Voyage from Basel to Amsterdam along the Rhine River in true luxury. Indulge in a spectacular 7-night river cruise bike tour that meanders along the dramatic Rhine River. We'll start in Basel, Switzerland as we float and pedal past impressive medieval sites and fairy-tale landscapes of Cologne, Koblenz, and Strasbourg. Discover the legendary Lorelei rock, witness the picturesque Rhine Gorge, savor crisp Riesling wines, taste delicious cheeses, and experience the quaint Dutch countryside. Kings, princes, counts and bishops—all sought to build their castles on the Rhine. And now you can see them like never before—from the seat of a bicycle.

From $7099
Rider Type Recreational
Hotel Style Luxury
Duration 8 days | 7 nights
Start | End Basel, Switzerland | Amsterdam, Netherlands
Dates 2019/Apr/May/Jun/Aug

TRIP WOWS
Scenic's state-of-the-art 'Space-Ships' offer 5-star luxury from the pillow menu to every gourmet meal expertly created by our on board chefs.
Sample French wines, sip brews at a German biergarten or snack on traditional Dutch cheese.
Visit four different countries and soak up the breathtaking scenery of Rhine river valley.
Enjoy a classical concert in a Baroque-period Palace, just one of the many enriching Scenic experiences offered throughout your trip.
Soak in a gourmet experience at a themed dinner in the Portobello dining room.

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Switzerland countryside
Approximately 30 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Embarkation in Basel

**DESCRIPTION:**
Welcome to your biking and cruising adventure centered on the legendary Rhine River. Our trip starts in Basel at the Gaia Hotel at 9:00 AM. After meeting your Trek Travel guides, we will shuttle 45-60 minutes toward the Alsace region of France where your guides will familiarize you with your Trek bicycle and ensure a comfortable fit. Afterward, we will enjoy a light lunch complete with a sampling of traditional Alsatian specialties and then begin our first ride through the Alsatian Jura. Endless green hills and breathtaking views take us down to the picturesque village of Ferrette, huddled at the foot of a castle. Soak it all in at your first ride of the week before taking a short shuttle to our Scenic space-ship on the Rhine. After you settle in, we’ll meet for a welcome reception and the ship’s safety briefing. Meet your fellow passengers tonight during our first chef-inspired meal, then get ready for a night sail. Bon voyage!

**PORT NAME:**
Basel

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
**Day 2**

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Scenic guided city tour through Strasbourg

**DESCRIPTION:**
This morning enjoy breakfast slowly and take time to relax on the sundeck, read a book and feel the breeze while cruising along Grand Canal of Alsace, the region between France and Germany, where the cultures of both countries blend in a delightful way. The Alsatian capital, Strasbourg, is a mix of medieval past and progressive future. In the afternoon you can choose to learn about this beautiful city and its history on the official Scenic guided city tour which includes a visit to La Petite France and a stroll through the old town. If you want to get a better feel for the Alsatian region, which combines Germanic dialect with French style, love for foie gras and sauerkraut, and where vineyards fade into watercolor paintings on the horizon, join your Trek Travel guides for a ride on the “Route des Vins d’Alsace”. Enjoy easygoing riding through the vineyards and sample some of the best Rieslings and Pinot Gris in the region. We will arrive back on the boat just in time for the Captain’s welcome cocktail.

**PORT NAME:**
Strasbourg

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**Day 3**

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Speyer Technical Museum tour or Heidelberg Castle tour

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Classical Concert in a Baroque-period Palace

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today you get to explore the town of Heidelberg, home of the oldest university in Germany and one of its most beautiful cities. This is truly a scenic spot: The town’s harmonious ensemble between the castle and the historic centre by the river is framed by tree-clad hills. You can either choose to visit its stunning Renaissance Castle on a guided tour or just stroll and enjoy a ‘Sweet Tastes’ of Heidelberg tour, where you’ll have an opportunity to sample some of the local chocolates, bonbon and gummy bears. Tonight, enjoy a private tour of a Baroque-period palace before we sit down to a sublime classical concert. It’ll be an evening of grandeur unlike any other, and a chance to create memories that you’ll cherish for a lifetime. You are free to dine at your leisure on board as we cruise from Mannheim to Rudesheim.

