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THE TRAVEL COMPANY FOR LGBTQ+ WOMEN

## SWITZERLAND TO AMSTERDAM RIVERBOAT CRUISE

APRIL 23-30, 2022  
on board *Avalon Vista*

BASEL | BREISACH |  
STRASBOURG |  
HEIFELBERG | MAINZ |  
RÜDESHEIM |  
RHINE GORGE | KOBLENZ |  
COLOGNE | AMSTERDAM





Cruise the Rhine River with the women of Olivia, starting in delightful Basel and ending in the extremely LGBTQ friendly city of Amsterdam.

Experience castles on the Rhine, the Black Forest, fields of vividly-colored tulips in bloom and stroll along the canals learning about Amsterdam's amazing history. Included walking or city tours in most ports ensure you see the best of the best as you immerse yourself in the rich local cultures.

Basel | Breisach | Strasbourg | Heidelberg | Mainz | Rüdesheim | Rhine Gorge | Koblenz | Cologne | Amsterdam







## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**Monday, April 25, 2022**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

Basel, Switzerland (all aboard at 5 pm)

Breisach, Germany

Strasbourg, France

Mainz and Heidelberg, Germany

Koblenz, Rhine Gorge, and Rüdesheim, Germany

Cologne, Germany

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Amsterdam, the Netherlands (disembark)

*\*Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, locks, schedule, river traffic, and water levels.*

### INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights on the *Avalon Vista*, one of the finest riverboats on the Rhine
- All meals while on board
- Champagne with breakfast; coffee, tea, and juices with all meals; beer, wine, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Standard wifi in all cabins and public areas
- Olivia entertainment and programming as well as local entertainment
- Included sightseeing tours in each port
- Gratuities to ship crew, Avalon cruise director, (covered by NDAs)
- Group transfer from the Zürich Airport host hotel to the ship in Basel on April 23, 2022
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

### NOT INCLUDED

Transfer from the ship in Amsterdam to the Amsterdam airport, optional tours, alcoholic beverages, bottled water, and soft drinks (except where indicated), telephone and fax







**You'll find elegant, contemporary design and panoramic windows throughout the beautifully designed 166-passenger *Avalon Vista*.**

The spaces to relax and unwind include the library, a beautiful bar, a lounge serving premium spirits (extra charge), a fitness center, hair salon, and the fabulous sundeck with a whirlpool and area for deck games. The ship's staterooms and suites are well appointed and among the largest available on any riverboat; almost every stateroom features sliding glass doors.

Fine dining on the *Avalon Vista* features European cuisine. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style, and dinner is offered as sit-down menu service with open seating. The daily full buffet breakfast offers early- and late-riser options and includes sparkling wine, complimentary juices, and a made-to-order egg station. Lunch and dinner come with complimentary regional wines, beer, and soft drinks. Enjoy al fresco lunches in the Sky Grill on the sun deck and the four-course chef-inspired dinners featuring regional cuisine. Premium coffees, cappuccinos, and lattes are always on offer, and you can make use of the self-serve coffee station as well.







Some of the other features and amenities you'll enjoy on board:

- Complimentary wifi access
- An entirely nonsmoking interior
- Elevator
- Laundry service (check pricing on board)
- Remarkable service throughout the cruise
- English-speaking crew





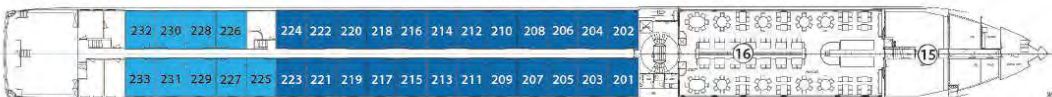
SKY DECK



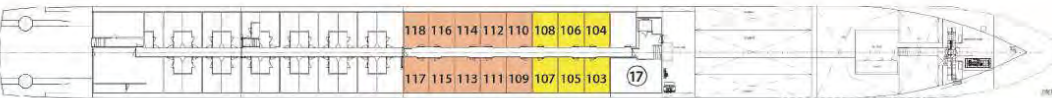
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



