

SFS - 7 - DAY CRUISE

The valleys of the Romantic Rhine, the Moselle and the Main

STRASBOURG – FRANKFURT – COCHEM – KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM
MANNHEIM – STRASBOURG

DAY 1 : STRASBOURG

Embarkation takes place in Strasbourg between 6.00-7.00 PM. **After embarkation**, time is allowed to settle into your cabin before meeting the crew during a welcome cocktail reception in the lounge. Dinner is served on board. An optional tour is offered to visit **Strasbourg** by night on a canal river boat. Overnight is in Strasbourg.

DAY 2 : STRASBOURG – FRANKFURT (Main)

We get an early morning start from Strasbourg while cruising through the locks in **Gambsheim** and **Iffezheim**. **These are** the 2 largest locks on the Rhine River. Breakfast is served on board while cruising downstream in a northerly direction, passing the towns of **Worms**, **Gernstein**, **Nierstein**. Then it is on to **Frankfurt**, **one of Germany's biggest cities situated** on the **Main River**. The Main River is one of the prime tributaries of the Rhine. It connects Frankfurt to the **Danube River via the Main-Danube Canal**. Lunch will be served on board while cruising before arriving in **Frankfurt** in early afternoon. You may either choose to have some time to yourselves in Frankfurt, *or* join the optional tour **of the city**. **Frankfurt** is a perfect combination of ancient and modern architectural styles and well worth a visit! Dinner will be served on board followed by an entertaining evening. The ship continues cruising overnight.

DAY 3 : FRANKFURT – COCHEM (Moselle)

This morning is spent cruising through the most beautiful stretch of the Romantic Rhine to **Koblenz**. All along the way, we sail through beautiful countryside with lush vineyards on both sides of the river. Romantic castles are perched high on the hills overlooking the Rhine and the wine towns are located along both banks. The ship also passes by the famous **Lorelei Rock before arriving in Koblenz**, where we leave the Rhine and begin sailing in the **Moselle River**. The Moselle River is another of the major tributaries of the Rhine. By mid-afternoon, we reach the city of **Cochem**, known as the “**pearl of the Moselle**”. An optional walking tour is offered to the old town followed by a visit to the **Castle of Reichsburg**, which towers above it. Return to the ship for dinner. Overnight is in Cochem.

DAY 4 : COCHEM – KOBLENZ

Breakfast is served on board as we spend the morning cruising gently up the Moselle River. Lunch is served on board before arriving in **Koblenz**, which lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle. Arrival in Koblenz is scheduled for sometime in the early afternoon. We invite you to accompany your guide (the ship's hostess) for an informal walking visit to the old town which is centred around the Churches of St. Castor (9th /10th centuries) and the Church of Our Lady (Liebfrauen-Kirche from the 12th to 15th centuries). They have both been beautifully restored over the past few years. Enjoy a walk along the banks of the Moselle, located below the old castle, then it is on to visit the Palace of the

Princes along the banks of the Rhine. Dinner and an entertaining evening is planned on board the ship. Overnight is in Koblenz.

DAY 5 : KOBLENZ – RUDESHEIM (Rhine)

Breakfast is served on board before sailing on to **Rudesheim** on the Romantic Rhine. Lunch is also served on board before arriving at Rudesheim during the afternoon. An optional **excursion is offered where you will be able to** taste some wine in a local cellar before continuing on by minitrain to visit the musical instrument museum. Dinner is served on board and we invite you to spend an entertaining evening in the **Drosselgasse of Rudesheim**, which is famous for its open-air taverns and dancehalls. Return to the ship at the end of the evening. Overnight is in Rudesheim.

DAY 6 : RUDESHEIM – MANNHEIM

Breakfast is served on board with a leisurely morning relaxing before arriving in **Mannheim** after lunch. Leave the ship for an optional excursion to the lovely university city of **Heidelberg**, where you will see the old town and portions of the castle. You will have some time on your own in this famous town on the Neckar River before rejoining the ship in **Mannheim**. A gala evening is planned on board before the ship begins cruising on an overnight sailing south on the Rhine.

DAY 7 : STRASBOURG

Breakfast and lunch are served on board while sailing back to **Strasbourg**. We again pass through the largest locks on the Rhine at **Iffezheim** and **Gambsheim**, before arriving in **Strasbourg** sometime between 3.00-4.00 PM. Disembarkation takes place shortly after arrival at CroisiEurope's private pier. 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.*