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AMSTERDAM TO SWITZERLAND RIVERBOAT CRUISE

APRIL 2-9, 2024
on board *Avalon Expression*

AMSTERDAM |
COLOGNE | RHINE GORGE
/ RÜDESHEIM | MAINZ /
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BREISACH | BASEL



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Cruise the Rhine River with the women of Olivia, starting in the extremely LGBTQ-friendly city of Amsterdam and ending in delightful Basel. The Rhine, one of Europe's most legendary rivers takes you across Germany and touches in Holland, France, and Switzerland. Stroll along canals to learn about Amsterdam's amazing history, view fields of vividly colored tulips in bloom, experience castles and enjoy the fabled Black Forest, where cuckoo clocks are made. Pastries, cheese, and chocolate will be treats for your taste buds along the way.





ITINERARY SUMMARY

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (all aboard at 5 pm)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Cologne, Germany

Rhine Gorge and Rüdesheim, Germany

Mainz and Heidelberg, Germany

Strasbourg, France

Breisach, Germany

Basel, Switzerland (disembark)

**Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, locks, schedule, river traffic, and water levels.*

INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights on the Avalon *Expression*, one of the finest riverboats on the Rhine
- All meals while on board
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; coffee, tea, and juices with all meals; beer, wine, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Standard wifi in all cabins and public areas
- Olivia entertainment and programming as well as local entertainment
- Included sightseeing tours in each port
- Gratuities to ship crew and Avalon cruise director
- Group transfer from the ship in Basel to the Zürich airport on April 9, 2024
- Team Olivia assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to Amsterdam and from Zurich; transfer from the Amsterdam Airport to ship; optional excursions; alcoholic beverages, bottled water, and soft drinks (except where indicated); phone/fax; travel insurance; and personal incidentals.





AVALON MS *EXPRESSION*

Part of Avalon's award-winning fleet of Suite Ships, the *Avalon ms Expression* features two full decks of **Panorama Suites with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that transform the living space into river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony.**

With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording you the incomparable opportunity to wake each morning to splendid passing scenery from your window-facing bed. Stretch out on your Comfort Collection bed and cruise with the world at your feet. Onboard amenities include an alternative light dining option in the Panorama Bistro, a Fitness Center, complimentary wifi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck. Express yourself while cruising your way on the *Avalon Expression*!

Total Occupancy: 166 guests



Some of the other features and amenities you'll enjoy on board:

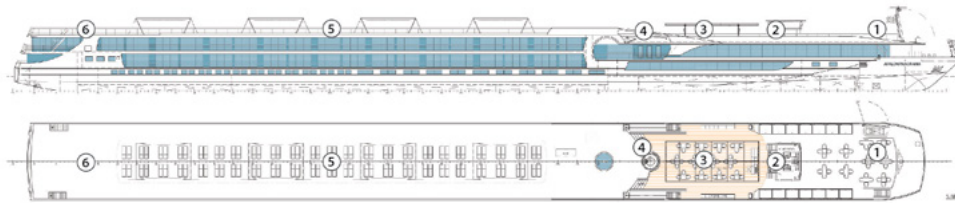
- Complimentary wifi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & décor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area, and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Bikes, walking sticks, binoculars, daypacks
- Maps for hiking, biking, and jogging routes

AVALON SUITE SHIPS[®]

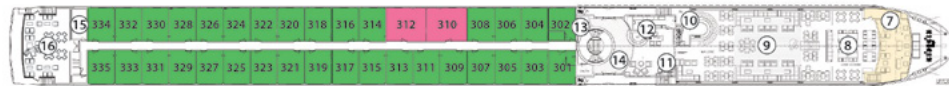
AVALON EXPRESSION[®] (2013)

Passengers: 166 | Crew Members: 47 | Length: 443 ft. | Decks: 4
 Royal Suites: 2 (300 sq. ft.) | Panorama SuitesSM: 65 (200 sq. ft.) | Deluxe Staterooms: 16 (172 sq. ft.)

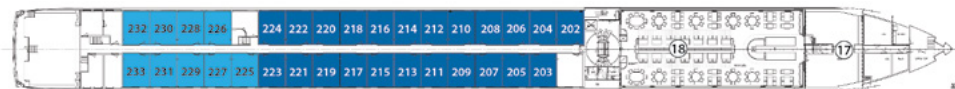
SKY DECK



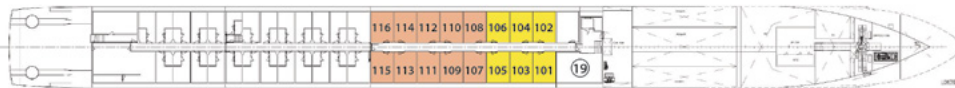
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



AVALON EXPRESSION DECK MAP

DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 13 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 14 Atrium |
| 3 Sky Bistro | 8 Panorama Bistro | 15 Hair Salon |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 16 Club Lounge |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 17 Galley |
| | 11 Internet Corner | 18 Dining Room |
| | 12 Reception | 19 Fitness center |

CATEGORIES

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|--------------------|---|
| Royal Suite | Royal Deck Royal Suites |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck Panorama Suites |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward Panorama Suites |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft Panorama Suites |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft Deluxe Staterooms |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward Deluxe Staterooms |

DELUXE STATEROOMS



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

EARLY BIRD \$3,799 PP REGULAR \$4,899 PP

Located on the Indigo Deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. Windows are high on the wall and do not open. Room is below the water line. 172 sq. ft.



