

2026 AMA CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE RIVER



Cruise with Getaway Guru® Larry Gelwix • December 2-10, 2026

Experience the Magic of Christmas on a Rhine River Cruise in 2026. I invite you to join my wife Cathy and I as your personal hosts as we cruise with AMA River Cruise. Set sail on a Rhine River adventure that captures the enchantment of the holiday season. Discover fairytale castles, historic vineyards, and charming cities decked out in festive splendor. Begin in Amsterdam, where the canal-laden streets and rich history shine in seasonal glory. Wander through the enchanting stalls of France's oldest Christmas Market in Strasbourg, and soak in the holiday charm of Rüdesheim's Drosselgasse, a cultural treasure filled with restaurants, open-air wine gardens, and a magical Christmas Market.

Date	Daily Schedule
12-02 - Wed	INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS - BASEL, SWITZERLAND
12-03 - Thu	BASEL, SWITZERLAND – EMBARKATION
12-04 - Fri	BASEL
12-05 - Sat	STRASBOURG, FRANCE
12-06 - Sun	LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM
12-07 - Mon	RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE
12-08 - Tue	COLOGNE, GERMANY
12-09 - Wed	AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
12-10 - Thu	AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS – DISEMBARKATION

Price from **\$3,299**
per person/double occupancy
(8 Days/7 Nights)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- The Getaway Guru®, Larry Gelwix will be your personal cruise host for the whole trip along with expert local guides
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60+ years of experience!! Yes, IT MATTERS!
- Cruise on the beautiful AMA Lucia River Ship

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Your Tour Host:

Larry Gelwix is probably best known as the “Getaway Guru®” and host of the “Travel Show” radio broadcast on several radio stations. The weekly two-hour radio show highlights the best travel deals, lowest airline and cruise fares, and takes call-in questions from listeners. His professional travel career includes CEO of an airline, member of car rental, airline, and cruise line national advisory boards, co-owner and Executive Vice President of Morris Travel, and published travel writer of books and travel-related articles. Larry and his wife Cathy and I have five children and reside in Salt Lake.

All This Is Included:

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom on the AMA Lucia
- All meals on board and complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Deluxe/Air-Conditioned motor coach transportation for included tours
- Licensed Local guides at each port
- Experienced Tour host, Larry Gelwix
- Room steward & twice-daily housekeeping service
- Hotel-style bed with the optional twin-bed configuration; luxury linens & pillows
- 40" flat-screen LCD TV & complimentary movies on Demand
- Refrigerator, security safe, hair dryer
- 110/220-volt outlets & USB port
- Heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirrors
- Glass-enclosed shower
- Premium Freyja® toiletries, bathrobe & slippers (upon request)

Not included:

- Government taxes and fees \$250.00
- Airfare from your home city
- Any private sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Cruise gratuities
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. phone calls, room service, internet, etc.)
- Travel insurance

Optional Pricing:

- ~~Standard Cat E Fixed Window \$3299.00 per person based on a double cabin~~ - SOLD OUT
- Standard Cat D Fixed Window \$3499.00 per person based on a double cabin
- Standard Cat C French Balcony \$4259.00 per person based on a double cabin
- Standard Cat BB French & Outside Balcony \$4729.00 per person based on a double cabin
- Standard Cat BA French & Outside Balcony \$4899.00 per person based on a double cabin
- Standard Cat AB French & Outside Balcony \$5029.00 per person based on a double cabin
- Suite Cabin \$6395.00 per person based on a double cabin

Payment Terms:

- \$750 per person deposit at the time of booking, Non-Refundable
- Final Payment due on Aug 25, 2026
- Terms and Conditions apply.

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Day 1: Wednesday, December 2, 2026

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS - BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Overnight flights from home cities to Basel. **Meals: In-flight**

Day 2: Thursday, December 3, 2026

BASEL, SWITZERLAND – EMBARKATION

Board the ship in Basel for your Christmas Markets on the Rhine cruise. **Meals: Dinner**

Day 3: Friday, December 4, 2026

BASEL

Enjoy getting to know Basel, Switzerland's third largest city. Long an important university, banking and trade center, Basel's glorious past is still evident in its medieval town hall, richly decorated market square and exquisite 18th-century patrician homes. Tour the city by foot or on a guided bike tour that takes you through three countries: Switzerland, France and Germany. Alternatively, you may opt to visit Lucerne with a full-day excursion. In the afternoon, enjoy a tasting of Swiss wines or venture to the powerful Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 4: Saturday, December 5, 2026

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République before walking through its iconic "La Petite France" district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. During the tour you will receive free time to visit the Christmas Markets. In the afternoon, venture to alluring Baden-Baden, located at the border of Germany's Black Forest. Learn about the area's natural hot springs and Germany's oldest casino, which some argue is the most beautiful casino in the world. Following your walking tour, indulge your holiday wanderlust with a stroll through Baden-Baden's romantic Christmas Market. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 5: Sunday, December 6, 2026

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY – RÜDESHEIM

Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of four excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-



century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. Here you can also enjoy visiting some of the festive Christmas Markets. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. In your free time, you might choose to visit the Christmas Markets or Technik Museum featuring exhibits of vintage cars, military aircraft and even a submarine! Or pedal along the river Neckar to the picturesque medieval city center of Ladenburg and enjoy some free time to explore the shops. Later in the day, cruise to the charming village of Rüdesheim and join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards. Or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Monday, December 7, 2026

RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE

Let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments. Or drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the town, perhaps to explore the Drosselgasse, the town's cultural heart, and the Christmas Markets. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching Lahnstein, where you will enjoy a unique evening visit at Lahneck Castle. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 7: Tuesday, December 8, 2026

COLOGNE, GERMANY

Enjoy cruising to Cologne. Join a guided tour through the Old Town. During your free time, browse through the city's most impressive Christmas Markets, offering 160 attractively designed wooden pavilions. Active guests will want to join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the historic Stadtgarten.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Wednesday, December 9, 2026

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Alternatively, get a taste of local flavor, passing iconic canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges and



house boats while tasting Dutch specialties at one of Amsterdam's grand cafes. Please note: tour depends upon docking location and may be replaced with Jordaan District Walking Tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Thursday, December 10, 2026

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS – DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home. **Meals: Breakfast**



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