

The Rhine & Moselle Rivers and Lucerne with CKNW's Simi Sara



Cruise and Lucerne Pricing Based on Double Occupancy

**Category E - From \$8575CDN per person
(Other Categories Available)**

Single Supplement Available

Air - Canada to Amsterdam & Lucerne to
Canada - From \$1500 CDN per person
depending on carrier, routing
and availability. We would be
happy to book your air for you.

Tour Host Simi Sara

SIMI SARA is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster. Born and raised in Metro Vancouver, she started her career in newspaper and spent almost fifteen years in television news before coming to 980 CKNW where she has been for the past 15 years. You can catch her early mornings Monday to Friday covering breaking news, providing reaction and analysis plus talking about all the interesting stories that make up your day. If you catch her when s



he's not at work or talking about the news, she will probably bake you some chocolate chip cookies. Simi is fun, informative, inquisitive and a delight to travel with. She will fast become a new friend... and then there is her fun husband! We loved our time with her in Kenya! Join us and you will "get it".

Cruise Highlights June 23 to July 5, 2024

Your European river cruise vacation starts in marvelous Amsterdam where there is much to see! Discover the treasures of this colourful, historic city on a canal cruise through the elegant Grachten lined with stately homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Explore the magnificent city of Cologne, Germany, which spans both sides of the Rhine River, then visit Koblenz, strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

Explore the charming wine village of Bernkastel with its half-timbered houses from the Middle Ages still standing! Take a guided walk through the delightful marketplace, see the Renaissance-era Town Hall, and taste famed Moselle wines! Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, considered the most beautiful view of the Rhine River, and see ancient castles standing majestically on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Visit the charming Rhine Valley wine town of Rüdesheim, and visit the ruins of Heidelberg's Castle, towering over the city.

Continue your stunning European river cruise to Strasbourg, France, where a local expert will show you the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and fascinating astronomical clock. Also, stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. At the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border sits Breisach—the gateway to Germany's legendary Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty.

Disembark your river cruise in Basel, Switzerland, and continue your vacation with a visit to Mt. Pilatus and a walking tour in Lucerne. Your Rhine and Moselle Rivers cruise and vacation in Switzerland are the perfect combination to unlock a guided European vacation of a lifetime. Not ready to go home? Join us to visit the War Memorials in Normandy France in honour of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

The Rhine & Moselle Rivers with Lucerne



June 22/23 – In Transit: Depart June 22 from North America. Schedule dependent on airline. We would be happy to book your air for you or use your airline points! **Arrive in Amsterdam on June 23 where you will be met at the airport and transferred to the beautiful Avalon Tranquility II for the next 11 nights.** Unpack... unwind! The rest of the day is yours to explore this beautiful ship docked in the heart of Amsterdam!

June 24 – Amsterdam, Netherlands: Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available. Alternatively spend some free time this afternoon visiting one of Amsterdam's many fascinating museums or galleries. Afternoon / Overnight cruise to Cologne.

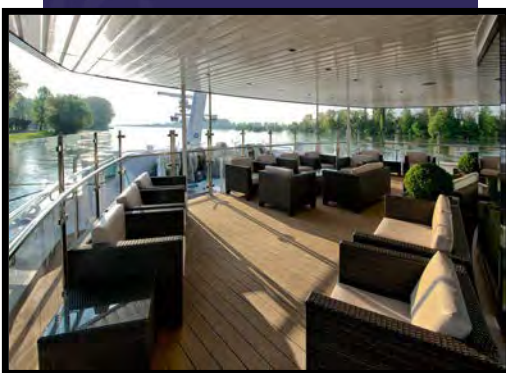


June 25 – Cologne, Germany: Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland! Choose from the following tours (subject to change):

- Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host
- Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites
- Take a Guided City Walk with its soaring twin-steepled Gothic cathedral. Or...Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years! Local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment. Overnight sailing to Cochem.

June 26 – Cochem: The Charm of the Moselle Valley. This morning, select from

- Guided Optional Excursion to Eltz Castle.
- Bike along the Mosel River with your Adventure Host
- Visit the former bunker of Germany's Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) and immerse yourself in the underground vault where millions of German Mark were kept during the Cold War
- Join a Guided Walk of Cochem to see the charming town's half-timbered houses and winding streets. Visit Cochem's hilltop Reichsburg Castle with a bird's-eye-view of the Moselle Valley and river bend. Evening/Overnight cruise to Remich.