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

EARLY BIRD \$3,899 PP REGULAR \$4,999 PP

Located on the Indigo Deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. Windows are high on the wall and do not open. Room is below the water line. 172 sq. ft.

PANORAMA SUITES



PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

EARLY BIRD \$4,999 PP REGULAR \$6,499 PP

Located on the Sapphire Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

EARLY BIRD \$5,099 PP REGULAR \$6,599 PP

Located on the Sapphire Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.



PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

EARLY BIRD \$5,199 PP REGULAR \$6,699 PP

Located on the Royal Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.

ROYAL SUITE



ROYAL SUITE

EARLY BIRD \$6,099 PP REGULAR \$7,899 PP

Located on the Royal Deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter and two sinks, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 300 sq. ft.





Tuesday, April 2, 2024 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Embarkation)

Welcome to Amsterdam! Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 2 pm and guests must be on the ship by 5 pm. After check-in, your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. You may choose to take a guided optional excursion to Keukenhof Gardens, with more than 7 million tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. We overnight in Amsterdam so we invite you to come back on board after your explorations to enjoy your first dinner onboard. (-/-/D)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a guided canal cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age". In the afternoon, choose a guided option excursion or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets, canal houses, galleries, and shops. (B/L/D)



Thursday, April 4, 2024 | Cologne, Germany

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

Choose from Active, Discovery or Classic tours. With Active, bike ride like the locals in Cologne. With Discovery, take a guided walking tour of Cologne's important Jewish Heritage sites. Or choose Classic, and enjoy a guided walking tour of Cologne, with its soaring twin-steeped gothic cathedral. Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager, locally brewed for over 100 years. In the evening, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment.

(B/L/D)



Friday, April 5, 2024 | Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim, Germany

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. Choose Active and hike through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim. With a Discovery tour, you'll take a guided tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum, a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience. Enjoy a special Rüdesheim coffee or wine tasting, then explore Drosselgasse and pick up some souvenirs.

(B/L/D)



Saturday, April 6, 2024 | Mainz & Heidelberg, Germany

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

Today choose from Active or Classic tours. If you're up for an adventure, choose Active and hike up Philosopher's Way for an inspiring view of the city below. Or choose one of two Classic offerings—a guided city walk, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing or 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".

(B/L/D)

DETAILED ITINERARY



Sunday, April 7, 2024 | Strasbourg, France

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France

Get active and discover Strasbourg by bike. Or choose Classic and 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.
(B/L/D)



Monday, April 8, 2024 | Breisach, Germany

German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

Today is all about Discovery. Choose from two tour options. A full-day guided tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air museum. You'll also enjoy a visit to an authentic water mill and see a traditional butter-making demonstration. Or, take a visit to a local winer in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting.

(B/L/D)



Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | Basel, Switzerland (Disembarkation)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning, prior to the included transfer to Zurich Airport. Flights home from Zurich should be scheduled after 11 am. We will offer a post-cruise vacation stretcher in Zurich and will announce the details approximately 11 months prior to sailing.

(B/L/D)



CATEGORY

DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline. 172 sq ft.

DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline. 172 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling window. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

ROYAL SUITE

Located on the Royal deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 300 sq ft.

PRICING PP

EARLY-BIRD: \$3,799

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REGULAR: \$6,499

EARLY-BIRD: \$5,099

REGULAR: \$6,599

EARLY-BIRD: \$5,199

REGULAR: \$6,699

EARLY-BIRD: \$6,099

REGULAR: \$7,899

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ACTIVITY LEVEL

This trip requires some mobility without the use of a wheelchair or scooter, as most tours are walking tours for up to 3 hours, which may include walking on cobblestone streets and stairs. A 'Gentle Walkers' group is offered on most included walking tours, which accommodates those needing a little extra time and sometimes offers a shortened version of a tour, designed to encounter as few stairs as possible. If you are bringing a portable wheelchair or collapsible travel scooter, you must be able to collapse it and store it in your cabin. It cannot be used to get around the ship, only while off the ship on tours that are wheelchair/scooter accessible. On tours, the usefulness of a portable wheelchair or scooter may be limited because we will be navigating cobblestone streets with hard curbs (no curb ramps) and stairs. If you have limited mobility, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

AIRFARE

Please check our airline discounts page for the latest discounts:

<https://www.olivia.com/airfare-specials>

VACATION STRETCHERS

We will not be offering vacation stretchers in Amsterdam. If you wish to arrive early, the Doubletree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station is one of the best located hotels. We also recommend the Movenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre, although it's a little further away, but still walking distance from the city center and train station. We will offer post-cruise vacation stretchers in Zürich and will announce more details approximately 9 months prior to sailing.

FLIGHTS

You will need to fly into **Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS)** and out of **Zürich Airport (ZRH)**. We encourage all guests to arrive at least one day early to avoid the stress of unexpected delays.

Your flight into Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS) should arrive by 2 pm on April 2, 2024.

Your flight home should be booked after 11 am to be eligible for the included group transfer from our riverboat to the Zürich Airport. If your flight departs prior to 11 am, you may need to arrange for your own taxi transfer to the airport, which can cost over 200 Euros.

If you are considering flight times close to these cutoff times, please call 800-631-6277 to confirm that the choice of flight will be acceptable.



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