

Charlemagne

GERMANY CRUISES

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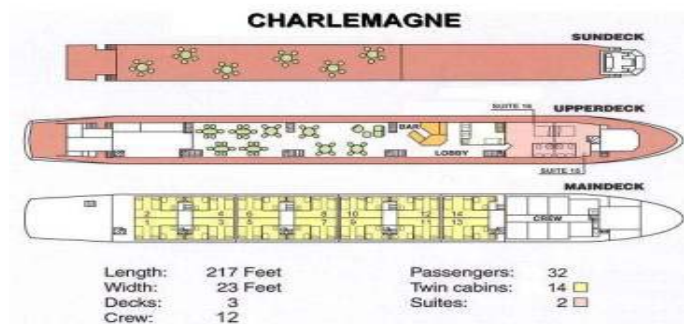
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	217' X23'
Capacity:	32
Crew:	11
Cabins:	16
Accommodations:	2 Large Suites & 14 Twin Staterooms
Heat & Air:	Air-conditioning & Heating
Cruising Region:	Germany & Holland
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Saturday
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	Wine with lunch and dinner (open bar not included)
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Private 40 Passenger Motorcoach for excursions
Germany Transfer:	Frankfurt at the Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof hotel at 2pm
Germany After Cruise:	Return to a central location in Frankfurt at approximately 11:00 AM
Holland Transfer:	Park Plaza Victoria Hotel in central Amsterdam at 2:00 PM
Holland After Cruise:	Park Plaza Victoria Hotel in central Amsterdam at 11:00 AM
Recreational Items:	Lounge/Bar, Game Room with TV, Separate Dining Room, Large upper deck with lounge chairs and parasols, all cabins have TV and Video, large windows and bath, ten bicycles (for Holland cruises), small library of books and games
Cruising Season:	March 21 to May 9 - Holland Cruises May 16 to November 7 - Germany Moselle & Neckar Cruises

BOAT DIAGRAM



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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HOLLAND TULIP CRUISE
VREESWIJK TO AMSTERDAM

Saturday - Vreeswijk-Schoonoven

Passengers are met at the Park Plaza Victoria Hotel in central Amsterdam at 2pm and transferred to the Charlemagne moored in Vreeswijk. There is a welcome Champagne reception and presentation of the crew before you are shown to your cabin. We will have a delightful cruise this afternoon along the river Lek to Schoonoven, well known since the 17th century for its silver jewelry and traditional clock-making. There will be time to stroll into this charming town after dinner on board.

Sunday - Schoonoven-Kinderdijk-Gouda

A morning cruise to Kinderdijk where we will visit the 19 windmills which are part of the Unesco World Heritage and were built in 1740 to drain the polders. At lunchtime we will cruise along the Hollandse IJssel river, passing by the skyline of Rotterdam, one of the world's largest seaports. Later in the afternoon, a walking tour of Gouda, famous for its cheese, pipes, and candles.

Monday - Gouda-Oude Wetering

After breakfast, a visit to see the remarkable stained glass windows in St. John's church dating from the 15th century. Afterwards we cruise to Oude Wetering on the Gouwe and Oude Wetering canals. Polders, which are low lying lands reclaimed from the sea, stretch out in every direction. This afternoon, an excursion to the Keukenhof Gardens, famous throughout the world for its dazzling fields of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths.

Tuesday - Oude Wetering-Purmerend

An early morning visit to the world's largest flower auction in Aalsmeer, where some 10 billion flowers are sold every year. Later we cruise on the Ringvaart canal, skirting one of Holland's oldest polders. In the afternoon there is a tour of Haarlem, the center of the Dutch bulb trade, followed by a cruise to Purmerend.

Wednesday - Purmerend-Alkmaar

A very scenic cruise passing fields of blooming flowers to Alkmaar, where we will have a guided visit of the town's monuments: 17th century fortifications, St. Lawrence church, with one of the finest ancient organs in Holland, the majestic 15th century Gothic Town Hall, and many picturesque old houses. There will be time for shopping.

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Thursday - Alkmaar-Zaansche Schans-Amsterdam

A morning cruise to Zaansche Schans, a reconstructed village of wooden houses and wind-mills, transports us 300 years into the past. Our cruise ends in the heart of Amsterdam where we will have a guided tour of the many monuments with time for shopping. This evening is our Farewell Gala Dinner on board.

Friday - Amsterdam

After breakfast, passengers depart the Charlemagne and are transferred to the Park Plaza Victoria Hotel around 11 am.

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GERMANY NECKAR & RHINE RIVERS

BAD WIMPFEN TO KOBLENZ

Saturday - Bad Wimpfen

We meet in Frankfurt at the Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof hotel at 2pm and passengers are transferred by motor coach to Charlemagne moored in the town of Bad Wimpfen. There is a welcome reception and afterwards you will be shown to your cabin with time to settle in before dinner is served at 7:30 this evening.

