



SWITZERLAND, THE HEART OF THE RHINE & MOSELLE

Your 15-night journey includes: River-view stateroom aboard the m/s River Splendor; 14-night river cruise to Amsterdam, Nijmegen, Cologne, Cochem, Schweich, Bernkastel, Trier, Koblenz, Mainz, Speyer, Strasbourg, Alsatian Wine Route & Basel

Join Vantage aboard the deluxe River Splendor and discover why our river cruises are award-winners. You'll journey the entire length of the Rhine between Holland and Switzerland, also venturing up the breathtakingly scenic Moselle to take in its steep-sloped banks cloaked in vines.

Our 24 included excursions and Cultural Connections open your eyes to some of Europe's most breathtaking landmarks, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Admire the magnificent half-timbered houses of Bernkastel. Cruise the Upper Middle Rhine, a showstopper for its storybook hamlets and looming hillside castles. Tour the charming canals of Amsterdam and Strasbourg. And so much more.

Exclusive events and activities connect you to life and history along these storied rivers. Scholarly lectures, an engaging painting class, and fun and flavorful cooking classes round out your enrichment throughout your journey. Plus, you can explore even more when you head out on one of the ship's bicycles or on an active walk, either with a guide or on your own.

Come along with Vantage and immerse yourself in the many pleasures along the Rhine and Moselle!

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR OF STRASBOURG



Take in the delightful charms of Strasbourg during a walking tour and a canal boat ride

VON NELL WINE ESTATE



On our Harvest Sailing, visit the Weingut Georg Fritz von Nell winery for a wonderful lunch, tour, and tasting

TOUR OF TRIER



Take a guided tour of Trier, including a visit to the Roman amphitheater

REICHSBURG CASTLE



Enjoy a guided tour through the historic Reichsburg Castle in the quaint town of Cochem, situated along the Moselle River

GUTENBERG MUSEUM



Embark on a guided visit to the Gutenberg Museum and view the famous Gutenberg Bible

UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY



Cruise along the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a stretch of river so disarmingly beautiful that it was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 14 nights in a spacious river-view stateroom aboard the Deluxe *m/s River Splendor*
- **41 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 14 dinners
- **24 included features and Cultural Connections**
- **Enjoy immersive small group excursions with no more than 20 travelers per group**
- **Complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks** included with lunch and dinner during your river cruise
- **6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** to assist with all your personal requests
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **All transportation on tour**
- **All transfers & baggage handling overseas**, beginning with your first night aboard ship
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage Journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Stay active on your cruise down the Rhine and Moselle Rivers! You'll enjoy a bevy of active options, including:

- Extend your walks! Your Cruise Director or local guide can suggest scenic routes by location
- Reserve a complimentary bicycle aboard ship and explore designated biking routes in select cities
- Make use of your ship's fitness room and spa services, including massage



CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS Some of the richest culinary traditions in the world can be found in this region, and you'll experience them firsthand on this journey. In addition to savoring delectable meals, you'll have the opportunity to participate in intimate cooking classes with our world-class chefs, learning how to prepare local delicacies — and then savoring them! Here are just a few of the culinary treasures that await you on this journey: Cologne — You'll sample local beer with regional specialties throughout your trip, but perhaps the most special experience will be a special tasting

of Kölsch beer. The New York Times once stated that drinking a Kölsch is "more than just drinking a beer: It's like drinking an entire culture." Experiencing it is a pleasure. Cochem — Gain insight into a signature regional dish when you join an interactive beef roulade cooking lesson. Your chef will share the secrets of making this delectable dish, and then you'll enjoy the results. Bernkastel — Our culinary discoveries continue with another cooking demonstration: dark beer-braised pork. You'll have another opportunity to learn about the cuisine in this part of Europe during a demonstration on dumplings. Trier — Enjoy a cooking demonstration of German sausages, one of the signature dishes of this region. Our chef will teach you how the sausage is made, as well as provide some background on why it's a staple in the German diet. Koblenz/Mainz — Learn about making Swabian Meat Pockets. Breisach — Enjoy yet another captivating culinary educational session, as you learn to make the German equivalent of macaroni and cheese, called Käsespätzle. We will also have a special wine tasting. Special Dinners — Celebrate the tastes of the regions we visit with themed dinners, included Dutch and Swiss-themed Captain's Dinners and a home-hosted dinner in Speyer.

