

# Prosperity Bank presents ...



Cruise in a group of 38-45 aboard our privately owned 140-passenger ships

## Romance of the Rhine & Mosel

**Belgium:** Antwerp | **The Netherlands:** Willemstad, Kinderdijk, Nijmegen | **Germany:** Bonn, Cochem, Trier, Bernkastel, Boppard, Speyer | **France:** Strasbourg | **Switzerland:** Basel

16 days from **\$5595** with international airfare from Houston



### IT'S INCLUDED

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

**Accommodations** for 14 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins

**ALL meals:** 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners—including 1 meal in a local restaurant—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

**13 included tours** with personal headsets and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Operation Market Garden discussion • *Germany: A Nation of Immigrants* discussion • European Union discussion • Winery visit and tasting • Home-Hosted Visit • *Switzerland Today* discussion

**Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide an insider's knowledge and perspective

**Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers

**All port charges**

**Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

**5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip

### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

AUGUST 26, 2023

**Day 1 • Depart U.S.**

**Day 2-3 • Antwerp, Belgium**

**Embark ship**

**Port** Antwerp

**Included Tour** Antwerp

**Day 4-5 • The Netherlands**

**Ports** Willemstad • Kinderdijk • Nijmegen

**Included Tours** Kinderdijk Windmills • Nijmegen

**Optional Tour** Delta Works

**Day 6-12 • Germany**

**Ports** Bonn • Cochem • Trier • Bernkastel • Speyer

**Included Tours** Bonn • Cochem • Trier • Bernkastel • Boppard • Speyer

**Optional Tours** Luxembourg • Marksburg Castle

**Day 13-14 • Strasbourg, France**

**Port** Strasbourg

**Included Tour** Strasbourg

**Day 15 • Basel, Switzerland**

**Port** Basel

**Included Tour** Basel

**Day 16 • Basel • Return to U.S.**

**Disembark ship**

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

**Bruges, Belgium**

3 nights pre-trip from \$895

**Lucerne, Switzerland**

4 nights post-trip from \$895

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**Prosperity Bank, 2310 Yale Street Houston, TX 77008**



## WHAT TO EXPECT

### Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

### Pacing

- 15 days, with 14 nights aboard a river ship

### Physical Requirements

- Participate in 3-4 hours of physical activities each day (additional optional activities may be offered)
- Walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, including stairs and cobblestones

- Agility and balance for boarding small canal boats, often involving steep, slippery stairs
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

### Terrain & Transportation

- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet or colder condition
- Travel by 140-passenger river ship, 47-seat coach, small boat, and tram
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 45-74°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

## YOUR ITINERARY

**Please Note: Departure date 8/26/23 is running on the reverse itinerary. Visit [www.gct.com/sab](http://www.gct.com/sab) for details.**

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

### DAY 2 • Brussels, Belgium • Antwerp • Embark ship

Arrive in Brussels today, where you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to the pier in Antwerp. Here, embark your ship, joining your fellow travelers, including those from the *Bruges, Belgium* extension.

The balance of the day is at leisure, and you can head out on an orientation walk of the nearby area with your Program Director. In the early evening, gather for your first Port Talk—a nightly briefing from your Program Director designed to prepare you for the next day's activities.

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### DAY 3 • Antwerp • Willemstad, the Netherlands

Get to know Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city, and a major diamond center, on a morning walking tour. Stroll through Old Town, visiting the landmark *Grote Markt*, a square surrounded by 16th-century guild houses, and Town Hall.

The afternoon is yours to further discover the city on your own. Tonight, meet the

ship's crew over a Captain's Welcome Drink and Dinner.

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### DAY 4 • Willemstad • Optional Delta Works tour • Kinderdijk

This morning, enjoy time for independent exploration.

Or, learn the fascinating story behind the Delta Works Flood Control Project, established to ensure that floods like the 1953 disaster—which claimed thousands of lives—never happen again on an optional morning tour. Built over 32 years for \$6.5 billion, the project complements the ecosystem and protects a vast area of lowlands. Discover the scale and sophistication of the project, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World."

Following lunch onboard, visit world-renowned Kinderdijk to witness its 19 windmills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built around 1740. Holland is known for its windmills, and nowhere will you find more than near this little village.

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### DAY 5 • Nijmegen

After breakfast, enjoy an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion with local residents about the area's involvement in the daring World War II military maneuver, Operation Market Garden.

Then, set off for a walking tour of 2,000-year-old Nijmegen—the Netherlands' oldest city. Built on seven hills overlooking the Waal River, Nijmegen was heavily damaged during the Second World War. Remarkably, the historic town center emerged unscathed, and today provides a striking contrast to the newer architecture surrounding it.