**PORT NAME:**
Mannheim

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**Day 4**

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Rüdesheim to Koblenz

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Guided visit of Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today takes you to our most beautiful stretch of river, the dramatic Rhine Gorge. It’s arguably one of the most scenic destinations in Europe. Maybe it’s because of all the castles (no fewer than twenty-three), or perhaps the south-facing slopes covered with vineyards. Whatever it is, the views are to die for. You can choose to soak up the beauty from the luxury deck on your ship, or to let your Trek Travel guides show you the beauty of this landscape from the seat of a bicycle. We will pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei, where transformed sirens lured fishermen to destruction. Enjoy a traditional, local lunch at a riverside biergarten with sweeping views of the river. After lunch, challenge your guides to a round of mini-golf or game of bocce ball. We will finish our ride in Koblenz, where our ship awaits. In the evening, board a cable car for a jaw-dropping journey over the Rhine to the impressive Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and enjoy the sunset.

**PORT NAME:**
Rüdesheim

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
**Day 5**

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Moselle valley route  
Approximately 30 miles with 1,600 feet of climbing  

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Guided city tour or take a trip to a fairy tale town of Cochem  

**DESCRIPTION:** Today you may join the official Scenic guided tour in the town of Cochem, where the shuttle delivers you in the morning. This town is a true medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River. It will make you feel as if you’re stepping straight into a fairy tale and culminates in a visit to the iconic Reichsburg Castle. If you would rather explore the area on your bike, you can instead spin through the dreamy Moselle valley back to Koblenz. We will join in on the bike path and cruise home along the river, stopping to take a picture of Germany's oldest timber-framed house, Abteihof, in Kobern-Gondorf. Take in the sights and sounds as you have lunch on the Marktplatz amongst other touring cyclists who have found this charming scene a joy to dine amongst. Alternatively, you may stay in Koblenz and take advantage of a guided tour in the historic city. This afternoon, relax on the ship and enjoy one of the many on-board inclusions. Dinner tonight will be at your leisure, followed by a musical highlight show.

**PORT NAME:** Koblenz  
**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**Day 6**

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Colonge Cafe route  
Approximately 20 miles with 700 feet of climbing  

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Scenic walking tour of Cologne or Schloss Burg castle visit  

**DESCRIPTION:** Welcome to Cologne – the city of water and home of the original Eau de Cologne, a spirit-citrus perfume launched in 1709 by Giovanni Maria Farina. It’s a social city, where people meet to chat and laugh over a Kölsch. You can take advantage of this morning’s Scenic guided walking tour which takes you to the filigree towers of the famous Cologne cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or take a tour to discover a medieval Schloss Burg castle. If you prefer to stretch your legs more on the bike before cruising in the afternoon, your Trek Travel guides will take you on a spin outside of town to the countryside. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the sun deck watching the calm waters of the river as you sail to Amsterdam. Tonight, we will gather and celebrate our week of adventure on the water and two wheels at the Captain’s farewell cocktail hour, followed by the Captain’s farewell gala dinner.

**PORT NAME:** Cologne  
**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**Day 7**

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Marken Island Route with cheese tasting  
Approximately 25 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing  

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Canal cruise or Cheese farm tour  

**DESCRIPTION:** Welcome to Amsterdam, the most water-based city in the world. Its canals and harbors fill a full quarter of her surface. This morning you can spend more time on the boat and take a private Scenic cruise through the iconic canals of Amsterdam. Or, if you prefer, you can explore Amsterdam’s countryside and visit a traditional cheese farm and factory. After sampling delicious Hollandaise cheeses, we will transfer to the charming village of Edam, famous for its round cheese, where we will begin our ride. From there we will pedal to the fishing village of Marken which, with its characteristic houses and costumes, is likely to steal your heart. We will enjoy a delicious lunch on the harbor before we heading back on the mainland. Ride through the farming village of Broek-in-Waterland and soak up last moments of riding on Rhine. Enjoy a short stroll with your guides to the city centre where you will have dinner to celebrate your trip of a lifetime.