BIKING HIGHLIGHTS

Make the most of your free time with a free deluxe bike on your Vantage river cruise ship. This trip has been created with just the right balance of enriching activities, exciting adventure features, and



enough leisure time to enhance your discoveries — including by bike. We'll provide you with a lock and helmet, so all you need to do is bring comfortable clothing and shoes and an appetite for adventure! Find a route using one of our handy maps, which are also available upon arrival. For biking, please bring firm-soled shoes, lightweight layers in moisture-wicking fabrics, a windbreaker, and pants made of breathable fabric (or padded cycling pants). Hats and gloves are suggested for chilly months. [Click here for more Biking information](#)



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS On this journey, you'll be immersed in the many facets of local culture, whether you are sampling superb vintages, admiring masterpieces in a renowned museum,

or uncovering the hidden history of some of Europe's most remarkable sites. Mainz: Learn about the moveable type printing press, one of the greatest inventions in history, at the Gutenberg Museum. Trier: Step back into Roman times at the amphitheater in Trier, one of Europe's most impressive remnants from the days of empire. Cochem: Meet the "count" during a guided tour through historic Reichsburg Castle.



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Discover some of the most significant cultural and historic treasures in the world throughout your cruise.

- Cruise the scenic Upper Middle Rhine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with commentary from the bridge
- Visit the Johannes Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to the inventor of moveable type
- Embark on a guided tour of Trier, whose Roman ruins are the best in Germany
- See the remarkable Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was once one of the largest cathedrals in the world
- Set off on a lovely cruise along Amsterdam's 17th-century canal ring, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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- Take a walking and canal boat tour through Strasbourg, whose Grande-Île is a UNESCO World Heritage Site



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

With four countries on this itinerary, you'll want to capture the unique atmosphere and landmarks of each. Here are some tips to get you started on your photographic vision quest:

- Don't be afraid of the dark! Exploring cities and landmarks at night offers different lighting and unique new perspectives — just make sure you have a tripod or your camera comes equipped with a night feature!
- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle, for example. Climb a stairwell and shoot a

landscape from up high or, alternately, get low and shoot a scene from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace this artistic challenge by getting out of your comfort zone!

- Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

For millennia, this part of Europe has been an epicenter of impressive monuments to faith. On this journey, you'll marvel at grand cathedrals and learn about the spiritual history of this deeply religious region.

Speyer: Explore this city's 11th-century cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was once one of the largest cathedrals in the world.

Cologne: Enjoy free time to discover the UNESCO-listed, twin-spired Cologne Cathedral on your own.

Mainz: Visit the Gutenberg Museum and see the famed Gutenberg Bible, one of the most important books in the world.



HARVEST HIGHLIGHTS

There are just three departures that bring into the heart of this fertile region during harvest time. So you will only soak in the culture of charming wine-growing towns like Bernkastel, Colmar, and Riquewahr. You'll also witness and participate in their timeless traditions of wine harvesting. Cochem – Meet the "count" of Reichsburg Castle, a stately fortress that dates back 1,000 years, while enjoying some wine and music.

Bernkastel – Enjoy a walking tour and wine tasting, including Eiswine in Bernkastel, known as the “International Town of

Vines and Wine.” You'll also enjoy an exclusive grape picking and pressing at the renowned Weingut Fritz Georg von Nell vineyard in Trier. Breisach – Set off on a full-day tour of the famed Alsatian Wine Route, getting a chance to truly experience the vintages and the storied culture here. Koblenz – Savor distinctive local wines with a sommelier on board the ship.



