Christmastime 2025 Nuremberg to Basel

08 DECEMBER 2025 | 10 DAYS | CRUISE PACKAGE





\INCLUSIONS

- 9 Breakfast, 7 Lunches and 9 Dinners
- State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities
- Deluxe outside accommodation with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HIGHLIGHTS

• Nuremberg. Prague, Bamberg and Breisach

DAY 1:

Nuremberg, Germany (Embarkation)

Welcome to Nuremberg, where your Suite Ship is ready for boarding. Flights into Nuremberg must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Indulge in traditional holiday fare and hot libations to warm your heart and soul.

Overnight: Docking in Nuremberg D

DAY2:

Nuremberg

Legends and history lessons

CLASSIC: Choose a guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, Gothic cathedral, and

Kaiserburg Castle, OR CLASSIC: Join a guided tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds-used by the Third Reich. Spend free time browsing the spruce stalls of the Christmas Markets of Nuremberg. Sample Favourite Bavarian fare-bratwurst, gingerbread, mulled blueberry wine, and countless other Christkindlmarkt culinary delights. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

Overnight: Cruise to Bamberg B, L, D

DAY 3:

Bamberg

Christmas customs and cradle scenes

CLASSIC: Join a guided sightseeing





tour of Bamberg-medieval home of Germany's Roman Empire dynasties. Stroll through dozens of Bamberg's nativity scenes-from miniature to life-size. Take free time to enjoy the quaint Christmas markets, and warm up with traditional German dumplings, sausage, and a glass of hearty Bavarian ale. DISCOVERY: Enjoy an onboard Christmas traditions lecture while sailing. Overnight: Cruise to Würzburg B, L, D

DAY 4: Würzburg

Old Saint Nicholas, and Nutcrackers Sweet

CLASSIC Take a huided sightseeing tour of the "Pearl of the Romantic Road" with its Old Main Bridge, towering fortress, and baroque Bishop's Residence. You may choose to join a optional guided excursion to the beautiful Bavarian town of Rothenburg. Visit the Kathe Wohlfahrt German Christmas museum-the world's most extensive collection of traditional German Christmas decorations. Spend free time enjoying the festive, warm glow of Würzburg's Christmas markets. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

Overnight: Cruise to Main

River Village B, L, D

DAY 5:

Main River Village

Hidden gifts and holiday delights

CLASSIC: Take a guided tour of a picturesque village along the Main River. **DISCOVERY:** Join a cookie-baking demonstration on board your ship while sailing.

Overnight: Cruise to Frankfurt B, L, D

DAY 6:

Frankfurt. Excursion to Rüdesheim Eat, drink, and be merry in wine country

DISCOVERY: Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience in Rüdesheim, enjoy a local special treat. Don't miss the tantalising treats, and seasonal handiwork of sparkling winter wonderlands in the city.

Overnight: Cruise to Speyer B, D

DAY 7:

Heidelberg excursion. Speyer Winter wonders and a wine barrel fit for a king

CLASSIC: Take a guided tour that includes the magnificent Heidelberg Castle at Christmastime to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat-the world's largest wine barrel. After the tour, visit the local German Christmas Markets in Heidelberg. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing sailing morning and explore the sights and sounds, tantalising treats, and seasonal handiwork of Speyer Christmas markets. This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

Overnight: Cruise to Strasbourg B, L, D

DAY 8:

Strasbourg, France

A Gothic cathedral, Heaven's time, and Joyeux Noel

CLASSIC: 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.

You may choose to join a optional guided excursion to beautiful Alsace, for an afternoon in a French wine-country village. Savour 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.

Overnight: Cruise to Breisach B, L, D

DAY 9:

Breisach, Germany. Excursion to Black Forest

History, artistry, and the beautiful Black

CLASSIC: Join a guided tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city centre, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley, OR: DISCOVERY: Visit to a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting. OR **DISCOVERY**: Join a guided tour to the magical Black Forest to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood. You may choose to join a optional guided excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings, and enjoy the warmth and glow of the Christmas season.

Overnight: Cruise to Basel B, L, D

DAY 10:

Basel, Switzerland (Disembarkation)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Zurich airport before 10am or Basel airport before 8am.



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