

Rivers & Castles

AMA Waterways European River Cruise

From Nuremberg to Luxembourg

Sailing Onboard the AMA Siena

August 24 - September 2, 2020

\$4,699.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Optional 3 night pre-cruise extension in Prague is available for purchase.



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Cruise From: Nuremberg to Luxembourg

Two iconic cities, Prague and Paris, bookend this perfect journey that combines three beautiful rivers, each of which is striking in its own unique way. From the meandering Main to the UNESCO-designated Upper Middle Rhine Valley with its multitude of castles dotting its shores to the vineyard-clad hills of the Moselle, enjoy Europe at its most picturesque. Let the storybook villages—Bernkastel, Cochem and Wertheim—captivate you; and Rothenburg, located on the Romantic Road enchant you. Marvel at the world's largest ceiling fresco in the Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and the beautiful Chagall windows while in Mainz. Savor the many flavors of Germany with a chance to sample the world-famous wines of the Rheingau, the hearty smoked beer of Bamberg and Rudesheim's famed coffee. All along the way, gain an intimate understanding of the history and culture of the places you visit.

Cruise Includes:

- Air From Chicago O'Hare
- Round-trip Airport Transfers
- Hotel & Cruise Accommodations
- All Taxes & Port Fees

Not Included:

- Travel Protection Insurance
- Ship Gratuities & Excursions
- Airline Baggage & Seat Fees
- Items of Personal Nature



Rivers & Castles Sailing Itinerary

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Port of Call	Country
Wed	08/26/2020	03:00 PM	EMBARK	NUREMBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Wed	08/26/2020	08:30 PM	DEPARTURE	NUREMBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	08:30 AM	ARRIVAL	BAMBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	09:30 AM	DEPARTURE	BAMBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	12:30 PM	ARRIVAL	ELTMANN	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	01:30 PM	DEPARTURE	ELTMANN	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	08:30 PM	ARRIVAL	VOLKACH	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Thu	08/27/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	VOLKACH	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Fri	08/28/2020	04:00 AM	DEPARTURE	VOLKACH	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Fri	08/28/2020	08:30 AM	ARRIVAL	WÜRZBURG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Fri	08/28/2020	07:00 PM	DEPARTURE	WÜRZBURG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sat	08/29/2020	08:30 AM	ARRIVAL	WERTHEIM	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sat	08/29/2020	09:00 AM	DEPARTURE	WERTHEIM	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sat	08/29/2020	12:30 PM	ARRIVAL	FREUDENBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sat	08/29/2020	01:00 PM	DEPARTURE	FREUDENBERG	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sun	08/30/2020	09:00 AM	ARRIVAL	RÜDESHEIM	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sun	08/30/2020	02:00 PM	DEPARTURE	RÜDESHEIM	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sun	08/30/2020	05:30 PM	ARRIVAL	LUDWIGSHAFEN	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Sun	08/30/2020	11:59 PM	DEPARTURE	LUDWIGSHAFEN	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Mon	08/31/2020	06:30 PM	ARRIVAL	ZELL	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Mon	08/31/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	ZELL	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Tue	09/01/2020	12:01 AM	DEPARTURE	ZELL	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Tue	09/01/2020	01:30 PM	ARRIVAL	TRIER	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Tue	09/01/2020	06:30 PM	DEPARTURE	TRIER	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
Tue	09/01/2020	08:30 PM	ARRIVAL	LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG
Tue	09/01/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG
Wed	09/02/2020	09:00 AM	DISEMBARK	LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG
Tue	09/01/2020	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG
Wed	09/02/2020	09:00 AM	DISEMBARK	LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG



Detailed Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, August 24, 2020 - DEPART CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Depart Central Illinois for Chicago O'Hare Airport and board our overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 - ARRIVE NUREMBERG

Arrive in Nuremberg and check into your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to do as you like.

