



CHRISTMASTIME IN ALSACE & GERMANY

December 17 – 21, 2025

5 Day River Cruise Basel to Frankfurt

Starting at \$2499.00 pp dbl

This Christmas River cruise begins in Switzerland and takes you down the Rhine River to France and Germany, with beautiful passing views and quaint villages festively lit and decorated—a unique and unforgettable way to celebrate the season!

Board your ship in Basel, Switzerland, then stop in Breisach, considered the gateway to Germany's Black Forest. An area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. There is no better setting than at this time of year when smoke curls from the chimneys of the traditional Black Forest houses.

Strasbourg, France, located on the border with Germany, perfectly blends the cultures of both countries. The city is home to one of the oldest and finest Christmas markets in Europe—dating back to the 16th century. Take in the aromas of mulled wine, spice cakes, and biscuits. Bask in the holiday atmosphere as you visit Strasbourg Cathedral, a gothic masterpiece made of red sandstone, and containing ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock

. You'll go on an excursion to Heidelberg, Germany, to visit the fascinating ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city. This time of year, an ice rink can be found at the foot of the castle and the Christmas market is spread over five town squares. Delight in the holiday cheer with Glühwein (hot mulled wine), bratwursts, and other regional delicacies. There's plenty of time to find just the right Christmas present amongst the array of crafts, Christmas decorations, and gifts before this magical

European river cruise ends in Frankfurt, Germany.

Some details on the itinerary:



Welcome to Switzerland. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Zürich or Basel must arrive by 3 pm.
Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Stroll through the city center, enjoy the festive illumination and savor Christmas delicacies like waffles, gingerbread, sweets and Swiss raclette.

EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH
Dinner

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

Breisach

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join A Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city center, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley, OR:

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood.

In the afternoon you may choose to join a Guided *Optional Excursion* to visit the charming village of Colmar, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings, or to spend your free time enjoying the Breisach's Christmas Markets.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

Breakfast Lunch Dinner



A Gothic Cathedral, Heaven's Time, and Joyeux Noël

CLASSIC EXCURSION

Come along for City Sightseeing, including the city's gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

You may choose to join a Guided *Optional Excursion* to beautiful Alsace, for an afternoon in a French wine-country village.

Savor the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition by spending your free time this afternoon wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music, and the pleasures of the season.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SPEYER

Breakfast Lunch Dinner



Winter Wonders Fit for a King

Speyer

DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour that includes the magnificent Heidelberg Castle and the Great Vat—the world's largest wine barrel. After the tour, visit the local German Christmas markets in Heidelberg.

Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing sailing morning and explore the sights and sounds, tantalizing treats, and seasonal handiwork of Speyer Christmas markets.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO FRANKFURT

Breakfast Lunch Dinner





Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Frankfurt airport before 10 am.

Breakfast