


**BURKHALTER
TOURS**

Rhine & Moselle River Cruise

Sept. 9-22, 2021

Tour Itinerary: Europe in the fall....there is nothing better! Enjoy your river cruise along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers from Holland to Switzerland, exploring the scenic towns along the way. See the canals of Amsterdam, the vineyards of Breisach, the ancient ruins of Trier, the Black Forest and Heidelberg Castle. And best of all....Avalon Artistry II is your floating hotel. Unpack once but wake up to a new view each morning. The perfect way to see Europe!

Day 1, Thu., Sep. 9: Depart the U.S. and travel to Amsterdam. Travel to O'Hare International Airport and board your overnight flight to Holland.

Day 2, Fri., Sep. 10: Amsterdam, Holland (Embarkation 5pm). Welcome to Amsterdam! Board the *Artistry II* and settle into your room before heading out to explore Amsterdam. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy the city or join an optional excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. Holland's sophisticated, modern capital has a rich and fascinating history covering over 700 years. With its elegant and classic architecture, cafes and restaurants and over 60 museums, Amsterdam has a distinct ambiance. This evening mingle with your fellow travelers, meet your crew and enjoy dinner on board. (D)

Day 3, Sat., Sep. 11: Amsterdam. There is so much to explore, so you get another day in Amsterdam! A highlight could be taking a Guided Canal Cruise to explore the iconic waterways and viewing the stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." Feel free to explore the city on your own and take in one of the many fascinating museums or galleries. Perhaps you will find a treasure to bring home as a souvenir. (B,L,D)

Day 4, Sun., Sep. 12: Cologne. Cologne spans both sides of the Rhine River and is a cultural capital of Germany. If you love art and history, there is enough here to keep you busy for days. You can visit the single most visited landmark in Germany, Cologne Cathedral, including stained glass windows from the 1500s, the 10-th century Gero-Kreuz crucifix and a black marble altar from the 1300s. Cologne is also the city with the most pubs per person in Germany, so after touring the city, enjoy a pint in a local pub. (B,L,D)



Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip group estimated airfare from Chicago
- Round-trip transfers and luggage handling in Europe
- Twelve nights aboard your luxurious floating hotel: *Artistry II*
- All meals while cruising including beer, wine and soft drinks from the region with all onboard lunches and dinners
- Admissions and sightseeing per itinerary (including audio headsets)
- Professional Cruise Director and local guides at every port
- Free onboard gratuities & 2 free drinks per person

Tour Price Per Person

Based on Double Occupancy

Category E	\$7,582
Category D	\$7,939
Category B	\$9,820
Category A	\$9,909
Category P	\$10,088

**Ask about current booking specials
and cash discounts!**

Day 5, Mon., Sep. 13: Koblenz: Where the Rhine meets the Moselle River, you will find Koblenz. A visit to Koblenz would not be complete without a ride in a cable car. At just under 900 meters long, you will have a bird's eye view of the Upper Middle Rhine's World Heritage landscape and the mighty river itself on your way to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. And if you dare, one of the cable cars has a glass floor....imagine the view! (B,L,D)

Day 6, Tue., Sep. 14: Bernkastel. Today you can explore the charming wine village of Bernkastel with its half-timbered houses from the Middle Ages that are still standing. You can also grab walking sticks or a bike from the ship and explore the surrounding nature trails, or take a leisurely hike up the hills for breathtaking views of the Moselle. (B,L,D)

Day 7, Wed., Sep. 15: Remich. Today will be a fun day in Luxembourg! Explore the "Pearl of the Moselle," Remich is a picturesque town nestled amongst the vineyards. Wander along the charming old alleys and small squares and then enjoy a coffee or glass of wine on one of the beautiful terraces. (B,L,D)

Day 8, Thu., Sep. 16: Trier. Trier is Germany's oldest city with ancient remnants dating from 144-152 AD. You can experience the history on a Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn about the Roman civilization and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheater and imperial baths. (B,L,D)

Day 9, Fri., Sep. 17: Cochem. There may not be a lovelier scene than Cochem, the town of half-timbered houses, scurrying streets and medieval gates nestled in the high, vine-clad slopes of the Moselle Valley. The crowning glory is Reichsburg Castle, originally built in the 12th century but then rebuilt in a fairytale style in the 1870s. (B,L,D)

Day 10, Sat., Sep. 18: Boppard, the Rhine Gorge and Rüdesheim. Today is action-packed if you want it to be. This morning, spend some free time enjoying Boppard or take in the beautiful surroundings on a bike ride or hike at your own pace. Next, enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge. This afternoon you will visit Rüdesheim. Take a hike through the vineyards, take an open-air cable car ride or tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience.....the choice is yours! (B,L,D)

Day 11, Sun., Sep. 19: Ludwigshafen and Heidelberg. Have you wanted to see the "World's Largest Wine Barrel?" You can during a guided tour to Heidelberg Castle. Or you can enjoy a hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below. (B,L,D)

Day 12, Mon., Sep. 20: Strasbourg. It is time to experience some French culture as you stop in Strasbourg, France. You can view the red-sandstone gothic cathedral with ancient murals or take a stroll through the lovely La Petite France district and take in the views along the peaceful waterfront promenade. (B,L,D)

Day 13, Tue., Sep. 21: Breisach and Black Forest. Your last day is full of options to take in the last moments in Europe. You can join a tour to the magical Black Forest and experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, or visit Badische Winzerkeller, the largest Germany wine producer and learn why this region is so great for wine-making. (B,L,D)

Day 14, Wed., Sep. 22: Basel. Your vacation comes to an end today, but you will have many memories to take home with you. After disembarkation, you will return to the airport for your flight back to Chicago. (B)



Avalon Waterways: Artistry II

- Comfort Collection beds and spacious closets
- Large, private bathrooms with full showers, hairdryers
- L'Occitane bath products, bathrobes and slippers
- Flatscreen satellite TV, individual climate control
- Complimentary Wi-Fi, direct-dial telephone, in room safe
- Well-stocked mini-bar, complimentary bottled water
- Onboard lectures, activities and nightly entertainment



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: Rhine & Moselle

TOUR DATES: September 9-22, 2021

TOUR # H3161

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 \$259-\$299 ☐ 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 June 4, 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 valid for at least six months beyond the tour dates with names matching those on their tour and flight reservations. Complete name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted. A deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due before June 4, 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 June 4, 2021: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after June 4, 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: We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment and also to give you medical coverage in case of an emergency during the trip. Avalon Waterways offers a protection plan, but other plans are also available based on your needs. Most protection plans should be purchased at time of deposit. Ask your agent for more information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Avalon 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. Itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator.

Air Transportation: The airfare portion of the tour price is subject to change until ticketed. Group airfares may require a minimum of 10 travelers. Airline schedules and routing are subject to change by the airlines at any time. Group seat assignments are usually done by the airline, and changes are subject to availability, which may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking with the group. Airline seat assignments may only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability.

Accommodations: Your river ship and tour hotels are first-class or better properties with private ensuite facilities. Hotels are subject to change.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to board a motorcoach in a timely manner, climb stairs and walk moderate distances over sometimes 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 and hosts cannot and will not provide this kind of 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 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 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.