The Rhine
by River Ship
9 DAYS OF MEDIEVAL MARVELS

* Castles, Cathedrals & Cuckoo Clocks *
THE RHINE BY RIVER SHIP

On this mesmerizing journey, cruise ancient trade routes along the scenic shores of Germany and France, dotted with wonderful small villages and fascinating historic towns like Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Cologne, and Amsterdam.

Dear Fellow Traveler,

Join us as we sail south along the Rhine to some of Europe’s most romantic destinations. Begin in cultural Amsterdam, look skyward at the Kölner Dom in Cologne, and embrace enchanting Rüdesheim; then on to Heidelberg and its castle, the French countryside, and the legendary Black Forest.

On this special sailing a dedicated Travel Director, providing additional informative lectures and hospitality, will be our advantage. Also included in this alumni-only rate are visits to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, and to the Alsace countryside— along with a tasting of the region’s renowned varietals. In comfort aboard the 138-passenger Avalon Felicity, there is no better way to access and explore the legendary route of the Rhine.

Our rates for Maryland guests on this departure represent a significant savings over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today and to share this brochure with friends who may be interested in traveling with you! Space is limited. You may reserve online at http://umd.orbridge.com, by phone at (301) 405-7938, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warm regards,

Angela C. Dimopoulos ’07
Director of Sales and Marketing

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 7/30/2015
Program Highlights:

* Unpack just once, settle in, and unwind for a 7-night cruise through the Rhine’s historic cities. The leadership of an Orbridge Travel Director and engaging onboard lectures will ensure an unforgettable voyage.

* Enjoy added benefits on this special departure, with a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director, an included visit to see some of Europe’s historic treasures at the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, an included visit to Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rüdesheim, and more.

* Join Orbridge on special included excursions.

* Choose from optional excursions in Amsterdam and Breisach. Perhaps travel to the fishing villages of Volendam and Edam, or visit the Open-Air Museum in the Black Forest region.

* What’s included: the services of an Orbridge Travel Director, the ship’s Cruise Director, and local experts; quality educational experiences at each stop; onboard lectures and activities; all onboard meals with wine and beer with dinner; transportation including transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times and all excursions; all gratuities, and more.

Day-by-Day Itinerary*:

Day 1-2: En Route from US / Arrive in Amsterdam (Embarkation)
Welcome to Amsterdam, a 700-year-old city filled with classic architecture, elegant cafés and restaurants, and a lively atmosphere. This afternoon, board the Avalon Tranquility II and meet your traveling companions and crew at a welcome reception.
Overnight: Avalon Tranquility II (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam
Discover the rich history of modern-day Holland. See the city by boat on the grachten, lined with houseboats and
stately homes that date back to the city’s “Golden Age.” Enjoy an Orbridge-included excursion to the Rijksmuseum, renowned for its magnificent collection of 17th-century Dutch paintings. Afterward, your vessel sets sail for Cologne.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 4: Cologne**
Stand in awe as you look skyward at the magnificent spires of the Kölner Dom. 600 years in the making, it is the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe and claims the world’s largest church façade. Admire its 515-foot towers, stained glass windows, and shrine of the Three Holy Kings. Then, perhaps try the favorite local beer, Kölsch, at a nearby tavern in Cologne’s Old Town, or sip coffee at one of its many cafés.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 5: Koblenz / Rüdesheim**
Begin today’s journey in Koblenz, the 2,000-year-old cultural center of the Middle Rhine region. Pass by Lorelei Rock, a geological formation with a mysterious murmuring echo that has inspired various tales. End your day in Rüdesheim, where the German expression, *Gemütlichkeit*—describing a cheerful state of mind embracing wine, dance, and romance—is often associated. Step inside Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, the first museum collection of automated musical instruments in Germany; and enjoy some free time to explore the Drosselgasse, browsing its charming boutiques.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 6: Mainz / Heidelberg**
Our first stop this morning is in Mainz, home of Germany’s largest and most important wine market. Check out the tea rooms, shops, and restaurants while in Old Town; and don’t forget to stop by the fountain on the Schillerplatz decorated with scenes of the famous carnival held here each year. Visit the Gutenberg Museum, one of the oldest museums of printing in the world and where you can see the first printed Bible, produced in 1455. Enjoy some time on the Sky Deck as you head northward. After lunch, spend the afternoon in one of the oldest university towns in Germany—Heidelberg. Make sure to photograph Heidelberg Castle, towering above the city with its red sandstone walls. Perhaps shop along the Hauptstrasse or visit the Church of the Holy Spirit, which used to be shared by both Catholics and Protestants from 1720 to 1936. Other notable sites include the hotel Zum Ritter, built in 1592, and City Hall.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 7: Strasbourg**
Dock in picturesque Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region and influenced by the cultures of both France and Germany. Meet a local guide for some sightseeing, including the Gothic Cathedral, the lovely “La Petite France” district, Place Kléber, and the statue of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. Next, take the included Orbridge excursion through the region’s picturesque countryside alongside a local guide. Pass by charming half-timbered houses, quaint villages, and vineyards that produce the region’s famous Riesling, Pinot Noir, Tokay-Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Muscat and Pinot Blanc. Stop at a winery and taste some of these renowned varietals.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 8: Breisach / Black Forest**
Breisach is the gateway to the Black Forest region. Characterized by its high hills, thick forests, ravines, waterfalls, and caves, the beauty of its landscape is unforgettable. Try local delicacies, and be sure to sample the range of excellent beer poured here: not only pilsner-type lagers but also regional specialties like malty dark Dunkel beers, the effervescent pale wheat Weissbeer ale, and strong dark doppelbock. If you like, visit the Open-Air Museum, where farmhouses from the 16th to the 18th centuries have been reassembled in their original form, or peer into the workshop of a local woodcarver where cuckoo clocks are made.

