

RHINE RIVER OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS FOR PURCHASE

During the trip along the Rhine, A-O Trips has chartered two ships which means two groups will be sailing at the same time. Most of the time we will be sailing/docking in tandem (side by side). However, there may be occasions where the ships are docked independently of each other in different locations. Not only will it be important that you know which ship is yours, but these different docking positions may impact content of specific excursions as well as transfer time for the excursion.

Wave	Travel Dates	Group # / Ship Name	Group # / Ship Name
Wave 8	Depart US Oct 28 – Return Nov 6	Group 15 / Vista	Group 16 / Expression

Listed below are excursions that are available for purchase through MyAvalonSM. Purchase price for excursions are in Euros. Cancellation policy for excursions: you can cancel any included or optional excursions purchased up to 3 days prior to the shore excursion. Tours can be cancelled through MyAvalonSM or on board with the Cruise Director.

Avalon Waterways classifies their excursions into these categories:

ACTIVE: Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go such as a guided biking tour, kayaking or hiking your way through scenic locales.

DISCOVERY: We've found inspiring and interactive activities to your interests such as cooking classes that immerse you in each culture you explore.

CLASSIC: Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations. You'll marvel at the legends, lore, and spectacular architecture of iconic and historic sites.

Day 7 and 8 – Amsterdam

The following optional activities are available for purchase in advance through MyAvalonSM.

1. Medieval Muiderslot Castle (DAY 8 ONLY)

Visit Amsterdam's imposing Muiderslot Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Holland's most beautiful medieval castle fortresses. During this remarkable half-day guided tour, you'll learn about the castle's rich history and will explore the 17th-century rooms filled with historic furnishings, paintings from the Dutch Golden Age, and a collection of arms, armor, and utensils from the 13th century. Built around 1280 at the mouth of the Vecht River and surrounded by a beautiful moat, Muiderslot's authentic atmosphere will whisk you back to a time when author P.C. Hooft, the "Dutch Shakespeare", occupied the castle. Once you've experienced the wonders inside, wander outside to stroll through the beautiful herb gardens and along the ramparts for fantastic views of the nearby Pampus island fortress. After about 30 minutes of free time, you will meet your guide back at the Castle gate where you will depart for a local café for coffee and apple pie. After your break, you will be transported by motorcoach back to the ship.

DURATION: AM Tour, typically 8:30am-12:15pm, 4 hrs; timing is subject to change according to final docking location.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING: Comfortable shoes and clothing, dress in layers, including a lightweight jacket. Don't forget to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and your refillable water bottle filled with water from the ship water station.

INCLUSIONS: Roundtrip transportation, guide, entrance to the Muiderslot Castle, 30 minutes of free time, break at a local café including coffee and a slice of apple pie.

EXCLUSIONS: Lunch is provided onboard the ship.

RESTRICTIONS/NOTES: There will be some walking on uneven surfaces with inclines and steps on this tour.

ACTIVITY CLASS: CLASSIC

PRICE: €74.00 Euros per person

MAXIMUM: no maximum



2. Zaanse Schans, the Symbols of Holland & Volendam – Full Day

Windmills, cheese, and centuries-old traditions await as you take a short coach ride across the Dutch “polder” landscape. Arrive in pretty Zaanse Schans, an open-air museum with well-preserved historic Dutch homes. See the legendary windmills used for sawing wood to refine chalk, oil, flour, and spices where artisans craft pewter, barrels, liqueur, cocoa, and more in the traditional ways. Led by an expert Local Guide, meet a local miller, and tour a working windmill, watch a wooden clog-making demonstration, and visit a cheese farm to learn all about one of the country’s most famous products.

Continue to the famous fishing village of Volendam, which is known for its traditional costumes, lively harbor, beautiful village center, and smoked eel. The old center of Volendam lies behind the dyke and is called the Maze (Doolhof). Characteristic of this part of Volendam are the small wooden houses and the ancient atmospheric maze of narrow streets but the heart of Volendam is its lively harbor, a not-to-be-missed sight. In your free time, you could do some souvenir shopping, have lunch at one of the many local restaurants and try deliciously fresh fish or maybe snack on Dutch pancakes—Heerlijk!

DURATION: AM-PM Tour, typically 8:30am-4pm, 7 hrs. and 30 minutes; timing is subject to change according to final docking location.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING: Comfortable shoes and clothing, dress in layers, including a lightweight jacket. Don’t forget to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and your refillable water bottle filled with water from the ship water station.

INCLUSIONS: Roundtrip transportation, guide, orientation walk in Zaanse Schans and Volendam, about 30 minutes of free time to explore in Zaanse Schans, and about 1 hour, 30 minutes of free time to explore and have lunch on own in Volendam.

EXCLUSIONS: Lunch is not provided. Time on own will be around 1pm.

RESTRICTIONS/NOTES: There will be some walking on uneven surfaces with inclines on this tour.

ACTIVITY CLASS: CLASSIC

PRICE: €94.00 Euros per person

MAXIMUM: no maximum



3. Bites & Highlights Walking Tour of Amsterdam

Step off the beaten path to discover the atmosphere and authentic food the Amsterdam locals know and love. This guided walking tour takes you and your tastebuds through the charming Jordaan district, a historic working-class neighborhood that today is filled with specialty shops and unique eateries. Along the way you'll marvel at the stunning canals and historic buildings, hear entertaining stories from your expert guide, meet the friendly people whose families have been running the cafés and shops here for generations, and savor delicious tastings of traditional street food.

DURATION: **Day 7** Midday Tour, typically 11am-3pm, 3 hrs. and 30 minutes; timing is subject to change according to final docking location. **Day 8** PM Tour, typically 1:30pm-5pm, 3 hrs. and 30 minutes; timing is subject to change according to final docking location.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING: Comfortable shoes and clothing, dress in layers, including a lightweight jacket. Don't forget to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and your refillable water bottle filled with water from the ship water station.

INCLUSIONS: Roundtrip transportation if needed due to ship docking location, guide, food and beverage included of local specialties such as: herring, bitterballen, small beer, cheese, poffertjes (Dutch pancakes) or Dutch chocolate.

EXCLUSIONS: Lunch is provided onboard the ship.

RESTRICTIONS/NOTES: There will be some walking on uneven surfaces with inclines on this tour.

ACTIVITY CLASS: DISCOVERY

PRICE: €79.00 Euros per person

MAXIMUM: 60 people

