

THE LEGENDARY RHINE – AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE

Rhine in Flames

aboard mps Lady Anne

As the summer sun sets over the Rhine valley, a flotilla of beautifully illuminated ships makes its way down the legendary Rhine, which basks in the glow of a thousand Bengal lights, while hilltop fireworks create shimmering cascades of colour high above the mountains, castles and vineyards. This is the Rhine in Flames, an annual celebration of the wine harvest season which brings joy to the towns and villages along the river, drawing visitors from near and far. Join the festivities on this relaxing cruise and visit treasured spots, including the cathedral city of Cologne and the quaint wine town of Rudesheim, before taking up position for this breathtaking event. Nowhere is there a more extraordinary display of fire, water and light, as a fusion of sounds echo around the valley and a blaze of colour lights up the velvet night sky. It's the legendary Rhine as you've never seen before and it's nothing short of spectacular!



Boppard

2017 FESTIVAL DATES

12 August – sail with the flotilla
Boppard: Rhine Aflame on the River Rhine
 For our August departures we visit Koblenz where the festival will be in full swing and a huge fireworks display takes place with the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress in the background.

9 September – sail with the flotilla
Oberwesel: The Night of the Thousand Fires
 We also have the chance to sail with the flotilla on the 5 September departure when a fantastic musical fireworks display is held near the town of Oberwesel on the Rhine.

16 September
St Goar: The Night of the Lorelei
 For the 11 and 12 September departures we travel by coach to join the festival in the twin towns of St Goar and St Goarshausen, where the fireworks will be amid the breathtaking surroundings of the legendary Lorelei and the romantic castles of Katz and Rheinfels. (Meal arrangements may be revised on the festival day to suit festival timings/programme).

The order and times of any optional excursions are subject to change due to the timings of the festivals. Any alterations to the published times and days of the Rhine in Flames festivals are beyond our control.

Day 1: UK – Andernach

We travel to the quaint town of Andernach and board our ship for a relaxing evening.

Day 2: Andernach – Koblenz

This morning you can relax on the sun deck as we cruise to one of the oldest and most beautiful towns in Germany, Koblenz. Here you can join our optional excursion for a trip on the Koblenz cable car, which offers breathtaking views across the region along with entrance to the magnificent Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.

Day 3: Koblenz – Rudesheim

Cruising further along the Rhine and into the spectacular Rhine Gorge, we reach the town of Rudesheim. To really appreciate this region you can join our optional Rudesheim highlights excursion, which features a panoramic ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car, while our Rudesheim by night optional excursion takes you to a traditional wine cellar to sample some of the region's best wines, before exploring the Drosselgasse – a narrow street lined with traditional wine houses and garden taverns.

Day 4: Rudesheim – Mainz

Today we cruise to the city of Mainz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers. You can explore at leisure or join our optional excursion which takes you to the historic spa town of Wiesbaden for a coach tour, before visiting the charming medieval town of Eltville.

Day 5: Mainz – Boppard

Our Rhine in Flames festival day gets off to a quiet start as we cruise back through the Rhine Gorge and around the Lorelei to reach Boppard. Here you can join our optional excursion which takes you through the beautiful Lahn valley to visit the towns of Bad Ems and Nassau. Tonight we witness the thrilling Rhine in Flames spectacle – see festival panel for details.

Day 6: Boppard – Andernach

We cruise back to Andernach, where you can join our optional excursion for a trip on the Volcano Express. This scenic railway journey is a wonderful experience, passing castles, crossing viaducts and going through a tunnel as it climbs up the Eifel mountains. We also enjoy a spot of wine tasting before returning to our ship, where the evening can be spent exploring the narrow streets and riverside promenades of Andernach.

Day 7: Andernach – Bonn – Cologne

We cruise to Bonn, the former capital of western Germany and birthplace of Beethoven. You can explore at leisure or join our optional trip on the Dragon Rock Railway which leads to the top of Drachenfels, a hill surrounded by legends. We then cast off for the final time and cruise to the mighty city of Cologne. For the best view of the city, join our optional excursion which takes you up the 100-metre observation deck before joining a local guide for a walking tour of the old town and the cathedral.

Day 8: Cologne – UK

This morning we bid farewell to our captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

What our passengers say...

"We have just returned from a trip aboard the Lady Anne on the Rhine in Flames cruise and I wanted to say a big thank you for such a wonderful trip. From Captain Wido down to the last member of staff everyone was so helpful and considerate. We will certainly cruise on this ship again – sooner rather than later we hope."

Mr & Mrs Lawton



Andernach

8 DAYS FROM
£819



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover, Hull or Newcastle
- Hull or Newcastle: Two nights' overnight ferry crossings with cabin accommodation
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis

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

2017 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing
7 August	10	N1 N2	Newcastle
8 August	8	D1 D2 D12	Dover
5 Sept	8	D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D10 D11 D12	Dover
11 Sept	10	H1 H2 H3 H4 H5	Hull
12 Sept	8	D7 D8 D9 D10 D12	Dover

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: RHMLF

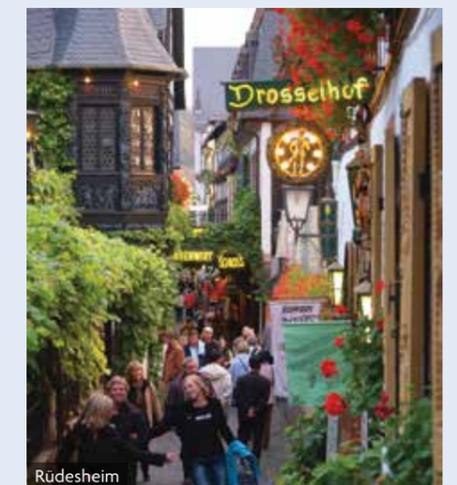
BY COACH per person				
Code	Deck	Berth	Coach via Dover 8 days	Coach via Hull/N'castle 10 days
X3S	Passenger	3	£809	£959
X2S	Passenger	2	£819	£969
X1S	Passenger	1	£929	£1079
M3S	Main Standard	3	£889	£1039
M2S	Main Standard	2	£929	£1079
M2L	Main Superior	2	£979	£1129
P2S	Promenade	2	£1029	£1179
P2X	Prom Superior	2	£1079	£1229

See page 15 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

EXCURSIONS

- Koblenz cable car & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.....£21
- Rudesheim highlights.....£26
- Rudesheim by night.....£27
- Spa town of Wiesbaden & medieval Eltville.....£17
- The Lahn valley – Bad Ems & Nassau.....£17
- Volcano Express & Ahr valley wine.....£27
- Dragon Rock Railway.....£25
- Cologne panorama.....£21

Pre-book package price **£135**
Saving per person **£46**



Rudesheim



The Rhine in flames