

EXCURSIONS

Rhine Panorama – 9 Nights



Day	Arr	Dep	City
Day 1	-	16:00	Cologne, DE
Day 2	-	-	Crossing the harbour of Antwerp, BE
Day 2	14:00	21:00	Antwerp, BE
Day 3	08:00	18:00	Rotterdam, NL
Day 3	-	-	Harbour tour of Rotterdam, NL
Day 4	07:00	12:00	Zaanstad, NL
Day 4	13:00	19:00	Amsterdam, NL
Day 5	-	-	Cruising Day on the Rhine
Day 6	07:00	13:00	Koblenz, DE
Day 6	-	-	Passage Lorelei & Middle Rhine Valley
Day 7	10:00	18:00	Germersheim/Speyer*, DE
Day 8	08:00	19:00	Kehl, DE (Strasbourg, FR)
Day 9	09:00	13:00	Mainz/Wiesbaden, DE
Day 9	16:00	21:00	Rüdesheim, DE
Day 10	06:00	-	Cologne, DE

*we are docking at Germersheim or Speyer depending on availability.

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.



ADVENTURE TOURS

Themed tours or excursions with unusual forms of transportation.



BIKE TOURS

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

ANTWERP

ANTWERP'S HIGHLIGHTS

Antwerp is not only known for being Europe's third-largest port. It is also the most important city in the world when it comes to diamonds – with most of the world's diamonds traded here. A short bus tour takes you to beautiful Cathedral of Our Lady (Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal), where you can also discover some masterpieces of Peter Paul Rubens. It is one of the highlights of Brabantine Gothic and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (please note, a visit inside the cathedral is not always possible). Afterwards, you will take a stroll through the historic centre with the Grote Markt and the lavishly decorated Renaissance town hall. A small tour then takes you to the Mas Museum where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the city and the harbour.

Price: € 47 | Duration: approx. 4 h | Please note: The Mas museum is closed on holidays.



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.

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 WITH 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.

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

CANAL CRUISE ON AMSTERDAM'S GRACHTEN

A canal cruise through Amsterdam's old town is something special. This trip on board a typical grachten boat will allow you to discover some of Amsterdam's countless interwoven grachten canals – a 100 km network still used to transport goods today – as well as the delightful houses and bridges that they pass by and under. This excursion is particularly charming by night. So allow yourself to become immersed in the sea of lights that this city becomes by night.

Price: € 35 | Duration: approx. 2 h

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

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.



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

KOBLENZ

BIKE TOUR THROUGH THE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY 

Experience the first few kilometres along the Middle Rhine Valley not only by ship but also by bike. From Koblenz we will cycle to Spay, passing picturesque spots, such as Braubach and Lahnstein. Stolzenfels Castle and Marksburg Castle, on top of a hill high above the banks of the Rhine river, allow you to travel back into the Middle Ages.

Price: € 32 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 30 km

BY CABLE CAR TO THE FORTRESS EHRENBREITSTEIN 

The breath-taking cable car ride across the Rhine and up to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress should not be missed: Behind you the roofs of Koblenz, below you the broad river and in front of you the gigantic fortress Ehrenbreitstein. This adjective is by no means an exaggeration, as you will be entering the second largest preserved fortress in Europe. Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm III ordered the construction as part of an anti-French military line. Up to 6,500 craftsmen and day labourers were employed. The mighty fortress rises 118 metres above the Rhine and was once the core of the fortification around Koblenz. Together with the Deutsches Eck, it forms the northern gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Afterwards we will walk through the old town back to the ship.

Price: € 32 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h

GERMERSHEIM

SPEYER: THE CATHEDRAL CITY

Experience 2,000 years of history in Speyer. This was once the centre of the Holy Roman Empire of the German nation. In the historical old town you'll come across traces of its remarkable past at every turn as you stroll down romantic lanes and cross busy squares. The mighty Speyer Cathedral dominates the city's skyline. It is the largest Romanesque church today and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the end of your visit here there'll be time to have a look around on your own: why not visit the crypt, which was consecrated in 1041 and boasts the largest Romanesque columned hall (admission costs approx. €4).

