

ASS - 7 - DAY CRUISE

The valleys of the Saar, Moselle, Romantic Rhine and Neckar

SAARBRUCKEN – BERNKASTEL – COCHEM – KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM –
HEIDELBERG** – EBERBACH – MANNHEIM – STRASBOURG

DAY 1 : SAARBRUCKEN

Embarkation takes place in **Saarbrücken** at about 1.00 PM. Time is allowed to settle in your cabin prior to a welcome drink in the lounge and the introduction of the crew. Dinner will be served on board before sailing off on the meandering Saar River towards the Moselle River. On the way, you pass through the wooded countryside with its magnificent scenery, known as the “**Saarschleife**”. Dinner is served on board as the ship continues cruising over night.

DAY 2 : BERNKASTEL – COCHEM

Arrival in Bernkastel is early in the morning with breakfast served on board. You will have some time to explore **Bernkastel** on your own, *or* opt for an optional **guided walking tour**. This town is famous for its superb half-timbered houses, the filigree fountain railing in the market square and the carefully sculpted weathervanes found on many of the rooftops. Return to the ship around 11.00 AM before cruising northeast towards **Cochem**. Lunch is served on board. Along the way, we invite you to admire the exceptional countryside that the Moselle River Valley offers. Dinner is served on board before arriving in **Cochem** around 8.00 PM. Cochem is a typical medieval village dominated by its castle. Overnight is in Cochem.

DAY 3 : COCHEM – KOBLENZ

Breakfast is served on board the ship and you may spend the morning shopping in **Cochem**. **Lunch is also served on board before leaving Cochem** for a cruise down the Moselle River to **Koblenz**. **Along the way**, you pass alongside many quaint little villages and vineyards. Dinner is served on board and you are invited to enjoy some time wandering round the historic town of **Koblenz**. **Overnight is in Koblenz**.

DAY 4 : KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM

After breakfast on board, we continue our cruise on the Rhine River heading towards **Rudesheim**. **This portion of the cruise is** along the most beautiful stretch of the **Romantic Rhine**. **Along the river's** banks, you will see many picturesque wine villages surrounded by lush vineyards with romantic castles perched high atop the hills. Lunch will be served on board before arriving in **Rudesheim** around 4.00 PM. Take some time to shop and sightsee on your own in Rudesheim, *or* join the optional **excursion that is offered** to the monastery in **Eberbach** (subject to availability and bookable only on board). Dinner is served on board and we invite you to spend an enjoyable evening in the famous **Drosselgasse** of Rudesheim where you can sample the local wine and beer while listening to the oompah bands playing in the clubs. Overnight is in Rudesheim.

DAY 5 : RUDESHEIM – HEIDELBERG** - EBERBACH

Breakfast is served on board and you sail off from Rudesheim around 11.00 AM towards **Eberbach**. After lunch on board, an optional **excursion is offered** to **Heidelberg**. Disembarkation for the tour

takes place along the way while the ship continues cruising on to Ziegelhausen where you will rejoin it around 6.30 PM, just in time for dinner on board. The ship then goes to Eberbach for an overnight there.

DAY 6 : EBERBACH – MANNHEIM

You get an early morning start cruising from Eberbach towards **Mannheim**. Breakfast and lunch will be served on board as we sail down the Neckar River before arriving in **Mannheim** sometime in late afternoon. You are encouraged to enjoy some free time there before dinner is served on board, followed by a gala evening. Overnight is in Mannheim.

DAY 7 : MANNHEIM – STRASBOURG

Breakfast is served on board while cruising back to **Strasbourg**. Lunch is also served before arriving in **Strasbourg** between 3.00-4.00 PM. Disembarkation takes place in Strasbourg on arrival. End of the cruise.

Formalities: Passports are obligatory for U.S. citizens. Non-EU residents are advised to check with their embassy or consulate.

N.B.: For navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.