

July 18 - 27, 2021



German Grandeur

Tour Highlights: Have you dreamed of vineyards, quaint towns, European architecture and a relaxing adventure? This is the trip for you! Enjoy a river cruise on the Rhine and Main Rivers as you enjoy the beautiful scenery of Germany. Unpack once, but wake up to a new view every day....that is one of the highlights of river cruising! Strasbourg, Frankfurt, Würzburg.....this grand scenic cruise of Germany brings the beauty and charm of its cities and villages to life!

Day 1, Sun., July 18: Depart Chicago. Depart from O'Hare Airport on your overnight flight to Switzerland.

Day 2, Mon., July 19: Basel, Switzerland (Embarkation 5pm). Welcome to Basel! Depending on your arrival time, you may have some time to explore this gem before you board your river cruise. (D)

Day 3, Tue., July 20: Breisach, Germany. There are so many options to keep you busy today. You can join a guided tour to the magical Black Forest, often associated with the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. If you are a wine lover, you could visit Germany's largest wine producer in the vineyards of Baden and enjoy a wine tasting. Or if you want something a little more relaxed, you can visit the charming village of Colmar, with its cobblestone streets lined with half-timbered medieval and early Renaissance buildings. What a great way to spend your first full day of vacation! (B,L,D)

Day 4, Wed., July 21: Strasbourg, France. Strasbourg is a beautiful mix of France and Germany, featuring amazing architecture, cobblestone streets and quaint waterways. You can join a guided tour of the sights, including the Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock or visit the historic Maginot Line, the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France. (B,L,D)

Day 5, Thu., July 22: Rüdesheim, Germany - Rhine Gorge. Eat, drink and be merry in wine country! If you are looking for a little exercise, enjoy a hike with your Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim and then



Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip estimated airfare from Chicago
- Round-trip airport-hotel transfers in Europe
- Seven nights onboard Avalon's luxurious *Envision*
- Free onboard gratuities & 2 free drinks per person
- All meals while cruising including beer, wine and soft drinks from the region with all onboard lunches and dinners
- Admissions and sightseeing per itinerary (included headsets)
- Professional Cruise Director and local expert guides at every port

Price Per Person

Based on Double Occupancy

Category E	\$4,904
Category D	\$5,112
Category B	\$6,209
Category A	\$6,262
Category P	\$6,366

Ask about current booking specials and cash discounts!

enjoy a glass of wine after your workout! If you want to sit back and relax a bit, take an open-air cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument (built to commemorate the unification of Germany), then ride or walk back down through the vineyards. This afternoon, we will cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on our way to Boppard. Relax on your ship with a coffee or glass of wine and enjoy the view! (B,L,D)

Day 6, Fri., July 23: Frankfurt. Skyscrapers and well-maintained old buildings, culture and museums, students and bankers....Frankfurt is where everything intersects and there is something for everyone. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city to see the cultural landmarks and gleaming financial headquarters combined with the cozy ambience of quaint neighborhoods. If you want to get off the beaten path, you can take a guided tour to Seligenstadt, one of Germany's oldest towns and home to the Einhard Basilika. Tonight, enjoy live entertainment on board as you sail down the Main River. (B,L,D)

Day 7, Sat., July 24: Main River Village. Today you may either join a guided walking tour of a picturesque Bavarian village, or enjoy an onboard beer tasting hosted by your Beer Expert! (B,L,D)

Day 8, Sun., July 25: Würzburg. Set amongst the vineyards of Germany is Würzburg, known for its art, architecture and one of Germany's finest baroque buildings, the Residenz. A guided sightseeing tour will take you there to see the largest known ceiling fresco, as well as visit the Old Main Bridge and towering fortress. Or you can take a trip to Germany's Fairytale town of Rothenburg for a tour and some free time. Soak in the atmosphere and don't forget to buy that Christmas ornament souvenir at the Germany Christmas shops open all year long. (B,L,D)

Day 9, Mon., July 26: Bamberg. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993, Bamberg is a well-preserved German town with a lot to show you. On a guided walking tour, see its Romanesque cathedral, Old Town Hall and seven hills crowned with churches. Or you can explore on your own and people watch with a pint of German-style Rauchbier (smoked beer). (B,L,D)

Day 10, Tue., July 27: Nuremberg (Disembarkation). Whether you chose to be on the move or sit back and relax, we know you will enjoy exploring the beautiful Rhine and Main Rivers. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (B)



AVALON CHOICE

Avalon has designed included activities with a choice of experiences. Select the tours, activities, and events that interest you most, so you can experience your cruise your way. There are 3 types of included shore excursion on every European cruise.

Classic: Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations.

Discovery: Find inspiring and interactive activities to speak to your interests - from cooking classes, to painting workshops.

