



TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
RHINE GETAWAY

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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ JULY 20 – 27, 2019

Air departs US on July 19th in order to arrive in Basel on July 20th.

Explore the Black Forest and visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration. Discover the various culinary traditions of Alsace. Overlook the Rhine from Germany's best preserved medieval castle. Turreted fortresses, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery of the Middle Rhine—little wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers. From Basel and Cologne to Amsterdam, this 8-day journey reveals a rich landscape of beauty and culture.

DAY 1 | BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Welcome to Basel, on the Rhine River in northwest Switzerland. Transfer from the airport to your ship.* After boarding, enjoy time on your own getting acquainted with the city. Dinner is served on board. (D)

DAY 2 | BREISACH, GERMANY

Arrive in Breisach this morning, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration, and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Return to your ship for lunch. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar to discover the storybook charm of its streets lined with medieval, Gothic and Renaissance buildings, and visit a fine arts museum. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 | STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Disembark this morning for your guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. Free time allows you to further explore this Alsatian city's blend of French and German cultures, resplendent churches, medieval covered bridges, verdant parks and handsome Art Nouveau and modernist architecture. Alternately, join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country for an informative winery tour and tasting. Or, spend your full day exploring culinary Strasbourg on an optional excursion; as you explore the city and take in its sights, you will savor samples of the renowned Alsatian cuisine, from regional dessert specialties and meats to wine pairings with local foods. Return to your ship for dinner and departure. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 | HEIDELBERG, GERMANY

After breakfast, disembark for a tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. Visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle and take in the scenery of the Neckar River Valley and the city's many red rooftops from this hilltop post. Afterward, set on a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates. Return to your ship for lunch and afternoon cruising. Arrive in Rudesheim in the early evening, then spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse and sample a glass of locally produced wine at one of the restaurants or wine bars. Dine on board your ship or spend more time exploring in town if you prefer. You may also choose to experience one of our optional dinners on shore tonight. We remain docked overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 | KOBLENZ, GERMANY

This morning, sail along the most scenic stretch of the Rhine, where turreted castles and fortresses overlook the river from their hilltop posts. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this part of the Middle Rhine Valley is so beautiful. Arrive in Koblenz this afternoon and disembark for a tour of 700-year-old Marksburg Castle. You may also join an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress; or, choose to journey into Moselle wine country on an optional excursion, stopping for a tour and tasting at a local winery. Return to your ship for lunch. Later, enjoy some time in this charming town at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine Rivers. (B, L, D)



DAY 6 | COLOGNE, GERMANY

You have a morning tour of Cologne, including a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour, spend the rest of the day and evening exploring Cologne on your own: Roman ruins, interesting neighborhoods and museums like the Fragrance Museum and the Chocolate Museum. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, join an optional excursion on which you will ascend to the Dom's roof, enjoying up-close views of the cathedral's architecture and bird's-eye vistas of Cologne. Lunch and dinner are served on board; we depart at midnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 | KINDERDIJK, THE NETHERLANDS

We sail along the Rhine during the morning hours. Admire scenic views and enjoy a morning of enjoyable Dutch diversions: sample Dutch cheeses and jenever, a distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age. This afternoon, your ship arrives in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Disembark for an afternoon tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. You learn why the windmills were built and see how they work, plus you enter a working windmill for a tour of its mechanisms and living quarters. Board your ship for departure and dinner. Arrive in Amsterdam around midnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 | AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.* Or, extend your journey with 2 additional nights in Amsterdam; take time to explore the city's neighborhoods, museums and exciting nightlife. (B)

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- ~ One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- ~ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ~ Complimentary beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- ~ Multiple dining venues including alternative restaurant dining & daily afternoon tea
- ~ Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- ~ 24-hour room service
- ~ 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water

- ~ Access to top-rated spa & state-of-the-art fitness center
- ~ All port taxes and fees
- ~ Airport transfers on date of embarkation/disembarkation with Viking Air program

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| Outside Cabin Category | E | \$3,798 | \$6,872 |
| French Balcony Cabin Category | D | \$3,998 | \$7,272 |
| Balcony Cabin Category | B | \$4,398 | \$8,072 |

Rates are per person double occupancy and include cruise and roundtrip airfare from Dallas, Des Moines, Chicago, St. Louis, or Kansas City.

*****A 3.3% discount off the price is available if entire trip is paid for by check.*****

****PASSPORT REQUIRED****

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$500 cruise + \$499 airfare = \$999 per person double occupancy or \$1,000 + \$499 airfare = \$1,499 per person single occupancy is due by September 28, 2018 to secure reservations and guarantee this air rate. Air rates are subject to change October 1, 2018. Final balance is due by January 4, 2019.

Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times. \$100 OF YOUR DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. AFTER 121 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ADDITIONAL CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY. SEE VIKING BROCHURE FOR DETAILS.

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