

S.E.E. Mates Ski & Travel Club

Christmas Market Rhine River Cruise

December 10 – December 18, 2021

\$2,547 Per Person Sharing Deluxe Stateroom (cruise & land)

Suites: B - \$3,090, A - \$3,119, P - \$3,176 PP/DBL OCC

Airfare: \$919.00 nonstop, economy class flights Boston – Zurich/Frankfurt - Boston

ADVENTOUR INCLUDES:



3 nights of First Class accommodation/5-day Rhine River Cruise

Airport Meet/Greet

Full breakfast daily (except for day of arrival)

Cruise fare, taxes/port fee/gratuities

Meals, wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner & Bonus adult beverage voucher

Ground transfers to/from cruise and from hotel to airport

Trip Leader and Cruise Director

Choice of Classic, Active or Discover excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way

Fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment

Onshore & Onboard experiences with regional customs, cultures, and tastings with local artisans, experts, & entertainer

Onboard Adventure Center with active gear, bikes, Nordic walking sticks, and maps.

Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate & premium coffee (cruise)

Complimentary bottled water, fresh fruit, and cookies available throughout the day (cruise)

Farewell Group Dinner

For more info/reserve your spot:
Trip Leader: Kathy Ryan
978 270 9302 or

Email: kathleen@myseemates.com

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Day 1, Friday: Depart U.S. on your overnight flight to Switzerland. Dinner is served on board.

Day 2, Saturday: ARRIVE Zurich! Morning arrival at Zurich Airport which will be all decked out for the holidays! From the airport we will cross the indoor walking bridge directly into our home for the night—Radisson Blu Zurich. We will have a hospitality room available for anyone who wishes to “freshen up” or rest before heading into the city. Zurich is one of the prettiest cities in Europe so imagine what happens when you add glittering canopies of lights, a giant tree made of Swarovski crystals, wooden market stalls throughout the city centre! Stroll through the Old Town to discover local history, medieval architecture, fondue and other regional delight. This evening, we will gather for a welcome “mix and mingle” meeting with light refreshments.

Day 3, Sunday: After breakfast you may pick up where you left off in Zurich’s city centre or we may meet for an optional fondue lunch before returning to our hotel. At 3 p.m. we will travel to Basel where we will board Avalon Waterways’ Tranquility II for a 5 p.m. departure. Our Christmas river cruise begins in Switzerland and takes us down the Rhine River to France and Germany, with beautiful passing views and quaint villages—a memorable way to celebrate the season. Overnight: Breisach

Day 4, Monday Today we will wake up in Breisach, Germany. After breakfast, we will enjoy a choice of a visit to Badische Winzerkeller, the largest German wine producer in Europe. Discover Germany’s southernmost wine country in Baden—ideally situated between the hills of the Black Forest and the Rhine River. Learn about the vintners’ process in the vineyards here, and enjoy a wine tasting, **or** join a guided tour to the magical Black forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood. Later this afternoon, spend your time browsing Breisach’s lovely Christmas market to sample bretzels, mulled wine, and Black Forest Cake. Overnight cruise to Strasbourg, France

Day 5, Tuesday: Come along for city sightseeing, including the city’s gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District. Savor the warmth and glow of Christmas tradition by spending your free time this afternoon wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music, and the pleasures of the season. Evening/overnight cruise to Speyer, Germany.

Day 6, Wednesday: Winter Wonders and a Wine Barrel fit for a King on an excursion to Heidelberg. You will enjoy a guided tour that includes the magnificent Heidelberg Castle and the Great Vat—the world’s largest wine barrel. After the tour, visit the local German Christmas markets of Heidelberg. **Or**, enjoy at your own pace to soak up the sight and sounds, tantalizing treats, and seasonal handiwork of Speyer Christmas markets. Evening/overnight to Frankfurt.

