



Basel Minster from Rhine River

Join Cathie and Justin for an unforgettable ten night journey from Basel to Amsterdam as we celebrate the christening of the beautiful AmaFiora and honor Cathie Lentz Fryer as its Godmother. This special voyage moves through the heart of Europe where dramatic rivers open into fairytale towns, grand cities, and landscapes rich with culture and history. From the pristine charm of Basel to the colorful canals of Amsterdam, you will explore five countries and wander through postcard worthy gems such as Riquewihr, Bernkastel, and Cochem. Feel the magic of vineyard hikes, riverbank bike rides, gondola views high above the Rhine, and the storybook climb to Reichsburg Castle above the Moselle. Grand palaces, whimsical gardens, and celebrated wine, beer, and food traditions await at every turn. With pre and post cruise packages in Zurich, Lucerne, and Amsterdam, this christening cruise promises a celebration filled with beauty, joy, and extraordinary memories. We hope you can join us for this remarkable occasion.



### Partnering with the Best on the Rivers

AmaWaterways has spent more than two decades mastering the art of river cruising, and that expertise is set to shine on the Godmother Cruise. As a family owned company, they bring genuine passion to every detail, creating moments that feel personal, thoughtful, and deeply memorable. Cruise Critic has named them “Best River Cruise Line,” and their iconic warmth is woven into each moment on board. Expect bright smiles, inspiring cultures along every riverbank, and meals that invite everyone to slow down and savor time together. At CTA Travel, we are proud to partner with AmaWaterways as they create a journey filled with beauty, connection, and shared discovery.



**Day 1**

**Basel, Switzerland**

**June 2**

Nestled along the Rhine, Basel is Switzerland's vibrant cultural hub, where medieval charm meets modern sophistication. Steeped in history, the city dates back to Roman times and boasts a stunning old town of cobblestone streets, colorful façades, and landmarks like the Gothic Basel Minster and historic Rathaus. Basel is also celebrated for world-class museums, including the Kunstmuseum and Fondation Beyeler, as well as lively markets and festivals. A stroll along the river or across the Mittlere Brücke reveals the city's blend of tradition, art, and cosmopolitan flair, making Basel a must-see on any European itinerary.



**Day 2**

**Breisach, Germany**

**June 3**

Breisach opens the door to several enriching experiences, each shaped by the charm of the Upper Rhine. You can wander the storybook streets of Riquewihr, an Alsatian gem that still feels rooted in the 16th century, complete with timbered houses and the iconic Dolder Gate. You can also head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and known for its vibrant squares and the soaring Münster, a Gothic cathedral praised for having one of the most beautiful spires in Europe. If you prefer something more active, the region offers gentle cycling routes through vineyards or hikes in the Kaiserstuhl, a volcanic landscape known for remarkable views and diverse wildlife.



**Day 3**

**Strasbourg, France**

**June 4**

Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace, blends French elegance with German charm in a way that feels almost storybook. Its famed "La Petite France" district, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a maze of half-timbered houses, quiet canals, and cobble lanes that look untouched by time. Just beyond, the soaring Cathédrale de Notre Dame and its remarkable astronomical clock stand as the city's Gothic centerpiece. For a more active way to explore, a guided bike ride offers a fresh look at Strasbourg's lively streets and the greenery of Parc de l'Orangerie.



**Day 4**

**Ludwigshafen & Rudesheim, Germany**

**June 5**

Choose from several excursions that highlight the region's history and scenery. Discover Heidelberg, a medieval jewel on the Neckar River known for its hilltop castle and charming old town. You can also tour Schwetzingen Palace or stroll its expansive gardens filled with sculptures, whimsical buildings, the Apollotempel, and the elegant Turkish Garden. Active guests can hike the Philosopher's Path for panoramic views that inspired many Romantic-era thinkers. Later, sail to Rudesheim to explore Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet or enjoy a warm Rudesheimer coffee prepared with signature flair.



**Day 5**

**Rüdesheim, Germany & Rhine Gorge**

**June 6**

Your time in Rüdesheim continues with a choice of inviting excursions. You can ride the gondola up to the Niederwalddenkmal for sweeping views, then enjoy a tasting of local Rieslings among the vineyards. You may prefer a guided bike ride through town and along the Rhine toward Schloss Johannisberg, or a gentle hike through the surrounding wine country. Later in the day, the ship glides into the Rhine River Gorge, a dramatic stretch of castles, cliffs, and river legends that define this historic valley.



