



Lucerne

The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam

Enjoy more time in Switzerland and the essence of elegance along the Rhine

10 DAYS FROM \$5,990 | BEGINS ZURICH

1. Arrive Zurich & journey to Bern

Tour begins: 6:30 PM. A transfer is included from Zurich Airport or the train station (Zürich Hauptbahnhof) to the Bellevue Palace Bern, surrounded by the Aare River and distant Alpine peaks. Stay for the next two nights at a historic hotel favored by celebrities and heads of state, and featured in John Le Carré's spy novels. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals D**

2. The Jungfrauoch or Bern

You have a choice of sightseeing adventures today. Head for the snow-capped mountains on a full-day's excursion

to Jungfrauoch, known as the "Top of Europe." Drive to the village of Lauterbrunnen for a train ride to Kleine Scheidegg, then board a cogwheel train for the scenic climb to Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe; here you'll find a restaurant, observatory, research station, a gallery of ice sculpture, and breathtaking views of the glacier-clad Bernese Alps. Alternatively, explore Bern on a walking tour, followed by time on your own. Sights include open-air markets and underground bars, the Parliament Building, the Gothic cathedral, a bear park in honor of the town's mascot, a house where Einstein lived and wrote his "Theory of Relativity," and the Zytglogge astronomical clock featuring animated figures. **Meals BL**

Uniquely Tauck

- Journey to the highest railway station in Europe at Jungfrauoch by cogwheel train for amazing views of the snow-clad Bernese Alps
- Spend a private evening at Schloss Ehreshoven, a grand estate in Engelskirchen, which is often used as a film location, including dinner and a tour
- Enjoy panoramic views when you cruise picturesque Lake Lucerne and on an orientation tour introducing you to key Lucerne sites
- See one of France's art treasures, the Isenheim Altarpiece, and enjoy a private reception at the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar, which dates back to the 13th century
- Explore the historic windmills of Kinderdijk in your choice of two ways – on a guided bicycle ride or a walking tour and boat ride

3. A day in Lucerne / ■ Embark ship

Spend the morning in Lucerne, set on the shores of Lake Lucerne in the Alpine foothills. On an orientation tour, view Lucerne's market squares, burghers' houses, church spires, and ramparts of medieval old town unfurl on both sides of the river winding through the city. As you stroll across the wooden covered Chapel Bridge, flanked by flower boxes, look up to see paintings in the interior, some dating to the 14th century, like quiet messages from the past. Take in the Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss soldiers who died in the French Revolution, carved eloquently in stone. Following a cruise on Lake Lucerne, travel to Basel to board your riverboat. We invite you to join us for a welcome reception tonight. **Meals BD**

4. ■ Colmar in the Alsatian wine country

Dock in Breisach, then drive to the village of Colmar, France, in Alsatian wine country. The principal industry in Colmar is food and wine, but its irresistible charm lies in its beautifully preserved medieval architecture that conjures an idyllic place out of time: colorful half-timbered houses and gardens, rambling cobbled streets, arches and alleys, sculpted fountains, and canals that wind through a corner of town called Little Venice. Aside from its winemaking heritage, Colmar is known as the hometown of Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor who created the Statue of Liberty. A walking tour includes a visit to the Unterlinden Museum, housed in a Gothic convent, whose impressive collection includes Matthias Grünewald's famous Isenheim Altarpiece, paintings, engravings and sculpture from medieval to modern (including works by Dürer and Holbein, Picasso



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days

Bern to Amsterdam

| Day | Destination |
|-----|--|
| 1 | Arrive Zurich / Bern <i>Bellevue Palace Bern</i> |
| 2 | Bern |
| ■ 3 | Lucerne / Embark Basel |
| ■ 4 | Breisach / Colmar |
| ■ 5 | Karlsruhe |
| ■ 6 | Rüdesheim / Linz am Rhein Engelskirchen / Bonn |
| ■ 7 | Köln |
| ■ 8 | Dordrecht / Kinderdijk |
| ■ 9 | Amsterdam |
| 10 | Disembark Amsterdam |



You'll have an opportunity to view the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk in the Netherlands either on a walking tour with a cruise on the canals or by bicycle – and another iconic site, the Alps, brings you by historic cogwheel train to Jungfrauoch, the “Top of Europe.”

and Léger), and a wealth of archaeological artifacts; join us for a private reception in the museum, a Tauck Exclusive! Return to the riverboat for a sail through the Upper Rhine Plain. This evening, please join us for the captain's welcome reception in the lounge which is followed by dinner in the Compass Rose. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Baden-Baden in the Black Forest

