

Romantic Rhine River Cruise

From Lucerne to Amsterdam



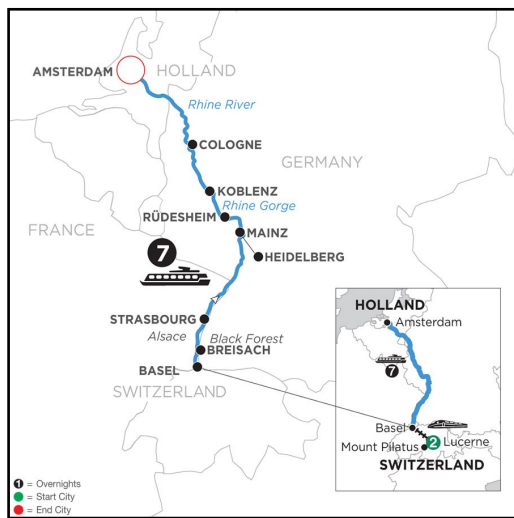
10-Day Tour including a 7-night Rhine River Cruise and 2 nights in Lucerne, Switzerland!

April 15-25, 2023

Book by August
31 for the
\$1000 group
discount!

*Hosted by Jennifer Leingang
Travel Advisor & Memory Maker*





***10 Day Tour Including:
2 nights in Lucerne,
7 night Cruise from
Basel to Amsterdam.
Roundtrip flights included
from Bismarck!***

Countries Include: Switzerland, Germany, France, Netherlands

You'll start your European vacation with a 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. Enjoy a guided walking tour including the Lion Monument, Old Town, Chapel Bridge, the Water Tower, Jesuit Church, and a special highlight excursion to Mount Pilatus.

Your dramatic river cruise on the Rhine will commence in Basel, Switzerland, with stops in France, Germany, and Holland. Sail to Breisach, your starting point for an excursion to Black Forest. Then venture on to Strasbourg, France, to see its Gothic cathedral with stunning murals and stained glass.

Sail to Mainz for an excursion to Heidelberg Castle, or join your Avalon Adventure Host® for a hike up Philosophers' Way. You can alternatively visit the Gutenberg Museum for amazing history of the early pioneers of printing. Sail to Rüdesheim and through the spectacular Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. You'll visit Koblenz and Cologne, and arrive in Amsterdam for a guided canal cruise through the colorful city.

Romantic Rhine River Cruise Itinerary

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Depart USA and fly overnight to Europe

Today we will depart from North Dakota and fly overnight to arrive in Zurich in the early afternoon the next day. Meals, snacks and entertainment provided on the overnight flight.

Sunday, April 16, 2023, Lucerne, Switzerland

Arriving in Zurich in the early afternoon from our flights, we will make our way to Lucerne by motorcoach and check into the hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring this delightful town on the Reuss River. 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.



Monday, April 17, 2023, Lucerne, Switzerland

Join a Guided Walking Tour, which includes the poignant Lion Monument, Old Town, Chapel Bridge, the Water Tower, and Jesuit Church. (B)

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - Lucerne, Mount Pilatus, Basel, Embarkation Day

This morning enjoy a special Highlight Excursion to Mount Pilatus. Journey almost 7,000 feet up for spectacular views over central Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

This afternoon we make our way to Basel and board our ship, the Avalon Expression for our cruise. We set sail for Breisach tonight. (B,D)



**Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - Breisach, Germany
Excursion to Black Forest**

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest
Choose from the optional excursion for today's activities:

- ♦ Enjoy the view on a relaxing bike ride along the Rhine with your Adventure Host
- ♦ Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration
- ♦ Visit a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting.

(B,L,D)



Thursday, April 20, 2023 - Strasbourg, France

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

Today you can choose to discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host or 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.



Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center. (B,L,D)



Friday, April 21, 2023 - Mainz, Germany

Excursion to Heidelberg

Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel

Choose from the optional excursion for today's activities:

- ♦ Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below
- ♦ 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,"
- ♦ Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the history of printing. (B,L,D)



Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Rudesheim, Rhine Gorge, Koblenz

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

En route to Koblenz, 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.

Travel Through 2000 Years Of Monumental History

Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and live entertainment. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - Cologne

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

Join your Adventure Host for one of today's special activities.

- ♦ Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites
- ♦ Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.
- ♦ Bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host

Or, spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years! (B,L,D)



Monday, April 24, 2023—Amsterdam, Holland

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam

During tulip season, you may take an Optional Guided Excursion to Keukenhof gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Or, you may also choose an Optional Biking Tour to discover the countryside.