Day 3: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - NUREMBERG - EMBARKATION

Late morning we will check out of the hotel and then we'll board the ship, AmaSiena. Tonight, meet your fellow passengers at the Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 4: Thursday, August 27, 2020 - BAMBERG

Bamberg has been referred to as "Franconian Rome" as like Rome, it was built on seven hills—but in Bamberg, a church graces each one. Bamberg's medieval and Baroque architecture has withstood the test of time with one of the largest intact centers in Europe; it even survived WWII bombings, and as such, became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour of this medieval gem where you'll see its cathedral, Old Town Hall and elegant old mansions, and afterwards indulge in the town's famous smoked beer, Rauchbier. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Friday, August 28, 2020 - VOLKACH – WÜRZBURG – KITZINGEN

Located in lower Franconia lies Volkach. Enjoy a walking tour of this quaint town with many historic sites such as the church of St. Bartholomew built 700 years ago, the Maria Immaculata Well built in 1480, and the Maria im Weingarten, a pilgrimage church built in the 1300's. If you prefer a more active way to explore the town, join the guided bike tour. Alternatively, you can go on a full-day excursion to Rothenburg, Germany's best-preserved walled town located on the Romantic Road. Later in the day, and for those not going to Rothenburg, visit Würzburg, a beautiful city bursting with Baroque splendor. While here, you have a choice to join a city tour or visit the city's crown jewel, the Baroque Residenz Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to a treasure trove of magnificent art, including Tiepolo's fresco ceiling.

Cruising Itinerary Continued

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Following both the city tour and the palace visit, you'll be treated to wine tasting in one of the world's most beautiful wine cellars located beneath the Residenz. Wander through the atmospheric candlelit corridors and vaults of the cellar as you taste the wine of Franconia. Later in the day, enjoy a walking tour Kitzingen as you listen to the enduring legends that make visiting this town extra fun, especially for Dracula followers. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Saturday, August 29, 2020 - WERTHEIM

Wertheim's old town center still features half-timbered houses and the Gothic architecture of the Stiftskirche, its oldest Protestant church. You may either join a guided walking tour through the historic city center or learn the art of pretzel making with a visit to a local bakery. For those seeking a more active adventure, take a scenic bike ride through the Main River Valley or hike high above the town for a visit to the castle, one of the most picturesque ruins in Germany. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Sunday, August 30, 2020 - MAINZ – RÜDESHEIM – LAHNSTEIN

Arrive in Mainz, located at the confluence of the Main and Rhine rivers. Join a walking tour of Mainz, home to many historic treasures, including one of Germany's most important churches, the Romanesque cathedral and the Chagall stained-glass windows depicting scriptural scenes in stunning blue, which you will get to see. For a more active adventure, go on a guided bike tour. During the afternoon, sail to Rudesheim,



where you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, home to one of the greatest collections of self-playing musical instruments; or take a ride over the vineyards of Rudesheim in a gondola to the Niederwald Monument, and then afterwards be treated to a wine tasting. Later in the day, set sail towards Lahnstein through the Rhine River Gorge, famous for its beautiful and imposing castles and legendary Lorelei Rock. Cap the day off with an exclusive festival celebration in Lahnstein. (B,L,D)



Day 8: Monday, August 31, 2020 - COCHEM – ZELL

Wake up in fairytale Cochem and visit the Reichsburg Castle followed by a walking tour. As an alternative, visit one of Europe’s oldest working mustard mills where you will sample Cochem’s famous mustard. You may also opt to take a guided bike tour along the captivating Moselle River. Later cruise to Zell, famous for their Riesling and the well-known arched black cat icon, often seen on the labels of local German wines. Experience the hospitality of the citizens of Zell, including the local Wine Queen and Mayor, at an exclusive wine festival where you’ll sample local wines, sausages and more. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - TRIER

Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Moselle to Trier, Germany’s oldest city, renowned for its rich ancient Roman past, and as such has been referred to as the “Rome of the North” or “Second Rome” as it has impressive Roman relics and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Join a guided tour of the city, including the old Roman amphitheater, Roman Baths and Basilica of Constantine. Alternatively, go in search of the secrets of the Porta Nigra Gate, dating back to 180 A.D. on a tour that takes you back to a time when Rome ruled the world from the Emperor’s seat in Trier. You also have the choice of a bike tour through the historic city center and along the Moselle River; or hike high above Trier to Petrisberg. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - LUXEMBOURG DISEMBARKATION

This morning, bid farewell to your luxurious river cruise ship and be transferred to the airport where we will fly back to O’Hare and be motorcoached back to Central Illinois. (B)

Sailing on the AmaSienna



AmaSienna is a warm, inviting ship offering plenty of space for guests to unwind. From comfortable staterooms with twin balconies that keep guests well-connected via Entertainment-On-Demand, free high-speed Internet access and Wi-Fi, to the sunny Main Lounge, where delicious tapas are served throughout the day, guests will have everything they need to enjoy their time spent on board. If an active mood strikes, the sun-deck walking track, pool with swim-up bar, fitness room and complimentary fleet of bikes are available. Or you can take an invigorating class led by the professionally trained onboard Wellness Host. And, of course, the exquisite cuisine served in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant will satisfy your every craving aboard AmaSienna.

Cruise Packages Rates:



Category E - Window

\$4,699.00



Category BB - Balcony

\$5,699.00



Category AB - Balcony

\$5,999.00

Category AA - Balcony

\$6,199.00

*Rates are per person based on double occupancy.

Prague Pre-Cruise Extension

This optional 3 Night extension to Prague is available for purchase for an additional \$870 per person based on double occupancy.

Sunday, August 23, 2020 - ARRIVE PRAGUE

Arrive in Prague and check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Monday, August 24, 2020 - GOLDEN CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES TOUR

Discover fairytale Prague via a city tour or a hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive and vibrant cities, with a historic city center that's recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

Tuesday August 25, 2020 - FREE TIME IN PRAGUE

Enjoy uninterrupted time to explore Prague and its many museums and landmarks at your leisure. Visit such sites as St. Vitus Cathedral, the Gothic resting place of numerous saints, or the Franz Kafka Museum, which houses first editions of several of the prolific author's works. You may also see the historic fort Vyšehrad, explore the natural science and history collections at the Národní Museum or travel back through Jewish history at the Holocaust memorial in the former ghetto at Josefov. (B)

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - TRANSFER TO NUREMBERG

Depart Prague and drive through the pastoral German countryside for a city tour of Nuremberg's fabulous Gothic churches and impressive city walls. Later in the day, board your luxurious ship. (B,D)



Terms & Conditions

A \$600.00 per person deposit is required in order to guarantee space for this cruise. The deadline for booking this cruise package is August 1, 2019. Final payment is due by April 21, 2020. Once paid, monies are non-refundable. No exceptions. Early sign up is suggested. Direct Travel Escort participation requires a minimum of 40 passengers.

Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Bankruptcy/Default, Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Common Carrier AD&D, 24-hour AD&D, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.

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Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport. Passports must be valid through March 2, 2021.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ VI MC AX DS

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please select your cabin category.

- Category E - Window Stateroom on Piano Deck \$4,699.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Category BB - Balcony Stateroom on Cello Deck \$5,699.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Category AB - Balcony Stateroom on Cello Deck \$5,999.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Category AA Balcony Stateroom on Violin Deck \$6,199.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- 3 night Pre in Prague \$870.00 per person - (Insurance For Extension is \$66.00 pp)

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance. (All insurance prices are per person .)

- Category E Travel Insurance \$355.00 Category BB Travel Insurance \$430.00
- Category AB Travel Insurance \$453.00 Category AA Travel Insurance \$468.00

No, I do not want Travel Protection. Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.