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TRAVEL



**NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT**  
for Solo  
Travelers

# Holiday Markets

## The Festive Rhine River Düsseldorf to Basel

### Inspiring Moments

- Stroll through **magical Holiday Markets**, soaking up the festive music, fragrant aromas and enchanting ambience.
- **Cruise the scenic Rhine River** past enchanting villages, cliff-top castles and the **legendary Loreley Rock**.
- Witness **Kölner Dom's** soaring spires and the majestic **Heidelberg Castle**.
- Relish an exclusive **musical performance** in Heidelberg's romantic old town.
- Discover **Strasbourg's** historic heart and storybook Alsatian ambience.
- Delight in **Freiburg's** medieval charm, Gothic cathedral and Christkindlmarkt.
- 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 | Rudesheim
- Day 6** Mannheim | Heidelberg
- Day 7** Strasbourg
- Day 8** Breisach | Freiburg | Riquewahr • Colmar
- Day 9** Disembark ship | 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 Amara.
- 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.**
    - 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 Performance.**

Attend an exclusive musical performance at the elegant Palais Prinz Carl. A professional trio will entertain you with a delightful mix of holiday songs, contemporary pieces and arias as you relax and enjoy refreshments.

**Europe's Holiday Markets.** Step back in time to storybook wooden villages decked with pine garlands, twinkling lights and red ribbons. Holiday music and enticing aromas of roasted chestnuts and mulled wine float through the air, fires crackle, and artisans display handmade ornaments, wooden toys and traditional sweets such as marzipan.

**Cologne & Kölner Dom.** Take a guided walk in this medieval city along cobblestone lanes and visit the majestic Kölner Dom, a towering Gothic cathedral with soaring twin spires and stunning stained-glass windows. Relish some free time at the holiday market.

**Rhine Gorge.** Glide past the Rhine's most beautiful scenery in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, passing fairy-tale villages, ancient castles and the legendary Loreley Rock.

**Heidelberg Castle & Town.** Step inside the red sandstone walls of this hillside castle to marvel at the immense, 18th-century wine cask and breathtaking panoramic views of the town and the Neckar River Valley. Stroll the charming old town with your guide and relish traditional German dishes for lunch.

**Freiburg Tour.** Witness stunning scenery en route to this vibrant university city. On a guided stroll of the old town, admire the Gothic red-sandstone cathedral and the striking facade of the Historical Department Store, circa 1520. Meander through one of Germany's most beautiful Christkindlmarkets.

**Glühwein Party.** Savor this warm, spiced wine, a wintertime favorite, aboard the ship.

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

**Düsseldorf**

- Düsseldorf City Tour
- Aachen, City of Emperor Charlemagne

**Rüdesheim**

- Rüdesheim Tram Ride & Music Museum
- Abbey Visit & Rhine Wine Tasting

**Strasbourg**

- Strasbourg Panoramic & Walking Tour
- Strasbourg Culinary Walk & Tasting



Heidelberg

**Breisach**

- Riquewihr Tour & Wines of the Alsace
- Colmar's Alsatian Holiday Markets

**Enrichment**

- Castles & Legends of the Rhine
- German Holiday Traditions

**UNESCO World Heritage**

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

**Accommodations**

**MS Amadeus Amara**

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**

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Consultants** | Assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** | Help with everything from flights to 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.

**2027 Departures & Pricing**

**December 4-12, 2027**

Full Price from \$4,545

Special Savings \$750

**Special Savings Price\*** **from \$3,795**

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.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY**

**Mainz** | 3 Nights | Post-Trip

**Interlaken** | 2 Nights | Pre-Trip

(At an additional cost. See website for details.)