

# DAY 1 - Friday | 5th December 2025

## MALTA - COLOGNE - KOBLENZ

Meals: Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner 

- 12:30hrs - Meeting at MIA departure lounge
- 14:20hrs - Flight KM Malta Airlines to Frankfurt
- 16:45hrs - ETA at Frankfurt International Airport
- 17:15hrs - 2hrs Transfer to Cologne
- 18:30hrs - Board the extravagant MS Lafayette
- 19:00hrs - Crew introduction and welcome drink
- 19:30hrs - Dinner on board
- Free time on board at the lounge bar while our ship cruises towards Koblenz throughout the night.

## CRUISE

COLOGNE | KOBLENZ | RÜDESHEIM | SPEYER | STRASBOURG

*Christmas markets are in full boom during the holiday season. The smell of freshly baked goods fills the air surrounding the festive wooden booths selling artisan gifts. We'll visit several markets during this cruise for an authentic German holiday experience, including those in Speyer, romantic Heidelberg, the Christmas Market of Nations in Rüdesheim and Koblenz.*



### ALL INCLUSIVE ON BOARD



- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included





## DAY 2 - Saturday | 6th December 2025

### KOBLENZ

Meals: Breakfast ☒ Lunch ☒ Dinner ☒

- 07:30hrs - Breakfast on board  
We'll spend the morning cruising the Rhine to Koblenz

- 13:00hrs - Lunch on board | Koblenz Christmas Market  
*In the afternoon, we'll set out on an optional tour of Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Surrounded by several mountain peaks, Koblenz is a rich mosaic of culture and history. We'll take the funicular railway up the hill to visit the historic castle, where we'll have a magnificent view across the city and valleys. You'll immediately understand the strategic importance of this fortress throughout history, as the lands stretch as far as the eye can see. What better way to wrap up the day than to check out the holiday market in Koblenz? Gingerbread, grilled almonds, cinnamon and mulled wine scents waft through the air at the city's traditional Christmas market set up at several squares throughout the picturesque old town. We'll remain in Koblenz for the night.*

- 19:30hrs - Dinner on board





# DAY 3 - Sunday | 7th December 2025

## KOBLENZ - RUDESHEIM

Meals: Breakfast ☒ Lunch ☒ Dinner ☒

- 07:30hrs - Breakfast on board

*This morning, we'll pass through the beautiful and romantic Rhine Valley. The fascinating Rhine River has been the muse for many legends, including the Rock of the Lorelei. Each twist and turn of the river reveals another castle atop a peak above the sprawling vineyards.*

- 13:00hrs - Lunch on board | Christmas Market

*This afternoon, join us for an optional tour of the city by tourist train and a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet. The museum holds approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Afterwards, spend some time strolling through the Christmas Market of Nations, enjoying what the ambiance has to offer. The 120 wooden chalets set the stage for an authentic German Christmas market displaying artisan objects, great gift ideas and delicious culinary specialties such as local confections and cookies, and of course, pretzels! You'll return to the ship by walking down the famous Drosselgasse.*

- 19:30hrs - Dinner on board | Relax at Lounge on board

*In the evening, the famous Drosselgasse awaits you once again with its numerous cafés, bars and music.*





## DAY 4 - Monday | 8th December 2025

RUDESHEIM - SPEYER - HEIDELBERG - SPEYER

Meals: Breakfast ☒ Lunch ☒ Dinner ☒

- 07:30hrs - Breakfast on board

*We'll spend the morning cruising to Speyer.*

- 13:00hrs - Lunch on board

*This afternoon, the optional excursion is Heidelberg and its Christmas Market. We'll leave by coach for Heidelberg for a visit of the city and its castle (exteriors). The city was the center of German Romanticism during the 19th century. After a guided tour of the old town, enjoy some time on your own exploring the enchanting Christmas market. You'll discover some great finds for your holiday shopping at the Marktplatz, Universitätsplatz (with its antique carousel) and the winter wonderland at the Kornmarkt.*

