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September 14 – 22, 2027



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9 Days • 20 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Amsterdam, 7-Night River Cruise, Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Cologne, Cochem, Lorelei Passage, Speyer, Strasbourg, Breisach, Freiburg

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 8 Van Loon Cruises MS The Gentleman, Zug

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 14, 2027 Overnight Flight Discover a dramatic waterway where winding valleys give way to riverside cities and Alpine hamlets. Venture along the Rhine and Moselle and spend time in beloved European cities, getting a taste of the local culture at each stop along the way.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 15, 2027 Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Cruise Ship Arrive in Amsterdam,* the 800-year-old capital of the Netherlands, a city of narrow canals and stone bridges. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. For those arriving earlier in the day, you may relax in the ship's lounge and enjoy refreshments until your cabin is ready in the late afternoon. Or, if you're ready to explore, consider visiting one of Amsterdam's famed museums, such as the Van Gogh Museum** or the Anne Frank House.** This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. (D)

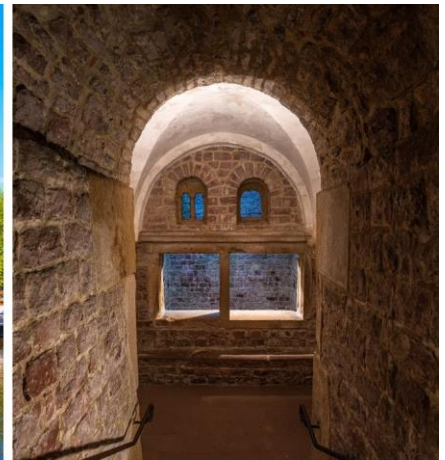
Day 3: Thursday, September 16, 2027 Amsterdam Begin your day with a canal cruise led by a local expert, experiencing Amsterdam from a unique perspective as you glide along the city's centuries-old canal system. Sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. Once your tour concludes in the late morning, spend the remainder of the day exploring the city however you wish. Perhaps you'll stroll through the charming Jordaan district, soak in the atmosphere at a canal-side café, or book a visit to the famed Rijksmuseum to admire masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer. This evening, relax as your ship departs the Netherlands and makes its way to Germany. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Friday, September 17, 2027 Cologne, Germany As the sun rises, glide along the Rhine River and pass through picturesque German landscapes dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne, where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Gothic Old Town. Wander along cobblestone streets and admire the Cologne Cathedral, the Roman Dionysus mosaic, and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. Top off this walking tour with a tasting of Cologne's famous Kölsch beer, before enjoying some free time this afternoon in this magnificent city. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, September 18, 2027 Winningen - Cochem - Winningen*** Start your morning by traveling by coach to Cochem, a storybook town overlooking the water. Embark on a guided tour through the town and into Reichsburg Castle,**** a fortress perched high upon a hill with a stunning view of Cochem and the Moselle Valley below. Rejoin your ship in Winningen to spend a scenic afternoon and evening sailing along the Rhine and through the Lorelei Passage, the river's narrowest point, named for a storied siren. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sunday, September 19, 2027 Speyer The river takes you to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, where **it's your choice!** Get to know Speyer on a walking tour where you'll trace the story of Speyer's Jewish community from the year 1084 to today, visiting significant UNESCO sites **-OR-** follow guides on a journey back in time to discover the everyday lives of citizens in the Middle Ages. Spend the afternoon as you wish, perhaps joining an optional excursion to Heidelberg, an ancient city of Renaissance buildings and castle ramparts. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, September 20, 2027 Strasbourg, France Cross the French border and experience Strasbourg, a fairytale town that blends centuries of international influences to create its own unique culture. On a guided walking tour through the old quarter and a canal cruise along *Petite France*, take in the iconic timber-framed houses, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and Place de la République. Make the most of your free time in the afternoon by exploring this perfectly preserved town. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of a fabulous journey at your farewell dinner. (B, L, D)



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For bookings made after Sep 15, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Lambert St Louis Intl, Kansas City Intl Airport, or Springfield Branson Regional Airport, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first served basis.