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS Your solo-friendly river cruise has been enhanced with special features catering to independent travelers, including:

- Complimentary biking options — take a spin alongside your Destination Manager, who will lead small-group bike rides, or explore independently with our complimentary locks, helmets, and biking maps
- A lively social media night and musical performances most

nights

- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations

CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

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- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a gathering in the lounge, and more
- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

DAY 1:	Board your flight to Amsterdam	DAY 16:	Depart Basel for Montreux or your flight home
DAY 2:	Arrive in Amsterdam, embark your ship, and enjoy free time to explore the city <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 3:	Cruise Amsterdam's UNESCO-listed Canal Ring <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 4:	Enjoy a walking tour of Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 5:	Explore Cologne and sample its distinctive beer <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 6:	Meet the "count" of Reichsburg Castle, sip some wine, soak up the scenery <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 7:	Explore Trier, Germany's oldest city <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 8:	Enjoy a walking exploration of Bernkastel and sample some local wines <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 9:	Discover Bernkastel on your own <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 10:	Discover Koblenz and sail the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 11:	See the Gutenberg Bible in Mainz and learn how to paint <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 12:	Visit Speyer Cathedral, an 11th century marvel <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 13:	Discover Strasbourg on a walking and canal tour <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
DAY 14:	Immerse yourself in the quaint beauty of Colmar <i>m/s River Splendor ></i>		
	Set off on a half-day tour of Basel		



DAY 1: Board your flight to Amsterdam

Board an overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Or begin your trip early with a pre-trip extension in Bruges, Belgium’s incredibly preserved medieval treasure.

DAY 2: Arrive in Amsterdam, embark your ship, and enjoy free time to explore the city

If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer to your ship. This afternoon, attend a Welcome Briefing. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink.

Vantage Onboard Enrichment:

- Biking excursion with the Destination Manager
 - Chess, shuffleboard, track, spa, and other amenities
- Included meals: Dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 3: Cruise Amsterdam's UNESCO-listed Canal Ring

Today, embark on a lovely cruise along Amsterdam’s 17th-century canal ring, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can enjoy an afternoon at leisure — there’s even shuttle service available to the city if you’d like. Later, gather with your fellow travelers for a Dutch-themed Captain’s Welcome Dinner and Reception.

Tonight, enjoy the sweet sounds of classical strings as you get to know your fellow travelers and look forward to your enriching cruise ahead.

Included Feature:

- Amsterdam canal cruise

Cultural Connection:

- Live classical music performance on board

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Expand your Amsterdam discoveries with a canal cruise and visit the Rijksmuseum, home of Amsterdam's premier art collection. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 4: Enjoy a walking tour of Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands

This morning, step right off your ship for a walking tour of Nijmegen. This is the oldest city in the Netherlands — more than 2,000 years. You'll stroll its compact medieval district and hear about the city's role in World War II. Lunch is back onboard; after, enjoy some relaxing leisure time.

Set sail toward the Rhine River on scenic waterways this afternoon. Later, head to the Captain's Club for a fun interactive cooking lesson, perhaps seeing what goes into making the perfect Käsespätzle or similar. Solo travelers may mingle during a solo get-together, too. After dinner, it's Movie Night on board: Fassbinder's The Marriage of Maria Braun is our feature, chronicling the life of a woman during and after the war in Germany.

Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Nijmegen, Holland's oldest town

Culinary Feature:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: Käsespätzle or similar

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Explore the WWII battlefields of Nijmegen and visit the Freedom Museum. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

m/s River Splendor >

DAY 5: Explore Cologne and sample its distinctive beer

This morning, join a guided walking tour of Cologne, getting a chance to learn about this city's rich Roman past and viewing the magnificent cathedral. One of Europe's most stunning structures, its start-and-stop construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880.

Pause at a traditional restaurant to enjoy a special tasting of Kölsch beer, a distinctive style that the New York Times once stated was like "drinking an entire culture." After, you'll also have free time to explore on your own, perhaps taking out one of the ship's bicycles for the afternoon or joining a more active walk in the city.

