



## **Romantic German Sites and the Charming Neckar Valley (#18071)**

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### **Overview**

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

### **Trip Highlights**

Stuttgart - Lauffen - Gundelsheim - Eberbach - Heidelberg - Mannheim - Strasbourg

### **Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01**

**DAY 01: STUTTGART**



Passengers are welcome to board at 6:00 p.m. in Stuttgart. 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 remain in port overnight.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

#### DAY 02: STUTT GART - LAUFFEN

Optional excursion proposed CLASSIC / DISCOVERY: 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.

During this time the ship will sail to Remseck where we will join it for lunch. Afternoon sailing to Lauffen which we will reach in the evening. Night stopover.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

#### DAY 03: LAUFFEN - GUNDELSHEIM - EBERBACH

This morning, the optional excursion proposed is: 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.

During this time the ship will sail to Gundelsheim where we will join it for lunch. We'll begin our cruise to Eberbach this afternoon. After our ship arrives, 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 04

#### DAY 04: EBERBACH - HEIDELBERG - STRASBOURG



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 to the coach.

- **DISCOVERY:** A 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.

After our tours, the ship will begin to cruise to Strasbourg. Tonight is our festive 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 on board 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)
  - Ludwigsburg Residential Palace, one of the largest Baroque buildings in Europe
  - Heidelberg, the most romantic city in Germany

## 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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