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S.S. Antoinette 07 Nights Castles along the Rhine From Basel to Amsterdam



Summary

The luxurious décor of the 443-foot, 152-passenger S.S. Antoinette—Uniworld's first Super Ship—features fine Brazilian marble on the walls and floors, a 19th-century Venetian glass mirror, a stylish Bar du Leopard with full-service bar, and an onboard cinema. The two-story foyer boasts a 10-foot blue Strauss Baccarat chandelier with huge sapphires—a stunning piece that once hung in New York's famous Tavern on the Green—and a collection of original artwork is displayed throughout the ship.

Overview

Find inspiration in the romantic, soul-stirring beauty of the fabled Rhine.

Flowers tumble from baskets lining streets of half-timbered houses, and lights glint off quiet canals. A mighty river carries ships and cargo through a landscape shaped by time and history. The spires of medieval churches and castles appear around each bend in the river, and vineyards climb the verdant hillsides.

Cruise along the Rhine—Germany on one side, France on the other. Discover Alsace, whose dual French and German heritage has given it fabulous food and a winemaking tradition that goes back to the Romans. Marvel at castles that were once mighty fortresses and get an insider's look at one of the only castles on the Rhine that has never been destroyed, Marksburg Castle. Visit historic cities, including ancient Cologne and picturesque Strasbourg; stroll through the fairytale town of Riidesheim; and taste delightful white wines in the villages where the grapes are grown. Beethoven and Byron loved the romantic landscapes of the Rhine River, and the beauty that inspired them is still yours to experience.

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Sailing Itinerary

Day 1: Basel

Arrive at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Day 2: Breisach (Freiburg)

Breisach is your gateway to the Alsatian wine road and your launching point for an excursion along the celebrated Route des Vins, which hugs the foothills of the Vosges mountain range, or a city tour of Freiburg. This morning, enjoy leisure time as you sail the scenic Upper Rhine to Breisach.

A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

Day 3: Kehl (Strasbourg)

See Strasbourg on foot with an insightful local expert, where this historic town with its cobbled lanes, half-timbered homes, giant stork nests and impossible-to-resist pastry shops will win your heart. Kehl, directly across the river from Strasbourg, will be your ship's base while you explore the Alsatian capital. If you're feeling adventurous, take advantage of Uniworld's bicycles or Nordic walking sticks and explore the banks of the river.

You have the entire afternoon to see more of Strasbourg on your own.

Day 4: Mannheim (Speyer)

Speyer-"spire" in English-is well named, since the four red towers of the Romanesque cathedral dominate the Old Town.

Day 5: Rüdesheim, Boppard

Experience Germany's fabled Rhine River in the towns of Rüdesheim and Boppard. Enjoy a private tasting of estate-grown Rieslings at Castle Vollrads, take a stroll through beautiful Boppard, or hike through some of the most beautiful landscapes that line the Rhine. This morning, you'll cruise out of Rüdesheim and into the sublimely beautiful and romantic Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

Day 6: Boppard, Koblenz

Get to know Koblenz, a historic town with a colorful past and eclectic architecture, and enjoy a visit to the stunningly medieval Marksburg Castle. As you come upon picture-perfect Koblenz, you'll sail past Deutsches Eck (German Corner) with its historic monument to Kaiser Wilhelm I.

Day 7: Cologne

History buffs will enjoy an expertly led tour through Cologne's Old Town, where three medieval gates remain standing, as does the old city hall with its Renaissance façade. Wander through the city's historical center and take in its charming atmosphere, narrow alleyways flanked by old houses and countless breweries. No matter how you choose to explore Old Town, you'll also have ample free time to explore on your own.

In the evening, a special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

Day 8: Amsterdam (Disembark)

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol for your flight home. Alternatively, you may continue your adventure with our optional post-cruise Amsterdam extension.

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