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops. (B,L,D)

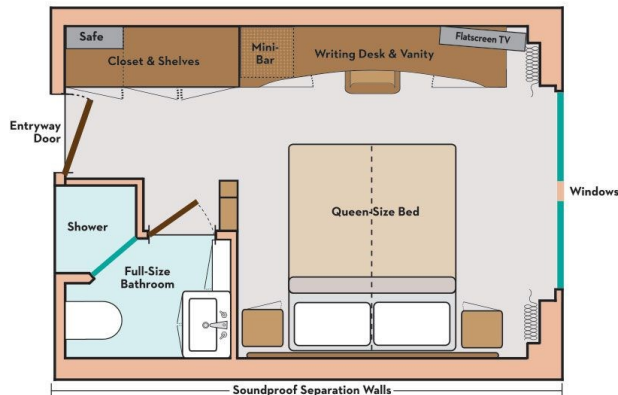
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Depart Europe - Return flights to the US

This morning, our tour ends as we disembark the ship and depart for the airport for our return flights back to the USA...with memories to last a lifetime! (B)

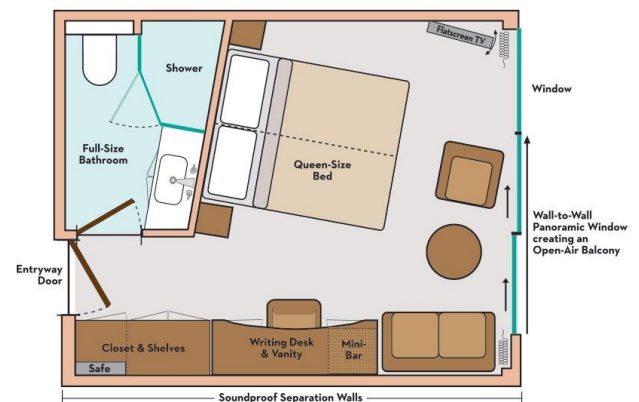
Life onboard the Avalon Expression

Part of Avalon's award-winning fleet of Suite Ships, the Avalon Expression features two full decks of Panorama Suites with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that transform the living space into river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording you the incomparable opportunity to wake each morning to splendid passing scenery from your window-facing bed. Stretch out on your Comfort Collection bed and cruise with the world at your feet. Onboard amenities include an alternative light dining option in the Panorama Bistro, a Fitness Center, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck. Express yourself while cruising your way on the Avalon Expression!

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy



Deluxe Stateroom
Starting at \$4,799



Panorama Suite
starting at \$5,849

Stateroom features:

- Open-Air Balconies and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama Suites
- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane® bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage

Romantic Rhine River Cruise Tour Rates

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy

Pricing based on availability, Subject to change without notice

- ◇ Category P: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Royal Deck \$5,999
- ◇ Category A: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Sapphire Deck Forward \$5,899
- ◇ Category B: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Sapphire Deck Aft, \$5,849
- ◇ Category E: Deluxe Stateroom, Indigo Deck: \$4,799



Included in your 10 Day Tour:

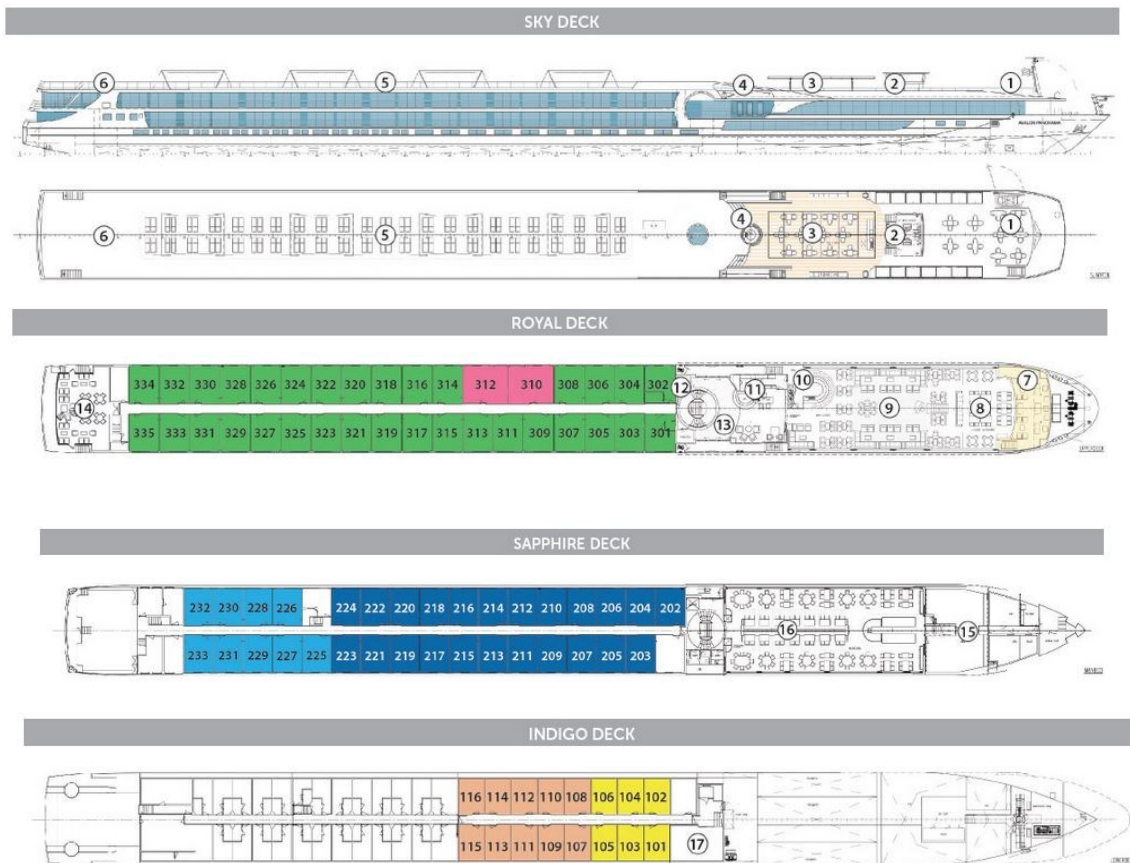
- Round-trip airfare to Europe from Bismarck, North Dakota (airfare can be arranged from other cities)
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- 2 night hotel accommodations in Lucerne, Switzerland with a city tour and included tour to Mount Pilatus
- 7 night cruise accommodations aboard the Avalon Expression from Basel to Amsterdam
- All meals onboard the vessel
- Ship gratuities for the ship crew and staff
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks with every lunch and dinner plus coffee and tea available throughout the day.
- Guided sightseeing tours in each port lead by English-speaking guides including a personal headset for easy listening and exploration
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Local Direct Travel host on the entire tour with you

