



# *Discovery on the Rhine*

*8 day River Cruise: Amsterdam to Frankfurt*



Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, a history buff, or an energetic adventurer, your Active & Discovery cruise on the Rhine River invites you to experience culture and cuisine in creative ways that are perfect for you. With Avalon Choice, you can select the experiences that are perfect for your interests and pace—from Active to Discovery to Classic. Avalon Choice gives you a choice of included excursions in each port.

From the legendary canals of Amsterdam to the German Black Forest of fairytales, any one of the Rhine river cruise packages will charm and delight. Visit the Chocolate Museum in Cologne, take a guided “bites and highlights” tour in Düsseldorf, and taste regional wines in Eltville. In Koblenz, take a cable car ride up to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for magnificent views of the surrounding area. Onboard, you'll pass through the magnificent Rhine Gorge and enjoy specialty dishes while cruising. Join us for a Rhine River cruise like no other, with more included selections for every taste, passion, and pace.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Stunning scenery, gourmet cuisine, wine with dinner and shore excursions included
- Elegant cabins with floor to ceiling windows
- A range of options for everyone - history buffs, foodies, art lovers
- An exciting range of activities like a bike tour in Amsterdam or a Volcano tour with a monastery visit
- Cruise through the stunning Rhine Gorge

## Itinerary

### DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN AMSTERDAM

How Suite It Is! Welcome to Amsterdam - Aboard Your Avalon Suite Ship®.

OVERNIGHT STAY IN AMSTERDAM



### DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM

Colorful Canals of Amsterdam

#### ACTIVE

See the sights of Amsterdam from a unique perspective by joining our Guided Jogging Tour of the city—all at an easy pace with stops for commentary, OR:

#### DISCOVERY

Attend a Painting Class and be inspired by the masters' techniques. Paint your own canvas and discover your inner artist. An orientation walk will complete your experience, OR:

#### ACTIVE

Join a Biking Tour through the Dutch countryside past polders, dykes, and quaint centuries-old villages, OR:

#### CLASSIC

Enjoy a Guided Canal Cruise to explore the iconic waterways and sites of Amsterdam.

This afternoon you might take an Optional Kayaking Excursion. Alternatively take an Optional Guided Excursion to Holland's beautiful medieval Muiderslot Castle.

Spend free time strolling at leisure through the galleries and cafés of Amsterdam.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ARNHEM

### DAY 3 – ARNHEM

Wildlife, WWII Valor, and Van Gogh

#### ACTIVE

Go on a hike in the Hoge Veluwe National Park with a Nature Expert and discover its abundance of wildlife, including deers, wild boars and mouflons, OR:

## ACTIVE

Biking Join a Biking Tour on the Hoge Veluwe National Park and admire its diversity of scenery, from dense forests to high sand dune, OR:

## DISCOVERY

Join a Guided Sightseeing of Arnhem past impressive monuments and places of remembrance, OR:

## CLASSIC

Take a Guided Tour of Arnhem's Kröller-Müller Museum with the world's second largest Van Gogh collection.

## NIJMEGEN

Delicious Dutch Specialties and Famous Mills You may join a Guided Optional Excursion to the Windmill of Thorn or an Optional Cooking Workshop.

## *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜSSELDORF*



## DAY 04- DUSSELDORF

Avant-Garde Architecture and Amazing Altbiers

## ACTIVE

Join a City Biking Tour to discover interesting stories about the sights and the city itself along the way, OR:

## DISCOVERY

Experience Düsseldorf's Old Town and get an insight into its culinary diversity, OR:

## CLASSIC

Join a Guided Tour of Düsseldorf. Visit the Old Town, but also discover its spectacular subway line, where each station has an individual magic character.

This afternoon you might take a Guided Optional Excursion to Düsseldorf's microbreweries to try a variety of Altbiers.

Later enjoy live entertainment on board.

## *OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE*

## DAY 05 - COLOGNE

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

## ACTIVE

For a unique view of Cologne's history and beauty, join us on a Jogging Tour of the city, OR:

## DISCOVERY

Join an off-the-beaten-path Guided Tour to discover the quaint Belgian Quarter of Cologne, OR:

### DISCOVERY

Visit Cologne's Chocolate Museum and learn the process of chocolate production and ancient history of this food of the gods, OR:

### CLASSIC

Take a leisurely Guided City Walk of Cologne for a view of her must-see sights, including the Old City and its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.

Enjoy a leisurely cruise to Engers.

### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ENGERS



### DAY 06 – KOBLENZ RHINE GORGE

Fortress Walls and Manor Halls Where the Rhine and Moselle Meet

### ACTIVE

Take a Guided Tour of Marksburg Castle, visit its battlements overlooking the Rhine, and take a scenic walk down the surrounding hillside back to your ship, OR:

### DISCOVERY

For a unique experience, join us on an excursion to the “Lava City” of Mendig for a Volcano Encounter, including exploring the caverns and corridors where basalt (cold lava) was mined, as well as a visit to the nearby Monastery at “Maria Laach”, OR:

### CLASSIC

Enjoy a leisurely Guided Walk of ancient Koblenz, including a cable car ride to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for a spectacular panoramic view.

Enjoy lunch on board and the breathtaking beauty of the Rhine Gorge as you cruise on your way to Rudesheim, where you will have time to discover this picturesque village. Enjoy dinner on board while cruising to Bingen.

### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BINGEN



## DAY 7 – MAINZ

### Forests and Famous Vineyards

Enjoy an early morning sail to Mainz before breakfast.

#### ACTIVE

For some exercise before lunch, join a Guided Nature Walk along one of the Rheinsteig walking trails through Eltville's idyllic forests and vineyards, OR:

#### DISCOVERY

Join a Guided Walk through the historic Old Town of Eltville am Rhein—well known as the City of Wine— with a Wine Tasting included, OR:

#### CLASSIC

Discover the romanesque beauty of Eberbach Monastery, the location of almost all the interior scenes of the film version of Umberto Eco's dark medieval murder mystery "The Name of the Rose."

#### *EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO FRANKFURT*

## DAY 08 – FRANKFURT

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

\*\*\* Return home with wonderful memories \*\*\*

**Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: From US\$ 3499**

### Sailing Dates

- 5 May 2020
- 12 May 2020
- 23 June 2020

### Price includes

- 8 nights' accommodation on board the Avalon Expression on a twin-sharing basis
- All Meals as given below
  - 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
- Shore excursions as per the programmed given above

- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees where applicable

#### Price excludes

- Air ticket for travel to and from Amsterdam / Frankfurt
- Visa & Insurance
- Airport Transfers in Budapest on arrival and in Linz on departure
- Services of an Odyssey Tour escort
- Trip Cancellation Policy (*optional, but recommended at US\$ 99 pp*)
- Meals and sightseeing not mentioned
- Tips (*US\$ 119 pp – mandatory*)
- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Price includes”
- GST at 5%

#### Booking & Cancellation Policy

- Booking deposit \$250 per person + Trip Protection if applicable (payable in equivalent INR)
- Balance payment due 90 days prior to sailing

#### Cancellation

90-60	days prior to commencement of services: 45% of total price*
59-30	days prior to commencement of services: 60% of total price*
29-8	days prior to commencement of services: 90% of total price*
7-0	days prior to commencement of services: 100% of total price*

#### Notes:

- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
- In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour or post-tour accommodation IN Amsterdam / Frankfurt
- ROE calculated at 1 USD = Rs. 71 Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 2 people travelling together**



## About the Ship

### EXPRESSION

Part of Avalon's cutting-edge fleet of Suite Ships®, the Avalon Expression came onto the European river cruising scene with a bang. This gorgeous ship features two full decks of Panorama SuitesSM with Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air BalconySM. Awake in your Comfort Collection window-facing bed each morning with seamless river views that become part of your living space. With 200 square feet, Panorama SuitesSM are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, delivering incomparable views of Europe's most stunning landscapes. Onboard amenities include an alternative light dining option in the Panorama Bistro, an expanded fitness center, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck.

### INCLUDED AMENITIES

- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows
- 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
- Hair salon
- Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, including decaf options
- Behind-the-scenes galley tour
- Nordic walking sticks available onboard for complimentary check-out
- English-speaking TV channels with over 100 free movie options
- Sky Deck game area
- Well-stocked library
- Full-size closet mirror

- Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs and shade awnings
- Elevator
- Outside viewing deck
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Onboard lectures, activities & nightly entertainment
- Sky Deck whirlpool
- Fitness Center
- Lounges and upscale bar serving premium spirits
- Complimentary bicycles available for use on the shore
- Avalon Choice® cruising experience
- Choice of Leisurely, Traditional or Independent sightseeing pace options
- Local Favorites<sup>SM</sup> onboard experiences to bring the customs, cultures and tastes of your destinations to life, including local entertainers, artisans & experts
- Onboard assistance is available to recommend, reserve and further personalize your cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