June 27 Remich – Excursion to Trier: Ancient Worlds and Old-World Charm
Today's options are...

- Wander and Discover Trier. Follow your Adventure Host for a Walk in and around this city.
 - Take a Guided Sightseeing tour of Trier—Germany's oldest city with ancient remnants dating from 144-152 AD. Starting from Porta Nigra, walk through the city centre.
 - Join a history-focused Roman Trier Guided Tour to learn more about the history of Roman civilization in this Moselle River city and visit the ruins of a 20,000-seat amphitheater, and imperial baths.
- This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. Evening/Overnight Cruise to Bernkastel



June 28 – Bernkastel: Hillside Vines and German Wines – a fun day to either

- Bike along the Mosel River with your Adventure Host
- Take a Guided Walking Tour of the charming wine village of Bernkastel—with its medieval marketplace and 17th-century gabled timber-framed houses. This afternoon, select a Guided Optional Excursion to a local winery for a wine tasting. Evening/Overnight cruise to Koblenz

June 29 – Koblenz – Rhine Gorge: Fortress Walls and Manor Halls

An exciting day to:

- Explore Koblenz's Mosel side by bike with your Adventure Host
- Take a Guided City Walk amid ancient fortress walls, towers, squares and monuments
- Visit the Sayn Manor House on a Guided Tour.

Enjoy the breathtaking views as you cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge on your way to Rüdesheim

Rüdesheim -

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country! Enjoy free time this evening to explore this picturesque village. Overnight cruise to Ludwigshafen

June 30 – Ludwigshafen / Heidelberg-Speyer: Philosophers' Views and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel. Ask about today's energizing or relaxing activities ...

- Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the Philosophers' way
- Take an entertaining tour to the famous Frankenstein castle, nestled in the hills of the Western Odenwald area, and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Rhine Valley
- 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."

This afternoon a short sailing will bring you to Speyer, where you will have free time to explore at your own pace. Evening/Overnight cruise to Strasbourg

July 1 – Strasbourg, France : Happy Canada Day!

A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France. Choose what you'd like to do today...

- Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host
- Take a City Sightseeing Tour, including the city's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.

This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available.

Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum or stroll across the city center. Evening/Overnight cruise to Breisach.

July 2 – Breisach, Germany: German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest. Today choose from options such as:

- Join a 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
- Visit to a local winery in Breisach, where you will learn about German winemaking and enjoy a wine tasting.

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/Overnight cruise to Basel, Switzerland.

July 3 – Basel Switzerland (Disembark) Mount Pilatus: Today you will have spectacular views in Switzerland! This morning disembark your Avalon ship and take a motorcoach transfer to Mount Pilatus. Journey almost 7,000 ft. (2,132 m) up for spectacular views over central Switzerland (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead).

July 4 – Lucerne, Switzerland: Swiss Serenity - Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Lucerne. Your Cruise Director can help you plan your day.





ALL INCLUSIVE OF:

Predeparture package & meetings

Transfers between airport & ship.

Buffet breakfast & lunch, Afternoon Tea, Four Course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads entrées and dessert/cheese.

Complimentary wine (from the region), beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner & Happy Hour!

Tours & entry fees as stated.

Gratuities for tour guides & crew.

AND.... Special surprises!

Tour hosted by Simi Sara of CKNW Radio

Tour leading services
Carol Petersen, Expedia Cruises

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International Air (we'd be happy to help you), travel medical and/or cancellation insurance; meals & drinks not specified; laundry; any new Government taxes.

July 5 – In transit: Sadly, your vacation ends with breakfast this morning followed by a transfer to the Zurich Airport to connect with your international flight home. Or....Care to join us in Normandy in honour of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day? If so, we fly to Paris today and meet with our specialist tour director, enjoy dinner and get ready for the next 4 days.

July 6 - PARIS–CAEN–ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS–CAEN: Heroic Harbour

Take a scenic drive to Normandy. (330 km)

CAEN - Visit the Memorial Museum for Peace.

ARROMANCHES - Watch the movie at the 360 circular cinema and see the remains of the Mulberry Harbor in the bay.

ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS - Visit the D-Day Museum.