- 19:30hrs - We'll enjoy our ***gala dinner*** on board. *Our ship will cruise to Strasbourg during the night.*





## DAY 5 - Tuesday | 9th December 2025

### STRASBOURG - COLMAR

Meals: Breakfast ☒ Lunch ☐ Dinner ☐

- 07:30hrs - Breakfast on board
- 09:00hrs - Disembark Cruise Ship MS Lafayette  
*This morning, we'll enjoy free time visiting Strasbourg Christmas market.*
- 15:00hrs - Transfer (1hr) to Colmar.
- 16:00hrs - Check-in at our hotel in Colmar.  
*This evening, we'll enjoy Colmar and its Christmas market considered by many to be **the most Magical Christmas place of the World.***

*Reminds you of anything?*

*Colmar is believed to be the inspiration behind Belle's hometown in Beauty and the Beast!*





## DAY 6 - Wednesday | 10th December'25

### STRASBOURG - COLMAR

Meals: Breakfast ☒ Lunch ☐ Dinner ☐

- 07:30hrs - Breakfast at the hotel

*This morning, we'll enjoy free time to continue exploring the beauty of Colmar and its Christmas Market.*

- 13:40hrs - Transfer (2hr) to Zurich Airport.
- 15:40hrs - Check-in at Zurich Airport.
- 17:40hrs - Flight to Malta.
- 19:55hrs - Estimated Time of Arrival at Malta Airport.





# Guided tour of Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress | Day 2

*Optional shore excursion 1 - Duration: 03H00 | Price: €55*



*Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Koblenz offers visitors a rich collection of cultural monuments and historic buildings. Ludwig van Beethoven's mother was born in the city and Mozart's family once sojourned here on a trip from Paris to London. We'll take the funicular railway up the hill to visit the historic castle, where we'll have a magnificent view across the city and valleys. You'll immediately understand the strategical importance of this fortress throughout history as the land stretches as far as the eye can see. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the Christmas market, where the yuletide tradition has taken place for centuries. The romantic holiday market runs from the old city to the famous Deutsches Eck. Explore the city on your own before returning to the ship.*

*Please Note :*

- *The order of the visits can change.*
- *Times are approximate.*
- *Good walking shoes are recommended.*



# Guided tour of Rudesheim: small train and Music Museum | Day 3

*Optional shore excursion 2 - Duration: 02H00 | Price: €31*



*A little train will take us through the small alleyways of Rudesheim. The visit will continue on to the Music Museum, located in an old building from the 15th century, close to the Drosselgasse. We'll visit the "Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett" which holds an impressive collection of no less than 350 mechanical musical instruments dating back to the 18th century to the 20th, all spread out on more than 4000 ft<sup>2</sup>.*

*"You won't believe your ears" once you embark on a musical adventure into the world of historical automated instruments. This is a vast collection, dating back three centuries, of fascinating musical instruments that function like computers, ranging from tiny, delicate music boxes to an enormous orchestrion. Tools and machines for the production of organ pipes, cardboard sheet music, rolls of sheet music and perforated disks are also on display in the collection. You will then walk down the Drosselgasse, famous for its small restaurants with orchestras. Free time and return on board on foot.*

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# Guided tour of Heidelberg and castle | Christmas Market | Day 4

*Optional shore excursion 3 - Duration: 03H00 | Price: €64*



*We'll leave by coach from Mannheim to Heidelberg. Its unique charm comes from the harmonious combination of romanticism, dynamism, legend and modernity. We'll take a guided tour of the outsides of the Heidelberg Castle on foot. It is partially in ruins and as such has inspired generations of painters and poets ever since the 18th century. They perceived the damaged castle as a testimony to the grandeur and decadence of human creations. Goethe, Hölderlin, Uhland and Eichendorff celebrated the landscape surrounding the castle while many others took it as a model itself. Don't miss the geometric terraces of the Palatinate gardens, once considered the "8th world wonder". The gardens' architect, Salomon de Caus, wanted to recreate the harmony with which city, river and hills all around intertwined. After this guided tour, you will take the coach down into the Neckarmünzplatz in the old historic city center for a guided tour on foot. You will admire the Saint-Esprit Church (exterior view) and will have some free time for shopping before taking the coach back to the boat. On the way back you will go through the city center of Mannheim, where you will find the boat.*

