

RHINE CASTLES & SWISS ALPS

AMSTERDAM | RHINE RIVER | BASEL



“I’ve enjoyed several AMAWaterways cruises over the past few years and truly believe it is the best way to travel thru Europe. I hope you will join us. Please contact me at mgward@madisonclub.org and go to our website, <https://www.madisonclub.org/club-events/travel/> for sign-up forms and details on ship information and pre- & post-land excursions.”

MARY GAFFNEY-WARD

RHINE CRUISE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1 **AMSTERDAM** — Embarkation
- DAY 2 **Amsterdam** — Enjoy a cruise along the canals of Amsterdam. Later in the day our ship, the AMAMora, sets sail for Germany.
- DAY 3 **Cologne** — Walking tour of the “Holy City” with a visit to the Cologne Cathedral, a World Heritage site.
- DAY 4 **Rhine Gorge** — Relax & enjoy a scenic cruise through the Rhine River gorge where castles line the route. Experience charming Rudesheim for a wine tasting from the surrounding vineyards.
- DAY 5 **Ludwigshafen** — Visit romantic Heidelberg with its iconic red sandstone castle or join a guided hike for panoramic city views.
- DAY 6 **Strasbourg** — “The Gem of Alsace.” This charming town on the border of France and Germany has changed nationality and language a number of times giving it a unique flavor.
- DAY 7 **Breisach** — Explore Riquewihr, a medieval Alsatian town, tucked between the Plain of Alsace & the Vosges mountains. It is classified as one of France’s most beautiful villages. Night-time cruise to Basel, Switzerland.
- DAY 8 **BASEL** — Disembarkation (Swiss Alps, Zurich, Lucerne option)
— Itinerary subject to change



INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations
- Fine dining with a variety of choices
- Unlimited hand-selected wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner
- Multiple dining venues
- Sip & Sail cocktail hour offering complimentary wine, beer, spirits & soft drinks
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, *La Chaine des Rôtisseurs* Dinner, Captain’s Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- Professionally-trained Wellness Host leading a variety of exercise classes
- Live local entertainment
- Unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi access

\$4895* FOR MADISON CLUB MEMBERS

cruise per participant double occupancy stateroom

PUBLISHED PRICE \$6098

*Pre-cruise, port charges of \$210/per person & airfare additional

*Early bird pricing—must book before October 1, 2021

\$1000 fully refundable deposit per person holds your stateroom.

Limited availability

Optional pre- and post-tours of Amsterdam & Lucerne in the Swiss Alps are priced separately.



THE MADISON
C L U B

“This particular cruise showcased the wine culture, culinary excellence and was an extraordinary experience. There is a reason it has been called the flagship of European River cruises.”

PRE-CRUISE : TWO NIGHTS AMSTERDAM

DAY 1 **AMSTERDAM** — Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

DAY 2 **AMSTERDAM** — Walking Tour. Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. **(B)**

DAY 3 **AMSTERDAM** — Zaanse Schans visit. Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, visit Zaanse Schans, observe life as it used to be lived in the Netherlands. Authentic windmills, houses and shops were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th- to 18th-century village. Then you will be taken to the AMAMora for embarkation. **(B,D)**



POST-CRUISE : TWO NIGHTS LUCERNE, 2 NIGHTS ZÜRICH

DAY 10 **BASEL** — DISEMBARKATION Disembark the ship and, before transferring to Lucerne, go on a highlights tour of Basel. Once in Lucerne, discover the unrivaled beauty and charm of this pristine lakeside city on a walking tour. Check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening. **(B)**

DAY 11 **LUCERNE** — Today, stop at the iconic Lion Monument, sculpted in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution. You'll also visit the spectacular medieval walls and towers, dating back to the 13th century. **(B)**

DAY 12 **LUCERNE** — **ZÜRICH** Check out of your hotel and before your transfer via motorcoach to Zürich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. After the scenic drive to Zurich, check into your Zürich hotel. **(B)**

DAY 13 **ZÜRICH** — “Little Big City” tour: Switzerland’s largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zürich is a visit to Old Town where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse. **(B)**

DAY 14 **ZÜRICH** — Return flight home: After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. **(B)**

Experience the local cuisine; lunch and dinner on your own (Suggestions provided).