Price: € 32 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h

SPEYER ON YOUR OWN

From GERMERSHEIM it's just a short bus ride to Speyer's historical old town. The bus will stop near the imposing cathedral and the famous Technik Museum Speyer. The pedestrian precinct is just a stone's throw from here, and you'll have plenty of time to have a look around on your own.

Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h

EXPLORE THE PALATINATE REGION AT YOUR OWN PACE – ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

The Palatinate is known for its laid-back atmosphere, its Mediterranean-style climate and its wonderful cuisine. If you like fine wine, good food and regional specialities, you've come to the right place. And, as if that wasn't enough, there are also castles, palaces, museums and mining centres to explore. Your private tour guide will be happy to show you all of this: we recommend that you book a people carrier too, so that you can relax as you discover the beauty of the Palatinate.

Price: € 469 | Duration: approx. 4.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE THE PALATINATE REGION AT YOUR OWN PACE – PRIVATE PEOPLE CARRIER WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

Few routes are better known than the Palatinate region's German Wine Route, which passes through picturesque towns such as Bad Dürkheim, Deidesheim and Neustadt. You'll find a wealth of treasures of all kinds in this region, which has long been famous for its wine. Thanks to your private people carrier and your driver, you'll have the opportunity to explore this stunning region in comfort. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish.

Price: € 549 | Duration: approx. 4.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

KEHL/STRASBOURG

CITY TOUR THROUGH STRASBOURG

The capital of the Alsace region offers an exciting mix of tradition and modernity with a large portion of savoir-vivre. The tour will take you to the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and continues to the historic centre known as "Petite France". You will explore this little gem with its historic buildings on foot, such as the Liebfrauenmünster (Strasbourg Cathedral). It is one of the world's largest sandstone buildings.

Price: € 49 | Duration: approx. 4 h

CYCLE THE GRANDE ÎLE

From the Roman Empire to the Middle Ages, many epochs left their mark on the Grande Île. Your cycling tour through the Alsatian capital of Strasbourg takes you past historic half-timbered houses, the majestic cathedral, the European Parliament and the Two Shores Garden. Variety is guaranteed. Spectacular nature as well. And cosy cafés everywhere to take little breaks. Finally, you will cycle across the magnificent bridge designed by the Parisian architect Marc Mimram. It connects Strasbourg with Kehl and embodies the union of the two banks and countries. In the centre of the bridge, there is a platform resting 12 metres above the river.

Price: € 39 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 25 km



EXPLORE STRASBOURG INDIVIDUALLY – ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 6 PEOPLE

Discover the best of Strasbourg with your private English-speaking tour guide – whether you opt to explore the European quarter, the former tanners' quarter Petite France or the cathedral. You'll decide what you want to do, and your guide will tailor the tour to meet your individual requirements. Walking through Strasbourg is like travelling through time, and you can choose which eras you'd like to experience.

Price: € 379 | Duration: approx. 4 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

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Price: € 459 (Private car for up to 6 people) | Duration: approx. 4 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

MAINZ

CITY WALK OF HISTORIC MAINZ

The cheerful Carnival City of Mainz has a long history. Our excursion takes you to the historic treasures, such as St. Martin's Cathedral. Built in the 10th century, it is Mainz's landmark and impresses visitors with its opulent interior.

Afterwards the tour takes you to the former Holy Spirit Hospital from the 13th century and to the Old University. It was built as a Jesuit College between 1615 and 1618 and still houses various institutes today. Johannes Gutenberg, one of Mainz's most famous sons, invented the printing press in the 15th century.

Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 2 h



RÜDESHEIM

EXPLORE RÜDESHEIM ON THE WINZEREXPRESS TRAIN

Let the Winzerexpress take you on a tour through vineyards and right into the centre of Rüdesheim. Here, the little lanes are too narrow for our trusty vehicle, so you'll explore the old town on foot. You'll find one of Germany's most well-known streets here: Drosselgasse. Lined with wine taverns and bars with outdoor seating, it offers 144 metres of pure enjoyment. You'll have the opportunity to stop off here to learn how the traditional coffee speciality 'Rüdesheim coffee' is made – and you'll be able to try it for yourself, of course.

Price: € 29 | Duration: approx. 2.5 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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