THE RHINE BY RIVER SHIP

On this mesmerizing journey, cruise ancient trade routes along the scenic shores of Germany and France, dotted with captivating small villages and fascinating historical cities like Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Cologne, and Amsterdam.

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 12/12/2016
Program Highlights:

- Unpack just once during a seven-night cruise to the Rhine’s historic cities.
- The leadership of an Orbridge Travel Director and engaging onboard talks will illuminate the region’s fascinating past and assure an unforgettable voyage.
- Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its numerous riverside castles and mythical Lorelei Rock.
- Enjoy included visits to see some of Europe’s historic treasures at the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, and Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rüdesheim.
- Join Orbridge on special included excursions to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and the Alsace countryside, stopping to taste its local varietals.
- Choose from optional excursions such as Zaanse Schans—a traditional windmill village in Amsterdam, and a guided city walk along the half timbered houses and cobblestoned streets of Colmar.

What’s included: the services of an Orbridge Travel Director, the ship’s Cruise Director, and local experts; quality educational experiences at each stop; onboard talks and activities; all onboard meals including wine and beer with dinner; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Day-by-Day Itinerary*:

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Amsterdam, Netherlands – Embarkation
Welcome to Amsterdam, a 700-year-old city filled with artistic heritage, impressive architecture, historic neighborhoods with urban flair, and a lively atmosphere. This afternoon, board the Avalon Tranquility II and meet your traveling companions and crew at a welcome reception.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam
This morning, meander along Amsterdam’s famous canals in a glass-topped boat, getting a feel for the quaint 17th-century buildings and picturesque curved bridges. Enjoy an exclusive Orbridge excursion to the Rijksmuseum, renowned for its magnificent collection of 17th-century Dutch paintings. Back on board, enjoy an afternoon tea followed by a special welcome dinner, and relax to piano music in the lounge as your vessel sets sail for Cologne.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)

Day 4: Cologne, Germany
During a leisurely morning on board, watch an exclusive barrel tapping and try a sampling of Kölsch beer, which has been brewed in Cologne for over 100 years.

Later, enjoy a guided walking tour of historic Cologne, including an outside visit to the magnificent Kölner Dom—a Gothic-style Roman Cathedral—known as Cologne’s geographical and spiritual heart and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the rest of the day exploring Cologne on your own: visit the Roman ruins or meet the locals at an Old Town tavern.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)

Day 5: Koblenz / Rüdesheim
This morning, arrive in the 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Enjoy a walking tour before re-boarding your river ship for the scenic passage through the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where remarkable castles overlook the river from their hilltop posts. Marvel at the dramatic Rhine Gorge—considered the most beautiful stretch of the river—and pass legendary Lorelei Rock. It’s storied that an enchanting maiden named Lore Lay, in despair over her lover’s infidelity, enticed unwitting men to their untimely deaths. As punishment, she is sent to a nunnery, but while traveling there, Lore Lay climbs the rock and believes she sees her lover in the Rhine. Overcome with emotion, she falls to her death, and the rock has retained the echo of her name ever since.

After arriving in Rüdesheim, visit the Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum and enjoy some free time to explore this quintessential Rhine Valley wine town on your own.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)

Day 6: Mainz / Heidelberg
Following breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Mainz, including remnants of its Roman heritage, Romanesque cathedral and the captivating Gutenberg Museum housing three extremely rare examples of Gutenberg’s original 42-line Bible. After lunch, visit Heidelberg, home to Germany’s oldest university, founded in 1386. Take a walking tour of Heidelberg for a close-up look at Old Town’s outstanding examples of medieval, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and to see the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)

Day 7: Strasbourg, France
Dock in picturesque Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region and influenced by the cultures of both France and Germany. Meet a local guide for a canal cruise and sightseeing, including the Gothic Cathedral, the lovely “La Petite France” district, Place Kléber, and the statue of Johannes Gutenberg. Next, take the exclusive Orbridge
excursion through the region’s picturesque countryside. Travel the Alsace wine route past charming villages and vineyards that produce the region’s famous Riesling, Pinot Noir, Muscat, and Pinot Blanc, and taste some of the renowned varietals.

Overnight: *Avalon Tranquility II* (B,L,D)

**Day 8: Breisach, Germany / Black Forest**
Rising above vineyards and the Rhine, Breisach is the gateway to the Black Forest. Known for its stunning scenery of dense forests, undulating meadows and waterfalls, the beauty of the Black Forest landscape is unforgettable. A guided tour of this region includes a visit to a cuckoo clock factory or open-air museum.