# AVALON VISTA DECK MAP

### DECK PLAN

- |   |                      |                   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sky Lounge                                    | 6 Deck Game Area     | 12 Elevator       |
| 2 Navigation Bridge                             | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby          |
| 3 Sky Grill                                     | 8 Panorama Bistro    | 14 Club Lounge    |
| 4 Whirlpool                                     | 9 Panorama Lounge    | 15 Galley         |
| 5 Premium Lounge<br>Chairs and Shade<br>Awnings | 10 Bar               | 16 Dining Room    |
|   | 11 Reception         | 17 Fitness Center |

### CATEGORIES

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Royal Suite</b> | Royal Deck   Royal Suites               |
| <b>Cat. P</b>      | Royal Deck   Panorama Suites            |
| <b>Cat. A</b>      | Sapphire Deck Forward   Panorama Suites |
| <b>Cat. B</b>      | Sapphire Deck Aft   Panorama Suites     |
| <b>Cat. D</b>      | Indigo Deck Aft   Deluxe Staterooms     |
| <b>Cat. E</b>      | Indigo Deck Forward   Deluxe Staterooms |

### DELUXE STATEROOMS



#### DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

**EARLY BIRD \$3,599 PP** REGULAR \$4,679 PP

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. 172 sq ft.

#### DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

**EARLY BIRD \$3,699 PP** REGULAR \$4,809 PP

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. 172 sq ft.



### PANORAMA SUITES



#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

**EARLY BIRD \$4,499 PP** REGULAR \$5,849 PP

Located on the Sapphire deck aft, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.

#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

**EARLY BIRD \$4,599 PP** REGULAR \$5,979 PP

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.



#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

**EARLY BIRD \$4,799 PP** REGULAR \$6,239 PP

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.



### ROYAL SUITE



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**EARLY BIRD \$5,799 PP** REGULAR \$7,539 PP

Located on the Royal deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter and two sinks, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 300 sq ft.





### Saturday, April 23, 2022

Welcome to Switzerland! Your Suite ship is ready for boarding! All flights into Zurich should arrive by 11 am for the included transfer to your ship in Basel. At approximately 4 pm, your suite is available to check-in. Guests must be on board by 5 pm, where you will meet your Olivia staff and ship's crew at a welcome reception with dinner.

### BASEL, SWITZERLAND



### BREISACH, GERMANY

### Sunday, April 24, 2022

Located at the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border, Breisach is the gateway to Germany's Black Forest region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty with its forests of thick pine trees. The area earned its name because the forests were so dense that local residents described them as black.

Choose between an included full-day guided tour to the magical Black Forest to experience the Vogtsbauernhof open-air museum, visit an authentic water mill, and see a traditional butter-making demonstration. Or an included visit to Badischer Winzerkeller, the largest German wine producer. Discover Germany's southernmost wine country in Baden, ideally situated between the hills of the Black Forest and the Rhine River. Learn about the vintners' process in the vineyards here and enjoy a wine tasting.



### STRASBOURG, FRANCE



#### **Monday, April 25, 2022**

Situated on the border of France and Germany, Strasbourg blends the cultures of both countries in a delightful way. As capital of the Alsace region and seat of the Council of Europe and European Parliament, it is without a doubt an important city that manages to retain its historic charm. On your guided sightseeing tour, visit the monumental red-sandstone Gothic Strasbourg Cathedral de Notre-Dame, with its ancient murals, stained-glass windows, and fascinating astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France district, home to half-timber houses, quaint shops, inviting bistros, and a waterfront promenade.

Join an included city sightseeing tour, including Strasbourg's Cathedral de Notre-Dame, as well as the magical La Petite France District. This afternoon you may choose a guided optional excursion, either to the historic Marigot Line—an impressive installation of pre-WWII defensive fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France—or to Alsace's wine country.



### MAINZ AND HEIDELBERG, GERMANY



#### **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

Today you'll travel to Heidelberg, home to the oldest university in Germany. With a local guide, visit the imposing ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city and among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. You'll also see the famed Great Vat, believed to be the world's largest wine barrel. At nearly 23 feet high and 28 feet wide, the cask holds over 58,000 gallons of wine and has a dance floor built on top of it! You will probably also want to try the most delicious hot chocolate at the YilliY café!

Alternatively, this afternoon, enjoy a brief cruise to Mainz and an included Mainz walking tour. Mainz is strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers, and its "civilized" origins date back to around 38 BC. Today, this is Germany's largest and most important wine market. Join your local guide for a guided walk through the Altstadt (old town) with its many intriguing shops and the whimsical Fastnachtsbrunnen (Carnival fountain) on the Schillerplatz, a tribute to the jesters at the city's annual Carnival celebration. Gutenberg, father of modern printing, was born here—and you'll visit the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Active guests can join our Adventure Host for a hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below.