*Please Note :*

- The order of the visits can change*
- The access to the castle needs to climb up a 300m gradient.*
- We cannot visit the inside of the castle at this time of year.*
- Times are approximate.*
- Good walking shoes are recommended.*



# MS LAFAYETTE - PREMIUM SHIP



NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS

82



SIZE OF THE CREW

24



YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION

1992



LENGTH

90



WIDTH

10.1



YEAR OF RENOVATION

2014





# MS LAFAYETTE - General Information

This superb Premium ship that sails on the Rhine, was named after the Marquis de Lafayette, a great figure in French history and hero of the United States War of Independence.

Completely renovated in 2014, the MS Lafayette is an intimate sized Premium ship, 90m long and 10m wide. It can accommodate 82 passengers, in 43 double or single cabins, spread over 2 decks. The size of each cabin is between 10-15 m<sup>2</sup>, has all amenities and provides guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. Located on the upper deck, the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise, offers delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow guests to fully enjoy the panorama. On this same deck is also the lounge / bar with a dance floor and central bar. The sun deck is the ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes, offering comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large shaded area.



# MS LAFAYETTE - Interior

## RESTAURANT



Located on the upper deck, the restaurant is where all meals are served during your cruise. It seats all guests at tables which vary in size with a panoramic view. The atmosphere is casual but elegant.

## RECEPTION



Perfect place to meet with friends before excursions or to ask any information you may need to the staff. The Gift Shop is also located here, you'll find a wide assortment of souvenirs, and post cards.

## LOUNGE BAR



The lounge tastefully decorated, is located at the front of the ship and offers panoramic views. Cocktails and games, dancing, and other forms of entertainment all happen here.



# MS LAFAYETTE - Cabins



## Amenities

TV

Telephone (for internal calls only)

Bathroom with shower and toilet

Towels

Safe

Independent air-conditioning

Electricity 220V

Wi-Fi

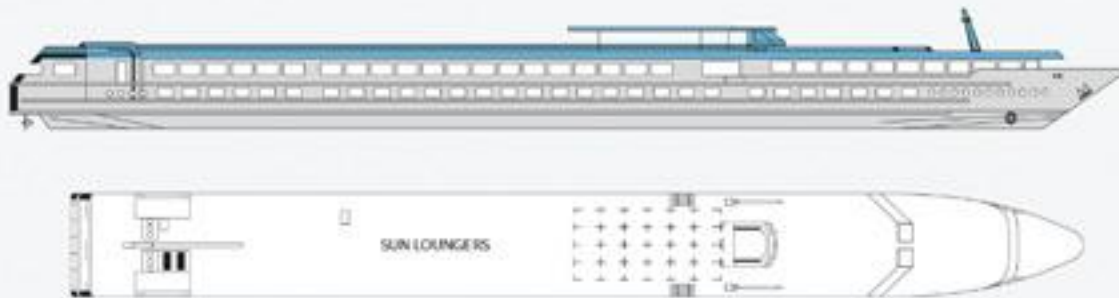
*Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship.*



