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Presents

ENCHANTING RHINE RIVER CRUISE & SWITZERLAND

NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, FRANCE, & SWITZERLAND

WITH AMAWATERWAYS™ ABOARD THE AMASERENA®

AUGUST 1-13, 2019



Lucerne, Switzerland

ENCHANTING RIVER CRUISE

Join Provident Travel's Herb Reisenfeld, as he hosts a group from Amsterdam, southward on the Rhine River to Basel, Switzerland. This 11-night trip in the heart of central Europe will offer you many delightful moments, as you visit fabulous cities along the way. Herb has traveled many times to the cities we will visit, and he has cruised on the Rhine River countless times. This is his favorite river cruise. We will spend two nights in Amsterdam visiting many of the sites and allowing time for you to explore on your own. After sailing down the Rhine River on the AmaSerena® for seven nights, we will spend two nights in Zurich. We will visit Lucerne, the most popular city in Switzerland, where we'll enjoy a special dinner at the Old Swiss House—their specialty is schnitzel, like you have never tasted. The AmaSerena® was our ship for the 2018 Danube River cruise, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Zurich, Switzerland

SAILING WITH AMAWATERWAYS™

On board the AmaSerena®, you will find deluxe cruise accommodations in finely appointed staterooms, most with signature twin balconies or French balconies. Stateroom appointments include white-on-white plush bedding, terry robes and slippers, high-quality bath products, and bathrooms with both a shower and bathtub. Staterooms contain an Entertainment-on-Demand center with complimentary high-speed Internet access, hit Hollywood movies, an extensive music library, and TV stations in English.

La Chaine des Rotisseurs dining experience features all meals on board, including exquisite multi-course dinners and bountiful breakfast and lunch buffets. Multiple dining venues include the one-of-a-kind Chef's Table specialty restaurant, featuring unique tasting menus with perfectly paired wines. Both lunch and dinner feature complimentary, unlimited, hand-selected red and white wines from Europe's great wine regions; beer and soft drinks are also complimentary.

In addition to complimentary Wi-Fi on board, you will find included guided shore excursions in every port, including Special Interest Tours, hiking, and bike tours. Onboard entertainment includes lectures, theme dinners, cooking demonstrations, music performances, and so much more. Unpack and meet the all-English speaking staff in your home for the next seven nights.



Strasbourg, France

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Depart from your home city for Amsterdam, Netherlands.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 | Amsterdam

Arrive in Amsterdam. Check into our hotel. Meet our cruise director at a reception. The remainder of the evening will be at your at leisure.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 | Amsterdam

An included city tour of Amsterdam will provide the perfect overview, before enjoying leisure time on your own. (B)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 | Embarkation

Check out of our hotel and, before transferring to the ship, we will visit Zaanse Schanse windmills and village. A Welcome cocktail reception on board will be followed by dinner and an opportunity to meet the crew. (B, D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 | Amsterdam

The famous canals of Amsterdam await your discovery, on our scenic canal cruise. Tall, narrow homes along the water, the beautiful wooden Skinny Bridge, and the Anne Frank House are a few of the highlights we will see. Later in the day, after returning to our ship, we'll set sail out of Amsterdam. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 | Cologne, Germany

Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a tour through the Old Town, visiting the cathedral and Germany's oldest town hall, the Rathaus. Visit a local tavern to sample its famous Kolsch beer and Reibekuchen, potato pancakes served with applesauce. A guided bike tour along the Rhine will also be offered. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 | Rhine Gorge–Rudesheim

Today, we'll cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, the most scenic stretch of the Rhine River. Steep vineyards and hilltops with a variety of castles enhance the scenery. We will take a gondola ride up to the Niederwalddenkmal Statue. Afterward, we'll be treated to wine tasting. Arrive at the winemaking town of Rudesheim. Here, optional hiking or bike tours will be available. We will visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments, or taste one of the town's special delights, Rudesheimer Coffee, made with brandy, coffee, and whipped cream. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 | Ludwigshafen

