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2026 FESTIVE TIME ON THE ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER CRUISE

With 2 Nights in Lucerne

*Enjoy a 7-Night River Cruise from Basel to Amsterdam
with 2 Nights Pre-Cruise Hotel in Lucerne*

9 Nights / 12 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Travel to Lucerne, Switzerland & Return from Amsterdam, Netherlands

Avalon View • Featuring 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites

November 27 – December 08, 2026 • Tour Manager: Brenda Fischer

COUNTRIES: Switzerland, Germany, France & Netherlands

RIVERS: Rhine River

CRUISE OVERVIEW: Your European vacation begins with a stay in Lucerne, with a special excursion up Mount Pilatus (or Mount Stanserhorn per seasonal accessibility) for spectacular Swiss Alpine panoramas. In Lucerne, your guided walking tour, includes the Lion Monument, the Chapel Bridge, and a special highlight excursion to Swiss Alps.

Board your Avalon® vessel in Basel, Switzerland, then head for Breisach, Germany, the gateway to the Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. Here's your first chance to explore a Christmas market offering many traditional items. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, where you'll visit the red-sandstone gothic cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Strasbourg is home to one of the oldest and finest Christmas markets in Europe and its centerpiece is a giant Christmas tree. Choose between a visit the ruins of Heidelberg's castle, towering magnificently over the city, and watch the skaters on the ice rink below or a guided walk in Mainz with a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Next up is the charming wine town of Rüdesheim, and the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. You're sure to be enthralled by the life-size figures of Europe's largest nativity scene on the Market Square. Pass through the dramatic views of the Rhine Gorge before arriving in Cologne — your last stop in Germany. Here, you'll explore the 2,000-year-old city known for its gothic architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral. Wander through the Christmas market, try some traditional Lebkuchen and get some inner warmth with a cup of Glühwein (German mulled wine). As an exclamation point to this wonderful Rhine River cruise, you'll spend time in Netherlands' popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. The best way to see the treasures of this 700-year-old city is on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age."

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Day 1: Fri, Nov 27 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Sat, Nov 28 – IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Sun, Nov 29 – LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND. Welcome to Switzerland! After completing arrival formalities meet the transfer to the hotel. Your hotel rooms will not be available until the afternoon. The day is free to start exploring this delightful town on the Reuss River. Discover the many squares and churches and how tradition and modernity stand side-by-side or spend your free time to enjoy some shopping in the city center. RADISSON BLU or Similar (2 Nights)

Day 4: Mon, Nov 30 – LUCERNE.

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a Guided Walking Tour, which includes the poignant **Lion Monument, Old Town, Chapel Bridge**, the **Water Tower**, and **Jesuit Church**.

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Day 5: Tue, Dec 01 – LUCERNE – SWISS ALPS – BASEL – EMBARK AVALON VIEW – CRUISE TO BREISACH, GERMANY.



📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: This morning enjoy a **special Highlight Excursion to Mount Pilatus** (or Mount Stanserhorn per seasonal accessibility) for spectacular views over central Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

Transfer to Basel to board your Suite Ship – the **Avalon View**. Evening cruise to Breisach. (B, D)

Day 6: Wed, Dec 02 – BREISACH – EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST – CRUISE TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE.

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical **Black Forest** to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood, OR

📷 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.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar, with half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings. Cruise overnight to Strasbourg. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thur, Dec 03 – STRASBOURG – CRUISE TO MAINZ, GERMANY.

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including **Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral** with its celebrated ancient murals and **astronomical clock**, as well as the magical **La Petite France District**.

Savor the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition by spending your free time wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music, and the pleasures of the season. You may also choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit Alsace's wine country today. Cruise overnight to Mainz. (B, L, D)



Day 8: Fri, Dec 04 – MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG – RÜDESHEIM.

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Enjoy a Guided Tour to **Heidelberg Castle** at Christmas time to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed **Great Vat**, the “**World’s Largest Wine Barrel**,” OR

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the **Gutenberg Museum** to see the captivating history of printing.

In your free time visit the local Christmas market; explore at your own pace to soak up the sights and sounds. Enjoy **live entertainment** on board your ship this evening. The ship will be docked in Rüdesheim overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Dec 05 – RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE – KOBLENZ.

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Take a Guided Tour of the incredible **Mechanical Music Museum** for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic **Rüdesheimer coffee**.

Spend some free time enjoying the festive warm glow of Rüdesheim’s Christmas markets, while warming up with some hot-mulled wine or local delicacies. En route to Koblenz, sail through the **Rhine Gorge** (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary **Rock of the Lorelei** – where the mythological siren’s songs lured ill-fated sailors. Enjoy free time in Koblenz to explore local Christmas markets on your own before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and **live entertainment**. The ship will be docked in Koblenz overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sun, Dec 06 – KOBLENZ – COLOGNE – CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Take a Guided **City Walk of Cologne** – with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.

Spend free time enjoying the festive, warm glow of Cologne’s Christmas markets.



🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: This afternoon, enjoy an on board lecture to learn about European Christmas traditions.

Cruise overnight to Amsterdam. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Mon, Dec 07 – AMSTERDAM.

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes Amsterdam’s “Golden Age.”

With a free day to explore before your cruise ends, take time to enjoy the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition or join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. The ship will be docked in Amsterdam overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Tue, Dec 08 – AMSTERDAM – DISEMBARK AVALON VIEW – HONOLULU.

Bid farewell to the Netherlands as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!



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HIGHLIGHTS & SIGHTSEEING:

- **Lucerne:** Lion Monument; Old Town; Chapel Bridge; Water Tower; Jesuit Church; Excursion to Mount Pilatus.
- **While on the Cruise:** Black Forest; Freiburg’s medieval city center; Strasbourg’s gothic stained-glass cathedral and it’s astronomical clock; La Petite France District; Heidelberg Castle; Great Vat – the “World’s Largest Wine Barrel,” Gutenberg Museum; Mechanical Music Museum; tasting of Rudesheimer coffee; Rhine Gorge; Rock of the Lorelei; City Walk of Cologne; On board lecture about European Christmas traditions; Amsterdam canal cruise; Live entertainment on board; Visits to various Christmas markets.

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 2 nights hotel in Lucerne at the Radisson Blu or Similar.
- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- Open-air balconies and wall-to-wall panoramic windows in all Panorama Suites.
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door.
- Individual climate control and in-room safe.
- Well-stocked mini-bar.
- Included sightseeing with expert Local Guides with personal headset Included.
- Choice of  **CLASSIC** or  **DISCOVERY** excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way.
- On board lectures, activities, and entertainment.
- Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Non-smoking staterooms and ship interior.
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV.
- Happy Hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails, and a drink of the day.
- Welcome and Farewell Cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés.
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily à la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef’s features including carving, and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro’s tasting menu for a less formal “sit-down” atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu and venue options.
- Vegetarian options at every meal, as well as vegan, low calorie, low fat, high fiber, low cholesterol, high energy, and allergy-free selections.
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks, and beWell Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day.
- AvalonGo App for your mobile device keeps you informed and on course before and during your cruise.



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