

# EUROPEAN SPLENDOUR

**PACE OF TOUR**

September 17 - September 30, 2011 14 Days

Leisurely



Active



## Avalon Imagery

What better way to see Europe and some of its most scenic rivers - the Rhine, Main, and Danube - than from the comfort of a small ship, where you unpack only once and spend the rest of your time enjoying the architecture, sumptuous cuisine, diverse culture, and amazing sights only available in Europe's most historic cities. After a day of sightseeing, experience the Imagery's innovative attributes and top-notch amenities - a panoramic Sky Deck, lounge, bar, and fitness center. Featuring the largest staterooms on the European rivers today, all rooms and suites feature premium bedding, nightly turn-down service, a large private bathroom with full shower, a well-stocked minibar, Wi-Fi access, and more. The Avalon Imagery was designed with your comfort in mind, including the Silent Drive System which separates the engines from the guests - providing a quieter and more enjoyable cruise experience.

### **Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. E) - 172 sq. ft.**

- \* Two windows
- \* Full shower with glass door
- \* Writing desk
- \* Vanity
- \* Bed
- \* Sink



### **Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. A,B & P) - 172 sq. ft.**

- \* Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with French Balcony
- \* Full shower with glass door
- \* Writing desk & Vanity
- \* Bed
- \* Sink



## **TOUR PRICE** per person, sharing.

Category A: Double occupancy **\$6,949** Category B: Double occupancy **\$6,860** Category P: Double occupancy **\$7,128**

*\* Single and higher category cabins are on request. \* Triples not available*

**DEPOSIT:** \$600 per person non-refundable.

**HEALTH:** None required. Consult with your physician and health clinic.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Valid Canadian passport 6 months beyond return date (recommended).

**VISA:** No visa required for Canadian Citizens.

**INSURANCE:** Comprehensive Insurance \$323 per person including tax.

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Professional Tour Director and local guides. ● Flights from Toronto.
- Accommodation as booked ● Gratuities to Guides & Coach drivers.
- Meals as listed. + complimentary wine, beer and other beverages. ● Sightseeing as listed.
- Roundtrip airport transfers at destination.
- Tour Leader accompanies you from Toronto with a minimum number of participants.

**Day 1 - DEPART TORONTO - AMSTERDAM** - Depart for your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

**Day 2 - ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (Embarkation) (D)** - Welcome to Amsterdam! Holland's capital is sophisticated and modern, with a rich and fascinating history. The works of famous Dutch masters can be seen in world-renowned museums such as the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a welcome reception.

**Day 3 - AMSTERDAM (B,L,D)** - There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon, there is time to explore or perhaps join an optional excursion to a nearby picturesque small town before your ship sets sail for Cologne.

**Day 4 - COLOGNE, GERMANY (B,L,D)** - Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities, with a river skyline dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent gothic cathedral. The Germano-Roman Museum next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a Kölsch in one of the many taverns and shop for a bottle of 4711, the original "eau de cologne."

**Day 5 - RHINE GORGE - RÜDESHEIM (B,L,D)** - The dramatic RHINE GORGE is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM in pretty Rudesheim. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then there's free time to explore the Drosselgasse and pick up some souvenirs.

**Day 6 - MILTENBERG (B,L,D)** - Located on the Main River, Miltenberg is a picturesque Bavarian village that thrived on income from river traffic. Its cultural wealth and affluence are reflected in the beautiful medieval and renaissance houses and the gothic splendor of the Merchant Hall. This afternoon, learn how to bake a local SOFT COOKIE specialty.

**Day 7 - WÜRZBURG (B,L,D)** - Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," Würzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. The magnificent BISHOP'S RESIDENZ is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Day 8 - BAMBERG (B,L,D)** - Another beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site is medieval Bamberg. Your walking tour takes in its breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the River Regnitz, and serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions.

**Day 9 - NUREMBERG (B,L,D)** - Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant patrician houses—all explained by a local expert. Nuremberg's traditions include famous Lebkuchen, toy making, and metal working.

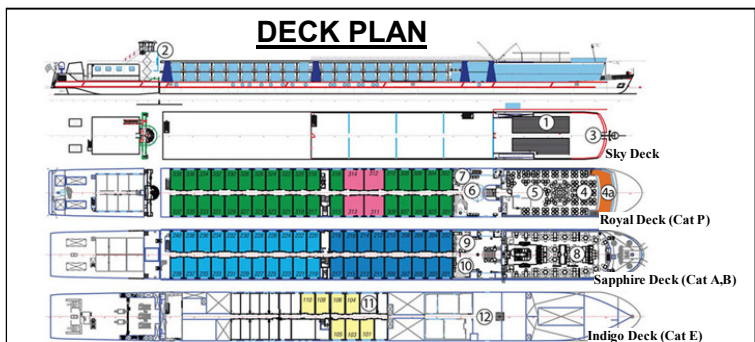
**Day 10 - REGENSBURG (B,L,D)** - Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Architectural highlights on your guided tour include the Old Town Hall and Porta Pretoria—gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. The city is the capital of Upper Palatinate, a bustling university town, and one of Bavaria's cultural centers. It is here you will find Germany's oldest restaurant, the 12th-century Historische Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen). Before dinner we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS!

**Day 11 - PASSAU (B,L,D)** - Passau, ideally located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube, is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes.

**Day 12 - GREIN, AUSTRIA-MELK (B,L,D)** - At the foot of a bluff in the shadow of its castle, Grein's turreted houses on the main square offer excellent photo opportunities. Situated in the picturesque Wachau Valley, Melk is home to the magnificent BENEDICTINE ABBEY that dominates the town and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking!

**Day 13 - VIENNA (B,L,D)** - Vienna, Austria's capital, is known as the "City of Music" and inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, the city has much to offer: lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ring Boulevard, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights you will enjoy during your included tour. Shop in the Kärntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighborhood café.

**Day 14 - VIENNA (Disembarkation) (B)** - Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.



### INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING

- AMSTERDAM** - Welcome reception; canal cruise.
- COLOGNE** - Guided sightseeing.
- RHINE GORGE** - Cruise through the gorge.
- RÜDESHEIM** - Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum; special treat.
- MILTENBERG** - Guided sightseeing; baking demonstration.
- WÜRZBURG** - Guided sightseeing, visit the Bishop's Residenz.
- BAMBERG** - Guided sightseeing, see the Old Town Hall.
- NUREMBERG** - Guided sightseeing.
- REGENSBURG** - Guided sightseeing; beer tasting.
- PASSAU** - Guided sightseeing. **GREIN** - Guided sightseeing.
- MELK** - Guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey.
- VIENNA** - Guided sightseeing.