

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Canals & Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle

10 DAYS: Saturday, August 4-Monday, August 13, 2018

Southbound Cruise from Amsterdam to Remich

Start this magnificent river cruise vacation in Holland's popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city from a unique perspective—on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten. Begin your scenic cruise along the Rhine River and arrive in Cologne, Germany—a 2,000-year-old city known for its gothic architecture. On a guided city walk, see the famous twin-spired cathedral and explore the cobblestone streets of the Old City. You'll sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. In the charming wine town of Rudesheim, enjoy a stroll through its famous cobblestone Drosselgasse lined with shops, restaurants, and lively taverns. Along the Moselle River, you'll stop at the picturesque town of Cochem where the Riesling grape is cultivated. Visit Reichsburg Castle, nestled among vineyards and offering breathtaking views of the town and river valley below. The wine village of Bernkastel offers quaint narrow streets and half-timbered houses from the Middle Ages. Relax, take in the scenery, and enjoy a wine-tasting of the area's best offerings. Before your fabulous European river cruise concludes, visit Luxembourg City with a local expert. This historical city offers unique and dramatic views as it is set on two levels—high above on straddling hills and dropping into two river valleys.

Highlights & Sightseeing

Cruise: deluxe 7-night cruise in an outside stateroom with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection BedsSM

Day 1 Amsterdam (Embarkation): welcome reception

Day 2 Amsterdam: canal cruise

Day 3 Cologne: choice of guided walk or Jewish Heritage walk

Day 4 Rhine Gorge–Rudesheim: cruise through the Rhine Gorge; visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim; special treat

Day 5 Cochem: guided walk, visit Reichsburg Castle

Day 6 Bernkastel: guided walk; wine tasting

Day 7 Grevenmacher–Remich. Excursion to Luxembourg City: guided sightseeing

Day 8 Remich (Disembarkation): your vacation ends this morning

Special onboard and onshore experiences presented by entertainers, artisans, and experts, designed to enrich your cruise.

Attend a tasting of the area's famed Moselle wine

Meals

- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions with sparkling wine and canapés
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell dinner
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Early and Late Riser breakfast
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or (weather permitting) grill fare at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck
- Daily four-course à la carte dinner in the main dining room
- Alternative dinner of petite portions or regional specialties with wines, in the Panorama Bistro
- Daily Afternoon Tea
- Daily Night Fare
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner are included daily on board your vessel

Notes

Day-By-Day Itinerary

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 Arrive in Amsterdam, transfer to hotel for overnight

Day 3 Holland (Embarkation)

Welcome to Amsterdam! Holland's capital is sophisticated and modern, with a rich and fascinating history. This delightful 700-year-old city with its elegant and classic architecture, cafés, restaurants, and lively marketplace has a distinct ambiance. If your flight arrives early enough, you might like to take one of a selection of optional excursions. Then, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at an evening welcome reception. (Dinner)

NOTE:

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Day 4 Amsterdam

After breakfast, set out to discover the treasures of this city by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." Later, cruise out of Amsterdam and head for Germany. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 Cologne, Germany

One of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, Cologne straddles the Rhine and is known for its soaring, twin-steeped gothic cathedral. Choose between a GUIDED CITY WALK or a JEWISH HERITAGE WALK. The Old Town abounds with cafés, shops, and taverns. Be sure to try a Kölsch pale lager, locally brewed in Cologne for over a hundred years! (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 Rhine Gorge–Rüdesheim

This morning sail through the RHINE GORGE, the most dramatic and beautiful stretch of river. Here, ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 400 feet above the waters. Cruise past the legendary rock of the

Lorelei, where echoes of enchanted siren song lured unwitting sailors to their doom. Further upstream is pretty Rudesheim, the perfect example of a Rhine Valley wine town, and SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM is a real surprise! Here you'll see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then there's free time to pick up some souvenirs on the narrow, cobblestoned Drosselgasse, where colorful flowers, open-air wine gardens, and live music add to the festive atmosphere. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 Cochem

This morning, as you cruise the wide, peaceful curves of the Moselle River, it quickly becomes obvious why the Moselle Valley is famous for its beautiful and tranquil scenery, and that this is an important wine-growing area. After lunch, arrive in Cochem, a charming, picturesque town with half-timbered houses and winding streets full of history and legends that will be brought to life during your GUIDED WALK. Visit REICHSBURG CASTLE, built in 1000 AD and furnished with renaissance and baroque furniture. Sitting dramatically atop a conical hill covered in vines, this castle offers splendid views of the little town nestled down below and of the river valley. Cochem is at the heart of the Moselle wine trade and, most notably, the Riesling grape is cultivated, producing a dry to sweet, floral white wine. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8 Bernkastel

