

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO – DESTINATION REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT: Please take a moment to review your destination(s) entry requirements. Use this [helpful link](#) to select your destination(s) and read thoroughly all requirements so you are prepared for your trip. We recommend you check this now and before you leave for the latest requirements. These include, but are not limited to: a valid passport, any necessary visas, Passenger Information Forms, and vaccination records. Most entry forms are electronic and can be completed prior to departure, saving you time upon arrival. It is the responsibility of all guests to confirm all destination entry requirements prior to travel to ensure compliance.

Docking Location:

Local river authorities are responsible for finalizing the docking locations, and locations may change without notice. Your final location will be confirmed 24 hours prior to embarkation.

View all possible locations for your cruise at any time by visiting www.avalonwaterwaysports.com.

Visit 24-72 hours prior to embarkation for the exact docking location. An email will also be sent at this time with your confirmed docking information.

Your Itinerary

AVALON CHOICE® Enjoy included sightseeing with Certified Local Guides, Guided Optional Excursions and Tours, and ample free time to explore on your own. Explore CLASSIC sights, embark on ACTIVE excursions, and make a new DISCOVERY through hands-on cultural and artistic experiences shared by local residents and experts.

Day 1, Monday October 28, 2024

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Welcome to Holland.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

Day 2, Tuesday October 29, 2024

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Amsterdam Off the Beaten Path. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

CLASSIC Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city.

During tulip season, you may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Outside of tulip season, join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3, Wednesday October 30, 2024

AMSTERDAM

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

CLASSIC Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO COLOGNE

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4, Thursday October 31, 2024

COLOGNE, GERMANY

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

ACTIVE Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

DISCOVERY Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR:

CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.

Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years!

Later, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5, Friday November 1, 2024

RÜDESHEIM

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country

En route to Rüdesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei—where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors.

ACTIVE Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim, OR:

DISCOVERY Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; based on your departure enjoy a local special treat.

Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6, Saturday November 2, 2024

MAINZ. HEIDELBERG EXCURSION

Printing Halls, Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel

ACTIVE Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below, OR:
CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Walk including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing, OR:
CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Tour to Heidelberg Castle to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed Great Vat, the "World's Largest Wine Barrel.":

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7, Sunday November 3, 2024

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.

ACTIVE Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:
CLASSIC Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

Choose a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line—the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today.

Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BREISACH

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8, Monday November 4, 2024

BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

DISCOVERY Join a full-day Guided Tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air-museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration, OR:

DISCOVERY Visit to a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BASEL

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9, Tuesday November 5, 2024

BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)–BEAUNE–CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE (EMBARKATION)

Disembark your ship and drive on to Beaune.

CLASSIC Visit the Hôtel-Dieu Charity Hospital in Beaune, built in 1443, today home of the Van der Weyden's painting of the Last Judgement.

This afternoon, travel to Chalon-sur-Saône to board your Suite Ship®.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TOURNUS
(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10, Wednesday November 6, 2024

TOURNUS

Pearl of Southern Burgundy

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

CLASSIC Tucked away in the southeast corner of Burgundy, Tournus is one of the oldest and most important monastic centers in the region, Our Local Guide will show the highlights of this delightful town.

DISCOVERY Join a lecture about wine hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to Mâcon.

DISCOVERY Join an excursion that will take you to a Chardonnay cellar for a wine tasting.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TRÉVOUX

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 11, Thursday November 7, 2024

LYON

La Vie En Rose in Lyon

Sail for lovely Lyon this morning.

DISCOVERY Enjoy an onboard cheese and wine tasting hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to Lyon.

ACTIVE Discover Lyon's architectural district by bike with your Adventure Host, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhône and Saône rivers meet, OR;

CLASSIC Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon from Fourvière Hill with its numerous churches. You'll also explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and the lively cafés, monuments, and famed fountain of Place des Terreaux.

DISCOVERY Be our guest for a WWII & French Resistance Lecture on board your ship.

Later enjoy live entertainment after dinner.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 12, Friday November 8, 2024

LYON

Adventures in Food and Wine

CLASSIC Join a Culinary Walk through the city to discover why it is known as the gastronomic capital of France.

DISCOVERY Take a guided tour to the lovely Beaujolais area and learn more about its light and pleasant wine.

DISCOVERY This evening, join an onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Master of Wine.

EVENING CRUISE TO TOURNON

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 13, Saturday November 9, 2024

TOURNON

A Rendezvous with Castle Views and Vineyards

ACTIVE Hike in the vineyards and take in the breathtaking views from the hills (weather permitting), OR:

CLASSIC Take a morning Guided Walking Tour to explore Tournon—one of France's oldest medieval cities. See its 16th-century castle, and Roman ruins between the Rhône River and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. The tour also includes a wine and chocolate tasting at the Cité du Chocolat at Valrhona.

Enjoy a leisurely sail to Viviers after lunch.

VIVIERS

World History in a Charming French Country Village

CLASSIC Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon Guided Walking Tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman, and medieval influences.

Later, enjoy live entertainment onboard.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AVIGNON

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 14, Sunday November 10, 2024

AVIGNON

The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

CLASSIC Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the fortress city of Avignon—with its ramparts encircling the city—and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes.

DISCOVERY Enjoy a trip to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhône wine region.

Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment.

EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 15, Monday November 11, 2024

ARLES

Inspiring Sights and Avant-Garde Lights

ACTIVE Get your daily dose of exercise through Nordic walking in Arles with your Adventure Host, OR:

DISCOVERY Attend a Painting Workshop to learn techniques of Vincent van Gogh. Create your own painting in the style of the legendary artist, OR:

CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Arles—the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheater in this visually stunning city.

Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to the Carrières de Lumières (Cathedral of Images) a unique experience of art, sound, and light in the old quarries of Val d'Enfer.

Take free time to stop in Café Van Gogh for a glass of wine.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 16, Tuesday November 12, 2024

ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)—NICE

Spectacular Seascapes of the Mediterranean Coast

After breakfast this morning, you'll drive to Nice on the spectacular French Riviera, which stretches along France's Mediterranean coast from Toulon to the border of Italy.

(Breakfast)

Day 17, Wednesday November 13, 2024

NICE

The “Queen of the French Riviera”

CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing in Nice. Discover the narrow, winding streets and baroque churches of Vieux Nice, the old city—an area which has changed little since the 1700s.
(Breakfast)

Day 18, Thursday November 14, 2024

NICE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

(Breakfast)

Important Advisements

As of February 21, 2023, the following advisements apply to your vacation. Please read them carefully, as they include important information that you need to know before departure.

Be sure to review this packet in its entirety, and advise us of any necessary changes immediately to avoid any change fees or vacation interruptions:

- Look over your vacation details: the dated itinerary, and other details, to ensure that we’ve covered everything you need for your vacation.
- Additional advisements may be sent to you.
- Children must be at least 8 years old to travel. There are no child discounts available.
- Confirmation of hotels will be available approximately 30 days prior to departure. In the event of additional departures on the same date, or other events that may result in the unavailability of hotels as listed in the tour descriptions, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard.
- In the event of water level problems or maintenance on the locks on stretches of any river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by motor coach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Prior to departure, we recommend reading country-specific information on the U.S. Department of State (www.travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada (<https://travel.gc.ca>) or the Government of UK (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>) website (depending on your country of citizenship). These are good places to learn about the destination you will be visiting, and include information about passports and visas, destination descriptions, safety and security, travel advice/advisories, alerts/warnings, vaccinations, and more. For citizens of other nations, we recommend you consult your local consulate for travel information, regulations, and requirements.
- If booking in either the Expression cabin D-107 or the Artistry II cabins D-111 or D-112, bed configuration is limited to TOGETHER.
- Full passport details are required no later than final payment for all guests traveling internationally.

- All guests traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Responsibility for meeting the entry/exit requirements (passport validity/blank pages, visas etc.) rests with the guest. Please review the Entry/Exit information included in your Travel Packet carefully for full details about entry and exit requirements specific to your tour. Globus family of brands is not responsible if you are denied entry or exit due to entry/exit requirements not being met.

TSA Wait Times

Long delays for getting through TSA security have been cited at most major airports over the past few weeks. Although TSA has announced steps being taken to remedy this problem, it is recommended that passengers arrive for their flights 2-3 hours prior to departure to ensure enough time to clear security.

Luggage Restrictions

Porterage at hotels is included for one piece of luggage per person (when porterage is available). As a general guide your one piece of luggage should not exceed 30x21x11 in. (76x53x28cm), or 50 lbs. (22kg). We are unable to accept a second piece of luggage or any luggage exceeding these limits. If you are traveling with more, please make arrangements for storage while on vacation. Airlines may have other restrictions.

Terms and Conditions:

Please review the Terms & Conditions for this travel package online at <https://www.avalonwaterways.com/terms>. The Terms & Conditions include details of what you can count on from us, your rights and obligations, and our revision fees and cancellation penalties. Receipt of the non-refundable deposit or payment of the vacation is confirmation that you have reviewed and agreed to these Terms & Conditions.

Travel Protection:

If you have not yet taken out Travel Protection, please consult your travel agent about this before your trip. Foreign doctors and hospitals often require payment in cash prior to providing services, and medical evacuation can be *exceedingly* expensive. Travel Protection and baggage insurance are highly recommended.

Visa Reminder

Non-US Citizens may require a single or multi-entry visa. You must consult with the appropriate embassies to determine if any visas are needed. A visa service such as Generation Visa Services (GenVisa) may be able to assist you with this process. Please check your itinerary carefully and make sure that your visa(s) or multi-entry visa(s) have the correct entry date(s) and destination(s) before you leave on your vacation.

For US Citizens, a visa should not be needed for your vacation. However please refer to your local consulate(s) as countries continually change requirements.

Vacations can be disrupted or have to be altered altogether if the correct documents cannot be supplied at airports or borders, so check very carefully that you have the required papers. These matters generally cannot be settled on-trip.

Other Entry Requirements/Documents

All guests traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Passports should be valid for six (6) months beyond the conclusion of your trip, with a minimum of three (3) blank pages for stamps and/or visas. Most countries have laws that require you to carry your passport with you at all times. Responsibility for meeting the entry/exit requirements (passport validity/blank pages, visas etc.) rests with the guest. Check your government's foreign affairs/travel advice website or a local consulate/embassy for the most current entry/exit requirements. Globus family of brands is not responsible if you are denied entry due to entry/exit requirements not being met.