After free time to explore further, return to your ship for an onboard lunch and dinner.

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### DAY 6 • Bonn, Germany

This morning, set off on a walking tour of Bonn's Old Town that includes the Baroque City Hall, Romanesque basilica, and Beethoven's memorial. Continue your explorations on your own, before returning to the ship for an **Exclusive Discovery Series Germany: A Nation of Immigrants** discussion.

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## DAY 7 • Cochem

This morning, disembark in Cochem to visit Reichsburg Castle, which was converted into a summer home in 1868 for Louis Ravene, a Berlin entrepreneur, and is now owned by the city. Take a scenic drive up from the river valley to the top of the rocky hill on which the castle is perched. Explore both the exterior and interior, and then enjoy time on your own in Cochem before returning to the ship.

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## DAY 8 • Trier

After breakfast, partake in an informative onboard **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion about the European Union. Then disembark your ship for a walking tour of Trier. Learn about Trier's history and explore its ancient ruins featuring the second-century *Porta Nigra* (Black Gate), once the gate of a Roman fortress, and the famous Basilica built by Constantine around AD 310.

Cap off your morning excursions with an included lunch at a local restaurant before taking the rest of the day to pursue your own interests.

Dinner is aboard the ship this evening.

**Please note:** *It is not always possible to dock in Trier, so we sometimes dock in Riol or Schweich. If that happens, you will be transferred to Trier by bus and all program features will remain as scheduled.*

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## DAY 9 • Trier • Scenic cruise • Optional Luxembourg tour

Enjoy a relaxing day of cruising, basking in riverside views of one of the most scenic sections of the Mosel River.

Or, join a full-day optional excursion to Luxembourg, the tiny country whose territory is comprised of less than 1,000 square miles. This constitutional monarchy, officially titled the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, is located between Belgium, France, and Germany—and its everyday language, *Letzebuergesch*, symbolized the national identity.

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## DAY 10 • Bernkastel

Set off on a morning walking tour of Bernkastel, a storybook local divided by the Mosel from its sister town, Kues, which sits on the opposite bank. After your introduction to Bernkastel's half-timbered houses and petite shops, you'll have free time to explore on your own. Then, you'll head to one of the town's most famous wineries for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** visit to see its inner workings—and sample a few vintages.

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## DAY 11 • Boppard • Optional Marksburg Castle tour

This morning, explore the historic streets of Boppard—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—on a morning walking tour. Or, join an optional outing to Marksburg Castle, one of the most beautiful palaces situated on the hills that line the Rhine River. Return to town for a walking tour of Boppard before rejoining your fellow travelers for lunch onboard. Then, enjoy an afternoon of scenic cruising.

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## DAY 12 • Speyer • Home-Hosted Visit

Disembark this morning for a walking tour of Speyer—and witness its striking Romanesque cathedral. Then, join a local family for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** Home-Hosted Visit, which will give you a glimpse into everyday German life as you share some homemade treats.

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## DAY 13 • Strasbourg, France

Discover Strasbourg on a walking tour along the city's famed canals. Continue exploring on your own using an included complimentary public transportation pass.

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## DAY 14 • Riquewihr • Strasbourg

After breakfast, discover Riquewihr on a walking tour. Then we'll return to Strasbourg and board the ship for lunch.

This evening, enjoy a Farewell Drink and Captain's Farewell Dinner as you cruise toward Basel.

**Please note:** *In the event of unforeseen circumstances (traffic issues, special events, etc.), the walking tour of Riquewihr will take place in Kaysersberg instead.*

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## DAY 15 • Basel, Switzerland

Explore Switzerland's second-largest city on a morning walking tour. The afternoon is yours to pursue your own interests. This evening, partake in an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion about *Switzerland Today*.

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## DAY 16 • Basel • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

Disembark in Basel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin your optional extension to *Lucerne, Switzerland*.

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## WATCH VIDEOS & FILMS ONLINE

Learn more about *Romance of the Rhine & Mosel*

### TRIP EXPERIENCE



Watch travelers visit Cochem Castle and sample wines during a vineyard tour in Bernkastel, Germany.

### TRIP ITINERARY



Get more information about your detailed itinerary, like optional tours, **Exclusive Discovery Series** events, and more.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Learn why Speyer is Johannes Bauer's favorite place and hear his insights into the abundant history along the Rhine and Mosel Rivers.

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## DECK

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A	Serenade Deck	\$6795
B	(Top Deck w/balcony)	\$6595
C	Sonata Deck	\$6295
D	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$6195
E	Cantata Deck	\$6095
F	(Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5995
G	Prelude Deck	\$5795
H	(Lower Deck w/small window)	\$5595

**Deposit:** \$500 per person.

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