Following lunch on board, we provide shuttles into Cologne for those who would like to spend more time browsing its historic streets.

Some evening entertainment onboard the ship offers the perfect closing to your day.

Included Feature:

- Have a taste of Kölsch beer
- Walking tour of Cologne featuring views of the city's famous cathedral

Cultural Connection:

- Enjoy traditional evening entertainment onboard

Biking Opportunity:

- Enjoy some of the most scenic cycle paths of the iconic Rhine River through Cologne-Deutz during a 5-mile route. [Click here for details](#)

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion.

Explore the UNESCO-listed palaces of Brühl and their neighboring gardens. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 6: Meet the “count” of Reichsburg Castle, sip some wine, soak up the scenery

Spend the morning taking in the scenery as you sail to Cochem, arriving after lunch. While here, marvel at the spectacular setting of the fairy-tale Reichsburg Castle, perched atop a steep hill in the quaint town of Cochem on the Moselle River.

Meet the “count” during a guided tour of the castle; as local musicians regale you, join him in a toast over a glass of the fine Riesling for which the vineyard-laden Moselle Valley is famous.

As your ship gets underway, learn more secrets of German cuisine as your chef shows you how to prepare another regional favorite, perhaps German Braised Beef Roulade. After tonight’s German-themed dinner, enjoy another Movie Night.

Included Feature:

- Guided tour of Reichsburg Castle
- Enjoy a glass of wine and music with the count of Reichsburg

Culinary Feature:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: Beef Roulade
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 7: Explore Trier, Germany’s oldest city

Today you’ll head to Trier, said to be the oldest city in Germany, it was conquered by the Romans in the 1st century. You’ll witness their epic legacy during an included half-day tour that

includes a visit to the Roman amphitheater, Following your tour, you’ll return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.

This evening, see how another German specialty is prepared during a cooking lesson with the chef (perhaps dark beer-braised pork ribs). During dinner, the restaurant maître d'hotel will present you with four different wine pairings.

Included Feature:

- Trier tour with Roman Amphitheater

Culinary Features:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: Beer-braised pork ribs
- Local wine pairings with dinner

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Extend your discoveries in Trier and add an optional tour that includes lunch at Weingut George Fritz Von Nell and a wine-picking activity.

Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 8: Enjoy a walking exploration of Bernkastel and sample some local wines

Set out on a walking tour of Bernkastel to admire the charming timber-framed houses of this “International Town of Vines and Wine.” The surrounding landscape boasts massive fortresses and fairy-tale castles sure to enchant. Then have some time on your own to take in all its charms.

This afternoon, enjoy a tasting of regional wines aboard your ship, followed by a cooking lesson to learn how Germany’s beloved potato dumplings and bread dumplings are prepared. Later, enjoy the lovely sounds of some of opera’s great arias

during onboard entertainment.

Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Bernkastel

Cultural Connection:

- Enjoy opera's great arias during onboard entertainment

Culinary Feature:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: Dumplings & wine tasting
- Sample some of the Moselle Valley's famed vintages at a tasting onboard

Biking Opportunity:

- Enjoy scenic vistas as you follow this path along the beautiful Moselle River during a 19-mile route. **Click here for details**

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 9: Discover Bernkastel on your own

You'll have the entire day at leisure to explore Bernkastel on your own. Your Destination Manager can help you with cycling plans if you'd like to set out on two wheels. This evening, see how another German specialty is prepared during a cooking lesson with the chef before enjoying a film.

