

## **T** Themed cruise: Basle - Amsterdam

RIVER CLOUD II 8 days / 7 nights  
**27 Oct. to 03 Nov. 2010** RCII-1029

**Wed. 27 Oct.**  
 Individual arrival in **Basle**. Embarkation on the RIVER CLOUD II at 16.00 hours.

**Basle/Switzerland.** Dep.: 17.00  
**Breisach/Germany.** Arr.: 23.00

**Thur. 28 Oct.**  
**Breisach/Germany.** Dep.: 13.00  
 Excursion to Colmar in the Alsace region\*.

The charming and tranquil city of Colmar proudly shows off its timberwork in all its glory.  
**Strasbourg/France.** Arr.: 20.00

**Fri. 29 Oct.**  
**Strasbourg/France.** Dep.: 18.00  
 City tour with boat trip through "Petite France" and visit to the famous cathedral\*.

The old part of Strasbourg is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the famous cathedral at its centre. In the evening, you will be treated to a Schumann concert by the famous pianist, Sun-Hee Kim-Wüst. Her virtuoso performance will be introduced by Hans Werner Wüst.

**Sat. 30 Oct.**  
**Heidelberg/Germany.** Arr.: 06.00 Dep.: 23.00  
 Morning city tour including visit to the castle\*.

In the afternoon, a musical walking tour of the city on the trail of famous musicians, with an exclusive organ concert in the Church of the Holy Spirit\*.

The magic of the city and its surrounding countryside has provided inspiration for many an artist. Frédéric Chopin performed in Heidelberg and Robert Schumann studied law at the famous University of Heidelberg.

**Sun. 31 Oct.**  
**Koblenz/Germany.** Arr.: 13.00 Dep.: 18.00  
 Visit to Stolzenfels Castle\*.

In the morning, the boat cruises along the romantic Middle Rhine and past the Loreley rock. In the afternoon, the "Muse of Stolzenfels" beckons you up to this fairy-tale castle on the Rhine. The guided tour will take you through courtyards and halls, recounting stories

from history, the dreams of the poets Brentano and Arnim and the celebrated visit of Queen Victoria.

**Andernach/Germany.** Arr.: 19.30  
 Private reception and concert at Namedy Castle\*.

Namedy Castle is a moated castle dating from the 14th century, which was converted into a castle complex in 1890. It has been the family home of the Hohenzollern dynasty since 1907. Princess Heide of Hohenzollern will welcome you in person. Following a tour of the castle, there will be a private Chopin concert in the castle's impressive hall of mirrors.

**Mon. 1 Nov.**  
**Andernach/Germany.** Dep.: 03.00  
**Düsseldorf/Germany.** Arr.: 09.30 Dep.: 14.00

City walking tour on the trail of Schumann with a visit to his house and a small concert on the square piano\*.

Düsseldorf was the most important place in Schumann's professional life as he worked here as the city's musical director. Between 1850 and 1854 he lived here with his wife, the pianist Clara Schumann, and during this time published around a third of his works. The Robert Schumann Society, which is responsible for the careful preservation of his legacy, will lead today's tour. In the evening, there will be a musical and literary portrayal of Chopin presented by Hans Werner Wüst with Sung-Hee Kim-Wüst on the piano.

**Tue. 2 Nov.**  
**Amsterdam/Netherlands.** Arr.: 08.30  
 Morning city tour by canal boat and visit to the Rijksmuseum\*.

The afternoon is free for you to discover the Dutch city of canals at your own pace.

**Wed. 3 Nov.**  
**Amsterdam/Netherlands.** 09.00 hours disembarkation. Individual departure.

Itinerary and programme subject to change depending on high and low water levels!

**\* THESE EXCURSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE ONLY RATE.**

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