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## Cruise : The Marne-Rhine Canal - From Lagarde to Strasbourg

LAGARDE - XOUXANGE - LUTZELBOURG - SAVERNE - WALTENHEIM - STRASBOURG

### Reasons to book with us

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

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Between Alsace and Lorraine : river cruises at the crossroads of many cultures, combining unspoiled nature and exceptional architectural heritage.

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Don't miss out on :

**Strasbourg**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

For nature lovers, a visit of a **natural reserve**

**The Artzwiller inclined plane**, an exceptional boat elevator

**The beautiful scenery of the Zorn Valley and the Vosges Mountains**

But also :

**A walk through the hops fields in Wingersheim**

**The Château de Hohbarr**

**Saverne**, a small and particularly charming town

**Lutzembourg Castle**

**Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in Sarrebourg**

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**All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED**

with meals and at onboard bar

Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail

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**Free Wi-Fi**

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Official welcome from the captain and crew

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Travel assistance and repatriation insurance

**All port fees included**



### DAY 1 : Strasbourg - LAGARDE

Transfer by coach from Strasbourg to Lagarde. Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 :00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail.

### DAY 2 : LAGARDE - XOUXANGE

This morning will be spent cruising toward Xouaxange. Our boat will go through the Réchicourt lock, one of the largest in France, before continuing our journey through the lakes. In the afternoon, join us on a **visit** to Sarrebourg that will take us on the Chagall trail. Located at the foot of the Vosges and the region of Alsace, the city is rich with diversity.

### DAY 3 : XOUXANGE - LUTZELBOURG - Inclined Plain at Arzwiller

This morning will be spent cruising towards Lutzembourg. Enjoy lunch by candlelight, while we pass through the Arzwiller and Niderviller Tunnels. Early in the afternoon, our boat will pass through the Artzwiller inclined plane for a truly unforgettable experience. A fantastic piece of workmanship, this type of transverse boat lift is the only one of its kind in Europe. We'll **stop off** at the local crystal workshop. Located at the foot of the incline for over 25 years, the crystal workshop is a family-run business specializing in the art of crystal blowing and cutting. We'll return on board and continue on to Lutzembourg. The canal winds through the Vosges Mountains before joining the Lorraine region.

### DAY 4 : LUTZELBOURG - SAVERNE

We'll set off for an **excursion on foot** to marvel at Lutzembourg Castle. Perched at over 980 feet above sea level on a rocky, red sandstone spur, the ruins of the castle

majestically dominate the village down in the Zorn Valley. We'll return on board and cruise towards Saverne. In the afternoon, join us on a **visit** of the Château du Haut Barr, often called "the Eye of Alsace", from where you will discover splendid views over the Alsatian plains. Enjoy some free time to explore the city or relax in Saverne before returning on board.

## DAY 5 : SAVERNE - WALTENHEIM

Join us on a **guided tour** of Saverne. Virtually unknown by the usual tourist routes, Saverne offers a wide range of places to discover : the Grand Rue with its unicorn fountain (the town's emblem) ; the Katz house, adorned with magnificent carved timbers ; Notre Dame Church with its 12th-century steeple ; various 18th-century administrative buildings ; and the Récollets Monastery founded in the 14th century. The afternoon will be spent cruising towards Waltenheim, passing the charming villages of Hochfelden and Schwindratzheim, nestled on a hillside. Feel free to stroll down the paths or ride one of our bikes along the canal banks. For dinner, enjoy some "tarte flambée", a local specialty served at a restaurant in Waltenheim.

## DAY 6 : WALTENHEIM - STRASBOURG

We'll set out on a **hiking tour** along the hops trail in Wingersheim. Your pleasurable hike through the hop fields will be followed by a beer tasting. We'll return on board and cruise towards Strasbourg. We'll cruise through the Zorn Valley and its landscaped fields, where the canal is wide and straight. Tonight is our gala evening, followed by a **panoramic boat tour** of Strasbourg's old town (subject to availability.)

## DAY 7 : STRASBOURG

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9 :00 a.m. *End of our services.*

## TRANSPORTATION

Transfer by coach from Strasbourg to Lagarde D1 included.

For more information about flights and transfers, please contact our call center by clicking on "Request a quote" and filling out the form, or by calling **1-800-768-7232**.

## FORMULA

This offer includes :

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - drinks included in this price are water, wine, beer, fruit juices during the meal and coffee after both lunch and dinner for meals eaten on the ship - drinks from the bar, except for champagne or wines from our special list - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - the excursions mentioned in the programme - welcome cocktail - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - transfer by coach from Strasbourg to Lagarde on D1 - the gala dinner and evening - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include :

Drinks on the wine list, champagne at the bar, drinks served during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - personal expenses.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## FORMALITIES

**Valid passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. Please contact us for more itinerary details. For cruise Ref. SXO\_AIPP, itinerary and excursion packages are different. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.