**Overnight:** *Avalon Tranquility II (B,L,D)*

**Day 9: Basel (Disembarkation) / Depart Zürich**
After breakfast, disembark the vessel in Basel, Switzerland, and take your complimentary transfer to the Zürich airport for your flight home. (B)
What’s Included:

- A 7-night cruise aboard the *Avalon Tranquility II*
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine and beer—including special welcome and farewell dinners
- Full services of a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director in addition to the ship’s Cruise Director and expert local guides
- Onboard lectures, activities, and nightly entertainment
- Guided sightseeing in Strasbourg, Koblenz, and Heidelberg
- Visits to La Petite France district and the gothic cathedral in Strasbourg, the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, and Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- All port charges, excursion transportation, entrance fees to included sites, and gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Director, Cruise Director, local guides, drivers, and porters

Orbridge Premium Benefits

Exclusive advantages distinguish Orbridge river cruises. Delve deeper into the area’s rich culture with added educational lectures, a dedicated Orbridge Travel Director in addition to the ship’s Cruise Director, and several choice excursions included for our group. We take care of gratuities, fees, and transfers so you don’t have to. Prior to departure, count on priority access to Orbridge Guest Services and premier pre-departure items. Once on board, relax with exceptional hospitality. Enjoy the difference!

Your Guide(s):

**Orbridge Travel Director**

Every departure is accompanied by one of our premier Travel Directors, all of whom have extensive knowledge and experience as guides. Enriched by their accompaniment and enthusiasm, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.
Program Accommodations:

*Avalon Tranquility II*

Enjoy the intimate setting of the 128-passenger *Avalon Tranquility II*, its well-appointed staterooms featuring a minimum of 172 square feet of space and are the largest of the European rivers today. Lounge atop the spacious Sky Deck, relax in the whirlpool, or wind down with a workout in the fitness center.

Highlights

- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows
Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs
Sky Deck with shade awnings
Non-smoking interior
Elevator
Elegant, contemporary design throughout
Outside Viewing Deck
Headsets for all guided shore excursions in Europe
English-speaking crew
Sightseeing with a Certified Local Guides
Cruise Director
Onboard lectures, activities & nightly entertainment
Breakfast-only room service is available for a fee
Sky Deck Whirlpool
Internet Corner
Expanded Fitness Center
Hair salon (manicures available)
Complimentary Wi-Fi access
Onboard movie nights
Lounges and upscale bar serving premium spirits
Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees
Fresh fruit available throughout the day
Complimentary maps and use of Nordic walking sticks
Local Favorites onboard experiences with local chefs, entertainers, artisans and experts
“On-demand” in-room entertainment
Well-stocked library
Sky Deck Game Area
Loaner Umbrellas

Activity Level:
**Moderate**

Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a fair amount of walking can be expected. Different paces are available for each excursion, including a basic orientation of the must-sees with time to explore on your own, the traditional sightseeing following a guide at an average pace, or leisurely exploring, where all the same sites will be visited for a shorter amount of time or from a distance. All activities, included and non-included, are optional.