### KOBLENZ, RHINE GORGE, AND RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

In Rüdesheim, quintessential Rhine Valley wine town, take a guided tour of the incredible Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Museum, a real surprise! Enjoy a special Rüdesheim coffee before making your way back to the ship. For our active guests, join our Adventure Host for a guided hike through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim. The dramatic Rhine Gorge is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where it's said that the sweet songs of a local beauty-turned-siren lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Also situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers is 2,000-year-old Koblenz, the cultural and business center of the Middle Rhine region. Take in some free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board.



### COLOGNE, GERMANY

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

Today we explore gay-friendly Cologne. Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities, with a river skyline dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent gothic cathedral. In 2010, it was the site of the Gay Games. The Germano-Roman Museum located next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a kölsch in one of the many beer taverns or shop for a bottle of 4711, the original eau de cologne. Choose between an included Guided City Walk or Jewish Heritage Walk. We enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing the Rhine.



### AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

#### Friday, April 29, 2022

There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by your included canal boat ride, cruising through the grachten (canals) with their elegant, stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." There will be free time in the afternoon to explore on your own or enjoy an optional tour to Keukenhof gardens with more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Or choose an optional city biking tour to discover the countryside. Overnight in Amsterdam.

#### Saturday, April 30, 2022

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Departure flights can leave Amsterdam Airport at any time. The ship can assist in arranging your cab to the airport or continue with us on our post-trip Vacation Stretcher in Amsterdam!



### ZURICH

In Zurich, you'll visit a Cheese Factory for lunch to try local specialties and have the opportunity to make your own delicious Swiss chocolate bar at a Swiss chocolate factory (tastings included)! You'll travel to Lucerne where you will take a tram up to Mt. Titlis for a beautiful 360° view of the Alps, and overnight there to enjoy the old town or take a stroll around the beautiful lake.



### VACATION STRETCHERS

We are offering Vacation Stretchers in Amsterdam and Zürich. Visit our [website](#) for detailed information on these pre- and post-trip packages.



### AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is often referred to as one of the most colorful cities in the world, and rightly so! Where else can you find so many places of interest, world-famous museums, cozy pubs, cobblestone streets along tree-lined canals, one-of-a-kind shops and flower markets? Extend your vacation with Olivia and give yourself the time to experience all that Amsterdam has to offer! We are pleased to announce we have already arranged for our favorite LGBTQ and LGBTQ-friendly guides.



## CATEGORY

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### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

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### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

### ROYAL SUITE

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# faq

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

This trip requires a moderate to high level of mobility, as most of the tours are walking tours (including walking on cobblestone streets and navigating some stairs). If you are bringing a portable wheelchair and scooter, they may be used only on tours, not on the ship. Because of the limited space on the ship, they cannot be driven to your cabin or other parts of the ship and will need to be collapsed and stored in your cabin. On tours, the usefulness of a portable wheelchair or scooter may be limited because we will be navigating cobblestone streets with hard curbs (no curb cutouts) and stairs. A 'Gentle Walkers' group is included on most included walking tours; this group accommodates those needing a little extra time and sometimes offers a shortened version of a tour, designed to go at slower pace and encounter as few stairs as possible.

There is a lot of walking on these trips. We highly recommend that you start walking daily now to ensure that by the time we depart you are comfortable walking between 10,000 and 15,000 steps a day (approximately 5-7.5 miles [8-12 kilometers]) and thereby may fully enjoy all that this trip has to offer! If you have limited mobility, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

## FLIGHTS

Your flight into **Zurich International Airport (ZRH)** should arrive by 11 am on April 23, 2022 to allow you to participate in the included group transfer to the ship in Basel. If your flight arrival time is close to this cutoff time, please call 800-631-6277 to confirm that the choice of flight will be acceptable.

Your flight home can depart the **Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS)** at any time on April 30, 2022, as the ship will overnight in Amsterdam on April 29. We encourage all passengers to extend their trip with our pre- and post-trip Vacation Stretchers to enjoy all Amsterdam and Zurich have to offer, as well as to avoid the stress of unexpected delays.

## AIRFARE

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