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## ALONG THE DANUBE AND THE RHINE - FOLLOWING THE ROMANTIC ROAD

**Trip Code:** VNS

**Duration:** 9

**Destination:** Strasbourg - VIENNA - PASSAU - NUREMBERG - BAMBERG - WURTZBURG - WERTHEIM - ASCHAFFENBURG - MAINZ

**Travel Dates:** 2022/2023

### DAY 1 STRASBOURG - VIENNA

Early morning transfer by coach from Strasbourg to Vienna. Passengers are welcome to board the ship at 4:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, enjoy a welcome cocktail with the crew before dinner. We'll begin to cruise to Passau.

### DAY 2 VIENNA - PASSAU

We'll cross the Strudengau and Nibelungengau regions, the most beautiful part of the Danube. Enjoy an afternoon of dancing on board before arriving in Passau. Enjoy some time on your own or join our host/hostess for a tour of the town. A university town with a rich musical and theatrical heritage, Passau's beautiful baroque buildings and romantic narrow streets are unforgettable. We'll return on board for dinner and continue our cruise to Regensburg.

### DAY 3 PASSAU - REGENSBURG - NUREMBERG

Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board as we continue to cruise. We'll arrive early afternoon in Regensburg, the fourth biggest town in Bavaria and a major industrial hub for giant firms such as BMW, Siemens and Triumph. Join us for an optional tour of the city. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Kelheim. Dinner this evening will be followed by an evening of entertainment. We'll cruise to Nuremberg through the night.

### DAY 4 NUREMBERG - ROTHENBURG - BAMBERG

We'll arrive in Nuremberg early this morning as you enjoy the buffet breakfast on board. We'll set out on an optional guided visit of the city. "The Treasure Chest of the German Empire", the old town, is clustered around the old market square: Gothic buildings, half-timbered houses and townhouses. During our visit, you'll be able to taste the well-known local delicacy: Nuremberg gingerbread. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Erlangen for lunch. Our afternoon will be spent cruising with entertainment and activities provided on board. Dinner this evening will be followed by an evening of entertainment. We'll remain in port overnight in Bamberg.

### DAY 5 BAMBERG - ROTHENBURG - WURTZBURG

Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board as we cruise all morning to Schweinfurt. Once we arrive, join us for an optional excursion to Rothenburg, a magnificent walled town set up high on the hills over the river - its narrow streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses and workshops. We'll return on board in Gerlachshausen for dinner and our cruise will continue to Würzburg.

### DAY 6 WURTZBURG - WERTHEIM

Enjoy breakfast before joining us on an optional tour of Würzburg (residence of the Prince-Bishops), nestled in a beautiful, hilly location on the river and possessing a wealth of history. Our ship will continue on to Karlstad, where we'll board it again at the end of the morning. We'll enjoy lunch on board as we cruise to Wertheim. We'll remain in port overnight.

#### **DAY 7                    WERTHEIM - MILTENBERG - ASCHAFFENBURG**

Enjoy breakfast as we arrive in Miltenberg. Tour Miltenberg with your host/hostess and discover this charming, very typical German village: the market square, half-timbered houses, the Main Street and former Town Hall all ensure Miltenberg deserves its nickname of "Pearl of the Main". We'll enjoy lunch on board as we cruise to Aschaffenburg. We'll remain in port overnight.

#### **DAY 8                    ASCHAFFENBURG - FRANKFURT - MAINZ**

Enjoy breakfast as we arrive in Frankfurt. Join us for an optional visit of the city also known as "Mainhattan": the nickname was given because of the river that crosses it as well as the town's status of largest financial center in continental Europe. A panoramic tour will allow you to go up the Main Tower, the most famous all-glass skyscraper in the city. We'll return on board for lunch and continue our cruise to Mainz. Mainz lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Main is a perfect blend of past and present. When we arrive at the end of the afternoon, we'll set out on a discovery tour of the town with our onboard host/hostess. Tonight is our gala evening. We'll cruise to Strasbourg through the night.

#### **DAY 9                    MAINZ - STRASBOURG**

Enjoy breakfast and lunch as we spend the morning cruising. There will be entertainment and activities on board. We'll cruise the Rhone-Rhine Canal, passing through the locks in Iffezheim and Gamsheim, arriving in Strasbourg at 2:00 p.m. End of our services.

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