**PORT NAME:** Amsterdam  
**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Disembarkation

**DESCRIPTION:** Enjoy a relaxing breakfast this morning as you contemplate the lasting memories you’ve made during your vacation on the river. You will say farewell to your guides at 9:00 AM on board the ship in Amsterdam. Throughout the final morning, your Scenic Cruise Director will coordinate rolling departures of various taxis and buses to Amsterdam airport. Please do not schedule departing flights prior 12:00 PM in Amsterdam.

**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast

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**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Embarkation in Basel

**DESCRIPTION:** Welcome to your biking and cruising adventure centered on the legendary Rhine River. Our trip starts in Basel at the Gaia Hotel at 9:00 AM. After meeting your Trek Travel guides, we will shuttle 50 minutes toward the Thal Nature Park, famous for its picturesque farms, dense network of cycling and hiking trails and endless green hills. We will enjoy lunch at the top of Passwang Pass overlooking the Swiss valley from a mountain top terrace. After your guides familiarize you with your Trek bicycle and ensure a comfortable fit, we will begin our first ride descending through green hills and slow-paced villages. Skirt alongside the French border and enjoy the views in the town of Mariastein with a beautiful monastery. Greet locals enjoying their daily walks as we ride on the path through fields and pastures before reaching Basel and our Scenic space-ship on the Rhine. After you settle in, we’ll meet for a welcome reception and the ship’s safety briefing. Meet your fellow passengers tonight during our first chef-inspired meal, then get ready for a night sail. Bon voyage!

**PORT NAME:** Basel

**INCLUDED MEALS:** Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

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**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Scenic guided city tour through Strasbourg

**DESCRIPTION:** This morning enjoy breakfast slowly and take time to relax on the sundeck, read a book and feel the breeze while cruising along Grand Canal of Alsace, the region between France and Germany, where the cultures of both countries blend in a delightful way. The Alsatian capital, Strasbourg, is a mix of medieval past and progressive future. In the afternoon you can choose to learn about this beautiful city and its history on the official Scenic guided city tour which includes a visit to La Petite France and a stroll through the old town. If you want to get a better feel for the Alsatian region, which combines Germanic dialect with French style, love for foie gras and sauerkraut, and where vineyards fade into watercolor paintings on the horizon, join your Trek Travel guides for a ride on the “Route des Vins d’Alsace”. Enjoy easygoing riding through the vineyards and sample some of the best Rieslings and Pinot Gris in the region. We will arrive back on the boat just in time for the Captain’s welcome cocktail.

**PORT NAME:** Strasbourg

**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Alsace wine route

**DESCRIPTION:** Approximately 40 miles with 1,800 feet of climbing

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**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:** Switzerland countryside

**DESCRIPTION:** Approximately 30 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing
### Day 3

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
- Speyer Technical Museum tour or Heidelberg Castle tour

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
- Classical Concert in Mannheim Palace

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today you get to explore the town of Heidelberg, home of the oldest university in Germany and one of its most beautiful cities. This is truly a scenic spot: The town’s harmonious ensemble between the castle and the historic centre by the river is framed by tree-clad hills. You can either choose to visit its stunning Renaissance Castle on a guided tour or just stroll and enjoy a ‘Sweet Tastes’ of Heidelberg tour, where you’ll have an opportunity to sample some of the local chocolates, bonbon and gummy bears. Tonight, enjoy a private tour of a Baroque-period palace before we sit down to a sublime classical concert. It’ll be an evening of grandeur unlike any other, and a chance to create memories that you’ll cherish for a lifetime. You are free to dine at your leisure on board as we cruise from Mannheim to Rudesheim.

