

EXCURSIONS

Experience the Rhine and the Sea – 9 Nights



Day	Arr	Dep	City
Day 1	-	17:00	Cologne, DE
Day 2	-	-	Crossing the Markermeer/Ijsselmeer, NL
Day 2	12:00	21:00	Hoorn, NL
Day 3	-	-	Cruising on the Wattenmeer, NL
Day 3	10:00	-	Harlingen, NL
Day 4	-	08:00	Harlingen, NL
Day 4	-	-	Crossing the Wattenmeer/Ijsselmeer, NL
Day 4	13:00	23:00	Lelystad, NL
Day 5	02:00	12:00	Zaanstad, NL
Day 5	13:00	23:30	Amsterdam, NL
Day 6	08:00	14:00	Rotterdam, NL
Day 6	-	-	Harbour tour of Rotterdam, NL
Day 6	-	-	Passage Dutch Delta, NL
Day 7	07:00	18:30	Ghent, BE
Day 7	-	-	Passage Western Scheldt, NL
Day 8	01:00	18:00	Antwerp, BE
Day 8	-	-	Passing the harbour of Antwerp, BE
Day 9	09:00	13:00	Nijmegen, NL
Day 10	06:00	-	Cologne, DE

Please note that there may be small changes in the itinerary due to locks and special nautical conditions.



Cruising differently

Create your very personal holiday programme with our choice of carefully chosen excursions! Each excursion is a highlight in itself: from tours through metropolises, trips through impressive landscapes to action and fun-filled excursions. In many cities you have the opportunity to visit the country and its people with your personal guide and driver.

We have compiled the excursion programme in conjunction with well-known, local agencies. We arrange the excursions and they are implemented by the local agencies, which are the excursion organisers, and thus also your contractual partners. Your A-ROSA excursion team has tried every excursion. They explored the cities, the surroundings, museums and castles themselves to provide you with the best experiences. Look forward to a variety of excursions that will make your holiday unforgettable. The excursions for your cruise can be found on the following pages.

In order to provide you with a better overview of the various offers, we have divided our excursions into five categories: Bike, Discovery, Adventure, Family and Gourmet tours. Each is assigned the corresponding symbol. Your International Host on board will happily provide you with more information.

We wish you a great time on shore! Your A-ROSA Team

A-ROSA CATEGORIES



DISCOVERY TOURS

City tours, city walks or sightseeing tours.



BIKE TOURS

Guided bike tours for an energetic way to explore the region.



ADVENTURE TOURS

Themed tours or excursions with unusual forms of transportation.



FAMILY TOURS

Exciting and interactive excursions for young and old.

HOORN

CITY WALK THROUGH HOORN

During this city walk you will learn about Willem Schouten, who sailed around the southern tip of America in 1616, and named it after his home town. Another famous man from Hoorn was Abel Janszoon Tasman, who was the first European to visit both New Zealand and Tasmania. During the tour, you will be able to see the picturesque harbour, the Grote Kerk, the old town hall or the Waage from 1609.

Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h

BIKE TOUR TO HOORN AND ITS COASTAL AREA

Hoorn's great geographical location right next to the Markermeer is one reason for the city's idyllic charm. The surrounding area features a great variety of bicycle tracks through the breathtaking landscapes. This bike ride takes you past the wide polder landscape, through small inland dikes and ancient villages. In Beemster, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will see the summer houses of Hoorn merchants from the 17th century.

Price: € 33 | Duration: approx. 3 h | Distance: 25 km

SAILING ON THE IJSSELMEER

The IJsselmeer is one of the most popular places in the Netherlands for sailing. Since the water is just five metres deep here, people sail in typical flat-bottomed boats. On board the Mother Goose you'll be able to take control of the ropes and the helm yourself. Your skipper and another sailor will show you the correct hand movements to use, and over the course of the excursion you'll become increasingly adept at making the boat glide over the water. After around four hours the Mother Goose will moor close to your A-ROSA ship.

