



2020 AFHU Mission:  
**Rhine River Cruise and Jerusalem Journey**  
June 4, 2020 – June 17, 2020

**BASEL** - Tuesday, June 2, - Thursday, June 4, 2020



**AFHU PRE-MISSION EXPERIENCE** (Airport transfers, 2 nights at the exclusive Les Trois Roi Hotel, 2 breakfasts, and one dinner, \$2,385 pp double occupancy)

**June 2, 2020:** Arrive in Basel; Evening at your leisure.

**June 3, 2020:** Private guided tour of the Great Synagogue, (one of five in the city) built in 1892 and then visit the only Jewish museum in Switzerland. This museum contains artifacts beginning from the Middle Ages to show the religious and everyday life of Jews in the city of Basel. The museum holds tombstones from the Middle Ages to contemporary documents from the Zionist Congress and Hebrew Books from Basel printing houses.

Later, you will see the Spalentor, a preserved city gate from the old Medieval wall that use to surround the city. Only 3 gates of the original 1400's fortification still exist. After, a stop will be made at the first Jewish cemetery on Petersplat, where Basel university is located. You will also be seeing the first and second Jewish community on Grünpfahlgasse. Visit the World War II Refugee Relief on Heuberg, at Nadelberg.

Welcome dinner with Jewish community leaders.

**June 4, 2020:** Curated private walking tour of Basel Old Town, including the Basel Münster, one of the most famous landmarks in Basel. Walk through the narrow and hilly cobblestoned streets and make sure to stop at one of the fountains and taste the fresh water! Afterwards, enjoy one of the quintessential experiences in the city – crossing the Rhine on a unique ferry, The Rheinfahre, which is attached to a cable and is moved from shore to shore by the strong currents.

The Crystal Bach departs at 5 pm.



## STRASBOURG – Friday, June 5



### **AFHU EXCURSION (Full day, lunch included, \$700 pp)**

Accompanied by an expert guide, we will explore the Judaica collection of the Alsatian Museum and visit the Strasbourg synagogue, the Ashkenazi Synagogue de la Paix (Peace) and the culturally significant 13th century Mikveh. Members of the Strasbourg Jewish community will meet us for lunch and share their experiences dating back to World War II. A scenic drive to the town of Marmoutier will enable us to visit the Museum of Heritage and Alsatian Judaism.

### **COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS**

- A. **PANORAMIC TOUR OF STRASBOURG & CANAL BOAT CRUISE** (3.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Enjoy an enriching visit to Strasbourg, France, located on the western side of the Rhine River. Your panoramic coach tour and guided walk to see its famous sights is topped off with a memorable cruise along the canals of this picturesque city known as the "Venice of the North."
- B. **STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL: PRIVATE VISIT WITH EXCLUSIVE ORGAN RECITAL** (2.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Enjoy a very private visit -- for Crystal guests only -- to the famous Cathédrale Notre-Dame of Strasbourg where you'll be treated to an exclusive organ recital and a visit to the crypt, which is typically not open to the public.

### **CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST**

- A. **COOKING & CONVERSATION WITH THE LOCALS** – (3 HOURS, 399 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Get to know the foods and people of Alsace in a personal way as you partake of a cooking lesson and savory snack at the home of a local resident.
- B. **STRASBOURG FOIE GRAS & WINE TASTING** (2.9 HOURS, 99 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Head to Strasbourg for a chance to savor two of France's most appreciated gastronomic delights: foie gras and wine. Sample the first at the restaurant La Table d'Edouard and taste the second at the historic cellar of Hospices de Strasbourg.

## MANNHEIM – Saturday, June 6

### **COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS**

- A. **HEIDELBERG CASTLE & CITY WALKING TOUR, HALF DAY** (4.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Acquaint yourself with the beautiful city of Heidelberg. Visit its iconic hilltop castle, then explore the city's history and charm on a pleasant walk through town.
- B. **MANNHEIM WALKING TOUR AND SWEET TREATS** (2.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Acquaint yourself with the City of Squares, so nicknamed for the unusual fact that its streets are



laid out in a grid pattern. After admiring several of Mannheim's most important sights, savor some local delicacies.

- C. **HEIDELBERG CASTLE & CITY WALKING TOUR, EXTENDED** (6.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking)

#### **CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST**

- A. **MANNHEIM AND HEIDELBERG BY HELICOPTER** (1.16 HOURS, 459 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Discover the beauty of the Neckar River valley and its forest-clad scenery from a thrilling perspective as you fly by helicopter above important sites and attractions in Mannheim, Heidelberg and nearby fairytale towns.

**RUDENSHEIM – Sunday, June 7**

#### **COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS**

- A. **RÜDESHEIM BY FOOT & BY CABLE CAR** (2.5 HOURS, high level of continuous walking) - Enjoy a scenic ride by cable car to visit Rüdeshheim's iconic Niederwald Monument, where you'll appreciate stunning views overlooking the Rhine Valley.
- B. **MECHANICAL MUSIC MUSEUM & MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE** (2.5 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Enjoy an amusing ride on a miniature train as you savor the scenic landscapes of Rüdeshheim. Learn about the fascinating history of mechanical musical instruments at a museum devoted to their preservation.