Day 7 and 8, Thursday/Friday: Our cruise ends with breakfast this morning. Following breakfast, we will disembark and will be transferred to the Hilton Garden Inn – Frankfurt City Centre as our “adventour” continues with two nights to enjoy exploring Frankfurt. You may opt for a tram ride that will take you on a historical journey around Frankfurt letting you observe the cultural and historic sights. Or, visit the Stadel Art Museum or Senckenberg Historical Museum. St. Bartholemew’s Gothic church dominates the skyline of the Old Town and provides a great backdrop for a photograph. For the adventurer in you, climb the tower and enjoy mesmerizing views of Frankfurt. At 5 p.m. daily, Frankfurt has the “Pealing of the Bells” which is an event where 10 of the churches in the centre of Frankfurt ring their bells 50 times for half an hour. The event gathers crowds of people who come out to drink Gluhwein or Sekt. Listen to bells ringing to the same rhythm and hear the echoes around the city—an event not to be missed. Of course, our visit wouldn’t be complete without a Grand Finale of one of Germany’s best Christmas Markets right outside of Frankfurt’s town hall. Tonight we will gather for our Farewell Dinner to eat, drink, reminisce of our special time with our new and old friends.

Day 9, Saturday: Our Christmas market adventour through the Alsace and Germany has come to an end. After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will have an early morning departure from our hotel to Frankfurt International Airport, for our return flight home.

We are pleased to arrange nonstop, economy class airfare from Boston to Zurich (10DEC21) and Frankfurt to Boston (18DEC21) at a special group fare. Optional insurance available.

ADVENTOUR COST: RIVER CRUISE & PRE/POST LAND ARRANGEMENTS

Call or email the Kathy Ryan to confirm that space is available

Call Kathy at 978 270 9302 or print and complete this registration form (you may register as a single or with a roommate)

Provide your credit card and elect "deposit only" or automatic payment plan.

Optional Travel Insurance: \$269 pp sharing – Category D Stateroom; \$359 pp sharing – Category: B, A, P

Cancellation Dates and Penalties: 180-90 days prior to departure \$250 penalty per person. From 89-60 days prior to departure 35% of total price perperson. From 59-30 days prior to departure 50% of total price. From 29-1(s) prior to departure 80% of total price. On day of derture and later – 100% of total price.

Revision fees: A fee of \$30-\$250.00 per transaction may be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation within 180 days prior to adventour departure.

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Dates: 12/10/21 – 12/18/2021	Deluxe Stateroom – D \$2,547.00 pp/dbl occ	
	Panorama Suite: B \$3,090.00 pp/dbl occ	
	Panorama Suite: A \$3,119 pp/dbl occ	
	Panorama Suite P \$3,176	
Deposit \$250.00:	VERY IMPORTANT: We do not have a block of reserved stateroom/suites. Avalon Waterways is also selling space. All space subject to availability. First come/first serve. Reserve your space now.	
I hereby authorize my creditcard to be charged as follows: Deposit – \$250.00 per person; Final payment due no later than September 1, 2021. Monthly payment available upon request.		
Card No. _____	Exp. Date: _____	SEC _____
Name as it appears on card. Please print. _____		
Signed: _____	Date: _____	
(Please attach additional authorization, if paying separately.)		
	Guest #1	Guest #2
Name(s) as appear on passport		
Address (Street, City Zip):		
Phone (mobile preferred)		
Email:		
Passport Information:	Passport No. _____	Passport No. _____
	Place of Issuance _____ Exp. date _____ D.O.B. _____	Place of Issuance _____ Exp. date _____ D.O.B. _____
Roommate preference:		
Bedding	Single ___ Shared Double Bed ___	Single ___ Shared Double Bed ___
Dietary preferences:		
Stateroom Category:	Category D: ___ B: ___ A: ___ P ___	Category D: ___ B: ___ A: ___ P ___
Emergency contact name:		
Emergency phone:		

AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Payment of \$_____ is enclosed. (\$250 nonrefundable deposit per peron due to reserve my/our spot(s) + cost of optional travel insurance, if taking.) All Major Credit Cards Accepted: Please be sure to authorize in the space provided above.

Please complete authorization below and mail along with your application to:

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