



## FRANCE

# FROM THE HEART OF ALSACE TO THE SUMMIT OF THE SWISS ALPS

(TOUR CODE: 31212)

## STARTS AND ENDS

in Strasbourg

## TRAVEL PERIODS

31 July 24 - 1 Nov 24

## EXPERIENCE

Cruising

## TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Come and experience the beauty of this river cruise that will lead you from the lovely heart of Alsace to the stunning Swiss Alps. Cruise along the Rhine and take a full-day trip to explore the breathtaking Jungfrau region.

## Highlights

- Visit **Strasbourg**, the European capital with an exceptional architectural heritage
- Explore the charming town of **Colmar**, known for its picturesque half-timbered houses and the Hansi Village, which boasts a museum showcasing local history and culture
- Experience a full-day excursion in the **Jungfrau Region**, enjoying a scenic train ride through the Alps and breathtaking views.

## Entire Bonus

**Save \$400 per booking** when you book by the 17 May 2024!

An unforgettable, exclusive cruise to discover the cultural, architectural, and natural treasures between Alsace and the Swiss Alps.

Depart from **Strasbourg**, a cosmopolitan, picturesque city with a vibrant past. During your holiday, immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere surrounding Strasbourg and its canals, explore Colmar's charming streets, and absorb the captivating artwork at the Hansi Village and its museum.

Then, set off for a magnificent journey to snow-capped mountains during an excursion to the **Jungfrau**, where breathtaking views of white summits and sparking glaciers exist all year round.

# INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights on board MS Monet or similar in the main deck cabin
- All meals included on-board
- All onboard beverages (not including the special lists)
- Welcome cocktail upon arrival
- A Gala dinner: Refined French Cuisine
- Guided tour of Strasbourg and its cathedral
- Guided tour of Colmar and the Hansi Village and its museum
- Full-day excursion to the Jungfrau Region with lunch included
- On-board entertainment
- All port fees included

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Strasbourg

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00pm. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail.

Overnight stay on board **MS Monet or similar**.



## Day 2 Strasbourg Breisach

This morning, the included excursion is a guided tour of Strasbourg and its cathedral. Discover Strasbourg from the water! We'll see all the great sites on the riverbanks, from Petite France — listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988 — to the European Quarter, where institutions such as the Council of Europe and the European Parliament are located.

After, we'll continue on foot to the magnificent Gothic Cathedral, built over three centuries. The famous west front is decorated with thousands of figures, and its spire measures over 466 feet. The cathedral is built out of pink sandstone from the nearby Vosges Mountains, which gives it its characteristic hue that changes according to the sunlight and the color of the sky.



Standing before the symbol of the city, you'll understand why Victor Hugo called it a "gigantic and delicate" marvel. It is one of the very few Gothic churches with only one tower. Among its wonders are the stained glass windows, including the 46-foot-high Rose Window. The great organ is a masterpiece to see as well as to hear. And the astronomical clock is a Renaissance treasure not to be missed.

We'll return by tour boat to the ship, and spend the afternoon cruising to Breisach. Take advantage of this downtime by enjoying the views from the Sun Deck or participating in an onboard activity. Onboard presentation.

We'll arrive in Breisach at the end of the day. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board. We'll remain in port overnight.

Overnight stay on board **MS Monet or similar**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

### Breisach Colmar Basel

Enjoy a free morning in Breisach. Join us for a tour of the city. Amble through the picturesque streets of this small city sitting on the banks of the Rhine River. Take a break and enjoy a treat in one of the cafés or ice-cream parlors in the main square. Don't miss a visit to the cathedral, where great panoramic views of the Rhine and Black Forest await. Return to the ship at your own pace.

In the afternoon, join us for an **included guided tour of Colmar and the Hansi Village and its museum**. We will leave by coach for Colmar. Discover the charming old town and its historic centre with prestigious monuments such as the Maison des Têtes, built at the beginning of the 17th century and named as such for the 111 heads decorating the outside. Strolling through the city is the best way to take in the beauty of the colors, sights, and sounds in Alsace.

We'll come across the quaint quarter known as "Little Venice," once a fishing merchant hub along the Quai de la Poissonnerie. Our tour will continue on to the Hansi Village and its museum. Jean-Jacques Waltz, also known as Oncle Hansi, was an Alsatian artist and activist considered a French hero during both World Wars for his critiques of the Germans. The museum traces his legacy through his considerable works and the impact he had on Alsatian folklore.

We will return to the ship and spend the afternoon cruising to Basel. This evening marks our festive **gala evening**.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

## Basel Jungfrau Joch Basel

Join us for a **full-day trip to the Jungfrau Region\***! We'll hop on a coach in Basel and head to Lauterbrunnen, about a 2.5-hour drive away.

From there, we'll board the rack railway that will take us through the Eiger and Mönch mountains to Europe's highest railway station. The railway, inaugurated in 1912, climbs steadily through the spectacular scenery in the Swiss Alps. Breathtaking views of snow-capped summits, majestic glaciers, and verdant valleys await. The apex of this excursion is Jungfrau Station. Perched at an altitude of over 11,000 feet (3,454 metres), the station offers astonishing views of the Great Aletsch Glacier and surrounding peaks. The train ride is an unforgettable experience combining adventure, nature, and remarkable engineering. We'll enjoy lunch in a restaurant.

For our return, we'll take the train to Eigergletscher Station, where we'll board a gondola lift to Grindelwald Terminal. This will be another moment to take in the exceptional views of the Alps.

After we arrive in Grindelwald, we'll return to Basel by coach (an approximate 2.5- to 3-hour drive). Enjoy dinner on board. Our ship will cruise to Strasbourg. Join us for a full-day trip to the Jungfrau Region\*! We'll hop on a coach in Basel and head to Lauterbrunnen, about a 2.5-hour drive away.

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\*Please note that we recommend having a substantial breakfast. It is advisable to bring one bottle of water per person, appropriate warm clothing, and suitable footwear for walking in snowy conditions.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day **5**

## Strasbourg

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking around 10:00am.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Please be informed that depending on the selected departure date, the vessel for this river cruise may subject to change.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package