

TRAVELEXPERIENCE



# Hello, I'm Uli – and I'm truly excited to invite you on this unforgettable European journey with me.

After more than 40 years in the travel industry, I have learned that the most meaningful holidays are the ones that move at just the right pace – with time to breathe, explore, and fall in love with every place we visit. That's exactly what I had in mind when crafting this very special itinerary.

We'll begin by drifting along the romantic Rhine River, surrounded by tulip fields and storybook castles, before wandering through charming towns in Romantic Germany.

We'll uncover the elegance of Prague and the Czech Republic, then finish in the breathtaking Bavarian Alps – a region close to my heart and my second home. I'm so looking forward to sharing with you the traditions, hidden gems, and local secrets you won't find in any brochure.

For the active-minded, there will be plenty of chances to hike, bike, swim, and even dance – because joy and movement are part of the adventure too!

I've worked closely with trusted local experts and built in multi-night stays, so we can truly immerse ourselves in each destination. This isn't just a tour – it's a deeply curated experience, filled with magic, authenticity, and a little bit of Uli sparkle.

Come with me.....Let's create stories worth telling – a Travel Experience that will last a lifetime.

This tour will fill fast so act now to avoid disappointment.

Yours in Travel Uli

# What's Included

- Return transfers from Basel Airport to our accommodation in the Black Forest
- √2 nights accommodation in the Black Forest
- 7 night Romantic Rhine Cruise with Avalon Cruises (Full board)
- Extra night in Amsterdam
- √8 nights Private coach tour from Amsterdam to Staudach Egerndach
- √7 nights in the Alpine Village of Staudach Egerndach
- Sightseeing as stated in itinerary
- Meals as stated in itinerary
- ✓Hosted by Uli
- /Meals as indicated
- **✓**Gratuities

Lets create stories worth telling together – lets create and unforgettable Travel Experience!

# **Day 1 | April 16**

#### **Arrival into Enchantment**

#### Titisee, Germany

Welcome to Europe! From the moment you arrive in **Basel**, your fairytale begins. You'll be transported to the shimmering lake town of **Titisee**, nestled in the heart of the mystical Black Forest. Let the pine-scented air ground you. Let time slow down. Let your soul begin to wander.

# Overnight Titisee (Breakfast)



## **Day 2 | April 17**

## The Whispering Woods of Titisee

#### Titisee, Germany

A full day at leisure to do as much—or as little—as your heart desires.

- ★ Stroll around the glassy lake
- Visit cuckoo-clock villages
- ີ Soak in a spa
- ├── Enjoy a gentle boat ride

Let nature speak in birdsong and breeze.

(Breakfast)

# Day 3 - to Day 10 April 18 to April 25, 2026 - Avalon Cruise

We will transfer you back to Basel to board your floating Hotel for the next 7 days Avalon Cruise 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 3 | April 18**

## BASEL, SWITZERLAND (EMBARKATION)

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

#### **EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH**

#### (Dinner)



# Day 4 | Sunday April 19, 2026

## BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

#### German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest

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

**ACTIVE** Enjoy the view on a relaxing bike ride along the Rhine with your Adventure Host, **OR:** 

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

**CLASSIC** Join a Guided Tour to explore Freiburg's medieval city centre, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley. 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 CRUISE TO KEHL

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **Day 5 | April 20**

### KEHL. EXCURSION TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France **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.

You may also choose to join 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 centre.

#### **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MAINZ**

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 6 | April 21

### MAINZ, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel

**ACTIVE** Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way, 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," **OR:** 

**CLASSIC** Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship after a short sailing to Rüdesheim.

### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN RÜDESHEIM

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## Day 7 | April 22 RÜDESHEIM–RHINE GORGE

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country



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

**CLASSIC** Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee, **OR**:

**DISCOVERY** Take a Guided Visit to the historic 18th-century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle and enjoy a delicious wine tasting.

En route to Koblenz, 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.

#### **KOBLENZ**

Travel Through 2000 Years of Monumental History Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and live entertainment.

#### **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN KOBLENZ**

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 8 | April 23 COLOGNE

**Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland** 

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

**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,

**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!

#### AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 9 | April 24 AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

#### **Canals of Colourful Amsterdam**

**ACTIVE** Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an early morning walk in Amsterdam, **OR**:

**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, **OR:** 

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

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colourful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

#### (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



# Day 10 | April 25

## AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

#### Free to Discover

Amsterdam, Netherlands

A day for museums, gardens, shopping, or simply soaking up the café culture.

#### **Overnight Amsterdam Hotel**

(Breakfast)



# **Day 11 | April 26**

#### **Keukenhof & the Road to Niedersachsen**

Keukenhof & Niedersachsen, Germany Stroll through tulip fields at **Keukenhof Gardens**, then journey into Germany's green heartland, **Niedersachsen.** 

#### **Overnight Niedersachsen**

(Breakfast)

## Day 12 | April 27

## Harz Mountains - our home for the next 3 nights in Braunlage

Wurmberg (Worm) Mountain, Germany

Welcome to the Harz! Ride a cable car, hike mountain trails, or breathe deep in the pine-scented alpine air.

Day at leisure to explore or simply relax

(Breakfast)

## Day 13 | April 28

## Goslar & Wernigerode - A Tale of Two Timeless Towns

#### (Full day tour)

In the heart of the Harz Mountains, where mist lingers in the pines and legends echo through the hills, two unforgettable towns await - each with its own story, both steeped in charm.