Arrive in the attractive city of Karlsruhe, where you'll have a choice of excursions. First choice, travel through the Black Forest, the setting for so many of the world's beloved fairy tales, to the Belle Époque spa town of Baden-Baden. In the 19th-century, the local healing hot springs and elegant casino attracted the wealthy elite from all over Europe along with many artists whose imaginations were sparked by the social scene; today, Baden-Baden has become known for its arts festivals and its thermal waters. Your visit includes a walking tour of town accompanied by a local guide or time to enjoy the Caracalla Spa as you like. Alternatively, stay in town for bicycling* along the river and nature conservancy, with an opportunity to explore as you please (there are museums, noted architectural sites and galleries). Return late afternoon to your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Rudesheim & Schloss Ehreshoven

Near the foot of the Niederwald, surrounded by vineyards, the ruins of Ehrenfels Castle watch over the Rhine Gorge; just around the bend, you'll dock in the winemaking town of Rudesheim, under the lofty gaze of the famous Niederwald Monument. The 1,000-year-old town charms with its

cobblestone streets of storybook houses, cafes and wine taverns. Choose between a e-bike ride* along the Rhine or a tour of Rudesheim and Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, a museum dedicated to antique self-playing musical instruments, including musical clocks, player pianos, fairground organs, self-playing violinas, and the world's largest automated doll orchestra. Cruise on to Linz am Rhein, then drive to Engelskirchen for a visit to its neighboring castle, Schloss Ehreshoven. Built in the 14th century and later expanded in the style of a grand Baroque manor house, the estate is surrounded by a moat, landscaped gardens, and a castle park. Schloss Ehreshoven is often used as a film location – but tonight, it's the setting for Tauck's exclusive cocktail reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Explore all that is Köln

Cruise to Köln, once a Roman provincial capital, and later a wealthy medieval trading port; the city was almost destroyed during World War II, but many of its architectural treasures have been restored including the towering Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), a twin-spired masterpiece of High Gothic architecture. – which you'll view today. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, you'll cruise the lowlands of the Rhine (with commentary) en route to the city of Dordrecht in the Netherlands. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ The Kinderdijk Windmills

Your riverboat arrives in Dordrecht, an important trading port in the Middle Ages, for an excursion that offers insights into windmills and their ubiquitous role in Dutch life and a

visit to the village of Kinderdijk (Child's Dyke), where the flat landscape, crisscrossed with canals, presents the largest concentration of historic windmills in The Netherlands. Explore Kinderdijk on a walking tour and a boat ride, or on a two-hour bicycle excursion*. The 19 windmills, most of them built in the 18th century, are national monuments; for centuries, their massive wind-driven mechanisms have been used to pump water out of the polder and into reservoirs and canals, reclaiming land from the river. Such ingenious methods of water management have enabled a country that is almost fifty percent below sea level to exist at all, lending weight to the local saying, "God created the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland." Enjoy free time to explore the cobbled streets of Dordrecht, rich with historic sites, antique shops, and art galleries. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Amsterdam's art, canals & more

Arrive in Amsterdam this morning and embark on a city orientation tour that includes a visit to the Rijksmuseum, home to many art masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age, including works by Vermeer and Rembrandt's *The Night Watch*. Board a canal boat for a cruise of the city from the inside, along 17th-century waterways lined with trees, gabled merchant houses and the daily pace of urban life. The remainder of the day is spent as you please, with free time to enjoy all that Amsterdam has to offer. Whether you decide to explore the art museums, relax in one of the many coffeehouses, or stroll along the canals to view the eclectic architecture, your afternoon will be well spent. Aboard ship this evening, enjoy a choral performance before a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**



An exclusive evening at Schloss Ehreshoven includes a reception, dinner and musical entertainment.

10. Journey home

Tour ends: Amsterdam. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For additional nights in Amsterdam, ask at booking. **Meals B**

2023 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS ZURICH – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

| DATE | CAT 1 | CAT 2 | CAT 3 | CAT 4 | CAT 5 | CAT 6 | CAT 7 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aug 7, 14 Oct 16 | \$5,990 | \$6,390 | \$6,840 | \$7,140 | \$7,740 | \$7,940 | \$8,440 |
| May 1 | \$6,390 | \$6,790 | \$7,240 | \$7,540 | \$8,140 | \$8,340 | \$8,840 |
| May 22 Jun 5, 12 Oct 9 | \$6,790 | \$7,190 | \$7,640 | \$7,940 | \$8,540 | \$8,740 | \$9,240 |
| Sep 18, 25 Oct 2 | \$6,990 | \$7,390 | \$7,840 | \$8,140 | \$8,740 | \$8,940 | \$9,440 |

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SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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2023 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,494.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2