**PORT NAME:**
Mannheim

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### Day 4

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
- Rüdesheim to Koblenz
  - Approximately 46 miles with 1,700 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
- Guided visit of Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today takes you to our most beautiful stretch of river, the dramatic Rhine Gorge. It's arguably one of the most scenic destinations in Europe. Maybe it's because of all the castles (no fewer than twenty-three), or perhaps the south-facing slopes covered with vineyards. Whatever it is, the views are to die for. You can choose to soak up the beauty from the luxury deck on your ship or to let your Trek Travel guides show you the beauty of this landscape from the seat of a bicycle. We will pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei, where transformed sirens lured fishermen to destruction. Enjoy a traditional, local lunch at a riverside biergarten with sweeping views of the river. After lunch, challenge your guides to a round of mini-golf or game of bocce ball. We will finish our ride in Koblenz, where our ship awaits. In the evening, board a cable car for a jaw-dropping journey over the Rhine to the impressive Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and enjoy the sunset.

**PORT NAME:**
Rüdesheim

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### Day 5

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
- Moselle valley route
  - Approximately 30 miles with 1,600 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
- Guided city tour or take a trip to a fairy tale town of Cochem

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today you may join the official Scenic guided tour in the town of Cochem, where the shuttle delivers you in the morning. This town is a true medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River. It will make you feel as if you’re stepping straight into a fairy tale and culminates in a visit to the iconic Reichsburg Castle. If you would rather explore the area on your bike, you can instead spin through the dreamy Moselle valley back to Koblenz. We will join in on the bike path and cruise home along the river, stopping to take a picture of Germany's oldest timber-framed house, Abteihof, in Kobern-Gondorf. Take in the sights and sounds as you have lunch on the Marktplatz amongst other touring cyclists who have found this charming scene a joy to dine amongst. Alternatively, you may stay in Koblenz and take advantage of a guided tour in the historic city. This afternoon, relax on the ship and enjoy one of the many on-board inclusions. Dinner tonight will be at your leisure, followed by a musical highlight show.

**PORT NAME:**
Koblenz

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
**Day 6**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Colonge Cafe route
Approximately 20 miles with 700 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Scenic walking tour of Cologne or Schloss Burg castle visit

**DESCRIPTION:**
Welcome to Cologne – the city of water and home of the original Eau de Cologne, a spirit-citrus perfume launched in 1709 by Giovanni Maria Farina. It’s a social city, where people meet to chat and laugh over a Kölsch. You can take advantage of this morning’s Scenic guided walking tour which takes you to the filigree towers of the famous Cologne cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or take a tour to discover a medieval Schloss Burg castle. If you prefer to stretch your legs more on the bike before cruising in the afternoon, your Trek Travel guides will take you on a spin outside of town to the countryside. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the sun deck watching the calm waters of the river as you sail to Amsterdam. Tonight, we will gather and celebrate our week of adventure on the water and two wheels at the Captain’s farewell cocktail hour, followed by the Captain’s farewell gala dinner.

**PORT NAME:**
Cologne

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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**Day 7**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Marken Island Route with cheese tasting
Approximately 25 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Canal cruise or Cheese farm tour

**DESCRIPTION:**
Welcome to Amsterdam, the most water-based city in the world. Its canals and harbors fill a full quarter of her surface. This morning you can spend more time on the boat and take a private Scenic cruise through the iconic canals of Amsterdam. Or, if you prefer, you can explore Amsterdam’s countryside and visit traditional cheese factories. After sampling delicious Hollandaise cheeses, we will jump on the bikes and roll into the charming Volendam, with its unusual raised homes and quaint wooden church, continuing to the equally charming village of Edam, famous for its round cheese. From there we will pedal to the fishing village of Marken which, with its characteristic houses and costumes, is likely to steal your heart. We will enjoy a delicious lunch on the harbor before we head back on the mainland. Ride through the farming village of Broek-in-Waterland and soak up last moments of riding on Rhine. Back on the boat, raise your glass to toast a wonderful week, and after the last gourmet dinner, let the cruise director take you for a tour of the red light district.

**PORT NAME:**
Amsterdam

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

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**Day 8**

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Disembarkation

**DESCRIPTION:**
Enjoy a relaxing breakfast this morning as you contemplate the lasting memories you've made during your vacation on the river. You will say farewell to your guides at 9:00 AM on board the ship in Amsterdam. Throughout the final morning, your Scenic Cruise Director will coordinate rolling departures of various taxis and buses to Amsterdam airport. Please do not schedule departing flights prior 12:00 PM in Amsterdam.

