

## ESCORTED HOLIDAY

## Rhine Cruise to Switzerland



**5<sup>th</sup> July 24**  
**8 days**

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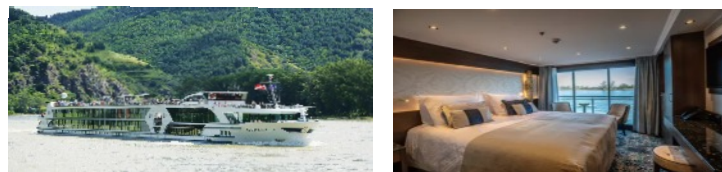
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Our 2024 river trip is exploring the dramatic Rhine from Cologne to Basel. We travel **by rail** to our boat the MS George Eliot and then head south to Koblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. The dramatic Rhine Gorge provides one of the highlights of the trip surrounded by historic ruined castles followed by pretty Rudesheim. Speyer is one of the oldest German cities dating back to the Romans. Our tour of Strasburg will show the Petite France quarter and the covered bridges. The Vosges mountains lead to Breisach and then on to Black Forest mountains and the village of Titisee. Basel provides the base for exploring Lucerne and then on to the Bernese Oberland with the backdrop of the Eiger and Jungfrau viewed from our ride on a mountain railway.



We sail on the MS George Eliot our 'hotel that moves'. The three decks all have large cabins with the Diamond and Ruby cabins having floor to ceiling glass doors giving fabulous views. The air conditioning, safe, mini-bar bathrobes and tea and coffee making facilities all enhance your stay. The Emerald deck cabins have all of the comforts with 'Swan view' windows. There are two restaurants serving great food as we stay on full board, a lovely light airy bar and lounge. The sun deck makes an ideal viewing platform enhanced by a putting green and splash pool. Free Wifi and a lift between the Ruby and Diamond decks helps



Price: Emerald Deck Twin/Double £2449.00p/p Ruby Deck £2,949 p/p Limited Single cabins available. Feature cabin rooms available at a supplement. Deposit £500.p/p . Rail Upgrades Available

This trip is arranged in partnership with Riviera Holidays ATOL and ABTA Protected

## Proposed Itinerary

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Home pick-up** for your accompanied, early morning train to Brussels and then coach transfer to Cologne and the MS George Eliot arriving early evening. Limited flights from Manchester



**Saturday.** We have a **guided tour** of Koblenz located where the Rhine and the Moselle meet. Free time to see this restored city, full of history, promenade walks, maybe a glass of 'Rhine-Moselle wine.

**Sunday.** We cruise the dramatic **Rhine Gorge** overlooked by over 40 fortresses and castles on our way to **Rudesheim** the home of Reisling where we have a guided tour. Take in Drosselgasse, shops, taverns and restaurants as we hear about the local history.

**Monday.** Our afternoon tour of **Speyer**, one of Germany's oldest cities takes in the Cathedral, burial site of eight Holy Roman Emperors and German kings. The Altpörtel (old gate) dominates the Speyer landscape.

**Tuesday.** A walking tour of **Strasbourg** taking in the charming centre, Grand Ile, Petite France, the covered bridges and Notre Dame with its astronomical clock.

**Wednesday** We pass the dramatic **Vosges mountains** on the way to the ancient town of Breisach, later we see the Black Mountains as we go to the pretty village of **Titisee** nestled by the lake.

**Thursday** From Basel we drive to see the beautiful **City of Lucerne** where we have a tour seeing the Chapel Bridge. We then head to the **Bernese Oberland** with its snow capped peaks of the Eiger and Jungfrau before taking in the fabulous views from the mountain railway as we wind our way.

**Friday** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way back home via Paris and London.

For this trip you will need to be able to handle your own luggage on the trains or, we can put you in touch with the 'The Baggage Man' who will collect and deliver your bags door to door.

**We hope you can join us for this trip**