

# Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

#### **Late November 2026**

Celebrate the holidays in new and delightful ways. Browse a myriad of festive gifts displayed in colorful stalls of Old World Christmas markets. See handmade toys and ornaments, glass works and other traditional European crafts. Overhear choruses of Christmas carols and smell the aroma of freshly baked pastries wafting through the air. You'll pack only once as your ship transports you through fairy tale landscapes and historic cities. It's easy to see what makes this both a great trip and a great value!

You'll set out on a journey of discovery flying to Basel, Switzerland, where you'll meet your program director and board ship, setting sail to several colorful ports of call including Strasbourg, France. Then set off for Germany where you'll visit some of the oldest towns in Europe. Delve into European history and culture. Hunt for treasures at bustling Christmas markets that line the Rhine river. Witness the spectacular Spires of the Cologne cathedral in Germany and the thickly settled Black Forest as your ship sails past a breathtaking gorge past 60 castles that still keep watch from atop steep hillsides.

This cruise will also feature new educational and social activities that add to your knowledge. Experience genuine Christmas traditions as you meet the local people and get to know their customs.

Each room features a private bath with shower, and a TV, direct dial telephone, and individual heating and air conditioning. Our friendly crew is always ready to serve you freshly prepared, regionally inspired meals. All of your meals from buffet breakfasts to sit down lunches and dinners, with complementary house wine beer and soft drinks, are included on board.

As you travel, you'll enjoy delicious local cuisines together with recommendations from your program guide. Please note that space on this adventure is truly limited, so reserve your place today on our website or call (269) 209-5889.



Online Reservations: <u>www.TravelwithScottandCurtis.com</u>

Phone Reservations: (269) 209-5889

### **Snapshot Itinerary:**Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

**Travel Dates:** *Late Nov./Early Dec. 2026 (Will not conflict with Thanksgiving; exact dates TBA)* 

Day 1 – Depart U.S.

Day 2 - Arrive Basel, Switzerland • Embark ship

Day 3 – Breisach, Germany • Riquewihr, France

**Day 4 – Strasbourg • Baden-Baden, Germany** • **Germany & Russia: Energy Crisis conversation** 

Day 5 – Speyer • Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch

Day 6 - Speyer • Optional Heidelberg tour

Day 7 – Mainz • Optional Eberbach Abbey tour & Rudesheim dinner

Day 8 - Rhine River Valley • Koblenz

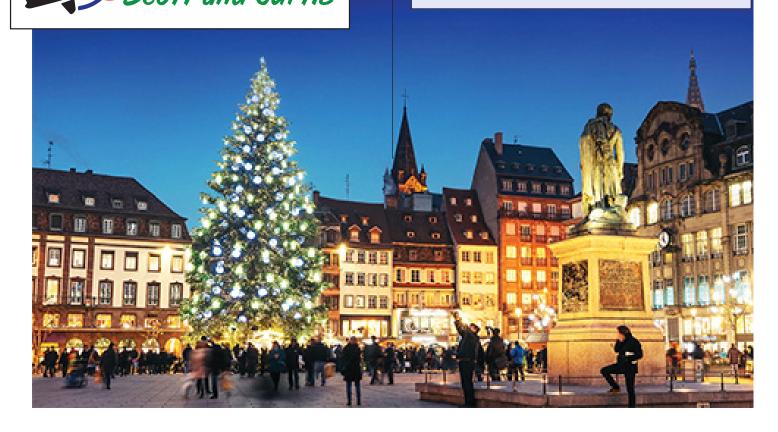
Day 9 - Koblenz • Stollen baking demonstration

Day 10 - Cologne

Day 11 – Nijmegen, the Netherlands • Captain's Farewell Dinner • Amsterdam

Day 12 – Return to U.S.

REMINDER: Space for this special journey is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is truly limited. To reserve your place today, please call Curtis Whitaker at (269) 209-5889. Welcome!



**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Good news! COVID-19 vaccines are no longer required for trips departing on or after 1/1/24. To learn more about our COVID vaccine policy, which is set by our providers, call us at (269) 209-5889. As always, we will be happy to answer your questions and provide more information. Thank you!









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#### **Pricing Summary & Trip Dates**

**Trip Name:** Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

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**Base Trip Cost:** \$3,095 (final price TBD)

**Rd. Trip Airfare:** \$1,100 (est. from Detroit Metro)

**Trip Cancellation Coverage** – Trip cancellation insurance is not required but is highly recommended. For details, please visit *www.gct.com* or call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

**Reservation Deposit:** The deposit to reserve your space on this trip is \$750 per person, fully refundable until 90 days prior to departure.

**Need Help?** For personal assistance or more information about this trip in the meantime, call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889** during regular business hours.

#### **TOUR RESERVATION POLICY:**

Reservations can be made by calling Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889.** A \$750 deposit is required to guarantee your place (credit cards accepted). Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

**Note:** The information, dates and prices provided in this document are estimates only based on currently available information. All prices and itinerary details are subject to change pending the release of 2026 dates and pricing. All pricing is listed per person.

Pricing Disclaimer: Every effort will be made to provide accurate pricing information. Operator reserves the right to correct promotional or pricing errors at any time, or to increase the trip price in the event of cost increases, currency fluctuations, venue fee increases, taxes, or fuel surcharges, or other reasons, unless you pre-paid according to the terms of the Good Buy Plan prior to the cost increase going into effect. For more information, please call Curtis Whitaker at (269) 209-5889.



#### Important Links:

Detailed Itinerary
Photos and Videos
What's Included
Terrain & Climate
Physical Requirements
Passport & Visa Info

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