Later today, you may choose to join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar, with its half-timbered houses, cobblestoned lanes and bridge-laced canals.

Overnight: *Avalon Tranquility II* (B,L,D)

**Day 9: Basel, Switzerland – Disembarkation / Depart Zürich**
After breakfast, disembark the vessel in Basel, Switzerland, and take your complimentary transfer to the Zürich airport for your flight home. (B)

Optional excursions are at an additional cost.

*Itinerary subject to change

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### What’s Included:

- A 7-night cruise aboard the *Avalon Tranquility II*
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine and beer—including special welcome and farewell dinners
- Full services of a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director in addition to the ship’s Cruise Director and expert local guides
- Onboard talks, activities, and nightly entertainment
- Exclusive Orbridge tour to the Netherlands’ premier art trove, the Rijksmuseum, as well as a trip through the Alsace wine region including a wine tasting
- Guided sightseeing in Cologne, Koblenz, Heidelberg, and Mainz
- Visits to La Petite France district and the gothic cathedral in Strasbourg, the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, and Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim
- All port charges, excursion transportation, entrance fees to included sites, and gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Director, Cruise Director, local guides, drivers, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Guide(s):

Amy Sheppard — Orbridge Travel Director

My career has been dedicated to helping create positive, educational travel experiences for guests worldwide. My career as a travel director for Orbridge has been focused on cultural and historical tours in Western Europe and the Canadian Rockies. You will find me on Orbridge river cruises on the Danube, the Rhine, through Burgundy and Provence, and from Paris to Normandy. In the summer, I lead Orbridge Canadian Rockies, Denali, and National Parks & Lodges of the Old West travel programs.
Program Accommodations:

**Avalon Tranquility II**

Enjoy the intimate setting of the 128-passenger *Avalon Tranquility II*, its well-appointed staterooms featuring a minimum of 172 square feet of space. Lounge atop the spacious Sky Deck, relax in the whirlpool, or wind down with a workout in the fitness center.

**Cabin Category**

**Category D and E (beige and yellow) — 172 square feet**
Queen bed, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, vanity, two upper windows, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe.

**Category A, B, and P (light blue, dark blue, and green) — 200 square feet**
Queen bed, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, vanity, floor-to-ceiling windows with open-air balcony, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe.

**Suite (pink) — 300 square feet**
King bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, spacious 3-door closet with shelves, sofa, vanity, floor-to-ceiling windows with open-air balcony, private bathroom with shower, flat screen satellite TV, nightly turn-down service, minibar, safe.
Avalon Tranquility II Deck Plan

Highlights

- Wall-to-wall panoramic windows available in select stateroom categories
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, game area, premium lounge chairs, and shade awnings
- Non-smoking interior
- Elevator
- Elegant, contemporary design throughout
- Headsets for all guided shore excursions
- English-speaking crew
- Onboard lectures, activities and nightly entertainment
- Fitness Center
- Hair salon (manicures available)
† Complimentary Wi-Fi access
† Lounge and upscale bar serving premium spirits (tab charged to room account)
† Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees
† Fresh fruit available throughout the day
† Complimentary maps and use of Nordic walking sticks
† Well-stocked library

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a fair amount of walking can be expected. Different paces are available for each excursion, including a basic orientation of the must-sees with time to explore on your own, the traditional sightseeing following a guide at an average pace, or leisurely exploring, where all the same sites will be visited for a shorter amount of time or from a distance. Participation in activities and excursions, included or optional, is up to the individual.

It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to follow a guide through cobblestone streets at an average pace for two hours and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at the entrances of hotels and sites. Due to the structure of some buildings, handrails may not be present, and facilities for people with disabilities may be limited.

What Guests Are Saying:

“Our Travel Director was a gentleman and was always available. He was always helpful in many ways.”
–Patricia B., Atlanta, GA

“Our stateroom and its maintenance were excellent! After every breakfast we found our room cleaned and ordered beautifully.”
–Stewart W., Hanover, NH

“Orbridge is an exceptional tour company who had secured high quality people to present information to us at every stop on the way. Our guide was the top in his field—very professional, accommodating, and knowledgeable.”
–Betsy S., Amherst, MA
Optional Extension:

ADD DAYS 9-11 IN LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

Extend your stay to discover lovely Lucerne, a picturesque lake town nestled within Switzerland’s famous alpine peaks.