**Day 6**

**Bernkastel, Germany**

**June 7**

Explore Bernkastel, a jewel in the heart of the Moselle Valley's wine region. A guided walk leads you through its colorful Old Town, where half-timbered houses, medieval lanes, and Renaissance facades create a setting that feels wonderfully timeless. Afterward, enjoy a tasting of the valley's celebrated wines, known for their elegance and bright character. Active guests can pedal along the scenic Moselle on a guided bike ride, while hikers may choose a rewarding trek up to the ruins of Landshut Castle for sweeping views over the river and vineyards.



**Day 7**

**Wasserbillig, Luxembourg**

**June 8**

Explore Trier, often called the "Rome of the North," for its rich Roman history and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Stroll through the city's streets to admire ancient monuments, including the Porta Nigra, Roman baths, and the amphitheater, each offering a glimpse into its imperial past. Alternatively, join a guided hike above Trier to Petrisberg, where sweeping views of the city and the Moselle River reward every step. Later, set sail on a scenic cruise along the river, passing charming villages, vineyards, and picturesque landscapes as you journey toward your next destination, soaking in the beauty and history of the region along the way.



**Day 8**

**Cochem, Germany**

**June 9**

In Cochem, explore the imposing Reichsburg Castle, which has stood over the town for centuries as a symbol of its history and charm. Take a guided walking tour through the town's narrow cobblestone streets, passing timber-framed medieval houses, quaint shops, and scenic riverfront views. For those seeking a more active adventure, hike up to the castle for panoramic vistas of the Moselle Valley, or join a biking tour along the river to soak in the lush vineyards and charming villages that line its banks. Afterward, relax and enjoy the picturesque setting that makes Cochem a highlight of any river journey.



**Day 9**

**Cologne, Germany**

**June 10**

Cruise to Cologne and step into the city's rich history with a guided tour of the enchanting Old Town. Admire landmarks such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the historic Fishmarket dating back to the 12th century, and the iconic Great St. Martin Church. Conclude your city tour with a visit to a local tavern to sample the region's famous Kölsch beer. For guests seeking a more active adventure, join a guided bike ride along the Rhine and through the scenic Stadtgarten, taking in the city's blend of history, culture, and vibrant riverside charm.



**Day 10**

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**June 11**

Discover Amsterdam with a scenic canal cruise that reveals the city's charming waterways and historic architecture. Afterward, stroll to Begijnhof, a tranquil courtyard surrounded by well-preserved Middle Age buildings, offering a glimpse into the city's rich past. Alternatively, explore the city on a guided walking tour, wandering past iconic canals, gabled houses, narrow bridges, and colorful houseboats. Along the way, sample traditional Dutch specialties at a grand Amsterdam café, savoring the flavors that make the city so unique. This combination of sights, history, and local culture ensures every moment in Amsterdam is memorable and full of charm.



**Day 11**

**Disembarkation**

**June 12**

Your river journey is nearing its final chapters, filled with moments you will treasure for years to come. Picture yourself strolling through charming towns, soaking in breathtaking landscapes, and sharing laughter and discoveries along the way. Every turn of the river brings a story, every village a memory waiting to be made. As you prepare for your flights home, carry with you the excitement, warmth, and wonder of these shared adventures, our journey will linger in your heart long after it ends.



*Panorama of Pont Couverts in Strasbourg*

**Ship Details:**

- Built in: Netherlands
- Length: 443 ft
- Width: 72 ft
- Crew: 70
- Staterooms: 78
- Passengers: 156

SUITE	CA
AA	CB
AB	D
BA	E
BB	



Evening in Amsterdam

CATEGORY	PER PERSON DOUBLE	SOLO
E: River View	\$5,082.00	\$6,353.00
D: River View	\$5,175.00	\$6,469.00
CB: French Balcony	Not Available	\$8,666.00
CA: French Balcony	\$6,828.00	Not Available
BB: Twin Balcony	\$7,518.00	Not Available
BA: Twin Balcony	\$7,762.00	Not Available
AB: Twin Balcony	\$8,005.00	Not Available
AA: Twin Balcony	\$8,205.00	Not Available
Suite	\$9,899.00	Not Available

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