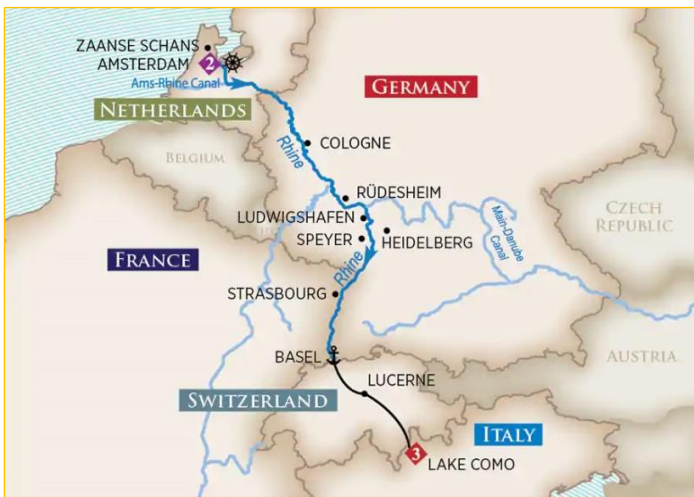


RHINE CASTLES & SWISS ALPS WITH THE AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

Aboard the AmaMora • 7 Nights • April 8 to 15, 2021

Basel • Strasbourg • Ludwigshafen • Rudesheim • Rhine Gorge • Cologne • Amsterdam



DAY 1

BASEL, SWITZERLAND - EMBARKATION

Embark your ship in Basel for your Rhine Castles & Swiss Alps cruise. (D)

DAY 2

BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Enjoy getting to know Basel, Switzerland's third largest city. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval town hall, richly decorated market square and exquisite 18th-century patrician homes. Tour the city by foot or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries:

Switzerland, France and Germany. Later in the day, visit Lucerne, known for its Lion Monument – the figure of a dying lion carved into a hillside in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during

the French Revolution in 1792 – which Mark Twain described as “the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world.” You'll also see Lucerne's spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. (B,L,D)



DAY 3

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République before walking through its iconic “La Petite France” district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock.

Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)



DAY 4

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of four excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Or pedal along the river Neckar to the picturesque medieval city center of Ladenburg and enjoy some free time to explore the shops. Later in the day, cruise to the charming village of Rudesheim and let Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rudesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)



DAY 5

RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE

Join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards. Or drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching Lahnstein, where you will enjoy a unique evening visit at Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)



DAY 6

COLOGNE, GERMANY

Enjoy cruising to Cologne. Join a guided tour through the Old Town and explore the UNESCO-designated Cologne Cathedral, one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces. Continue to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Overstolzenhaus, and the Festival Hall. For a different view, visit a local tavern to taste its famous Kölsch beer, only made in Cologne, and reibekuchen mit apfelsauce, potato pancakes typically served with applesauce. Active adventurers will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten. (B,L,D)



DAY 7

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Alternatively, delve into the city's Jewish heritage with a visit the 17th-century Portuguese synagogue and the Jewish Historical Museum, as well as a walking tour of Amsterdam's Jewish District. (B,L,D)



DAY 8

AMSTERDAM –DISEMBARKATION

Bid Farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

Itinerary subject to change.