Sunday - Bad Wimpfen - Eberbach

After breakfast, we visit the town of Bad Wimpfen. This small fortified town dominates the river and was the ancient Imperial residence of the Hohenstaufen in the 13th century. The town has a picturesque ensemble of half-timbered houses that we will discover along the winding streets. We return on board for lunch and in the afternoon we take a pleasant cruise to Eberbach. Here the Neckar rejoins the massif stone of l'Odenwald and flows between the lush wooded areas where we can see the roofs of castles. Charlemagne will arrive into Eberbach this evening, a lovely tourist town.

Monday - Eberbach-Heidelberg

This morning, we visit Michelstadt, in existence since 741. The town is famous for its numerous half timbered houses, the Rathaus (town hall) and the synagogue dating from the 18th century, one of the very few to have survived the Nazi period. Also famous is the inhardsbasilika, built in 821 on the initiative of Einhard a member of Charlemagne's court. We return to Charlemagne by the romantic road of Odenwald. Lunch is on board followed by an afternoon cruise through the narrow straits of the Neckar, full of chateaux and small villages. Well known is Hirschhorn with its fortified spur and Neckarsteinach, where there are four chateaux. We reach Heidelberg in the late afternoon.

Tuesday - Heidelberg-Worms

This morning, we will visit Heidelberg. This important site of German romanticism has inspired numerous poets seduced by the natural beauty of the town and its ruined chateau built on a hillside. We will have a guided visit of both the city and chateau. This is the pearl of the Neckar route and is far from being just a museum. Today it houses a vibrant university and the students bring lots of life and animation to the scene. During lunch on board, we will leave our mooring in Heidelberg and cruise to Mannheim, a large industrial town where the Neckar and the Rhine join. We continue our cruise on the Rhine to Worms, one of the three Imperial residences along the Rhine, one of the settings for the saga of Niebelungen.

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Wednesday - Worms-Mainz-Rudesheim

This morning we cruise to Mainz, a city at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers established in 39 B.C. by the Romans. After lunch on board, a walking tour will take you through the narrow streets of the old district to the cathedral. In the late afternoon we cruise along the famous vineyards of the Rheingau to Rudesheim where we find the world renown Drosselgasse, filled with wine bars where we can have a taste of the famous reisling.

Thursday - Rudesheim-Koblenz

This morning we navigate in the heart of the Rhine valley, known as the Romantic Rhine, full of idyllic villages, chateaux, some ruined and all impressive, as well as the Lorelei, the legendary rock which has become the symbol of this passage. During lunch on board, we continue our cruising towards Koblenz. After lunch, there is a guided tour of Koblenz, a city at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. We visit the basilica of St. Kastor and the monument to Emperor Guillaume 1st. There will be free time in the city before our Farewell Gala dinner this evening.

Friday - Koblenz-Frankfurt

This morning, after breakfast, passengers return to Frankfurt by motor coach, arriving around lunchtime.

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2009 PRICES

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Per Person

\$3,300 US
2000 Euros

Suite Supplement

\$825
500 Euros

Single Supplement

\$825
500 Euros

Charter

102,300 US
62,000 Euros

March 21 until May 9 - Holland Cruise

May 16 until November - Germany Moselle/Neckar Cruise

Additional Information:

6 Night Cruises starting every Saturday
Cash bar - wines with lunch and dinner included

**The US rate may change due to exchange fluctuations.
Please contact us for a current US rate.**

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March 21	Tulip Cruise
Mar 28	Tulip Cruise
Apr 4	Tulip Cruise
Apr 11	Tulip Cruise
Apr 18	Tulip Cruise
Apr 25	Tulip Cruise
May 2	Tulip Cruise
May 9	Tulip Cruise
May 16	Repositioning Cruise Amsterdam to Koblenz
May 23	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
May 30	Metz to Koblenz
Jun 6	Koblenz - Bad Wimpfen (neckar)
Jun 13	Bad Wimpfen to Koblenz
Jun 20	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
Jun 27	Metz to Koblenz
Jul 4	Koblenz - Bad Wimpfen (neckar)
Jul 11	Bad Wimpfen to Koblenz
Jul 18	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
Jul 25	Metz to Koblenz
Aug 1	Koblenz - Bad Wimpfen (neckar)
Aug 8	Bad Wimpfen to Koblenz
Aug 15	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
Aug 22	Metz to Koblenz
Aug 29	Koblenz - Bad Wimpfen (neckar)
Sep 5	Bad Wimpfen to Koblenz

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Sep 12	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
Sep 19	Metz to Koblenz
Sep 26	Koblenz - Bad Wimpfen (neckar)
Oct 3	Bad Wimpfen to Koblenz
Oct 10	Koblenz to Metz (moselle)
Oct 17	Metz to Koblenz
Oct 24	Repositioning Cruise from Koblenz to Amsterdam

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