



Christmas Cruise In The Heart of Germany

AVONLON WATERWAYS "AFFINITY"

November 29-December 7, 2009



Make this Christmas Magical!

Experience the holiday season the European way on this festive vacation featuring a deluxe 5-night cruise on the Main River aboard Avalon Waterways newest ship, the "Affinity". Christmas dreams are made of sugar plum fairies, nutcrackers and a visit to the picturesque village of Miltenberg and Wertheim. Explore the rebuilt city of Nuremberg with its illuminated festive lights and Christmas decorations. Stroll the old town in Prague to see the famous Astronomical Clock.

Daily Itinerary

MEALS: (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Sunday, November 29

Depart Cincinnati for Frankfurt, Germany.

Monday, November 30 - Frankfurt, Germany (D)

Welcome to Frankfurt! Located on the banks of the Main River, Frankfurt is a cosmopolitan city and the commercial capital of Germany. In the afternoon, the crew of the "Affinity" awaits to welcome you aboard.

Tuesday, December 1 - Miltenberg-Wertheim - (B, L, D)

Miltenberg, a scenic Bavarian village is abundant with culture and affluence reflected in the beautiful medieval and renaissance houses. The town center and Christmas market are within walking distance of the ship. The morning will be filled with a guided walking tour. After lunch, learn to bake a local soft cookie specialty. In the afternoon stop in Wertheim to stroll the quaint and winding streets and marvel at the tasteful Christmas decorations in the shop windows or the beautiful half-timbered houses.

Wednesday, December 2 - Würzburg,

Excursion to Rothenburg (B, L, D)

Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road", Würzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. After lunch, set off on the most scenic section of the Romantic Road to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This ancient walled city features fountains, cobble stone streets and steeped in history. Known for its year-round Christmas market, the real one at this time of year is a must-see experience! Try a Schneebal (snowball), a local specialty not at all suitable for a diet.

Thursday, December 3 - Bamberg (B, L, D)

A walking tour of Bamberg takes in the breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the River Regnitz. Enjoy the charming houses and 18th-century mansions decorated for the season. Especially beautiful in this village are the many nativity scenes built by local citizens and exhibited about the town.

Friday, December 4 - Nuremberg - (B, L, D)

Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it has been restored to its original style. Marvel at the historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant homes. Nuremberg hosts Germany's most famous Christmas market which dates back to 1628 and opened each year by the "Christkind!" The old town is illuminated with festive lights and decorations. Taste some of Germany's best-known beers.

Saturday, December 5 - Disembarkation - (B)

Say good-bye to your new friends on the "Affinity" and motorcoach to Prague. Cross the Czech border in the Bohemian Forest and arrive in the "Golden City".

Sunday, December 6 - Prague (B)

Prague is a 1,000 year old city preserved in time. It straddles the Vltava River with domes, cupolas, spires and pinnacles highlighting its skyline. See its best known treasure—the Astronomical Clock, once the envy of Europe. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books and stroll through the Christmas markets. Rows of brightly decorated wooden huts sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and Czech handicrafts. Get a little inner warmth with a cup of "svarene vino" (hot mulled wine) and a traditional hot sausage.

Monday, December 7 - Homeward Bound (B)

A vacation filled with magic and memories comes to a end. Board your transatlantic flights and arrive home the same day.



Cruise Itinerary

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ★ Round-trip economy class airfare
- ★ Round-trip airport transfers
- ★ (5) Five night cruise aboard Avalon Waterway's "Affinity" including all meals
- ★ Two nights accommodations at the Prague Hilton
- ★ Welcome Reception in Frankfurt
- ★ Guided walking tour of Miltenberg and baking demonstration
- ★ Guided sightseeing visit in Würzburg
- ★ Guided sightseeing tour of Bamberg
- ★ Beer tasting and guided sightseeing in Nuremberg
- ★ Guided sightseeing in Prague including a visit to Hradcany Castle



About the "AFFINITY"

Avalon Waterways welcomes the "Affinity" the newest ship to its fleet. Coming out in May of 2009, it is a state of the art riverboat vessel. It is spacious and well appointed featuring floor-to-ceiling windows on two of her decks. The "Affinity" has a capacity for 138 passengers allowing for an intimate atmosphere while offering many exciting amenities such as fine dining, a whirlpool on the Sky Deck, fitness center, hair salon, onboard lectures, activities and nightly piano music, non-smoking interior, internet access, complimentary tea and coffee throughout the day, complimentary wine at dinner, European-style Duvets, Egyptian cotton linens and much more!

PRICING

Category	Description	Cost
(P) Deck 3	Royal Deck outside stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors (172 sq. ft)	\$3,195
(A) Deck 2	Sapphire Deck outside stateroom (172 sq. ft.) with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors	\$3,095
(E) Deck 1	Indigo Deck forward outside stateroom (172 sq. ft.)	\$2,725



Additional Costs: Shipboard gratuities, optional excursions, airline imposed baggage fees

A deposit of \$250 per person guarantees your reservation. The balance is due August 26, 2009.



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