

# Bavaria & the Romantic Rhine aboard ms Serenity

## The Rhine – The Main – The Main Danube Canal

Join us as we glide through two of nature's corridors, which lead you through the heart of Europe and reveal the beautiful sights and fascinating history of Germany. Our cruise starts in Cologne, a vibrant city which nestles on the banks of the Rhine. Enjoy the open landscape before the riverbanks rise dramatically on either side and medieval castles assert a commanding presence – this is the Rhine Gorge, a stretch of the river celebrated for its evident beauty and mysterious legends. We then join the Main river and stop to explore some of the highlights, including Frankfurt and Wertheim, before following the Main Danube canal as far as Nuremberg. With the comforts of our 4 star ship to enjoy every day, you have the perfect balance of relaxing and exploring.



Nuremberg

### Day 1: UK – Cologne

We travel to Cologne, one of the main cities along the Rhine which is set around its beautiful gothic cathedral. Here we join our ship and enjoy a relaxing evening.

### Day 2: Cologne – Koblenz

This afternoon we reach the walled city of Koblenz. You are free to explore the cosy lanes and atmospheric squares which are filled with ancient buildings or join our optional excursion on the Koblenz cable car, which also includes entrance to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress – Europe's second largest preserved fortress.

### Day 3: Koblenz – Rudesheim

Relax on the sun deck as we cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, a section of the river recognised as a world heritage site for its fascinating geology, history and culture. We pass the legendary Lorelei, which soars 120 metres above the river, and stop at the quaint wine town of Rudesheim. Here you can enjoy many highlights on our optional excursion, including a cable car ride for panoramic views across the Rhine valley.

### Day 4: Rudesheim – Frankfurt

Today we join the Main river and stop at Frankfurt, a cosmopolitan city with one of the most striking skylines in all of Germany. Join our optional city tour which takes you to Römerberg, the central square, where you can admire the stunning buildings and famous fountain. The cathedral and church are also must-sees, as is the chance to enjoy a glass of apple wine. Later today you can relax onboard as we continue along the Main towards Wertheim.

### Day 5: Wertheim

The town of Wertheim is well known for its wine, castle and medieval centre. After lunch you can step ashore to explore the narrow streets lined with half-timbered houses or join our optional excursion,

which takes you by road train to visit the beautiful stone castle overlooking the valley.

### Day 6: Würzburg

Würzburg was once the home of powerful prince-bishops for centuries. Today it is a wonderful place to visit, renowned for the Residence Palace – one of the finest pieces of baroque art in the world, its 8th-century church and the Fortress Marienberg which overlooks the whole town and surrounding hills. After our visit we continue cruising along the Main towards Bamberg.

### Day 7: Bamberg

We reach Bamberg around midday. Surrounded by seven hills, it boasts the most intact centre in Germany with the old town listed as a world heritage site because of its authentic medieval appearance. Due to its location there are many viewpoints to enjoy and main sights include the cathedral, Altenburg Castle, the old town hall, the old court and a former Benedictine monastery. In the evening we begin cruising along the Main-Danube canal towards Nuremberg.

### Day 8: Nuremberg (Rail) – Cologne (Coach/Air)

Nuremberg is Bavaria's second largest city after Munich. The majority of the city walls still stand and inside you can enjoy a wonderful atmosphere, which combines medieval and modern life in an area filled with gothic churches, aristocratic houses, fountains, memorials and romantic corners, all dominated by the Kaiser Castle. Our optional city tour is a great way to see the highlights before we check in at our hotel – those travelling by rail stay in Nuremberg and those travelling by coach/air are taken to Cologne.

### Day 9: Nuremberg (Rail) / Cologne (Coach & Air) – UK

We set off this morning for our return journey to the UK.



Würzburg

9 DAYS FROM  
**£1099**



### YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

#### BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis
- One night's half board hotel accommodation

#### BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis
- One night's half board hotel accommodation

#### BY AIR

- Return flights from Heathrow. Prices are subject to change and availability and will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Coach transfers between airport and ship
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis
- One night's half board hotel accommodation

To make your own way to the ship please see pages 63 & 65

2017 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing/ train station/ airport
12 June	9	All routes D1 to D12	Dover
12 June	9	–	St Pancras
12 June	9	–	LHR

### HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: **BAVAR**

BY COACH / RAIL / AIR per person					
Code	Deck	Berth	Coach via Dover 9 days	Rail 9 days	Air LHR 9 days
	Main	2	£1099	£1299	£1249
	Middle	2	£1149	£1499	£1449
	Panorama	2	£1249	£1699	£1649

See page 29 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

### DRINKS PACKAGE: £109 per person

See page 28 for details

### EXCURSIONS

- Koblenz cable car & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.....£21
- Rudesheim highlights .....£26
- Frankfurt city tour.....£25
- Wertheim Little Road Train.....£22
- Nuremberg city tour .....£27

**Pre-book package price** **£95**  
**Saving per person** **£26**

# Rhine

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