Active: Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go - from a guided jogging tour of Vienna, to biking, paddling, and hiking your way through scenic locales.

Your luxurious floating hotel: Avalon Waterways Envision

- Comfort Collection beds and spacious closets
- Large, private bathrooms with full showers, hairdryers, amenities
- Onboard Tour Director
- Flatscreen satellite TV and individual climate control
- Complimentary Wi-Fi, direct-dial telephone, in-room safe
- Well-stocked mini-bar, bottled water
- Fitness Center, Sky Deck whirlpool
- Onboard lectures, activities and nightly entertainment



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: German Grandeur

TOUR DATES: July 18-27, 2021

TOUR#: H3156

Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your passport name. One form per address, please.

Please provide a copy of your current passport with the application.

Name 1 _____ **Name Tag Name:** _____

Birthdate _____ **Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male **TSA KTN or Global #** _____

Passport Number _____ **Passport Expiration** _____ **Country of Birth** _____

Name 2 _____ **Name Tag Name:** _____

Birthdate _____ **Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male **TSA KTN or Global #** _____

Passport Number _____ **Passport Expiration** _____ **Country of Birth** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell** _____

Email _____ **Roommate Name** _____

Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Accommodations: ☐ Single ☐ Double-one bed ☐ Double-two beds **Cabin Category:** _____ ☐ E ☐ D ☐ B ☐ A ☐ P

Room requests: _____ **Dietary requests:** _____

Air Request: ☐ Air with group ☐ Customized individual air _____

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed): ☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other _____

Tour Extension Request: ☐ Air Extension ☐ Other arrangements _____

Any special celebration? _____

Any special assistance required: _____

Medical conditions the host should be aware of: _____

Physician name/clinic: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Burkhalter Agent:** _____

Relationship to you _____ **Phone:** _____

Travel Protection? ☐ Yes, Avalon Plan \$359-\$399 ☐ Maybe, please provide info on other plans ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back):

Signature REQUIRED

Payment

Amount enclosed: _____ \$300 deposit required at time of booking - Final due by **April 10, 2021**

Payment: ☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card (call us with your card info if you prefer not to mail it)

CC # _____ **Expiration date** _____ **Security Code** _____

Name on card: _____

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

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TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I.D./Citizenship: Travelers must possess a passport that is valid for six months beyond the return date of the tour. Complete passport name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements. Non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for determining their own entry requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be offered. A deposit of **\$300 per person** (+ Avalon insurance premium if you choose to buy that) is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due by April 10, 2021.**

Cancellations/Refunds: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to April 10, 2021: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after April 10, 2021: Trip is non-refundable

No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel insurance is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Avalon for \$359-\$399. Other plans may also be available. Ask your agent for information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Avalon Waterways departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on date of brochure production and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. Itineraries are subject to change.

Air Transportation: The airfare portion of the tour price is an estimate and is subject to change. Airline seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations. Deviations from the group air schedule may result in a different airfare. Routing and schedules are subject to change.

Accommodations/Transportation: Ship accommodations are superior first class with private ensuite facilities, typically with two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only. Avalon reserves the right to cancel or to replace parts or all of the cruise itinerary with coach travel if waterways are deemed unsafe for travel.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to climb stairs and board a motorcoach in a timely manner, and walk moderate distances—keep up with their group, sometimes over uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them—tour personnel will not provide such assistance.

Passenger Consent Agreement: Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

Responsibility: Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc., Hello America Tours d.b.a Burkhalter Tours, Avalon Waterways, their sales agents and tour personnel and any IATAN and connecting ARC carriers act only in capacity of agent for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and any means of transportation and, as such, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages from any causes whatsoever, including any loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle or for the conduct of such other parties. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours will not be responsible for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late transportation arrivals or departures, or by any change of schedule or other conditions; nor will they be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, baggage or any article belonging to the passenger. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to, acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God, to withdraw the tour or to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations will be made without notice. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passengers; conversely, refunds will be made to the passengers if any savings is effected thereby. Although no changes or substitutions are anticipated at the time of brochure production, participants must accept whatever changes are required. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours are not responsible for financial or physical harm to any passenger resulting from acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. Public carrier companies, including airlines, involved in or used in connection with this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or any event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyance or aircraft. Tickets of airlines or other public carriers issued in connection with this tour shall be the sole contract between the carrier and the passenger. Payment of deposit on the cost of the travel arrangements described in this brochure signifies the acceptance on the part of the purchasers and/or passengers of the limitations of Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours' responsibility and to the terms and conditions set forth in the passage contract (air ticket) issued by any IATAN or ARC carrier and/or their agents in connection with the land and/or surface arrangements described herein.