Price: € 89 | Duration: approx. 4 h | Please note: depends on the weather, limited number of participants. We recommend to bring sun screen. This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

STAND-UP PADDLING ON THE IJSSELMEER

A board and a paddle is all you need: stand-up paddleboarding is the latest trend in water sports. You can do it on almost any body of water, but Hoorn is a particularly good place as it's a real Mecca for water sports fans. So, why not try SUP for yourself on the IJsselmeer. Your instructor will show you what to do, then you can give it a go!

Price: € 59 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

HARLINGEN

CITY WALK THROUGH HARLINGEN

Take a deep breath! In Frisian Harlingen the sea air is omnipresent. The harbour stretches all the way into the downtown area, where you can be witness to architecture from different epochs. Follow our guide through the beautiful old houses with stepped gables, along the canals and the elegant brick town hall and walk to the outstanding Reformed Church from the 18th century, located high above the harbour.

Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h

LELYSTAD

ENKHUIZEN AND THE ZUIDERZEEMUSEUM

In the Zuiderzeemuseum in Enkhuzen you will get to know the stories of the people who once lived at the Zuiderzee. See, hear, feel, taste and smell the everyday life around the Zuiderzee before it was finally transformed into the IJsselmeer. After crossing the dike, you will reach the museum by ferry. You will be taken back to history and learn all about the masters of land reclamation.

Price: € 69 | Duration: approx. 4.5 h | Bus and walking tour.

ZAANSTAD

THE CHARMING TOWN OF EDAM AND THE ZAAANSE WINDMILLS

Edam is famous around the world for its cheese, but there's more to see and experience here. You'll go on a short walk to explore this small town, which is criss-crossed with many little canals, and take in several sights including the Cheese Market. Although there isn't much cheese sold here nowadays, the old traditions are revived regularly and local cheese is transported to different sellers on sledges, just like in days gone by. You'll have a little free time in the town centre before you continue on to Zaanse Schans. At this listed open-air museum you can go back in time and see what life was like in the Netherlands during the 17th and 18th centuries. Whether you take a guided tour or explore on your own, your route will take you past authentic houses, an historical shipyard, a pewter foundry, a dairy, an old-fashioned grocer's shop and – above all – windmills.

Price: € 45 | Duration: approx. 4 h

AMSTERDAM

BIKE EXCURSION THROUGH THE "GREEN CITY" AMSTERDAM

Do it like the Dutch do: discover Amsterdam by bike and get a new perspective on this quirky, historic city. The ferry close to our pier takes you towards the IJsselmeer, on which riverbank the city of Amsterdam is located. You can enjoy the panoramic view of the flat landscape while cycling through the picturesque unique areas claimed from the waters.

Price: € 39 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 28 km

EVENING CANAL TOUR OF AMSTERDAM

A canal tour through Amsterdam's historical centre is a very special experience. As the boat glides slowly through the water, picturesque house fronts, narrow lanes and magnificent historical buildings drift by. And you'll pass under many handsome bridges that look particularly stunning in the twilight. The extensive network of historic canals covers around 100 kilometres in total. Amsterdam is particularly lovely in the evening, when thousands upon thousands of lights are reflected on the water.

Price: € 35 | Duration: approx. 2 h



SEGWAY TOUR AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is perfect for Segway tours. After a maximum of half an hour's introduction, you will explore the multicultural metropolis with your guide. Besides the historic canals and the harbour area, you will also experience modern architecture and outstanding sights. During the tour your guide will tell you many exciting and surprising details.

Price: € 99 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE AMSTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

Let your private English-speaking tour guide help you discover the best of Amsterdam – whether you'd like to receive advice about what to buy at the flower market, take a stroll along the most picturesque canals or go on a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum. You'll decide what you want to do, and your guide will tailor the tour to meet your individual requirements. This is also your only opportunity to go on a guided tour of the prettiest part of Amsterdam – the red-light district. The rules changed last year, and large groups of tourists are no longer allowed here. So, if you want to explore the oldest part of the city with the most attractive architecture in depth, this is your chance.