Today, choose from three different excursions. You can visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city on the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century 49,000-gallon wine cask. A hike up the Philosopher's Walk in Heidelberg will be another option, or you can visit

one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe and the medieval Altpotel, Old Gate. (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 | Strasbourg, France

Strasbourg is the capital city of Alsace and, because of its borderline location, offers flavors of both France and Germany. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament, and the Place de la Republique, before walking through its iconic "La Petite France" district. Wander through these charming streets and past the Cathedrale de Notre Dame, with its famous astronomical clock. A bike tour through the city will also be offered. (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 | Breisach, Germany

Several tours will be offered today. Step back in time in the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. Admire the architecture and the Dolder Gate. Or, you may wish to go to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg Minster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." A bike tour through the scenic countryside will also be available, as well as an excursion to the Black Forest—lots of interesting choices. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 | Basel, Switzerland

This morning, we say goodbye to the ship's crew, and continue our journey in Switzerland, with our friend and special guide, Rolf Stauber, who has been associated with our trips to beautiful Switzerland for over 25 years. We will head to Zurich, and our home for the next two nights, the Marriott Zurich Hotel. We will see many of the sites of Zurich and the surrounding area, including the Old Town, lake area, FIFA Headquarters, and more. Dinner will be at the Die Waid Restaurant, with a panoramic view overlooking Zurich. (B, D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12 | Zurich–Lucerne

Early this afternoon, we will depart for Lucerne—the country's most popular city—in the heart of Central Switzerland. We will travel to Vitznau, where we will board a lake steamer for a beautiful scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. On our arrival in Lucerne, we will take a walking tour, including a crossing on the famous covered bridge. Time will be allowed for shopping, before going to the fantastic Old Swiss House restaurant, known for its extraordinary schnitzel. After dinner, we'll return to Zurich. (B, D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

After breakfast, we'll say farewell to Switzerland, and transfer to the airport for our return home, bringing back wonderful memories of this exciting 12-day trip. (B)

Included Meals: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe hotel accommodations—two nights in Amsterdam and two nights in Zurich
- Round-trip economy airfare from Cincinnati (other gateways are available at published rates)
- Amsterdam, Zurich, and Lucerne city tours
- Meals include four breakfasts (two in Amsterdam, two in Zurich) and two dinners, including the Old Swiss House in Lucerne
- Seven-night Rhine River cruise aboard the AmaSerena®, including three meals daily, with wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner
- Shore excursions included, with options for all ports
- Special exclusive entertainment
- Sip & Sail daily complimentary cocktail hour
- Complimentary bicycles, helmets, and Nordic walking sticks
- Baggage handling, port tax, and all transfers
- Hosted by Herb Reisenfeld

Not included: All other beverages, except those mentioned; optional excursions that may be offered in addition to daily included excursions; and items of a personal nature; i.e., laundry, telephone, etc.

*Price is based on double occupancy. For Responsibility and Limitations clause, please either visit our website at www.ProvidentTravel.com/responsibility.html, refer to our "We're Going Places" mailer, and request a written statement of Responsibility and Limitations, or review the clause on your payment invoice. #GR19011

PROVIDENT TRAVEL PRICE*

Category BA—Violin Deck	
French and Outside Balcony	\$6,875
Category BB—Cello Deck	
French and Outside Balcony	\$6,750
<i>Single fares available upon request.</i>	

DEPOSIT: \$800 per person, due at time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by April 19, 2019

CANCELLATION:

Deposit—4/19/19	\$800 per person
4/20/19—Departure	100% of package price

TRAVEL PROTECTION: We strongly recommend travel protection. Please inquire at time of booking for options and pricing.

AIRFARE: Airfare is included in the package price. Should you wish to provide your own air and transfers, deduct \$1,175 from the cost of the trip. Once issued, airline tickets are nonrefundable.

GRATUITIES: For the crew and cruise director, gratuities are \$130 per person, payable on the ship. Tips for local guides are at your discretion.

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