It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to follow a guide through cobblestone streets at an average pace for two hours and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at the entrances of hotels and sites. Due to the structure of some buildings, handrails may not be present, and facilities for the disabled may be limited.

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**What They’re Saying:**

“Our Travel Director was a gentleman and was always available. He was always helpful in many ways.”

--Patricia B., Atlanta, GA

“Our stateroom and its maintenance were excellent! After every breakfast we found our room cleaned and ordered beautifully.”

--Stewart W., Hanover, NH

“Orbridge is an exceptional tour company who had secured high quality people to present information to us at every stop on the way. Our guide was the top in his field—very professional, accommodating, and knowledgeable.”

-- Betsy S., Amherst, MA

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**Optional Extension:**

**ADD DAYS 9-11 IN LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND**
Extend your stay to discover lovely Lucerne, a picturesque lake town nestled within Switzerland’s famous alpine peaks.

Itinerary:

Day 9: (Continued from Main Program) Basel / Lucerne (B)
After breakfast, disembark the vessel and enjoy the drive from Basel to Lucerne. Once you arrive at your hotel, meet a local host for ideas on how to spend your free time in this idyllic Swiss city. Perhaps venture out this evening for some regional favorites, such as Rösti or Älplermagrone, at a nearby restaurant.
Overnight: Hotel Monopol (B)

Day 10: Lucerne (B)
This morning, learn about the history of Lucerne and the everyday life of its residents from an expert local guide while walking through the city. Visit world-famous sites such as the Chapel Bridge, the Jesuit Church, and the KKL Luzern (Culture and Convention Centre Lucerne). Discover hidden alleys, visit town squares teeming with activity, and even catch a glimpse of the city’s “crown,” the Musegg Wall. The remainder of the day is yours.
Overnight: Hotel Monopol (B)

Day 11: Depart Lucerne (B)
After breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

B = Breakfast

Please note that extensions are not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.

Accommodations:

Hotel Monopol (or similar)
Welcome drink in hand, look out over the fantastic 360° views across the roofs of Lucerne under the cupola of the Hotel Monopol's 7th-floor lounge. The unique, baroque-style facade, its pillars, and gold-decorated balustrade imparts majestic glamor to the hotel, which dates back to 1899.

Room Amenities: TV, phone, mini bar, safe, and en suite bath with hair dryer.

What's Included:

- Two nights accommodations at the Hotel Monopol Lucerne (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided walking sightseeing with a local guide, with visits to Chapel Bridge, the Jesuit Church, the Thorwaldsen's monument dedicated to the Swiss Guards, and lively town squares
- Services of a local host
- Transfers from the vessel to the hotel and from hotel to airport, as well as gratuities to the host, local guides, housekeeping staff, drivers, and porters
Reservation Form

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AUGUST 26, 2016 — SEPTEMBER 03, 2016
EXTENSION: SEPTEMBER 03, 2016 — SEPTEMBER 05, 2016

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now
at http://umdb.orbridge.com,
or call (301) 405-7938.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation
with a deposit charged to the credit
card below, or with an enclosed check
payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:
Guest #1 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year _______
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year _______
Address: ____________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ ZIP: _______
Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. Phone: ___________
Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice__________________________ 2nd choice__________________

Deposit:
(#) _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) _________ guests joining extension ($500/person if applicable) = Total deposit: $ ____________

Deposit Payment:
☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. date: ___________ CVV: ___________
Name (as printed on card): ___________________________
Billing address (if different than above):
City: ___________________________ State: _______ ZIP: _______

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________

Send or fax reservation form and deposit to:
University of Maryland Alumni Association
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
College Park, MD 20742-8627
Fax: (301) 314-6807

Program Rates*
Category E: $2,995
Category D: $3,395
Category B: $4,695
Category A: $4,995
Category P: $5,695
Suite: $6,495

Extension Rate**
Standard: $1,395
Single: $1,695

*Special group rates, limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. For single reservations, a 50% supplement is added to the applicable cabin category’s special rate; availability limited. Airfare not included. **Extension rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.
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