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THE BEST CHRISTMAS MARKETS CRUISE EVER!

Come and join us on this fantastic 7 night cruise onboard everyone's favourite MS Elegant Lady. The cruise features 10/11 Christmas Markets in towns and cities along the Rhine, which no cruise line dares to feature! Morning stops give you the chance to see the sights as well as markets that normally open at 10 or 11. The others, afternoon and/or evenings, give an opportunity to see the excitement as darkness falls, the splendid stalls and decorations plus a friendly atmosphere with the smell of gluhwein. As usual, this is a real 'house party' onboard including our Christmas Party and Christmas Carol Concert amongst a multitude of things!

KOBLENZ

Koblenz was a former Roman settlement and Frankish royal palatinate but the city suffered severe devastation in World War 2. For a short visit there is a good waterfront on the Rhine side to see, and as soon as you dock you can gain access immediately to a lovely section of old town before reaching the pedestrian area of shops. The Christmas Market normally straddles many of the side streets and the centrepiece in the Koblenz Lohr Centre has beautiful decorations and the tree is stunning!

BOPPARD

This is the only stop that hasn't got a Christmas Market open until we have gone! However this stop offers you the chance to walk the promenade and return via the main street or vice versa! It's claim to fame is it is a health resort and a popular sleepy tourist town especially in the summer!

FRANKFURT

Need we say more, a wonderful large town on the river Main, the furthest part of our itinerary before meandering back to Dusseldorf. A superb Christmas Market awaits with a possible optional tour to a massive market at Oppenheim, the centre of the Rheinhessen wine-growing industry.

MAINZ

We normally feature Wiesbaden but this time we shall dock on the promenade of Mainz and offer an optional shuttle to the other side of the river. Mainz is very accessible from our mooring point and the market is in the Mainz Cathedral Square. It could be an advantage for walkers to have an English speaking guide for a tour which we will no doubt add to the optional tours list.

WIESBADEN*

'The Twinkling Star Christmas Market' is delightful. Set around the cathedral and market square, this could be described as the 'locals' own brand of Christmas. You'll love the shopping streets around and you mustn't leave town without having morning coffee in Maldaner!

RÜDESHEIM

The jewel in the crown! Such a beautiful place, even better with the stalls set in the lanes of Rudesheim, the Christmas lights bringing a glow of Christmas to everyone. In the evening, the chance to venture out for a drink and enjoy the entertainment of Lindenwirt hotel.

ANDERNACH

This forgotten town close to Koblenz is responsible for an 'Andernach Christmas Village' which is well supported by the towns and villages around. Our mooring point is at the river car park, but our planned timetable means a visit falls within the late afternoon and darkness. Time to experience yet another different market set in the town square and side roads.

LINZ AM RHEIN

Linz is 25km south east of Bonn and described as 'a cute little fairytale village' ideal for a wonderful day trip in the summer. It has historic cobblestone streets and picturesque half-timbered houses. We at Cruise In have never visited before. We understand that their Christmas Market will open on the morning of our visit. This however is not currently confirmed. For those that want a rest from markets this will present an ideal opportunity to visit Drakenburg Castle with an optional 'special tour' together with our Contiki coach and English speaking guide.

BONN

A superb array of stalls set around the cathedral and surrounding streets bring the city into fairytale life. The streets are alive with colourful displays. You can even watch the ice skaters enjoying the chance of skating in the city on their own Christmas ice rink!

COLOGNE

The morning to see and enjoy one or all of 5 Christmas Markets! A chance to visit the famous Dom Cathedral or shop til you drop in the pedestrianised centre and savour the wonderful atmosphere that is Cologne!

DUSSELDORF

Leaving the best until last! Enjoy your last market as you walk along the promenade into the restaurants and stalls to enjoy the cooking smells of delight as well as gluhwein! Obviously you should wait until the daylight fails to enjoy the full joys of Christmas as this is a Saturday in Dusseldorf. You may even want to go back again after dinner!

**There will be an optional cost shuttle to the "Twinkling Star Market" of Wiesbaden.*



ITINERARY

DAY	Location	Start	End
DAY 1	Düsseldorf	14.15	17.00
DAY 2	Koblenz Boppard	07.00 15.00	13.00 18.00
DAY 3	Frankfurt	05.00	19.00
DAY 4	Mainz Rüdesheim	05.00 15.30	13.30 -
DAY 5	Rüdesheim Andernach Linz am Rhein	- 14.00 19.30	09.00 18.00 -
DAY 6	Linz am Rhein Bonn	- 15.00	13.00 -
DAY 7	Bonn Köln Düsseldorf	- 08.00 15.30	06.00 12.30 -
DAY 8	Düsseldorf	-	09.30

MAIN DECK
£1095pp

UPPER DECK
(with French balcony)
£1245pp

All prices quoted are per person based on twin occupancy

WHAT THE TRIP INCLUDES

- Twin/double cabin with television, heating and ensuite facilities
- Full service onboard every day
- Buffet breakfast, 4-course lunch, afternoon tea & pastries, 5-course dinner, late night snacks
- 24 hour tea & coffee machine
- All mooring fees, air taxes and port taxes where applicable
- Nightly entertainment with the Cruise In Band
- Optional tours will be available at a supplement
- Cruise In's party night with giant free raffle and free wine at dinner
- Luxury coach from Ashford to ship side
- Cruise In's carol and songs concert
- Flights from London Heathrow

YOUR TRAVEL OPTIONS

COACH



Join our Contiki Holland coach from Ashford for the same day journey via Eurotunnel and Calais to shipside in Dusseldorf.

Optional pre-cruise nights with b/b and parking will be available at Ashford, cost and hotel as yet unknown.

BY AIR



Travel from London Heathrow to Dusseldorf, subject to availability.

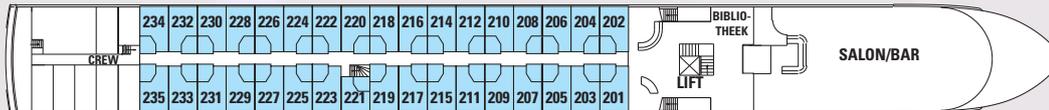
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UPPER DECK



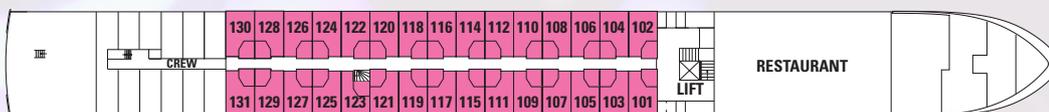
Built: 2003
Accommodation:
 128 Passengers.

Upper Deck:
 34 Two Berth Cabins.

Main Deck:
 30 Two Berth Cabins.

Dimensions:
 Length 110 m. Width 11.4 m.

MAIN DECK



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