Culinary Features:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: German Sausage

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Embark on an optional full-day tour of Luxembourg that includes a visit to the American Cemetery. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 10: Discover Koblenz and sail the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Koblenz, the scenic baroque gem where the Rhine and Moselle meet. Its dramatic German Corner juts into the rivers' meeting point like the prow of a proud ship, a giant equestrian statue of William I its figurehead. After seeing the main sights of the Old Town, there'll be time on your own. In the afternoon you set off for a breathtaking scenic cruise through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its spectacular array of medieval castles and charming wine villages. As you approach the steep, slate Lorelei Rock, learn about its legends during shipboard commentary. Back on board, savor a wine tasting with the sommelier, who provides invaluable guidance on several vintages. This evening's onboard cooking lesson highlights the pleasures of a Swabian delicacy. You arrive in Mainz, at the scenic confluence of the Main and Rhine Rivers.

Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Koblenz

Culinary Feature:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: Swabian Meat Pockets
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 11: See the Gutenberg Bible in Mainz and learn how to paint

Mainz was once the seat of the Holy Roman Empire. It was also the city where Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press, changing communication forever. Learn more about his revolutionary creation during a guided visit to the Johannes Gutenberg Museum,

home to one of the original Gutenberg Bibles. Then, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Mainz.

Later, our cooking lesson shows you how to make German sour cabbage, sampling some local Riesling with your creation. Or, join a local artist to gain insight into capturing riverside vistas on canvas during a painting lesson. Afterward, you may join your cruise director for a pub crawl to sample the local brews. Onboard entertainment will serenade you as you depart Mainz tonight.

Included Feature:

- Visit the Gutenberg Museum to see one of the original Gutenberg Bibles

Cultural Connections:

- Take a painting lesson from a local
- Mainz pub crawl
- Onboard entertainment

Culinary Feature:

- Interactive cooking lesson in the Captain's Club: German sour cabbage

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Visit the Eberbach Monastery, founded in the 12th century, and sample locally produced wines.

Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 12: Visit Speyer Cathedral, an 11th century marvel

This morning you arrive in Speyer, a pretty town of church towers and red-roof houses. Set off on a tour and discover its eponymous 11th-century cathedral, a wonder of Romanesque architecture. Once one of the largest cathedrals in the world, this UNESCO World Heritage Site

remains the final resting place for many emperors and heads of state. After lunch back on board, you'll have the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy an engaging onboard lecture about the Rhine, followed by onboard entertainment after dinner.

Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Speyer including Speyer Cathedral

Cultural Connections:

- Onboard lecture on the Rhine
- Evening onboard entertainment

Biking Opportunity:

- Join your Destination Manager for a 14-mile cycle along the Rhine River to Koller Island. [Click here for details](#)

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Visit a local household in Speyer to share coffee, cake, and conversation. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 13: Discover Strasbourg on a walking and canal tour

Today in Strasbourg, an included walking and canal boat tour takes you to UNESCO-listed Grande-Île, where you will see the elegant Palais Rohan, the quaint shops and parks of "La Petite France," and the Tanners' Quarter. You will also step inside the glorious Cathedral Notre Dame and see the ultra-modern European Union Parliament. If you'd like to explore more of Strasbourg on your own, a shuttle bus from our pier makes it easy. On board tonight, savor more of this delightful region of France with a special French Alsatian dinner.

Included Feature:

- Tour Strasbourg by foot and canal boat, including a visit to the UNESCO-listed Grand Île

Culinary Feature:

- French Alsatian Dinner on board

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Set out on a Taste of Alsace culinary walking tour and savor traditional Alsatian cuisine. Learn

more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 14: Immerse yourself in the quaint beauty of Colmar

Today you'll enjoy a stroll through the charming colorful streets of Colmar, renowned as the capital of Alsatian wine. Nestled among scenic vineyards, Colmar's colorful buildings, traditional architecture, meandering canals, and famed wine region showcase the town's conviviality. Later, learn more about the European Union during a fascinating onboard lecture. Enjoy a final evening of music as your spirit soars with selections from operetta to Broadway.