Price: € 299 | Duration: approx. 3 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE AMSTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – PRIVATE PEOPLE CARRIER WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

Would you like to explore the city on your own while travelling in comfort? Then book a private people carrier for up to 4 people. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish. Whether you go alone, as a couple or with new friends you've made on your cruise, you'll be able to discover the parts of Amsterdam that you're most interested in.

Price: € 399 | Duration: approx. 3 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE AMSTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – PRIVATE CAR WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 2 PEOPLE

Would you like to explore Amsterdam individually with your partner or travel companion while travelling in comfort? Your driver can take you to museums, shops and the red-light district. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish.

Price: € 369 | Duration: approx. 3 h

EXCLUSIVE CANAL TOUR FOR UP TO 7 PEOPLE

There is no better way to explore Amsterdam than from the water. The exclusive canal tour, just for you, takes you through small canals to see Amsterdam's sights and architectural treasures. Your private guide will tell you everything you need to know about this enchanting city. A very special highlight during your holiday!

Price: € 799 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h | Price per boat | Max. number of participants: 7 | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

ROTTERDAM

BIKE TOUR THROUGH ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam is home to Europe's largest seaport. But with a university, a technical college, a music college and an art academy, the city is also one of the cultural centres of the Netherlands. The best way to see its sheer variety is by bike. You will cycle past the old clinker-houses of the suburbs and past charming houses, to the world famous Cube Houses and through the De Kralingse Bos park with its popular lake. The modern architecture of the new city is also impressive. During your tour, you will also see the gigantic Erasmus Bridge, the Art Hall and the Schouwburgplein.

Price: € 33 | Duration: approx. 3 h | Distance: 20 km

ROTTERDAM – ARCHITECTURE AND INNOVATION

While it's true that Rotterdam can look back on a long history, the city gives an outward impression of being refreshingly modern. Rotterdam is the Netherlands' main centre of architecture – over the last 20 years an impressive collection of skyscrapers has transformed its skyline. The 46-metre-high Witte Huis was the first skyscraper in Europe, and there's no denying that the city's famous Cube Houses are unique too. Of course, during your visit you'll also see the extraordinary market hall building, which is shaped like a giant aircraft hangar. The interior of the market hall boasts an 11,000-square-metre artwork made up of panels decorated with images of fruit and vegetables. Another thing that makes the building unique is that, as well as housing a market, shops, eateries and a car park, it also has residential units. Price: € 27 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h



EXPLORE ROTTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

Rotterdam boasts one impressive sight after another, from its skyline full of skyscrapers to the historic harbour, Wilhelmina Pier with the Hotel New York and the colourful Markthal building. There is a lot to see in Rotterdam, and your private German-speaking tour guide will be happy to show you the highlights of this multifaceted city, based on your own particular interests. Price: € 389 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE ROTTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – PRIVATE PEOPLE CARRIER WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

Rotterdam has a lot to offer, and you can't reach all of its highlights on foot. Why not go and see exactly what you're interested in, whether it's the Euromast tower, the MS Rotterdam, Wilhelmina Pier, the Maritime Museum Harbour – or something else. Simply book your private people carrier to ensure that you can get around the city easily and comfortably. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish. Price: € 359 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE ROTTERDAM INDIVIDUALLY – PRIVATE CAR DRIVER FOR UP TO 2 PEOPLE

Discover this impressive metropolis easily and comfortably with your partner or travel companion – and explore several different parts of town in one day. There's so much to see in Rotterdam. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish. Price: € 349 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

GHENT

TOUR OF GHENT

With its rich history and culture combined with a modern outlook, Ghent is a must-see destination for all visitors to Belgium. This pleasant university city, sometimes referred to as 'the Manhattan of the Middle Ages', manages to be vibrant and laid back at the same time. From the harbour, which is situated outside the city, it's a ten-minute bus ride to the centre of Ghent. Once there, you'll take a walk through the old town and see the baroque Saint Bavo's Cathedral, the imposing Gravensteen – a moated castle dating back to 807 – and the Ghent Belfry, a bell tower which is almost 100 metres high. After the tour there'll be time for you to explore on your own before you return to the ship.

