



## 2011 European Splendor River Cruise

Amsterdam to Vienna

September 17th - 30th, 2011

onboard the *ms Avalon Imagery*

Escorted by Denis & Denise Snowdon



This magnificent river cruise vacation includes a deluxe cruise that reveals the best of Europe along the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers. Enjoy a canal cruise past Amsterdam's 16th-century merchant houses and through the impressive Main Danube Canal. Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge past the legendary Lorelei rock, visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in charming Rudesheim, and pause for a baking demonstration in Bavaria's picturesque Miltenberg.

Also, see the sights with Local Guides in Cologne, Bamberg, Passau, Grein, and Vienna.

<b>Sep 17</b>	Board your overnight transatlantic flight from Toronto to Amsterdam
<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b> , Holland (Embarkation). Welcome to Amsterdam! Holland's capital is sophisticated and modern, with a rich and fascinating history. The works of famous Dutch masters can be seen in world-renowned museums such as the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a WELCOME RECEPTION. <b>(D)</b>
<b>Sep 19</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b> . There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon, there is time to explore or perhaps join an optional excursion to a nearby picturesque small town before your ship sets sail for Cologne. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 20</b>	<b>Cologne</b> , Germany. Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities, with a river skyline dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent gothic cathedral. The Germano-Roman Museum next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a Kölsch in one of the many taverns and shop for a bottle of 4711, the original "eau de cologne." <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Rhine Gorge-Rudesheim</b> . The dramatic RHINE GORGE is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM in pretty Rudesheim. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then there's free time to explore the Drosselgasse and pick up some souvenirs. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Miltenberg</b> . Located on the Main River, Miltenberg is a picturesque Bavarian village that thrived on income from river traffic. Its cultural wealth and affluence are reflected in the beautiful medieval and renaissance houses and the gothic splendor of the Merchant Hall. This afternoon, learn how to bake a local SOFT COOKIE specialty. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 23</b>	<b>Würzburg</b> . Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," Würzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. The magnificent BISHOP'S RESIDENZ is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. <b>(B,L,D)</b>

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<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Bamberg.</b> Another beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site is medieval Bamberg. Your walking tour takes in its breathtaking cathedral, the OLD TOWN HALL straddling the River Regnitz, and serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 25</b>	<b>Nuremberg.</b> Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant patrician houses-all explained by a local expert. Nuremberg's traditions include famous Lebkuchen, toy making, and metal working. After dinner we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS! <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 26</b>	<b>Regensburg.</b> Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities Architectural highlights on your guided tour include the Old Town Hall, the beautiful white and gold OLD CHAPEL, and Porta Pretoria-gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. The city is the capital of Upper Palatinate, a bustling university town, and one of Bavaria's cultural centers. It is here you will find Germany's oldest restaurant, the 12th-century Historische Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen). <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 27</b>	<b>Passau.</b> Passau, ideally located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube, is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 28</b>	<b>Grein, Austria-Melk.</b> At the foot of a bluff in the shadow of its castle, Grein's turreted houses on the main square offer excellent photo opportunities. Situated in the picturesque Wachau Valley, Melk is home to the magnificent BENEDICTINE ABBEY that dominates the town and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking! <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 29</b>	<b>Vienna.</b> Vienna, Austria's capital, is known as the "City of Music" and inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, the city has much to offer: the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ring Boulevard, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights you will enjoy during your included tour. You do not rush through Vienna; you waltz, taking your time to savor each classic sight and sound. Shop in the Kärntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighborhood café. An optional concert is available during your stay. <b>(B,L,D)</b>
<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>Vienna (Disembarkation)</b> Your homebound flight arrives the same day. <b>(B)</b>

- ◆ In the event of water level problems on stretches of any river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by motorcoach.
- ◆ Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change becomes necessary, a substitute will be offered.

CAT	DESCRIPTION	FARE (CDN) Per Person
<b>E</b>	Deluxe Stateroom ~ 172 sq ft with <b>Porthole Windows</b> (Indigo Deck)	<b>\$5,599.00</b>
<b>B</b>	Deluxe Stateroom ~ 172 sq ft with <b>French Balcony</b> (Sapphire Deck ~Aft)	<b>\$6,369.00</b>
<b>A</b>	Deluxe Stateroom ~ 172 sq ft with <b>French Balcony</b> (Sapphire Deck ~Fwd)	<b>\$6,469.00</b>
<b>P</b>	Deluxe Stateroom ~ 172 sq ft with <b>French Balcony</b> (Royal Deck)	<b>\$6,639.00</b>
<b>S</b>	Suite ~ 258 sq ft with <b>French Balcony</b> (Royal Deck)	<b>\$7,499.00</b>
	<b>ADD:</b> Port taxes & Air Taxes	<b>\$ 320.00</b>

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## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ **Air:** Round-trip air from Toronto
- ◆ **Transfers:** Amsterdam & Vienna
- ◆ **Cruise:** Deluxe 12-night cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna in an outside stateroom with hotel-style beds
- ◆ **Amsterdam:** Canal cruise
- ◆ **Cologne:** Guided sightseeing
- ◆ **Rhine Gorge:** Cruise in the gorge
- ◆ **Rüdesheim:** Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
- ◆ **Miltenberg:** Guided sightseeing; baking demonstration
- ◆ **Würzburg:** Guided sightseeing, visit the Bishop's Residenz
- ◆ **Bamberg:** Guided sightseeing, Old Town Hall
- ◆ **Nuremberg:** Guided sightseeing; beer tasting
- ◆ **Main Danube Canal:** Cruise in the canal
- ◆ **Regensburg:** Guided sightseeing, visit the Old Chapel
- ◆ **Passau:** Guided sightseeing
- ◆ **Grein:** Guided sightseeing
- ◆ **Melk:** Guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey
- ◆ **Vienna:** Guided sightseeing



## **MEALS - (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner**

Superb dining with all meals on board daily featuring full breakfast (B), lunch (L), and dinner (D), including a welcome reception, Captain's reception, and farewell dinner; quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions with every dinner; one sitting with open seating arrangements; Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with all onboard dinners; Complimentary coffee and tea available throughout the day

## **Not Included in the Vacation Price:**

Tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guides; gratuities on ferries, trains and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; mini bar; alcohol, beverages and food not on the regular table d'hôte menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant); optional excursions; portorage at airports; travel protection; excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- ◆ **Deposit** required to confirm your cabin is **\$500.00 per person** plus cancellation insurance
- ◆ **Balance of payment** is due **June 6th 2011**
- ◆ **Valid Canadian Passport** (with validity of at least 6 months from date of return)

## **Cancellation Penalties**

If you are forced to cancel your river cruise after deposited, the following cancellation penalties will apply:

Up to 90 days prior	Deposit plus Administration Fee of \$100 per person
90 - 60 days prior	35% of total price
59 - 30 days prior	50% of full fare
39 - 1 days prior	80% of full fare
Less than 1 day prior	100% of full fare

**Cancellation Insurance** – To avoid penalties we strongly recommend you purchase cancellation insurance at time of booking in the event you are forced to cancel your cruise due to reasons of sickness, accident or death to yourself or immediate family members. Please ask your agent at time of booking for details.

Insurance Premiums are non-refundable.

This package is priced in **CDN Dollars**, based on double occupancy and is subject to change due to increase in taxes and fees imposed by the cruise line, airfare increases, hotel costs or any surcharges.

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