LONGUES-SUR-MER = See the German artillery bunkers. Return to Caen.

When British troops landed on Gold Beach on the morning of June 6, 1944, the town of Arromanches-les-Bains was saved from destruction, thanks to the artificial Mulberry Port, constructed by the Allied Forces. Nearly 25,000 British troops from the 50th British Infantry Division landed on the area, successfully taken by Allied forces late afternoon on D-Day, June 6th. While the Allied forces did not actually land at Arromanches-les-Bains in June 1944, the beaches were a critical factor in the victory of the Battle of Normandy. Vestiges of the manmade Mulberry Port are fascinating to see, while learning about the historic day at the D-day Museum in Arromanches is inspiring.

July 7 – CAEN EXCURSION TO THE LANDING BEACHES: Bravery on the Beach

UTAH BEACH See the Memorials and visit the museum.

SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE Visit the Airborne Museum.

POINTE DU HOC See the Ranger Monument.

OMAHA BEACH Visit the beach and the American Military Cemetery and Memorial.

HISTORY & HERITAGE Visit the moving and inspirational exhibits at the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Église dedicated to the memory of the 82nd and 101st United States Airborne Divisions and the brave men who parachuted into Normandy on the night of June 5–6, 1944. Hear the inspiring and harrowing stories of the courageous pilots and paratroopers who infiltrated the enemy lines from the sky above, including the infamous incident involving paratrooper John Steele, whose parachute was ensnared on the church belfry. (210 km)

July 8 - CAEN–BÉNY-SUR-MER–LANDING BEACHES–RANVILLE–PARIS

Courage & Commitment (320 km)

BENY-SUR-MER Visit the Canadian Cemetery.

JUNO BEACH Visit the exhibition, the bunker, and the Memorial to the Canadians.

BERNIERES-SUR-MER Photo stop at the Canada House.

RANVILLE Visit the Memorial Pegasus Museum and see the bridge.

PARIS Enjoy free time this evening.

ICONIC FOOTSTEPS Explore moving and inspirational exhibits at the Juno Beach Canadian Memorial, commemorating the 45,000 Canadian troops, including the more than 5,000 who were killed in the Battle of Normandy and D-Day. Situated immediately behind the beach code-named Juno, the museum and memorial highlight the evolution of Canada's involvement in the war and the great sacrifices and courage exemplified in the men who fought and died here.

July 9 – PARIS: Depart from Paris back home with amazing memories! Or stay a few days and enjoy this beautiful city or more of Europe...

Rhine & Moselle River Cruise with Lucerne

Land only Pricing – CDN \$ Based on 2 people sharing

Category E- \$8575CDN per person.

Deluxe Stateroom with 2 upper windows – 172 Sq. Ft – Lower Indigo Deck

Category B - \$10,715CDN per person

Panorama Suite with wall-to-wall window with open air balcony – 200 Sq. Ft – Aft Sapphire Deck

Category A - \$10,785CDN per person

Panorama Suite with wall-to-wall window with open air balcony – 200 Sq. Ft – Forward Sapphire Deck

Category P – \$10,860CDN per person

Panorama Suite with wall-to-wall window with open air balcony - 200 Sq. Ft – Upper Royal Deck

CATEGORY D -SOLD OUT

WWII D-Day Landing Beaches & Battle of Normandy

Land only Pricing – \$2,449CDN Based on 2 people sharing

Single Supplement Available – Please contact us!

Economy Air – Starting at \$1500CDN per person dependent upon carrier, routing and availability. We would be happy book your air for you or please feel free to use your travel points!

Payment Options: Visa, MasterCard, Cheque, Bank Draft

A non-refundable deposit of \$500CDN is due upon booking. Final Payment is due March 15, 2024

About Your Tour Host – Simi Sara

Hi Everyone! Simi Sara here with news of another excellent travel opportunity!! I can't tell you how much my husband and I are looking forward to the next years incredible cruise on the amazing Rhine & Moselle Rivers!! We'll explore some of Europe's most historic cities including Amsterdam, Cologne and Lucerne! With luxurious accommodations and all meals included this truly will be "the trip of a lifetime!" We really hope you can join us on the Rhine & Moselle with the extension to Normandy to honour the 80th Anniversary of D-Day!!