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It’s the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that’s how we help you create more memories.
What’s Included

• 7 nights of accommodation in a deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom in Balcony suites. Entertainment on demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, hit Hollywood movies, extensive music library and English language TV stations. Terry bathrobes and white-on-white plush bedding in all staterooms. Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board, but please keep in mind that Wi-Fi access is limited while sailing.
• Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
• Daily route support with both guides and our support van
• Optional shore excursions in every port, guided by Scenic
• Exclusive Scenic Tailormade GPS for self-guided touring and on board commentary on major points of interest.
• All meals will be included during your cruise (during rides, lunches will be provided by Trek Travel). There are multiple dining venues on board to choose from and are included in your stay. Choose from unlimited red and white wines from different wine regions, as well as beer, cocktails and soft drinks included in every lunch and dinner. Bottled water in every stateroom is replenished daily.
• 6 social hours of drinks and hors d’oeuvres
• Ride a Trek Domane SL 7, Trek’s newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
• Up to three daily route options on riding days
• Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
• Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
• Trek Travel water bottles to keep
• Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
• All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
• All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
• A personalized photobook of your trip
• Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events
• The Scenic Space Ships include luxury suites with a queen size Scenic Slumber Bed, complimentary pillow menu, mini bar, L’Occitane amenities & Mac mini infotainment system, Personal butler for all guests, Laundry Concierge, Unlimited beverages and in-suite mini bar, Exclusive six-course dining with sommelier paired wines at Table La Rive, Sun deck with vitality pool, Scenic FreeChoice, allowing you to choose the exclusive sightseeing activities that interest you the most, Scenic Enrich, handpicked activities ranging from private concerts to exclusive dining experiences, Scenic Sundowners, exclusive cocktail events to enjoy the sunset in some of Europe’s most remarkable locations, Scenic Sun Lounges allow you to sit back and soak in the scenery on your own all-weather private outdoor balcony, Exclusive Scenic Tailormade GPS for self-guided touring and on board commentary on major points of interest, Endless on board entertainment, showcasing regional cultures as you weave through Europe, 24 hour room service, Trek Travel welcome lunch, all snacks, drinks and meals while riding including a Signature Trek Travel picnic, Dedicated Trek Travel guides on board and on shore to coordinate group activities, Fitness & Wellness area, Scenic guest packet including backpack, compression socks, eye mask, earplugs and a passport case

Gear

• Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
• Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
• Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
• Trek Travel water bottles to keep
• Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
• Bontrager helmet and saddle
• Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
• Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
• Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+$200)
• Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
• You may bring your own pedals and saddle on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What’s Not Included

• Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
• Lodging before and after the trip
• Personal items purchased during the trip
• Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
• On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
**SCENIC RIVER CRUISE**

**RHINE RIVER CRUISE**

Welcome aboard the custom-designed Scenic Space-Ship, our luxury floating hotel. It is the newest of the fleet of luxury ships and can carry 169 guests in 85 suites and 13 staterooms, with two full decks of Balcony Suites, and the largest Panorama Suites on any of Europe's rivers. These luxury river-cruise ships also boast a Vitality Pool on the panoramic, all-weather Sun Deck. Guests on board have a selection of dining venues to choose from, or they can dine privately in their own suite, thanks to their personal butler service. Our guests will stay in the Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck. View the Deck Plan»

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**MEETING & DEPARTING**

**How To Get There**

We suggest that you arrive at least one day before the trip starts, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend flying into Basel’s EuroAirport Basel–Mulhouse–Freiburg (BSL) or Zürich’s Kloten Airport (ZRH) and transferring on to Basel. The easiest way from the Basel airport is taking a taxi to the city center. The ride takes about 15 minutes and costs approximately $30.

If you decide to fly to Zürich, we recommend you to take a train. Trains run between Zürich Main Station (Zürich Hauptbahnhof) and Basel approximately every 30 minutes. You can purchase a train ticket at Swiss Federal Railways.

