

Trafalgar – Rhine Christmas Markets

7-Night River Cruise from R48,000 per person sharing

Destination: Germany, France & Switzerland

Book before: 30 September 2026

Experience the Magic of Europe's Christmas Markets

Celebrate the festive season on an unforgettable 7-night Trafalgar Rhine River Cruise through Germany, France, and Switzerland. Sail along the picturesque Rhine River as charming medieval towns and historic cities transform into enchanting winter wonderlands filled with sparkling lights, festive music, handcrafted gifts, and delicious seasonal treats.

Visit some of Europe's most famous Christmas markets, cruise through the breath-taking Middle Rhine Valley, and experience authentic local traditions with exclusive Trafalgar experiences. This festive journey perfectly combines culture, history, seasonal celebrations, and luxury river cruising.

Highlights of Your Rhine Christmas Markets Cruise

✦ Visit the magical Christmas markets of Cologne, Koblenz, Rüdesheim, Mainz, Strasbourg, and Basel

✦ Cruise through the spectacular Middle Rhine Valley with its castles, vineyards, and charming villages

✦ Enjoy a scenic mini-train ride through the picturesque wine town of Rüdesheim

✦ Experience a Trafalgar **Be My Guest** festive lunch at a traditional German Weingasthaus

✦ Explore historic towns with knowledgeable Local Specialists

✦ Discover festive traditions, handcrafted gifts, seasonal cuisine, and Christmas customs across Germany, France, and Switzerland

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Your Package Includes

- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation aboard a Trafalgar River Cruise between Düsseldorf and Basel
 - ✓ Daily breakfast
 - ✓ 6 lunches
 - ✓ 7 dinners
 - ✓ Guided walking tour of Cologne, including its famous Christmas Market
 - ✓ Guided walking tour of Koblenz with a Local Specialist
 - ✓ Mini-train experience in Rüdesheim
 - ✓ Trafalgar **Be My Guest** lunch at a traditional Weingasthaus
 - ✓ Guided walking tour of the Mainz Christmas Market
 - ✓ Choice of a guided walking tour of Speyer or a traditional vinegar estate experience
 - ✓ Guided walking tour of Strasbourg, including its renowned Christmas Market
 - ✓ Guided walking tour of Basel
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Your Package Excludes

- ✗ International flights
 - ✗ Airport transfers (unless otherwise specified)
 - ✗ Travel insurance
 - ✗ Visa fees (where applicable)
 - ✗ Drinks not specified under inclusions
 - ✗ Optional excursions and activities
 - ✗ Personal expenses

 - ✗ Tips and gratuities

 - ✗ Anything not listed under "Package Includes"
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Your Rhine Christmas Markets Itinerary

Day 1 | Welcome Aboard in Düsseldorf

Board your Trafalgar River Cruise in Düsseldorf and settle into your comfortable stateroom. Meet your fellow travellers before enjoying your first evening onboard as your festive Rhine adventure begins.

Overnight: Trafalgar River Cruise

Day 2 | Discover Cologne & Its Christmas Markets

Explore the magnificent city of Cologne on a guided walking tour before visiting one of Germany's oldest and most celebrated Christmas markets. Browse festive wooden chalets filled with handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, mulled wine, and traditional Christmas decorations beneath the iconic Cologne Cathedral.

Overnight: Trafalgar River Cruise

Day 3 | Koblenz & Rüdesheim

Discover the historic riverside town of Koblenz with a Local Specialist before continuing to the charming wine village of Rüdesheim. Enjoy a delightful mini-train ride through this picturesque town while taking in its festive atmosphere and traditional Christmas celebrations.

Overnight: Trafalgar River Cruise

Day 4 | Rüdesheim & Mainz

Enjoy an authentic **Be My Guest** lunch at a traditional German Weingasthaus before exploring Mainz and its enchanting Christmas Market. Experience festive stalls, handcrafted ornaments, local delicacies, and the warm holiday spirit that fills the city's historic squares.

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Day 5 | Explore Speyer

Choose between a guided walking tour through the historic city of Speyer or visit a traditional vinegar estate for a unique insight into local craftsmanship and regional culinary traditions.

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Day 6 | Discover Strasbourg

Explore the enchanting city of Strasbourg with a guided walking tour before visiting one of Europe's oldest and most famous Christmas markets. Wander through beautifully decorated streets, admire festive lights, and discover Alsatian specialities and artisan gifts.

Overnight: Trafalgar River Cruise

Day 7 | Explore Basel

Arrive in Basel and enjoy a guided walking tour through Switzerland's cultural capital. Explore its charming Old Town and experience its traditional Christmas Market before enjoying your final evening aboard your river cruise.

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Day 8 | Farewell Basel

After breakfast, disembark your cruise in Basel, taking home unforgettable memories of magical Christmas markets, picturesque river landscapes, festive traditions, and the timeless beauty of the Rhine.

Ready to Experience Europe's Most Magical Christmas Markets?

Celebrate the festive season in style as you cruise through Germany, France, and Switzerland, discovering charming medieval towns, spectacular Christmas markets, and unforgettable holiday traditions. From Cologne's festive atmosphere to Strasbourg's enchanting markets and Basel's historic charm, this Trafalgar River Cruise is the perfect Christmas escape.

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