About Your Tour Leader - Carol Petersen



Wildlife photographer, videographer Carol Petersen, is an avid traveler spending 33 years leading groups to Africa, India, Galapagos, Antarctica as well as many oceans and rivers around the world. She has a keen interest in our environment and different cultures. Carol has a great love for the people she meets on her travels is excited to travel with Simi once again. Carol will ensure you are well cared for and create lasting memories! Email: capetersen@expediacruzises.com Phone: (604) 947 9005

About Our Partners



CKNW is proud to partner with Avalon Waterways & Expedia Cruises in West Vancouver for this amazing river cruise! We have worked with tour leader Carol Petersen on 2 very successful trips and look forward to another. Our aim is to offer our listeners great vacation options that they can enjoy with our broadcast hosts! We hope you enjoy this fabulous river cruise and land package.

At Expedia Cruises®, we are navigators of spectacular vacation experiences. We offer every cruise option, from the fantastic value of the most popular lines, to luxury and river cruises – all at Expedia® prices. You can count on us for every vacation possibility over land, sea and air, including customized trips, coach and rail tours and insurance. We're here to help - before, during and after your trip.

At Avalon Waterways, we navigate with both elegance and ease to deliver a "just right" experience - one that transports you at just the right pace, with just the right amenities, and just the right views. Along the legendary waterways of Europe, we balance enriching activities, included excursions, mouthwatering cuisine, and unmatched service to offer the perfect degree of relaxed indulgence. We call this the Avalon difference. With river cruising's only Open-Air BalconySM, these wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling windows open wider than any other in the industry, blurring the line between outside and in, forming a spacious seating area for six, and creating an open invitation to discover and dream. Even if you're a seasoned traveler, you've never seen Europe like this.

Join us for the vacation of a lifetime!

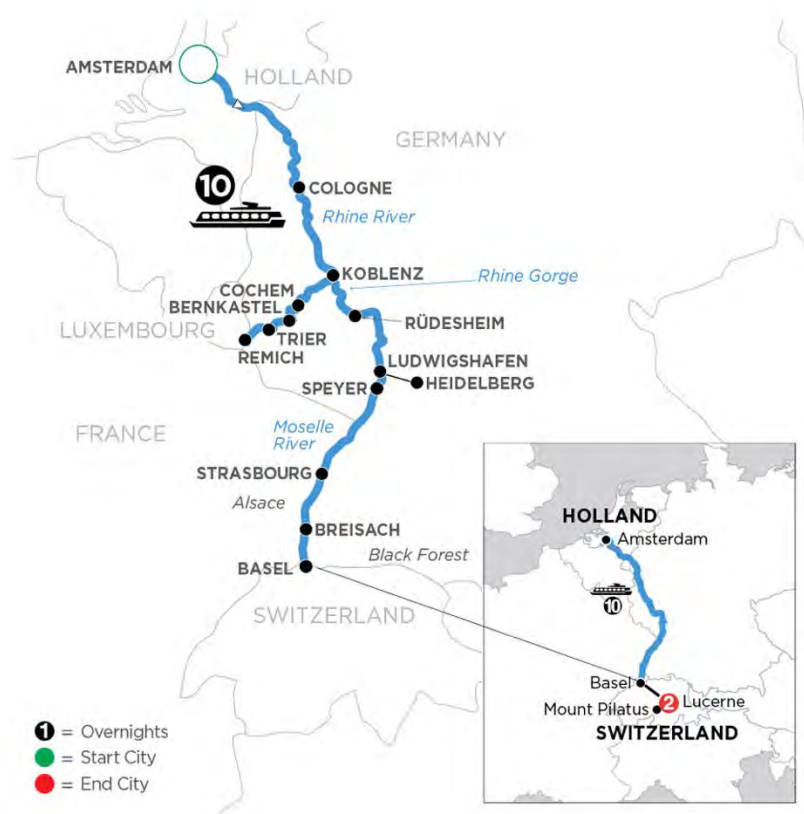
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Avalon Tranquility II

Enjoy the intimate setting of the Avalon Tranquility II with two full decks of Panorama Suites with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that create river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony. Spanning 200 square feet, the Passion's Panorama Suites are 30% larger than the industry standard. It's the perfect place to stretch out on your window-facing Comfort Collection bed with the world at your feet. Host a private cocktail party in the spacious sitting area—comfortably accommodating six guests. On board, passengers enjoy free Wi-Fi access, complimentary computer use in public areas, a Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, an elevator, and an expansive Sky Deck with shade system, premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, deck games, and the delightful Sky Bistro for al fresco lunches of light grill fare. Relaxed luxury and new discoveries await from ship to shore on the Avalon Tranquility II.