**Meeting Time And Location**

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at Gaia hotel (Centralbahnstrasse 13-15, Basel) at 9:00 AM on the first day of the trip. After meeting your Trek Travel guides, we will shuttle 45-60 minutes toward the Alsace region of France where your guides will familiarize you with your Trek bicycle and ensure a comfortable fit. Afterward, we will enjoy a light lunch complete with a sampling of traditional Alsatian specialties and then begin our first ride through the Alsatian Jura.

**Departing Time And Location**

Our trip ends in Amsterdam aboard the ship. You will say farewell to your guides at 9:00 AM, please make sure to check out of your stateroom by 9:00 AM. Throughout the final morning, your Scenic Cruise Director will coordinate rolling departures of various taxis and buses to Amsterdam airport. Please do not schedule departing flights prior 12:00 PM in Amsterdam.
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Before: Basel, Switzerland

Before you set out from Switzerland’s only seaport -- or so it seems with the mighty Rhine offering passage all the way to the Dutch docks -- be sure to enjoy this historic city on the river. The Marktplatz is surrounded by gates and spires, and is the perfect place to people-watch over an ice-cream cone. The old town is a walkable, delightful playground for the architecturally astute: There are seven centuries of construction to stroll by. For a town renowned for its winter celebrations, a day of walking through the sunny old town alleys is a must before you depart. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

- **GRAND HOTEL LES TROIS ROIS**
  One of the oldest hotels in the world, Le Trois Rois has witnessed most of Basel’s history, and hosted it’s most celebrated visitors. It’s located in the heart of the city, right on the water. A great spot from which you can come to know Basel.
  www.lestroisrois.com/en | ~$330

- **THE PASSAGE**
  This 4-star hotel has all the amenities you’d need, and a stunning location to boot. Called The Passage as an homage to its location upon the old town fortifications, it combines antiquity with modern amenities.
  www.thepassage.ch/en | ~$130

- **GAIA HOTEL**
  This is the place to treat yourself well while you explore the city. GAIA emphasizes organic, local produce for sustainable living; their concern for what is best for you is what makes their meticulous service impeccable.
  www.gaiahotel.ch | ~$110

After: Amsterdam, Netherlands

You’ll leave Amsterdam trying to find a way to move here. What’s charmed you is the city’s gezellig, that comfortable ambience that you usually find when sitting with friends. Apart from finding your cycling brethren here --in this city the bike is king -- you’ll find those cozy places where you can sit and spiel with your travel partners, taking in the city that winds by outside your window. When you venture out, beware: you’ll have a hard time not smacking into one of the countless artistic troves curated here. The Netherlands’ artistic expanse is captured in the span between the Rijksmuseum and the Stedelijk. Give this city a few days to visit and enjoy. We recommend the following:

- **DOUBLE TREE HILTON AMSTERDAM**
  A great spot to center your forays into the city, located a short walk to the central station and to the tramways that spread out into the town. Take advantage of the rooftop bar to take in the views at sunset before you head out again for dinner.

- **THE TOREN**
  The old-world feel in this boutique hotel in the Keizergracht is well deserved. The plush, low-lit décor harkens conveys the spirit of the two 400-year old buildings that house the rooms and breakfast hall. It’s in the perfect spot to walk the canals, visit the Anne Frank House, or wander into the see-and-be-seen territory of the city.
  www.thetoren.nl/en/ | ~$280

- **DE L’EUROPE AMSTERDAM**
  This the Grande Dame of luxury hotels in Amsterdam. A Leading Hotel of the World member, it pays homage to the Grand Masters while remaining fresh and contemporary. If you don’t stay for the night, at least come to dine in its extraordinary restaurant.
FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 2 - Recreational
- Average Daily Mileage | 35
- Terrain | Flat with rolling hills
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,600 feet
- Total Miles | 191
- Total Elevation | 9,400 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain is mostly flat terrain, with some rolling hills. The Rhine River Cruise takes to the picturesque valley which is made easy with the miles of well-marked, dedicated bike paths and country roads with minimal traffic. It is best suited for our Type 2 Riders. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Themed Dinners
- Lectures
- Cooking Demonstration
- On board music performances and afternoon/evening piano music
- Guided visits and tours of European towns with various activities
- Luxurious on board amenities

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.