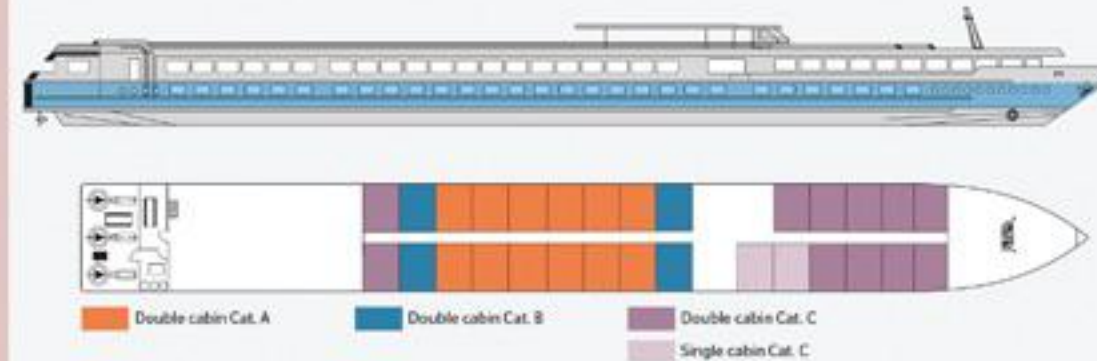
# MS LAFAYETTE

## DECKS - Deck plans & Technical details

### SUN DECK



### MAIN DECK



#### 29 Cabins

with high sliding windows

**Cat. A :** 12 double cabins

**Cat. B :** 4 double cabins

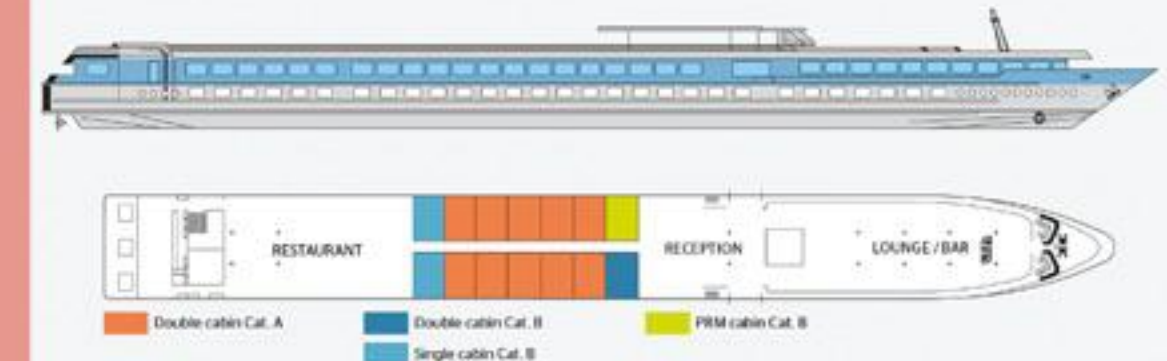
**Cat. C :**

8 double cabins

3 double cabins

2 single cabins

### UPPER DECK



#### 14 Cabins

with French balcony, sliding windows

**Cat. A :** 10 double cabins

**Cat. B :**

1 double cabin

1 PRM cabin

2 single cabins



# Rhine River Cruise & Colmar

Cologne | Koblenz | Rudesheim | Heidelberg | Strasbourg | Colmar

## ***6 Day Package / Christmas Markets & Cruise Holiday***

### **What is included?**

- Flight Malta to Frankfurt including 20kg checked-in luggage;
- Flight Zurich to Malta including 20kg checked-in luggage;
- All Transfers - Frankfurt | Cologne | Strasbourg | Colmar | Zurich;
- 5 days, 4 nights full board on river cruise MS Lafayette;
- One night hotel in Colmar on B&B Basis
- Port to Port Cruise with 3 stops to visit Christmas markets / Optional excursions;
- Welcome Cocktail and all drinks from list included on board;
- 5 Breakfast, 3 Lunches and 4 Dinners including drinks as mentioned in Itinerary;
- Evening entertainment onboard;
- Gala Dinner onboard;
- Free Wi-Fi onboard;
- Port fees;
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance;
- Insolvency fund.

### **What is **NOT** included?**

- Optional excursions;
- Travel Insurance;
- Other expenses which are not mentioned in the “What is included”