



## **The Romantic German Sites and the Charming Neckar Valley (#18124)**

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### **Overview**

The Neckar River is a serpentine tributary of the Rhine that crisscrosses bucolic landscapes, lush forests, and lovely cities.

5-day/4-night cruise

### **Trip Highlights**

Strasbourg - Mannheim - Heidelberg - Eberbach - Heilbronn - Lauffen - Stuttgart

### **Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01**

**DAY 01: STUTTGART**



Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. in Strasbourg. We will begin to cruise to Mannheim. After you've comfortably settled into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner and an evening of entertainment on board. Our ship will cruise to Mannheim through the night.

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 02**

**DAY 02: MANNHEIM - HEIDELBERG - EBERBACH**

This morning, we offer two optional excursions: - **CLASSIC:** Tour of Heidelberg. This cosmopolitan, friendly, and vibrant city is made up of 15 distinct neighborhoods and is particularly attractive to families, students, business people, and researchers. The castle has a history that is almost as old as the city itself. From either the Great Terrace or the gardens, enjoy an amazing view over Heidelberg, the Neckar River, and the valley. Don't miss seeing the Heidelberg Tun. We'll then head for the Neckarmünzplatz, on the banks of the Neckar River, and continue with a guided tour of the old city. We'll pass by the Church of the Holy Spirit, the most famous church in Heidelberg, whose steeple dominates the town. And then you can take advantage of some free time to wander through the streets and shops before returning on board. - **DISCOVERY:** A unique visit to the Technik Museum Sinsheim (only on pre-booking before departure). There is something for everyone to discover in the exhibition halls of the Technik Museum, including supersonic jets, hundreds of classic cars and motorcycles from all eras, huge steam engines, Formula 1 and classy sports cars, record-breaking vehicles like the Blue Flame and Brutus, farming machines, giant engines, a military history exhibition, and much, much more.

During the excursions, the ship will sail to Heidelberg where we will join it. Back on board for lunch and continued sailing to Eberbach. We'll pass by four of the most charming cities along the Neckar: Neckargemünd, with its traditional half-timbered homes; the four-castle town of Necksteinach; the adorable village of Hirschhorn; and the lovely medieval city of Eberbach.

Enjoy some free time on your own this evening to stroll through this lovely medieval city. The Old Town is a great place to take in the ambiance and shop for souvenirs.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03**

**DAY 03: EBERBACH - HEILBRONN - LAUFFEN**

We'll cruise to Heilbronn in the early morning. Join us for an optional excursion: A tour of Maulbronn and its monastery complex (only on pre-booking before departure). This former Cistercian abbey was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. The architectural styles include impressive medieval walls and towers, a Romanesque church, and the Gothic



cloister.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04**

**DAY 04: LAUFFEN - STUTTGART**

Optional excursions proposed: - CLASSIC: The Ludwigsburg Residential Palace (only on pre-booking before departure). We'll visit the Ludwigsburg Residential Palace. As soon as you see it, you'll understand why it is nicknamed the Versailles of Swabia. The complex contains 452 rooms spread across 18 buildings and is the largest palatial estate in Germany. Our tour will take you through the castle's extraordinary interiors with architecture and decor spanning four centuries. -

DISCOVERY: the Porsche Museum (audio tour).(2 - only on pre-booking before departure) Get up-close and personal with the famous sports car brand in the city where it all began. In addition to its emblematic models, such as the 356, 550, 911, and 917, you'll discover some of the unfinished technical designs from Ferdinand Porsche.

During this time the ship will sail to Pleidelsheim or Benningen where we will join it for lunch. Afternoon sailing to Stuttgart. We'll return on board in Stuttgart. Tonight is our gala evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05**

**DAY 05: STRASBOURG**

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including our special wine and drinks list) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard activities - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multilingual host/hostess - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## Exclusions



Drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers to/from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request).

Ship available for this cruise is MS Victor Hugo.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

No shore excursion on the non listed days (Rates available on request).

**Valid national identity card or passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Amazing scenery along the Neckar River
- Authentic villages and cities dot the shores
- Every hill seems to have a castle of its own
- Discover:(1)
  - Heidelberg, the most romantic city in Germany
  - Ludwigsburg Residential Palace, one of the largest Baroque buildings in Europe

## THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

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## Fixed Departure

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<p><b>06 Oct, 2024</b> Cruise AUD 1,914 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>16 Oct, 2024</b> Cruise AUD 1,709 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>20 Oct, 2024</b> Cruise AUD 1,709 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>

