

THE LARGEST, OLDEST AND MOST FAMOUS OF ALL CHRISTMAS MARKETS!

PREMIER SHIP



Strasbourg Christmas Market

Strasbourg Christmas Market aboard ms Serenity

Each winter, the streets and squares of Strasbourg are illuminated with light as Christmas casts its spell on this beautiful French city. With festive stalls spread across several different areas, it is one of the largest and oldest Christmas markets in Europe, and has been voted the best for the last two years running. Before spending the day here, we explore the city of Mannheim, which also hosts its own market, and there's the chance to join our optional excursion to Heidelberg in the Neckar valley, ensuring you have a truly magical break.

Day 1: UK – Mainz

We travel to Mainz, where the Rhine and Main rivers meet, and enjoy a relaxing evening onboard our ship.

Day 2: Mannheim

We reach Mannheim in the early morning and have plenty of free time to enjoy the Christmas market. The city is located at the union of the Rhine and the Neckar rivers, and offers lots of sightseeing opportunities; the Mannheim Palace, a stunning baroque structure which now houses the university; the Luisenpark, noted as one of the most beautiful parks in Europe; and the Fernmeldeturm Mannheim, an impressive telecommunication tower complete with observation deck. However, the main attraction during winter months is undoubtedly the Christmas market – one of the largest in southwest Germany! Lunchtime sees us heading off on our optional excursion to Heidelberg for more Christmas markets. Extending over five historic market squares and featuring around 140 stalls, you are guaranteed to find that special gift! We set sail in the early evening, heading towards Strasbourg.



Day 3: Strasbourg

Enjoy a full day in the remarkable city of Strasbourg. See the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, a gothic masterpiece; the stunning Kammerzell House which dates back to the 15th century; the Petite France district with its beautiful riverside setting; and the Church of Saint-Thomas, an excellent example of Alsatian gothic art. The Strasbourg Christmas Market is said to be the oldest and largest in Europe, dating back to the 1570s. Voted the Best European Christmas Market for the last two years running, it is spread over 11 areas of the city and features a huge Christmas tree standing at almost 100 feet. Add to this the themed events, several hundred miles of Christmas lights and giant ice rink, and this market will undoubtedly be the highlight of your cruise!

Day 4: Mainz – London

We bid farewell to the captain and his crew and set off on the return journey to the UK.



Strasbourg

4 DAYS FROM
£399



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

BY COACH

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

BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Three 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/ train station
9 December	4	All routes D1 to D12	Folkestone
9 December	4	–	St Pancras
11 December	6	N1, N2	Newcastle
12 December	4	–	St Pancras
12 December	4	All routes D1 to D12	Folkestone
14 December	6	H1 H2 H3 H4 H5	Hull
15 December	4	All routes D1 to D12	Folkestone
15 December	4	–	St Pancras

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: STRAX

BY COACH / RAIL per person					
Code	Deck	Berth	Coach via Folkestone 4 days	Coach via Hull/N'castle 6 days	Rail 4 days
	Main	2	£399	£549	£549
	Middle	2	£439	£589	£589
	Panorama	2	£479	£629	£629

See page 29 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

DRINKS PACKAGE: £99 per person

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EXCURSIONS

- Heidelberg Christmas Market £15

Pre-book price	£10
Saving per person	£5