



MARKSBURG CASTLE ON THE RHINE



# RHINE GETAWAY

8 DAYS ✦ AMSTERDAM TO BASEL ✦

**OVERVIEW.** Visit all the highlights of the legendary Rhine in just 8 days. In Germany, see the many charming castles commanding the riverbanks as you sail by, and tour both Marksburg Castle and the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Admire Cologne, the jewel of the Rhine, with its awe-inspiring *Dom*, and experience the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Also, explore Holland’s famous windmills and waterworks, encounter multicultural Strasbourg in France, and take part in the inviting nightlife in Rudesheim’s *Drosselgasse*. On this itinerary you see a lot—without spending a lot of time.

**KEY FEATURES**

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 6 guided tours with audio headset
- Scenic cruising through the Middle Rhine
- Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Culture Curriculum: Classical music performance; learn how to create your own Alsatian *flammkuchen*; observe a traditional glassblower; attend lectures on Germany’s current affairs & origins of Rhine River cruising
- Wine/beer/soft drinks/ with lunch & dinner on board

**BASEL TO AMSTERDAM ITINERARY**

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Basel	Embark	Evening	
2	Breisach	Morning	Night	The Black Forest
3	Strasbourg	Morning	Evening	Strasbourg Highlights
4	Heidelberg Rudesheim	Morning Afternoon	Afternoon Overnight	Panoramic Heidelberg
5	Middle Rhine Koblenz	Afternoon	Overnight	Scenic cruising Marksburg Castle
6	Cologne	Morning	Night	Cologne Walking Tour
7	Kinderdijk	Afternoon	Evening	Kinderdijk Windmills
8	Amsterdam	Morning	Disembark	

**AMSTERDAM TO BASEL ITINERARY**

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Amsterdam	Embark	Night	
2	Kinderdijk	Morning	Afternoon	Kinderdijk Windmills
3	Cologne	Morning	Night	Cologne Walking Tour
4	Koblenz Middle Rhine Rudesheim	Morning	Afternoon Night	Marksburg Castle Scenic cruising
5	Heidelberg Speyer	Morning Afternoon	Afternoon Evening	Panoramic Heidelberg
6	Strasbourg	Morning	Night	Strasbourg Highlights
7	Breisach	Morning	Afternoon	The Black Forest
8	Basel Basel	Night	Overnight Disembark	

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**EXPLORE MORE.** More days means more to discover. We offer exciting ways to see even more of the region with extension packages you can add before or after your Viking journey.



AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

**AMSTERDAM | 2 Nights**

*See our website for current pricing*

Extend your journey with a trip to Amsterdam, where you will be centrally located near key sites like Museum Square and the Anne Frank House. Two nights at the Mövenpick hotel (or similar), daily breakfasts, a walking tour and transfer to ship are included along with the services of a Viking host.



LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

**LUCERNE | 2 Nights**

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Extend your journey in picturesque Lucerne, Switzerland; enjoy the scenic landscape of the Swiss Alps. Two nights at the Radisson Blu, Lucerne (or similar), daily breakfasts, guided walking tour and ship/hotel transfer are included along with the services of a Viking host.



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

**EDINBURGH | 3 Nights**

**2018 ONLY**

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For three nights, experience the rich heritage and dramatic setting of Scotland's inspiring capital city with its panoramic views of the hills and sea. From your centrally located hotel, enjoy easy access to both the historic Royal Mile with its medieval town houses and hidden lanes steeped in history and the elegant classical architecture of the 18th-century New Town. Three nights in the First-Class Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh (or similar); daily breakfasts; lunch in St. Andrews, the home of golf; 4 guided tours — a city tour, literary walking tour, full-day Scottish countryside tour with Privileged Access to Glamis Castle and farm, and a visit to a whisky distillery — and all transfers are included in this fully escorted program.



LAKE COMO, ITALY

**LAKE COMO | 3 Nights**

*(Available in Basel-Amsterdam direction only)*

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Discover beautiful Lake Como, a popular retreat. Visit Como Cathedral, take a funicular ride for panoramic views and cruise along the lake. Three nights at the Sheraton Lake Como (or similar), daily breakfasts, one lunch, two tours and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a dedicated Viking host.



BASEL, SWITZERLAND

**BASEL | 2 Nights**

*See our website for current pricing*

Discover the city that stands at the point where France, Germany and Switzerland meet. See the lovely Middle Bridge, the Basel Cathedral and the winding cobbled streets lined with medieval houses and colorful fountains. Explore the many museums and art galleries, or take an optional excursion to Lucerne and Mt. Titlis for wonderful views. Two nights at the Swissotel Le Plaza Basel (or similar), daily breakfasts, a walking tour of Basel and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a dedicated Viking host.

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MATTERHORN, SWITZERLAND

**ZERMATT & GENEVA | 4 Nights 2018 ONLY**  
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Discover Switzerland's alpine wonders. Take the Glacier Express through the Swiss Alps, see the world-famous Matterhorn, and explore the lakeside town of Geneva. Two nights each at the Zermatt Hotel Alex and Geneva Intercontinental (or similar), daily breakfasts, two tours and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a Viking host.



DOWNTON ABBEY, ENGLAND

**OXFORD & HIGHCLERE CASTLE | 3 Nights**  
**2018 ONLY**

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Spend three days in the rolling hills of England's countryside. Visit the historic town of Oxford and Oxford University. Tour Highclere Castle, known to television audiences worldwide as *Downton Abbey*, with privileged access and a champagne welcome for Viking guests. Included tour to Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds. Three nights at the Old Bank Hotel (or similar), daily breakfasts, three tours and a Eurostar "Chunnel" train between Paris and London are included with the services of a Viking host.

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WEATHER												
Average Monthly Temperatures (avg high/avg low), F°												
CITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Basel	35 (39/30)	37 (46/28)	46 (55/36)	50 (61/39)	58 (70/46)	64 (75/54)	67 (77/57)	66 (77/55)	61 (70/52)	53 (61/45)	42 (48/36)	37 (43/32)
Cologne	36 (40/32)	38 (43/33)	43 (49/37)	48 (56/41)	56 (64/48)	61 (64/48)	64 (73/56)	64 (73/56)	59 (65/52)	53 (58/47)	43 (47/39)	38 (42/35)
Amsterdam	37 (40/33)	39 (46/31)	43 (48/37)	47 (54/37)	54 (62/46)	59 (66/51)	62 (70/55)	63 (70/55)	58 (65/51)	52 (58/47)	44 (48/40)	40 (43/37)