Price: € 39 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h

GHENT ON YOUR OWN

Would you like to explore the treasures of Ghent on your own? Then let's go! Approximately three kilometres separate our berth from this enchanting city. Our bus will take you comfortably to the city centre and bring you back to the ship about 2.5 hours later.

Price: € 12 | Duration: approx. 3 h

HIGHLIGHTS OF GHENT

Discover the highlights of this Flemish city as you are driven past Ghent Belfry (a bell tower that's almost 100 metres high), the baroque Saint Bavo's Cathedral, the moated castle and the beautiful guild houses that line the bank of the Lieve Canal. You'll also have some free time to look around the city centre and sample typical Belgian specialities such as waffles, frites and local beer.

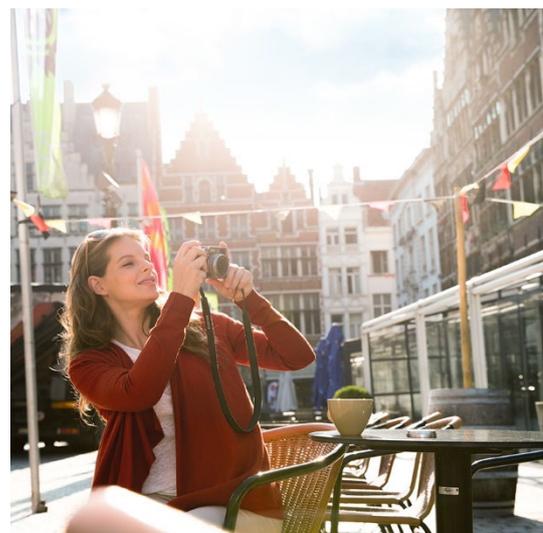
Price: € 42 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 17 km

ANTWERP

BIKE TOUR THROUGH ANTWERP

Experience the unique atmosphere of Antwerp by bike. We will cycle to the town hall which was designed in the Renaissance style, through the impressive Art Nouveau district and the Scheldt. Of course, you will also cycle through the famous diamond district! From the observation deck of the museum "MAS Museum aan de Stroom" you will overlook the whole city.

Price: € 33 | Duration: approx. 3 h | Distance: 15 km



**EXPLORE ANTWERP INDIVIDUALLY –
ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE** 

Are you interested in exploring the diamond district in more depth? Or would you like to find out where to buy the best chocolates? Your private, local tour guide is an expert on Antwerp and can show you all of its highlights. You'll decide exactly what you want to see and do, depending on your own personal interests.

Price: € 299 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

**EXPLORE ANTWERP INDIVIDUALLY –
PRIVATE PEOPLE CARRIER WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE** 

Booking a private people carrier will ensure that you travel through the city in comfort, whether you choose to visit the Cathedral of Our Lady, the diamond district or the fourth most beautiful train station in the world. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish.

Enjoy getting to know the fantastic city of Antwerp on a tour that's as individual as you are.

Price: € 399 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE ANTWERP INDIVIDUALLY – PRIVATE CAR WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 2 PEOPLE 

Let your private driver take you around the city and show you the highlights of Antwerp. It's up to you to decide what you want to see: The Cathedral of Our Lady or the diamond district, perhaps? You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish – a great way to find out everything you wanted to know about this beautiful city.