This morning dock in the charming wine village of Bernkastel with its fascinating narrow streets and half-timbered houses that have stood since the Middle Ages. Enjoy a GUIDED WALK that includes the beautiful marketplace with its renaissance-style Town Hall and the "pointed house," built in 1416. Wine growers in this area look after Germany's largest expanse of vineyards, the most celebrated of the vintages being the Bernkasteler Doktor. This afternoon you might like to visit the Wine Museum to learn more about the history of the region's wine. Before dinner, enjoy a pleasant included TASTING of several of the region's varietals. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9 Grevenmacher, Luxembourg-Remich. Excursion to Luxembourg City

Today enjoy a tranquil morning of cruising or join an optional excursion to the Roman city of Trier. After lunch drive to Luxembourg. Because of its location and natural geography, Luxembourg City has been a place of strategic military significance throughout history; the first fortifications were built as early as the 10th century. The city center occupies a picturesque site, perched high on precipitous cliffs that drop into the narrow valleys of the Alzette and Pétrusse Rivers. A LOCAL GUIDE will acquaint you with this city whose layout is complex as it is set on two levels, straddling hills and dropping into the two river valleys (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10 Remich, Luxembourg (Disembarkation)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Avalon FreshSM healthy cuisine options
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch & dinner
- Avalon Choice[®] cruising experience
- Included sightseeing with headsets by Certified Local Guides
- Complimentary Nordic walking sticks
- Complimentary bicycles available for time on shore
- Local FavoritesSM - onboard cultural & artisan experiences

- Sky Deck shade system & premium lounge chairs
- Well-stocked library with books, cards, and games
- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels
- Individual climate control
- Complimentary bottled water daily
- Club Lounge with 24-hour, self-serve beverage station
- Premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Cookies & fresh fruit available throughout the day
- And, much more

Visionary

The Avalon Visionary delivers an intimate setting, along with two full decks of suites featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air BalconySM. With 200 square feet, Panorama SuitesSM are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, giving you the rare opportunity to wake each morning to the enchanting scenery and fresh breezes. Onboard amenities include complimentary computer use in public areas and Wi-Fi access, a Fitness Center, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, shade system, whirlpool, and the delightful Sky Bistro.

Included Amenities

- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows
- Fitness Center
- Elevator
- Outside viewing deck
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Onboard lectures, activities & nightly entertainment
- Sky Deck whirlpool
- Hair salon
- Additional biking excursions available in Amsterdam, Breisach and Bernkastel
- Sky Deck game area
- Avalon Choice® cruising experience
- Nordic walking sticks available onboard for complimentary check-out
- Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, including decaf options
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day
- Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs and shade awnings
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Headsets for guided shore excursions in Europe
- Sightseeing with Certified Local Guides
- Room service for Continental breakfast & beverages (service fee applies)
- Complimentary computer use in public areas
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- Bicycles available onboard for complimentary check-out
- Alternate light lunch and dinner in the Panorama Bistro
- Choice of Leisurely, Traditional or Independent sightseeing pace options

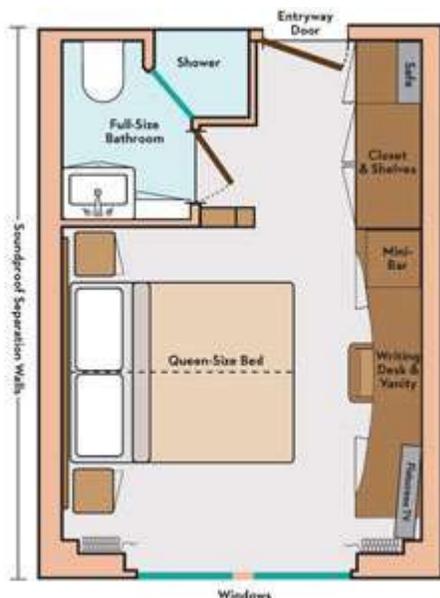
- Local FavoritesSM onboard experiences to bring the customs, cultures and tastes of your destinations to life, including local entertainers, artisans & experts
- Well-stocked library
- Full-size closet mirror

STATEROOMS & SUITES

Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. D, E) - 172 sq. ft.



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Features

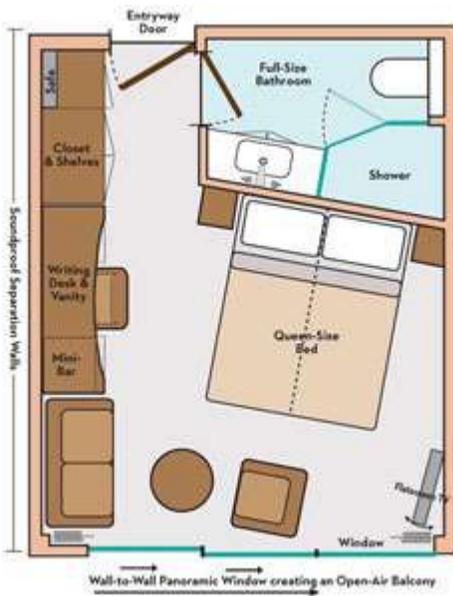
- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock

- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror

Panorama Suite (Cat. A, B, P) - 200 sq. ft.



