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2027 FESTIVE SEASON ON THE ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER CRUISE

With 2 Nights in Lucerne

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

9 Nights / 12 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Travel to Amsterdam, Holland & Return from Zurich, Switzerland

Avalon Envision • Featuring 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites

November 21 – December 02, 2027 • Tour Manager: Susan Hamada Yee

COUNTRIES: Holland, Germany, France & Switzerland

RIVER: Rhine River

CRUISE OVERVIEW: Can you feel it? The festive season is underway on this festive river cruise on the Rhine River! You'll also feel the cheer of festivities underway as you touch in Holland, France, and Switzerland for the perfect way to celebrate the start of the festive season. Experience Europe's storybook villages and captivating cities as they're a buzz with the first glow of holiday cheer. Let the festivities begin by embarking on your Rhine River cruise in Holland's 700-year-old city of the Golden Age — Amsterdam — to board your festively adorned Avalon Suite Ship to sail into the holiday season. Savor hot chocolate by candlelight, learn cherished holiday recipes passed down through generations, and join in the joyful sounds of carols drifting through the ship. Explore Cologne's 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and magnificent twin-spired cathedral. The oohs and awes keep coming while sailing through the Rhine River's most dramatically beautiful views through the Rhine Gorge — where ancient castles stand sentry from cliffs 400 feet above the water. Cruise to the charming, cheerful town of Rüdesheim, where coffee, wine, and music are always on the menu, including a favorite stop at Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Visit the red-walled castle ruins in Heidelberg and see the stunning sights of Strasbourg, France to marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Stop in Breisach, Germany, the gateway to Germany's Black Forest — home to fairytale forests, Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock, of course! This Rhine River festive river cruise is the perfect way to ring in the season and revisit in every Christmas memory to come.

Unwrap more special surprises of the season in Lucerne, Switzerland! Disembark your Avalon Suite Ship in Basel for a breathtaking excursion up Mount Pilatus. Then, come back down to Earth for a guided walking tour of Lucerne, featuring the famous Chapel Bridge. Wishes really do come true on this Avalon River Cruise vacation to ring in the holidays!

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AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

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Day 1: Sun, Nov 21 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Mon, Nov 22 – IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Tue, Nov 23 – AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND – EMBARK AVALON ENVISION. Welcome to Holland! After completing arrival formalities meet the transfer to the pier to embark the Avalon Envision. Unwrap your European vacation to explore the festivities in Amsterdam with free time to enjoy the warmth and glow of festive season. Consider a guided optional excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses in the graceful countryside. The ship will dock overnight in Amsterdam. (D)

Day 4: Wed, Nov 24 – AMSTERDAM – CRUISE TO COLOGNE, GERMANY. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an **off-the-beaten-path guided walking tour** through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city, OR

⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a **guided canal cruise** past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon, choose from guided optional excursions or enjoy free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops as the Golden City begins to shine even more with festive season atmosphere. Cruise the afternoon and into the night to Cologne. (B, L, D)



Day 5: Thur, Nov 25 – COLOGNE – CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM.

⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Learn about cherished **Christmas traditions of Germany** with an **on board presentation**.

🚴 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **bike ride like the locals in Cologne** with your Adventure Host, OR

⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Choose a **guided walking tour** of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites. Breathe in the festive atmosphere with a **taste of traditional German pastries**, typical of the Festive time, OR

⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided city walk** of Cologne beneath the magnificent twin-steeples soaring atop its **Gothic cathedral**. Feel your spirits rise with a **taste of traditional German pastries**, particularly popular in the festive season with stops to taste authentically delicious **weckmännchen** (sweet bread figures), **bethmännchen** (marzipan cookies), and **stollen** (Christmas bread).

⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Toast the holidays with an **on board beer tasting of Glühbier**, a traditional warm, spiced beer perfect for the sweater weather!

Later, local musicians liven the festivities with **live entertainment on board**. Cruise overnight to Rüdesheim. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Fri, Nov 26 – RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM – CRUISE TO LUDWIGSHAFEN. En route to Rüdesheim, **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.