#### **CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST**

- A. **RHEINGAU SAFARI ADVENTURE** (4 HOURS, 799 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Explore the breathtaking beauty of the Rheingau by Land Rover as you discover some of its most famous wine estates.
- B. **WINE TASTING & CHORAL CHANT AT EBERBACH MONASTERY** (3.4 HOURS, 119 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Enjoy a special wine-tasting tour to the historic Eberbach Monastery, where you'll be treated to a choral chant in its basilica specially presented for Crystal.



## KOBLENZ – Monday, June 8

### COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS

- A. **BIKE & GOLF ADVENTURE ALONG THE MOSELLE** (3.75 HOURS, high level of fitness for the cycling) - Discover charming vistas along the Moselle River with this cycling adventure and enjoy a berggolf (mountain golf) experience on a hillside where you can perfect your swing and participate in a friendly putting competition set on a grassy terrain of impressive inclines.
- B. **KOBLENZ CITY WALK & JEWISH QUARTER** (3 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Discover the rich, centuries-old Jewish history and culture of the Old Town section of Koblenz.
- C. **EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS BY CABLE CAR** (2 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Glide by cable car over the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers to explore the magnificent Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, where you'll discover its centuries-old history as you appreciate stunning views overlooking the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

### CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST

- A. **KOBLENZ JEWELRY WORKSHOP** (3 HOURS, 99 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Koblenz is home to many artists and art workshops including the Art Jewelry Factory where you get a personal lesson in jewelry making with artist Denise Akin.
- B. **MEDIEVAL ELTZ CASTLE** (4.5 HOURS, 49 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Travel back in time to the fairy-tale-like Eltz Castle in Wierschem and discover centuries of fascinating history set within an enchanting forest landscape.
- C. **KOBLENZ CITY WALK WITH THE NIGHT WATCHMAN** (1.5 HOURS, 49 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Acquaint yourself with the ancient city of Koblenz, where mountains and rivers converge. Experience its history and charm on a pleasant walk guided by the night watchman.

## COLOGNE – Tuesday, June 9

### COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS

- A. **COLOGNE WALK & CATHEDRAL VISIT** (2 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - A grand and glorious city unfolds during an engaging stroll featuring Cologne's most renowned sights, not the least of which is the magnificent cathedral, one of Europe's most celebrated architectural wonders.

### CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST

- A. **PRIVATE HALF-DAY TOUR & ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE** (4 HOURS, 979 EURO for a van and 879 EURO for a car, easy level of walking) - Enjoy a personalized excursion allowing you to



choose how you spend your time ashore. Go sightseeing or shopping. Maybe linger at a famous landmark or dine at a favorite restaurant. Crystal River Cruises is pleased to offer you the option to explore independently with the service of a private vehicle and English-speaking guide.

- B. **CHOCOLATE MUSEUM: A SWEET TREAT IN COLOGNE** (2.5 HOURS, 59 EURO pp, easy level of walking) - Dip into chocolate's rich history on a tour of Cologne's iconic Chocolate Museum, where you'll witness the production process and sample delicious Lindt confections.

### AMSTERDAM – Wednesday, June 10



#### **AFHU EXCURSION (Full day, lunch included, \$590 pp)**

Private guided visits to the Jewish Historical Museum, the Portuguese Synagogue, the National Holocaust Memorial, the Rijksmuseum where we will have lunch with the Israeli Ambassador to the Netherlands. Then we will visit the Anne Frank House with a special VIP introductory talk.

#### **COMPLIMENTARY CRYSTAL EXCURSIONS**

- A. **VISIT OF HAARLEM** (4 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Explore North Holland's second largest city, a "Little Amsterdam" with its magnificent architecture, grand churches and even grander museums.
- B. **AMSTERDAM & JEWISH HERITAGE** (3 HOURS, moderate level of walking and steps) - Inside visit of Jewish Historical Museum, guided walking tour in Jewish Quarter, when open inside visit of Portuguese Synagogue.
- C. **LIVING DUTCH TRADITIONS** (4 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Explore the spectacular windmill village of Zaanse Schans with its authentic crafts and houses from the 18th and 19th centuries.
- D. **PRIVATE CANAL BOAT TOUR AND VISIT TO RIJKSMUSEUM** (4 HOURS, moderate level of walking) - Spend a few hours browsing through the masterworks of the world-renowned Rijksmuseum; then enjoy a boat ride through the colorful canals.
- E. **BIKE TOUR THROUGH WATERLAND** (4 HOURS – high level of fitness) - Bike through the enchanting scenery of Waterland, passing typical Dutch scenery with cows, windmills, flowers and charming villages.

#### **CRYSTAL EXCURSION FOR ADDITIONAL COST**

- A. **EVENING CANAL CRUISE** (1.5 HOURS, 89 EURO pp, moderate level of walking) - Explore the canals of Amsterdam in the evening, passing many landmarks and toasting this magical city with a glass of wine and cheese.
- B. **PRIVATE CHEESE TASTING IN THE HEART OF AMSTERDAM** (3.5 HOURS, 59 EURO pp, high level of walking) - For cheese heads who want to sample Holland's finest product, join us on a walking tour of city center and a wine and cheese tasting at the Old Amsterdam Cheese Store.