#### **Goslar – The Imperial Soul of the Harz**

Wander through the cobbled streets of Goslar, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure crowned by the mighty **Kaiserpfalz**. This was once the seat of emperors, and it shows - from the grandeur of the Imperial Palace to the whispering depths of the **Rammelsberg Mine**, a thousand-year-old marvel of engineering.

Half-timbered houses line the storybook lanes, while the elegant Marktplatz hums with history, beauty, and the gentle song of the famous **Glockenspiel**. Goslar is not just a town - it's a journey back to a golden age.

## **Wernigerode – The Harz in Full Colour**

Just an hour away, **Wernigerode** greets you with joyfully painted facades, crooked houses, and window boxes overflowing with flowers. Towering above the town like a scene from a fairy tale, **Wernigerode Castle** offers sweeping views of the Harz forest and a window into the region's noble past.

Together, Goslar and Wernigerode form a perfect pair - one imperial, one playful - each casting their own spell. Come and lose yourself in a land where the past dances with the present, and every step feels like a story waiting to unfold.



#### (Breakfast)

## Day 14 | April 29

## Brockenbahn - A Steam-Powered Journey Into Legend

Step aboard a storybook train where black-and-red steam engines hiss and sigh through the enchanted woods of the **Harz Mountains.** The **Brockenbahn** winds its way to the mist-shrouded **Brocken summit,** long whispered to be the meeting place of witches and spirits. Through pine forests and timbered villages, past wildflower fields and swirling clouds, this slow and soulful ride feels like time travel. At the top, legends linger in the air, and on clear days, the views stretch across half of Germany.

It's not just a train ride - it's a journey into the heart of German magic.

You may opt to hike the 2 ½ hours instead.

(Breakfast)

## **Day 15 | April 30**

Into Bohemia – Marienbad Awaits for 2 nights

Marienbad, Czech Republic Cross into Czechia and arrive in Marienbad, where spa elegance and Art Nouveau charm welcome you. After a city sights tour the time is yours to explore at leisure

Overnight Hotel Elsana Butterfly – includes entry into Wellness Centre, where you can relax in the healing Thermal Springs.

(Dinner and Breakfast)



## Day 16 | May 1

## Karlsbad- Jewel of the Spa Triangle

Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic – full day tour

Explore bubbling springs, graceful colonnades, and pastel streets. A true Bohemian fairytale town of pastel facades, steaming spa colonnades, and forested hills, **Karlsbad** is where Europe comes to unwind. Sip healing mineral waters from elegant cups, stroll along the Teplá

River, and breathe in the charm that once enchanted royalty and poets alike. With grand spas, romantic viewpoints, and the sweet crunch of warm spa wafers, Karlsbad is more than a destination—it's a poetic escape for body and soul.



#### **Overnight Marienbad**

(Dinner and Breakfast)

# Day 17 | May 2

## **One Night in Prague**

Prague, Czech Republic

Guided tour by day, enchantment by night.

#### **Prague – The City of a Hundred Spires**

Step into a living fairytale where every cobblestone whispers secrets of emperors, alchemists, and artists. In **Prague**, Gothic cathedrals rise beside Baroque palaces, and the golden glow of gas lamps warms medieval alleyways.

Gaze upon the **Astronomical Clock** as it chimes a poetic rhythm through Old Town Square, wander across the storied **Charles Bridge** at dawn, and let the spires of **Prague Castle** guide you through centuries of wonder.

Here, music drifts from candlelit chapels, absinthe flows in art-nouveau cafés, and every turn reveals another scene from a storybook.

Whether you lose yourself in the magic of **Malá Strana**, sip wine in a secret vineyard, or watch the sunset from **Letná Park**, Prague doesn't just dazzle the eyes - it captures the heart.

And if you are game, join us for a night of dancing at the biggest music club in the world-because in Prague, the nights are just as unforgettable as the days.

#### (Breakfast)

# Day 18-24 | May 3-9

## The Alpine Embrace – Staudach-Egerndach

#### Bavaria, Germany

Today, embark on a journey to enchanting Bavaria - my cherished second home - where we will discover a quaint village nestled like a hidden gem in the gentle foothills of the majestic Alps. We will spend our last 7 nights in a brilliant family-run Gasthof, renowned for its warm hospitality and heartfelt welcome. From this charming haven, we'll explore and uncover incredible treasures—from ancient salt mines to legendary castles and many other hidden gems waiting to be discovered. It's also the perfect place to unwind, relax, and soak in the magic of Bavarian life. For the more energetic, endless hiking and biking trails await—inviting you to embrace nature's playground and finish your marvellous adventure on an exhilarating high.

#### Our Home Gasthof Ott – 7 nights including Breakfast



## Daily Highlights in Bavaria:

- May 4 Visit Herrenchiemsee Palace & Fraueninsel island
- May 5 Leisure day for mountain meandering
- May 6 Explore Berchtesgaden, salt mines & Königssee
- May 7 Another free day to wander or rest
- May 8 Drive the Grossglockner Alpine Road
- May 9 Discover Mondsee & Wolfgangsee, then celebrate with a farewell dinner

# Day 25 | May 10

#### **Farewell for Now**

As your magical journey ends, take one last breath of alpine air and carry home a heart full of wonder.

This is a small group departure and selling fast.

Contact Uli on 07 40913411 or email <u>uli@travel-fnq.com</u> for further information.

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