

160ft²

E D



Royal Balcony Suite

360ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

RR



Royal Panorama Suite

475ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

RP



Junior Suite

250ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

BJ



Deluxe Balcony Suite

225ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

PD BD



Balcony Suite

205ft²
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

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2019 DEPARTURE DATE: December 3

CATEGORY	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
E Standard Suite	Jewel	\$3,395	add \$2,139
D Standard Suite	Jewel	\$3,610	add \$2,279
C Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$4,395	add \$2,789
BA Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$4,545	add \$2,889
BB Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$4,645	add \$2,959
BD Deluxe Balcony Suite*	Sapphire	\$4,695	N/A
BJ Junior Balcony Suite*	Sapphire	\$4,895	N/A
A Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$4,595	add \$2,929
PA Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$4,645	add \$2,959
PP Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$4,695	add \$2,989
PD Deluxe Balcony Suite*	Diamond	\$4,995	N/A
RJ Junior Balcony Suite*	Diamond	\$5,245	N/A
RR Royal Balcony Suite*	Diamond	\$5,995	N/A
RP Royal Panorama Suite*	Diamond	\$6,199	N/A

*Guaranteed Share Program is NOT available on these decks and categories

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$429 per person (optional)

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.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

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

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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FREE AIRFARE on all reservations made by
October 31, 2018.

Beginning November 1, 2018 airfare from Dayton is
~~\$1,400~~ \$700 per person.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.