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Travelers

# Holiday Markets

## The Festive Rhine River Düsseldorf to Basel

### Inspiring Moments

- Relish the **lovely riverside scenery**, vistas of clifftop castles, medieval villages and forested hills.
- Be immersed in the **joyful spirit of the holiday markets** amid festive music, fragrant aromas and colorful pageantry.
- Enjoy an **exclusive musical treat** in Heidelberg's romantic old town.
- Delight in the charming timbered houses and cobblestone streets of Grande Île, **the historic heart of Strasbourg**.
- Gaze upward in awe at the soaring spires of **Cologne Cathedral**.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Top: Cologne market | Above: Traditional gingerbread



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city
- Day 2** Arrive in Düsseldorf and transfer to the ship
- Day 3** Düsseldorf • Aachen | Düsseldorf
- Day 4** Cologne
- Day 5** Rhine Gorge | Rüdesheim
- Day 6** Mannheim | Heidelberg
- Day 7** Strasbourg
- Day 8** Breisach | Freiburg | Riquewahr • Colmar
- Day 9** Disembark ship in Basel | Transfer to Zürich airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

### Included Features

#### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Star.

#### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

#### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise** | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.





## A World of Discovery

### **AHI Connects | Musical Show.**

In Heidelberg, attend an exclusive event at the elegant Palais Prinz Carl, featuring a professional trio who will perform an entertaining mix of holiday songs, arias and contemporary pieces.

**Holiday Markets.** Relish the cheerful, warm ambience of these cozy wooden villages that spring up in town squares across Europe during Advent, brightly trimmed with fresh pine boughs, red ribbons and twinkling lights.

**Cologne.** On a guided old town walk, take in the cathedral's impressive façade and admire the decorative details inside. Enjoy free time later at the holiday market outside.

**Rhine Gorge.** Sail amid the Rhine's most stunning scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a curving, 40-mile stretch lined with more than 40 castles and fortress ruins.

**Heidelberg Castle & Town.** Visit the red-walled, hillside castle, notable for its immense, 18th-century wine cask and scenic views of the Neckar River Valley and town below. Walk through Heidelberg's charming old town with your guide, and savor traditional German dishes for lunch.

**Freiburg.** Delight in a guided stroll through the historic center of this vibrant university city. See the 13th-century cathedral, the bright-red, turreted Merchants' Hall and other landmarks. Then, visit the colorful Christkindmarkt, where marzipan and chestnuts are popular holiday treats.

**Glühwein Party.** Try this warm, spiced wine, a wintertime favorite, on the ship.

### **PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:**

#### **Düsseldorf**

- Düsseldorf Tour
- Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne

#### **Rüdesheim**

- Rüdesheim Tour
- Rhine Wine Tasting

#### **Strasbourg**

- Strasbourg Panoramic/Walking Tour
- Strasbourg Culinary Walk

#### **Breisach**

- Riquewihr & Wines of the Alsace
- Colmar Markets

## **EXTEND YOUR STAY**

<b>Mainz</b>	<b>  3 Nights</b>	<b>  Pre-Trip</b>
<b>Interlaken</b>	<b>  2 Nights</b>	<b>  Post-Trip</b>

{At an additional cost. See website for details.}



Heidelberg

## Enrichment

- Castles & Legends of the Rhine
- German Holiday Traditions

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Strasbourg, Grande-Île**, France
2. **Upper Middle Rhine Valley**, Germany
3. **Cologne Cathedral**, Germany
4. **Aachen Cathedral**, Germany

## Accommodations

### **MS Amadeus Star**

82-cabin River Cruise Ship

Ship's registry: Germany



**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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## AHI Travel Expertise

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** | Help with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

## Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

## 2026 Departures & Pricing

### December 13-21, 2026

Full Price from \$4,145

Special Savings \$750

**Special Savings Price\*** from \$3,395

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

\*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.