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10 Day Conducted Romantic Rhine Avalon Waterways River Cruise

with no single supplement for solo travellers

for **\$5,585** per person

This is superb value for a river cruise of this nature, as it includes:

- Economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth into Amsterdam and out of Zurich with Emirates.
- A deluxe 7 night Rhine River cruise of Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland aboard the modern and luxurious Avalon Expression, in a hotel-style outside stateroom.
- Superb dining on board the cruise ship with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided daily, as well as a welcome and farewell cocktail & canapés. You will also receive complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast and wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner whilst on board.
- Airport transfers in Amsterdam and Zurich.
- Prepaid gratuities, airport taxes and levies, as well as government taxes and port charges on the cruise.
- Services of local tour guides.



If you wish you can upgrade your cabin to a higher deck which has wall to wall panoramic windows in Avalon's unique Open-Air Balcony. The cost for this upgrade is \$1,449 per person twin share.



A special feature of this cruise is that you can have a single cabin for no additional charge, subject to availability at time of booking.

Cruise Package departs Australia 23rd March and returns 1st April 2020

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Avalon Waterways Romantic Rhine River Cruise

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

23.03.20 Australia – Dubai

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning.
Depart Perth at 10.20pm on EK 421, arriving in Dubai at 5.25am the next morning.
Depart Brisbane at 10.25pm on EK 431, arriving in Dubai at 7.00am the next morning.

Depart Melbourne at 10.30pm on EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.40am the next morning.

Depart Adelaide at 10.35pm on EK 441, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning.

24.03.20 Dubai - Amsterdam, Holland (Embarkation)

(D) All passengers depart Dubai at 8.10am on EK 147, arriving in Amsterdam at 12.40pm.

Welcome to Holland. You are transferred to the dock to board your Avalon Suite Ship.

The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore Amsterdam at your leisure. 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.

The Avalon Expression was launched in 2013. It is among a cutting-edge fleet of suite-ships. She has four decks and is approximately 440 feet long. The ship is equipped with a reception area, sky deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, internet corner, hair salon, elevator, dining room, fitness centre and more. It has 83 cabins with the following features as standard:

- Avalon's comfort collection beds for a great night's sleep.
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, blankets and European style duvets.
- A choice of soft or firm pillows.
- Choice of bed configuration (two twins or one queen).
- Nightly turn-down service.
- Bedside tables with reading lamps.
- Large private bathroom featuring full shower with glass door, hairdryer and premium L'Occitane bath amenities.
- Spacious 3 door closets with shelves for ample storage.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channels.
- Writing desk / vanity with comfortable chair and mirror.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access.
- Direct dial telephone.
- Bathrobes & slippers.
- Well-stocked minibar.
- Complimentary bottled water.
- In-room safe.
- Individual climate control air conditioning.

This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner onboard.

25.03.20 Amsterdam

(B/L/D) Avalon has designed included excursions and onboard activities for a choice of experiences, being **Classic, Discovery** and **Active**. You are free to choose which **Classic, Discovery** or **Active** tour suits you best each day. There are also some Optional activities, which you may wish to purchase to supplement your holiday experience.

Classic

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a guided canal cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's 'Golden Age'.

You may like to join a guided optional excursion to Muiderslot Castle, or a guided optional biking excursion to the Dutch countryside.

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colourful streets and canal houses, galleries and shops.

Afternoon/Overnight cruise to Cologne

26.03.20 Cologne, Germany

(B/L/D) **Classic**

Take a guided city walk of Cologne, with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral, OR

Discovery

Choose a guided walking tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy free time over a glass of Kolsch pale lager – locally brewed for over 100 years!

Later local musicians will join us onboard for live entertainment.

Overnight cruise to Koblenz

27.03.20 Koblenz – Rhine Gorge - Rudesheim

(B/L/D) Enjoy free time in Koblenz this morning before sailing through the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim. Sail past the legendary rock of The Lorelei, where the siren of mythology sang songs to lure ill-fated sailors.

Discovery

Based on your departure date, enjoy either a Coffee Tasting or a Wine Tasting.

Discovery

Take a guided tour of the incredible mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience.

Enjoy live entertainment onboard your ship this evening.

Overnight docking in Rudesheim

28.03.20 Mainz (Excursion to Heidelberg)

(B/L/D) **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', OR

Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below.

Evening/Overnight cruise to Strasbourg

29.03.20 **Strasbourg, France**

(B/L/D) *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.

You may choose to join a guided optional excursion to the Splendid Alsace wine country, or a guided optional excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

Alternatively, enjoy a free afternoon sampling the local cuisine in Place Kleber.

Evening/Overnight cruise to Breisach

30.03.20 **Breisach, Germany (Excursion to the Black Forest)**

(B/L/D) *Discovery*

Visit to Badische Winzerkeller, the largest German wine producer in Europe.

Discover Germany's southernmost wine country in Baden and learn about the vinters' process in the vineyards here and enjoy a wine tasting, OR

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.

Follow your visit to Badische Winzerkeller with a free afternoon in Breisach.

Evening/Overnight cruise to Basel

31.03.20 **Basel, Switzerland (Disembarkation) – Dubai**

(B)

After a leisurely breakfast you disembark the ship and are transferred to Zurich airport for your flights home.

Depart Zurich at 3.25pm on EK 88, arriving in Dubai at 11.45pm.

01.04.20 **Dubai – Australia**

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 1.50am on EK 414, arriving in Sydney at 10.30pm.

Adelaide passengers depart Dubai at 2.05am on EK 440, arriving in Adelaide at 8.50pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 2.30am on EK 430, arriving in Brisbane at 10.20pm.

Perth passengers depart Dubai at 2.45am on EK 420, arriving in Perth at 5.35pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Dubai 3.00am on EK 408, arriving in Melbourne at 11.20pm.

Note:

In the event of water level problems on stretches of any river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by motorcoach



Example of Upgraded Cabin

Priced from \$1,449 per person



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travels Avalon Waterways Romantic Rhine River Cruise

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$2000 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for this tour if you are travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / ADELADIE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$2000 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.