Price: € 369 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

NIJMEGEN

HANSEATIC CITY NIJMEGEN 

The Hanseatic city of Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands. Its history goes back to Roman times. Later, the city repeatedly became the imperial residence (during the Carolingian period), as well as a part of the Hanseatic League. In 1678, the Treaty of Peace of Nijmegen between France and the Netherland was signed here. The central old town is especially worth a visit today. You will explore the old town during this guided city walk, where you will also see the St. Stevenskerk, the Belvédère, the Latijnse School and the Grote Markt.

Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h

EVERYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

EXCURSION AGENCY

GLOBUS Tours GmbH, Untere Paulistrasse 16, CH-8834 Schindellegi

PAYMENT

The excursions will be charged directly to your onboard account.

BOOKING DEADLINES AND CANCELLATIONS

There are booking deadlines for every port. These deadlines are announced in the daily programme on board. Cancellations or rebookings after the deadline are not possible. In case of illness, the excursion for the affected person will be cancelled free of charge.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

For shore excursions, we recommend stable and comfortable footwear with nonslip grip soles. In the summer months, you should be prepared for a very hot and humid climate. We recommend to bring insect repellent, sunscreen and headwear. Please also dress appropriately when visiting churches and monasteries.

GUESTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

We kindly ask you to get in touch with your Guest Relation Manager or International Host as soon as possible. This allows us to advise you individually or to make the appropriate preparations on location if required.

GOLF

It is possible to play golf in many destinations. The golf courses are very different in terms of quality and condition. Information about the location and costs can be obtained from your Guest Relation Manager or International Host on board.

INCLUDED SERVICES

Included in the excursion price: Guided excursions, transport and admission charges. Drinks and meals are only included if mentioned in the excursion description. We always give preference to typical local specialities where meals are included, giving you the opportunity to get to know and enjoy something new. Please be aware that the meals and drinks on the excursions will not always be up to the standard of the varied range of meals you are used to aboard A-ROSA.

LEGAL MATTERS

The excursions generally take place as described. As your contractual partner, the agencies, however, reserve the right, even without prior notice, to adapt the order or times of the excursions depending on current conditions in order to guarantee your safety. The organiser also reserves the right to exclude a participant from the trip without reimbursement of costs if her/his behaviour is not conducive to the safety, well-being or harmony of the group. The insurance policies taken out by the agencies conform to local legislation and vary widely. We therefore recommend that you take out our comprehensive river cruise insurance (please contact us for further information) before the beginning of your cruise.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Most excursions can only take place if the minimum number of participants of 20 is reached. We will inform you as soon as possible if a trip cannot take place. In this case, your booking will be cancelled and the excursion price will of course be credited to your onboard cabin account. We will also suggest an alternative excursion. For some excursions, the number of participants is limited. Registrations are always considered in the order they were made. We kindly ask for your understanding that we might not be able to accept your registration any longer if the maximum number has already been reached. Of course, we also offer alternatives in this case.

TOUR GUIDE AND LOCAL CUSTOMS

The excursion programme gives you the opportunity to get to know interesting towns, historic places, impressive scenery, as well as different cultures, nations, customs and traditions. Tourism is still at an early stage in some of the excursion ports. The level of the local tour guides, which accompany the excursions, corresponds to the top standard of the respective country. This also applies to all coaches.

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN

Prices are indicated - equivalent to the onboard currency - in Euro. For many of the excursions there are discounts for children up to the age of 11. Children under the age of four can take part for free, but are not entitled a seat. More precise information can be obtained from your Guest Relation Manager or International Host.

TICKETS

After booking, you will receive your shore excursion ticket. Please do not forget to bring it with you for the shore excursion. The excursion ticket entitles you to participate and is collected by the agency at the start of the excursion.

TIPPING

It is a common practice to reward good service with a tip. The local tour guides will be pleased if you show your acknowledgement.

AND FINALLY ...

Objects of value, jewellery, large sums of cash and credit cards should be left in your cabin safe, so that you can enjoy the excursions in a relaxed and carefree frame of mind. Enjoy your excursion on shore!

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