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• * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Tuesday, September 21, 2027 Breisach, Germany -

Freiburg - Breisach This morning, arrive back in Germany and travel by coach to Freiburg, the capital of the Black Forest region. Enjoy a guided tour through Freiburg's beautifully preserved medieval Old Town set against the stunning backdrop of the Black Forest. Then return to Breisach, one of the oldest towns in the country, and spend the afternoon strolling through its picturesque alleys and colorful market square. Perhaps you'll visit one of the town's many cafés or ice cream shops before your ship departs for Basel. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, September 22, 2027 Basel, Switzerland - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends Wish the river valleys goodbye as your tour comes to a close today.***** (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 15, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with a maximum of four groups of 44 travelers onboard this river cruise itinerary.

During the walking tours in Cologne and Strasbourg, expect to navigate cobblestone streets and uneven grounds covering a walking distance of around two miles (around 3.2 kilometers). You should also be prepared to stand for longer periods of time, up to three hours.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1371868>

****In Cochem, the expected length of the walking tour is approximately 2.5 miles navigating through cobblestone streets on your way to Reichsburg Castle. To access the castle, there is a shuttle bus available to take you to the lower entrance, from where there's an entrance ramp to walk up. There are no elevators available.

In Amsterdam and Strasbourg, be prepared for climbing in/out of a canal boat, which requires agility.

*As there is no portage service at Amsterdam airport, you are required to handle your luggage from the terminal to the luggage truck on your arrival day. The walking distance between the luggage truck and the motorcoach is approximately one quarter of a mile. Departing Zurich airport, you'll be responsible for handling your own luggage from the motorcoach to the departures terminal.

While this tour is appropriate for travelers that require some mobility assistance devices, river cruises cannot accommodate travelers on wheelchairs or with restricted mobility due to gangway access, mooring requirements, and lack of elevator accessibility to every deck of the ship.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

****The driving distance from Basel to Zurich is 54 miles/87 kilometers and expected traveling time is 1.5 hours depending on traffic.

In Speyer and Strasbourg, depending on the docking position, the ship may not be docked within walking distance of the old city.

While the ship is the primary mode of transportation on this tour, some daily excursions may use coaches, depending on the docking position.

***Winningen is only used as a docking place for the Cochem visit.

Due to city regulations in Amsterdam, tour coaches have restricted access. Designated drop-off and pick-up points are located approximately 2 miles/3 kilometers from the city center, requiring a walk through the picturesque streets.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks, and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the tour. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for ladies and jacket and tie for gentlemen are recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer, and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

**The Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House are the two most popular sites in Amsterdam. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the museums' official websites.

Cabins are available on Main (Ariane), Middle (Alexia), and Upper (Amalia) decks. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a limited number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at the time of reservation, however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Upgrades are available from Lower to Stateroom, Deluxe Stateroom, and Suite. All cabin upgrades are available on the Amalia and Alexia Decks. The Ariane Deck is connected to the Alexia Deck by 12 steps, and there is no elevator access to this deck. Suites are very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

On day 2, embarkation begins at 9:00 a.m. A coffee and tea station is available upon arrival, a light lunch service is available at noon, and cabins are available after 3:00 p.m. On day 9, disembarkation is by 9:00 a.m. at the latest.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our transfers will depart from Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and return to Zurich, Switzerland airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air travelers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys, cruise manager, and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs) (if required), approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 08, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 17, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until September 15, 2026.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1371868
DEPARTURE DATE: September 14, 2027

TOUR: Magical Rhine & Moselle Rivers
GROUP NAME: Missouri Retired Teachers Association

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Heidelberg

Excursion to Heidelberg

\$89 USD

Travel from Speyer to the romantic and picturesque city of Heidelberg, home to the world-famous university of the same name. You will enjoy a comprehensive tour of this ancient city situated along the banks of the Neckar River, including a visit to Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures remaining in Europe. Enjoy stunning views of the town and countryside from the castle ramparts. Your tour includes stops at key historical and cultural sights of the city, followed by free time to enjoy the area on your own. You will return to the ship by coach. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, depending on availability, the option may be purchased from your Tour Manager. Due to the nature of this option, once purchased it will be non-refundable. *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 25 passengers is required. Transportation is included.