Not Include in cruise price: alcoholic beverages beyond what is included with lunch or dinner, trip cancellation/medical insurance, additional cruise shore excursions, items of a personal nature and airline baggage fees.

Avalon Expression



- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & décor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms



DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 12 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby |
| 3 Sky Grill | 8 Panorama Bistro | 14 Club Lounge |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 15 Galley |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 16 Dining Room |
| | 11 Reception | 17 Fitness Center |

CATEGORIES

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| Royal Suite | Royal Deck Royal Suites |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck Panorama Suites |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward Panorama Suites |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft Panorama Suites |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft Deluxe Staterooms |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward Deluxe Staterooms |



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April 15-25, 2023

10-Day Tour including roundtrip airfare, 2 nights in Lucerne, and a 7-night cruise onboard the Avalon Expression from Basel to Amsterdam.

Booking Information

A non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 per person is due at time of booking. Final payment is due on January 4, 2023. Cancellations received between time of deposit and final payment will result in a \$600/person cancellation penalty. Cancellations received after final payment will result in complete forfeiture of all monies paid.

Once deposit is received, all cancellations/name changes are assessed a penalty therefore we recommend purchasing Travel Insurance. Protecting your travel investment, your belongings and most importantly you, for those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip is very important.

Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance.

Insurance is non-refundable. It is strongly recommended that you book early as participation is limited. Please note: In the event of a trip cancellation, the cost of the Travel Protection Plan is not a refundable expense.

*Trip insurance rate is based on cost of tour for each individual, based on the type of cabin you choose. Some people may have higher rates for upgrades or extensions that are added to the base cruise package.

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Romantic Rhine River Cruise Reservation Form

April 15-25, 2023

10-Day Tour including 2 nights in Lucerne, 7-day cruise onboard the Avalon Expression

Please return with your deposit to: *Direct Travel, 561 S 7th St, Bismarck, ND 58501* or email to *info_dakotas@dt.com*
Names must be listed **EXACTLY** as they appear on your passports.

Passenger 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email(s): _____

Copies of Passports will be required, and can be made at the office, or emailed to *info_dakotas@dt.com*. *Passports must be valid through November 2023.*

A \$600/person non-refundable required to confirm your cabin. Final payment due on January 4, 2023.

- ◇ Category P: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Royal Deck \$5,999+ \$453 for Travel Protection
- ◇ Category A: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Sapphire Deck Forward \$5,899+ \$456 for Travel Protection
- ◇ Category B: Panorama Suite with French Balcony, Sapphire Deck Aft, \$5,849+ \$442 for Travel Protection
- ◇ Category E: Deluxe Stateroom, Indigo Deck: \$4,799 + \$363 for Travel Protection

Travel Protection: We highly recommend travel protection.

☐ Yes, Please add Travel Protection to my tour

☐ I/we decline to purchase the trip cancellation insurance. Signature: _____ Date: _____
Insurance Waiver: Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation and change fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstances (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do **not** have insurance, I would not be covered.

Form of Payment:

☐ Enclosed please find my personal check for \$600.00 per person deposit (Please make payable to **Direct Travel**).

☐ Please charge my credit card for deposit: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. _____ Security Code _____

Final payment will be charged to this card on 1/4/23 unless you specify another form of payment.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Prices are subject to change until full payment has been made. Payment constitutes understanding and acceptance of our cancellation policy, terms and conditions outlined below: Cancellations must be provided in writing, email notification is not valid unless you have a confirmation email reply accepting your cancellation.

* Trip insurance rate is based on cost of trip. Price may increase higher rates for upgrades etc.

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