Included Feature:

- Half-day Colmar tour

Cultural Connection:

- Onboard Lecture: The European Union

Biking Opportunity:

- Discover the UNESCO-listed French town of Neuf-Brisach on an easy 9-mile cycle. [Click here for details](#)

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Head out for a full-day tour of the Alsatian Wine Route and visit the Unterlinden Museum. Learn

more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 15: Set off on a half-day tour of Basel

Dock in Basel, Switzerland, near the borders of Germany and France, early this morning. Located on the Rhine River, Basel traces its history as far back as the early Celts and Roman Empire. Today, its Old Town is a delight to browse and its many galleries draw art lovers from all over Europe. You'll get acquainted during a walking tour, then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. We will have shuttles to the city center available for those who are interested in returning for further independent exploration after lunch on board. Join in on an evening dinner onboard featuring traditional Swiss dishes.

Included Feature:

- Half-day walking tour of Basel
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
m/s River Splendor >

DAY 16: Depart Basel for Montreux or your flight home

Depart for home today or experience more of magnificent Switzerland during an optional extension in Montreux, a resort haven on the shores of Lake Geneva.

Included meals: Breakfast

Important Notice:The above day-by-day itinerary is preliminary and subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert. In addition, should there be an extreme change in water levels, Vantage will do everything possible to provide either the included excursion or an alternate excursion at Vantage's discretion.

ACCOMMODATIONS



m/s River Splendor

Reoutfitted for the 2021 sailing season, the *m/s River Splendor* was launched with aplomb in the spring of 2013 and just keeps getting better. Boasting 5-star features, including brand-new adjoining-room categories and supplement-free single cabins (AS category) on the top decks, the *m/s River Splendor* offers the most expansive views and values available for solo travelers today!

- Designed with the American traveler in mind
- Owner's Suite is 330 square feet with all the amenities of a Deluxe suite including a minibar
- 14 supplement-free solo cabins, 6 with French balconies**
- 8 adjoining cabins to stay close to friends and family**
- Solo Connections — Exclusive onboard events**
- Exclusive Destination Manager service available on every departure**
- State-of-the-art interactive features on board, including video on demand, access to many U.S. TV channels, GPS tracking, and ship-wide Wi-Fi!
- Single stateroom/s with French Balconies
- 81% of staterooms have French balconies
- All staterooms feature twin beds that convert to a double
- Large flat-screen color TV
- Intimate cruising with no more than 174 passengers on board
- Elevator between each deck in the interior of the ship.
- Non-smoking throughout interior (designated smoking area on open-air Solaris Deck)
- Best crew-to-passenger ratio you'll find anywhere! Better than 4-to-1!

Please note: Internet connectivity may be limited or unavailable depending on ship location, signal availability, and volume of onboard usage. During peak river cruise sailing periods, it is common for ships to tie up alongside each other at select piers. You may have to occasionally step across other boats to get to shore, and may have temporarily obstructed views.



Hotel Dukes' Arches ★★★★★

This newly-renovated, adults-only hotel, is the perfect combination of elegant luxury and historic beauty. Its prime location in the heart of Bruges finds it within close proximity of the city's highlights, including museums and Market Square. Onsite you'll have access to a fitness center, restaurant, and bar and lounge. In-room amenities include plush linens, luxury bath products, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffeemaker, and air conditioning. Please note: Travelers under 18 years of age and their family members will be accommodated in a sister hotel next door.



Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic ★★★★★

Located on the shores of Lake Geneva, this Belle Epoque-style hotel offers guests a comfortable, 4-star stay. On-site amenities include a restaurant, fitness center, sauna, gift shop, and on-site laundry service. In-room amenities include luxury toiletries, free Wi-Fi, flat screen television, complimentary bottled water, and room service.



Royal Plaza Montreux & Spa ★★★★★

Located on the shores of Lake Geneva and just a short walk from the city center, the Hotel Royal Plaza Montreux & Spa is ideally situated for exploring beautiful Montreux. Each of the 154 rooms features air conditioning, Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, and en-suite bathroom. Guests can also enjoy the onsite spa (including a hot tub) and rent a bike to explore the city on your own.