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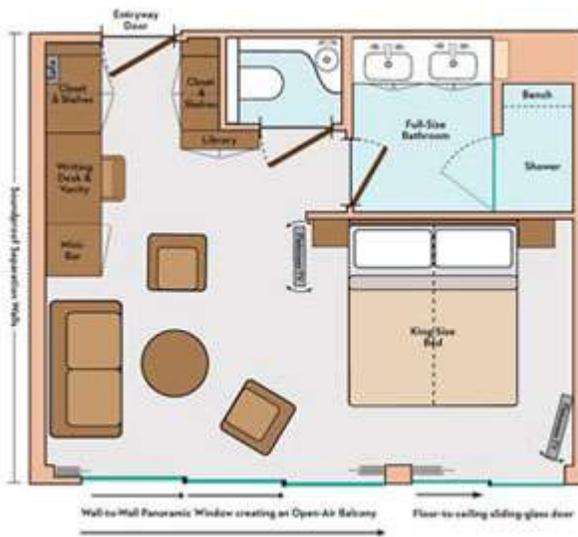
Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa

Royal Suite - 300 sq. ft.



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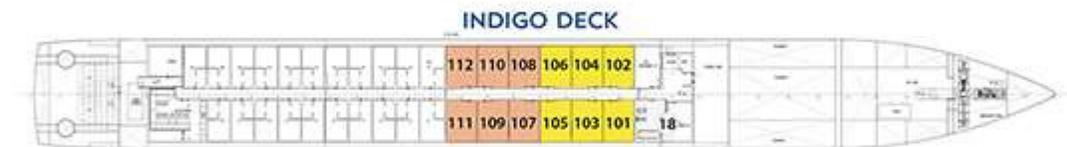
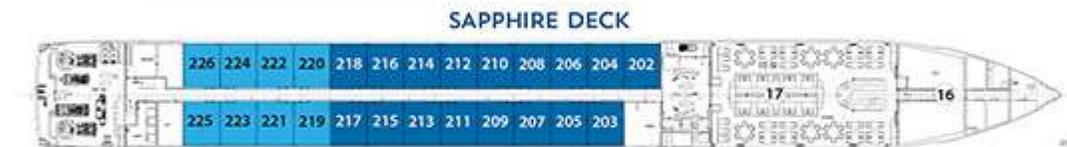
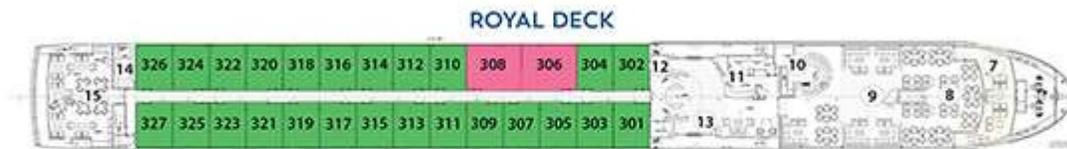
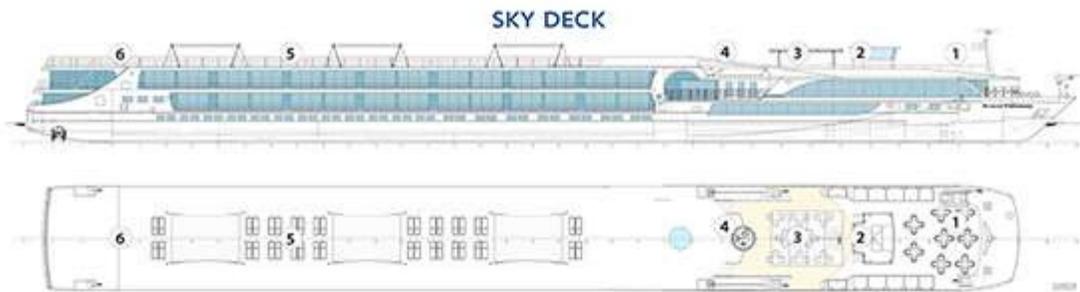


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- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
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- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door

- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Double sinks

DECK PLANS



Deck Plan

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|---|-------------------|
| 1 Sky Lounge | 10 Bar |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 11 Reception |
| 3 Sky Bistro | 12 Elevator |
| 4 Whirlpool | 13 Atrium |
| 5 Premium Lounge Chairs and Shade Awnings | 14 Hair Salon |
| 6 Deck Game Area | 15 Club Lounge |
| 7 Observation Lounge | 16 Galley |
| 8 Panorama Bistre | 17 Dining Room |
| 9 Panorama Lounge | 18 Fitness Center |

Categories

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| Royal Suite | Royal Deck |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward |