



ITALIAN MOSAIC With Rhine River Cruise & Amsterdam



ROME ► ROME 13 DAYS

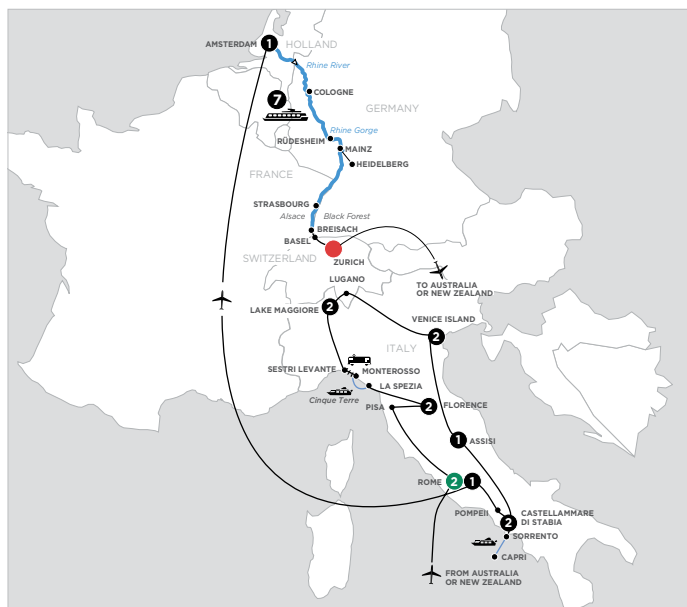
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AMSTERDAM ► BASEL 9 DAYS

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- **Globus tour:** Italian Mosaic
- **Avalon cruise:** Romantic Rhine with Amsterdam
- International and internal flights
- Airport Transfers
- Port Charges
- Gratuities
- Meals: 20 Breakfasts, 6 lunches & 11 dinners
- Globus touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi (where available).
- Avalon cruise by state-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities
- Globus tour accommodation in First-Class or Superior First-Class with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, portage, tips and service charges.
- Avalon cruise accommodation in deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds.





DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

WELCOME TO ROME!

At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

DAY 2: ROME

ROMAN HOLIDAY

ROME Guided sightseeing includes the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and see the Basilica. Visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Free time this late afternoon and evening. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDARY LIVES Stand in awe and wonder amid one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements in the Sistine Chapel. Hear how in 1508, a young Michelangelo was commissioned by Pope Julius II to decorate the chapel's ceiling - a request not welcomed by the 33-year-old sculptor. Michelangelo's 4-year project was indeed one of physical pain and psychological distress, while painting from scaffolds high above the sanctuary floor. Nevertheless, he created what is considered the most famous ceiling in the world, depicting the Creation of Adam in striking fresco style.

DAY 3: ROME-PISA-FLORENCE

THE TILTED TOWER

PISA See the Leaning Tower en route to Florence. (B) 298 mi / 480 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT See architecture gone askew from the viewpoint of the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa. Take the ultimate selfie in front of the Leaning Tower with a tilt of the head or other popular poses to commemorate your visit to the site of medieval art in this beautiful piazza.

DAY 4: FLORENCE

FINE ART IN FIRENZE

FLORENCE Guided sightseeing includes Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," Signoria Square and Ponte Vecchio. Free time to explore. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ART & ARCHITECTURE Those lucky enough to visit the Tuscan capital are witness to some of the world's most magnificent art. Home to a wealth of Renaissance masterpieces, Florence is famous for Michelangelo's Marble Masterpiece, David, standing ready for battle while Piazza del Duomo and Signoria Square offer spectacular sights of Florentine Gothic and Renaissance art, architecture, and monuments.

DAY 5: FLORENCE-CINQUE TERRE-LAKE MAGGIORE

ITALIAN TREASURES

FLORENCE Take a scenic drive en route to Cinque Terre.

CINQUE TERRE [LF] Take a guided boat ride (weather permitting). Free time before boarding your train to Sestri Levante. (B,D) 298 mi / 490 km

LOCAL FAVOURITE

EPIC RIDE Take a stunning cruise on the coast of Cinque Terre for an exquisite look at sea, sky, and centuries-old seaside villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline.

DAY 6: LAKE MAGGIORE. EXCURSION TO ISOLA MADRE

ISLAND BEAUTIES

LAKE MAGGIORE Boat ride to the botanic garden followed by dinner on the island (B)

LOCAL FAVOURITE

PICTURE PERFECT Isola Madre is one of the starring beauties of the Borromean Islands and transport those who cross Lake Maggiore into a reverie of Baroque palazzos and perfect gardens. On the island, a showcase of exotic botanical beauty surrounds the 16th-century Palazzo Borromeo with magnificent magnolias, myrtles, wisteria, and citrus groves. Enjoy dinner at the island restaurant combining good food and stunning views of the lake.

DAY 7: LAKE MAGGIORE-LUGANO, SWITZERLAND-VENICE ISLAND, ITALY

SWISS VIEWS & A SCENIC CRUISE

LUGANO Enjoy an orientation tour and free time.

VENICE ISLAND Take a private boat ride on the canals. (B) 295 mi / 475 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CITY SIGHTS Discover the city of Lugano to see its mix of Italian and Swiss style and culture reflected in its architecture and cuisine. Standing on the Lake's northern shore, the city is surrounded by mountain peaks. Piazza della Riforma and pastel palazzos share the ambience of this lovely Swiss city with impressive architecture and bold and innovative street art.

DAY 8: VENICE ISLAND

BENVENUTI A VENEZIA

VENICE ISLAND Guided walking tour includes St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs followed by a glassblowing demonstration. Free time this afternoon and evening. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Locals simply call Piazza San Marco "la piazza." As paired with the smaller Piazzetta, it forms the social, religious, and political hub of Venice, which Napoleon called "the drawing room of Europe." St. Mark's Basilica dominates the square, offering visitors a spectacular view of the great arches, marble embellishments, and the Romanesque carvings of its façade. Also gracing the square is Doge's Palace - a masterpiece of Venetian Gothic architecture. The enclosed Bridge of Sighs, connecting the palace with the prison, is named for the prisoners breathing in their last view of the Rio di Palazzo on their walk to the prison's interrogation rooms.

DAY 9: VENICE ISLAND-ASSISI

MEDIEVAL MARVELS

ASSISI A guided walking tour includes St. Clare's Church and St. Francis' Basilica. (B,D) 261 mi / 420 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ICONIC FOOTSTEPS Walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi with a visit to the Basilica named after the deacon, friar, and mystic, who became one of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity. Revered for his love of the Eucharist and the Earth, Francis found communion with God through nature here in this Italian village where he lived and died. Marvel at the magnificent frescoes by Italian master Giotto that adorn the Basilica where the Saint is buried.

DAY 10: ASSISI-SORRENTO AREA

ITALIAN VISTAS

Depart for a scenic drive to Sorrento. (B) 267 mi / 430 km

DAY 11: SORRENTO. EXCURSION TO CAPRI

COVES, CLIFFS & THE CLEAR BLUE SEA

SORRENTO AREA Jetfoil ride to Capri.

CAPRI Take a funicular ride from the harbor to the village for guided sightseeing, including Globus Local Favourite Augustus Gardens and a granita (semi-frozen drink) tasting. Free time for lunch.

SORRENTO AREA Free time this afternoon and evening. (B)

DAY 12: SORRENTO AREA- POMPEII-ROME

TIME STANDING STILL IN POMPEII

POMPEII Take a guided walking tour of the excavations, followed by free time for lunch.

ROME Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B,D) 193 mi/310 km

DAY 13: ROME - AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Your Globus Tour ends with breakfast this morning.

Board your flight from Rome to Amsterdam.

The remainder of your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. (B)

DAY 14: AMSTERDAM (EMBARKATION)

AMSTERDAM OFF THE BEATEN PATH.

Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding

CLASSIC - Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating

look at this legendary city.

During tulip season, you may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof Gardens - with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Outside of tulip season, join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM (B,D)

DAY 15: AMSTERDAM

CANALS OF COLOURFUL AMSTERDAM

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

CLASSIC - Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colourful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE (B,L,D)

DAY 16: COLOGNE, GERMANY

PROST! CELEBRATE IN THE RHINELAND

ACTIVE - Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

DISCOVERY - Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR:

CLASSIC - Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne - with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral. Spend free time over a glass of Kolsch pale lager - locally brewed for over 100 years!

Later, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM (B,L,D)

DAY 17: RÜDESHEIM

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY IN WINE COUNTRY

En route to Rüdesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei-where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors.

ACTIVE - Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim, OR:

DISCOVERY - Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee.

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM (B,L,D)

DAY 18: MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

PRINTING HALLS, CASTLE WALLS, AND THE WORLD'S BIGGEST WINE BARREL

ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way, OR:

CLASSIC - Enjoy a Guided City Walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing, OR:

CLASSIC - Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel."

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG (B,L,D)

DAY 19: STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A GRAND CATHEDRAL AND LA PETITE FRANCE

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.

ACTIVE - Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

CLASSIC - Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

Choose a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line - the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city centre.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH (B,L,D)

DAY 20: BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

GERMAN WINEMAKING AND THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK FOREST

DISCOVERY - Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration, OR:

DISCOVERY - Visit to a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting, OR:

CLASSIC - Join A Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city centre, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL (B,L,D)

DAY 21: BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning, before flying back to New Zealand. (B)



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