Itinerary*:

Day 9: Basel / Lucerne
Upon arrival in Lucerne, begin a guided walking tour of this idyllic Swiss city. Visit well-known sites such as the Chapel Bridge, the Jesuit Church and the KKL Luzern (Culture and Convention Centre). This afternoon, enjoy a scenic cruise on beautiful Lake Lucerne. Perhaps venture out this evening for some regional favorites, such as Rösti or Älplermagrone, at a nearby restaurant.
Overnight: Palace Luzern (B)

Day 10: Lucerne
Following breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full-day at your leisure. Perhaps visit Mount Pilatus, offering stunning panoramic views of the Alps and Lucerne below.
Overnight: Palace Luzern (B)

Day 11: Depart Lucerne
After breakfast this morning, take your group transfer to the airport for your flight home that departs after 10:00am.
(B)

B = Breakfast, D = Dinner
Please note that extensions are not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.
*Itinerary subject to change
Activity Level:

Easy
Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a fair amount of walking can be expected. All activities, included and non-included, are optional.
Accommodations:

Palace Luzern (or similar)

Settle into the contemporary comforts of this 5-star hotel—a masterfully decorated property with commanding views of the lake and the mountains of Switzerland. Enjoy cocktails with a view at the PALACE Bar, overlooking Lake Lucerne, or take advantage of the peaceful spa oasis, offering premium treatments in an exclusive setting. Palace Luzern was awarded Condé Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Award in October 2015.

Room Amenities: Climate control, TV, phone, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.

What's Included:

- Two nights accommodations at the Palace Luzern (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided walking tour with a local guide, with visits to Chapel Bridge, the Jesuit Church, Thorwaldsen's monument dedicated to the Swiss Guards, and lively town squares
- Relaxing cruise on Lake Lucerne
- Services of a local host
- Group transfers from the vessel to the hotel and from hotel to airport, as well as gratuities to the host, local guides, housekeeping staff, drivers, and porters
Reservation Form

The Rhine by River Ship

AUGUST 25, 2017 — SEPTEMBER 02, 2017
EXTENSION: SEPTEMBER 02, 2017 — SEPTEMBER 04, 2017

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now
   at http://orbridge.com
   or call (866) 639-0079.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation
   with a deposit charged to the credit
   card below, or with an enclosed check
   payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 Name: ___________________________ D.O.B. ____________
Guest #2 Name: ___________________________ D.O.B. ____________
Address: ____________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: __________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. Phone: __________
Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice________________________ 2nd choice________________________

Deposit:

(#) _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) _________ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ __________

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. date: ___________ CW: __________
Name (as printed on card): ___________________________
Billing address (if different from above): ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: __________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com
and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card
above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:

Orbridge
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

*Rates are per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. For single reservations, a 150% supplement is added to the applicable cabin category rate; availability limited. Airfare not included. **Extension rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single.
Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program plus any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the entire cost of the program, plus any extension and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. If the full deposit is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations (other than for the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Safari Migration program) made fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled program departure date may be canceled at any time during the seven (7) calendar day period (the “Grace Period”) immediately following the date of reservation for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge as of the effective date of termination. Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge in the Grace Period and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice of cancellation. For all other reservations made fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, the terms of the Cancellations and Refund Policies above apply.

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits, other than for the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Safari Migration program, will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any extension other than Rwanda; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 150 and 91 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program fee plus 100% of the carrier charge applicable to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

Cancelled Programs. All programs are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation should the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned; but adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw, cancel, substitute, or modify any aspect of the itinerary or any itinerary or program inclusion as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenses, additional costs or losses caused by such adjustments, or by delays or beyond its control.

Not Included. Unless specifically otherwise noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares; international airfares; tickets and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; government-issued travel documents (e.g., visas, passports); round-trip transportation taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or GST added to costs by program applicable governmental authority; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship’s crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (e.g., horseback riding, and scuba diving, etc.); and applicable fuel surcharges, if any, and governmental charges.

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Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date. In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties’ intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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Please sign, date and print guest name(s).

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Guest #1 Signature Date

Print Name

Guest #2 Signature Date

Print Name

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For a Minor

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

Name of Minor

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Print Name