🚴 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **hike** with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim; enjoy a spirited **tasting of the rich Rüdesheimer coffee**, OR

⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided tour** of the incredible **Mechanical Music Museum** for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a **tasting of authentic Rüdesheimer coffee**, OR

⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Take a **guided visit** to the historic **18th century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle** and enjoy a delicious **wine tasting**.



HEIDELBERG CASTLE, GERMANY

❖ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Learn the art of preparing the **perfect mulled wine** with an **on board demonstration** – a perfect start to the holiday season.

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

Day 7: Sat, Nov 27 – LUDWIGSHAFEN – EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG – CRUISE TO KEHL.

❖ **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring **walk in Heidelberg**, the Philosophers' way, OR

❖ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided visit to Schwetzingen Palace** – the heart of a stunning site consisting of the palace, palace gardens, and historic palace square, OR

❖ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **guided tour to Heidelberg Castle** to see the ruins of the magnificent Renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed **Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel."** Then, satisfy your sweet tooth in the tradition of **German Christmas cookies and pastries** at a local café.

❖ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Roll up your sleeves on board your ship to **master the art of preparing traditional truffles and praliné**, a key caramelized ingredient in many German chocolates, pastries, and confections.

Cruise the afternoon and into the night to Kehl. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sun, Nov 28 – KEHL – EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE – CRUISE TO BREISACH, GERMANY. Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.

❖ **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Discover **Strasbourg by bike** with your Adventure Host, OR

❖ **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**. Unlock your inner elf to **learn the art of handmade Christmas decorations** with the guidance of local craftsmen.

Choose a guided optional excursion to the historic Maginot Line – the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France or visit Alsace's wine country today. Alternatively, spend time on your own in Strasbourg to take in the festive atmosphere and treats in the French tradition. Cruise this evening to Breisach. (B, L, D)



CHAPEL BRIDGE, SWITZERLAND

Day 9: Mon, Nov 29 – BREISACH – EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST – CRUISE TO BASEL, SWITZERLAND.

❖ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a full-day **guided tour** to the magical **Black Forest** where fairytales come true with cherry cake and cuckoo clocks, 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 this evening to Basel. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tue, Nov 30 – BASEL – DISEMBARK AVALON ENVISION – SWISS ALPS – LUCERNE. This morning, disembark the Avalon Envision and travel by motorcoach to the heart of the Swiss Alps.

❖ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a special **highlight excursion to Mount Pilatus** for spectacular views over central Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

❖ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided walking tour** to explore beautiful Lucerne, which includes the famous **Chapel Bridge**.

RADISSON BLU or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 11: Wed, Dec 01 – LUCERNE. Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Lucerne. 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. (B)

Day 12: Thur, Dec 02 – LUCERNE – IN TRANSIT – HONOLULU. Bid farewell to Switzerland as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

Ring in the season with a festive cruise on the Rhine River! Call and book today!!

HIGHLIGHTS & SIGHTSEEING:

- While On The Cruise:** Guided walking tour through Amsterdam's cobblestone streets; Guided canal cruise; On board presentation about Christmas traditions of Germany; Bike ride like the locals in Cologne; Walking tour of Cologne's Jewish heritage sites; Taste of traditional German pastries; Guided city walk of Cologne; On board beer tasting of Glühbier; Live entertainment on board; Sail through the Rhine Gorge; Rock of the Lorelei; Hike through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim; Tasting of the rich Rüdesheimer coffee; Guided tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum; Guided visit to the historic 18th century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle; Enjoy a delicious wine tasting; Learn the art of preparing the perfect mulled wine with an on board demonstration; Walk in Heidelberg; Guided visit to Schwetzingen Palace; Guided tour to Heidelberg Castle; German Christmas cookies and pastries; Master the art of preparing traditional truffles and praline; Discover Strasbourg by bike; La Petite France District; Learn the art of handmade Christmas decorations; Guided tour to the magical Black Forest; Guided tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city center.
- Lucerne:** Excursion to Mount Pilatus; Guided walking tour of Lucerne including the Chapel Bridge.

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 7-nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- 2 nights hotel in Lucerne at the Radisson Blu or Similar.
- 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**, **ACTIVE**, 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 a 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 the 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.
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