SHIP FEATURES...

- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows
- Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, shade awnings, & outdoor deck game area
- Well-stocked library with books, cards, and board games
- Panorama Lounge with premium spirits, cozy seating, panoramic windows & dance floor
- Onboard Adventure Center with active gear, bikes/e-bikes, Nordic walking sticks, & maps
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- Non-smoking staterooms & ship interior
- Convenient Elevator Service
- FlexDining flexible dining times with menu & venue options
- English-speaking friendly crew, staff & professional Cruise Director
- Choice of Classic, Active or Discovery excursions so you can experience your cruise your way.
- Avalon GoBeyond device with Wi-Fi/ audio connection to hear guide commentary.
- Onshore & Onboard experiences with regional local artisans, experts & entertainers
- Virtual DJ Music System playing hits from 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and today.
- Movie Night with fresh popcorn in the Club Lounge or streamed to your in-suite TV.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Onboard assistance is available to recommend, reserve and further personalize your cruise.
- Chef-prepared onboard meals with regional and seasonal cuisine fresh local ingredients
- Daily buffet breakfast with full range of classic breakfast items
- Complimentary room service for Continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Daily lunch buffet with regional and classic dishes and chef specialties with carving & pasta stations
- Al fresco lunch on the Sky Deck (schedule and weather permitting) or light luncheon fare.
- Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées and desserts or cheese
- Linger over Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Avalon Fresh healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Options at every meal to accommodate dietary requirements, including vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, plus dishes may be prepared upon request to accommodate food sensitivities and allergies.
- Welcome & farewell cocktails with sparkling wine & canapés.
- Happy Hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails and a drink of the day.
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks and be Well Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day.
- State-of-the-art fitness center

Deluxe Stateroom, Indigo Deck 172 Sq. FT

Category E (Forward)

Category D (Aft)



Comfort Collection BedsSM

Egyptian super-combed cotton linens Soft & firm pillows

Choice of bed configuration

Bedside tables with reading lamps L'Occitane bath products

Easy under-bed luggage storage Alarm clock

Bathrobes & slippers Complimentary bottled water Individual climate control

Large mirror in bathroom

Two windows

Writing desk and chair Luxurious mattress toppers European-style duvets

Nightly turn-down service

Hairdryer

Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage Flat screen satellite TV with movie channel

Direct-dial telephone Well-stocked minibar In-room safe

Elegant, contemporary design Complimentary Wi-Fi

Full shower with glass door Vanity and lighted makeup mirror

Panorama Suite 200 Sq. FT

Category A Sapphire Deck, Forward
Category P Royal Deck

Category B Sapphire Deck, Aft



Comfort Collection BedsSM
Soft & firm pillows
Bedside tables with reading lamps L'Occitane bath products
Alarm clock
Well-stocked minibar
Elegant, contemporary design
Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air Balcony
Vanity and lighted makeup mirror

Luxurious mattress toppers European-style duvets
Nightly turn-down service
Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
with movie channel
Bathrobes & slippers
Complimentary bottled water
Complimentary Wi-Fi
Writing desk and chair

Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
Choice of bed configuration
Easy under-bed luggage storage
Direct-dial telephone
In room safe
Marble countertops in bathroom
Coffee table

Extra blankets
Hairdryer
Flat-screen satellite TV
Make-up mirror
Individual climate control
Large mirror in bathroom
6-person sitting area
Sofa



Royal Suite - 300 Sq. Ft. Category S Royal Deck



Make-up mirror
Bathrobes & slippers
Complimentary bottled water
Individual climate control
Large mirror in bathroom
Complimentary Wi-Fi
6-person sitting area
Writing desk and chair
Sofa
Double sinks

Comfort Collection BedsSM
Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
Soft & firm pillows
Choice of bed configuration
Bedside tables with reading lamps
L'Occitane bath products
Easy under-bed luggage storage
Alarm clock
Direct-dial telephone
Well-stocked minibar
In-room safe
Elegant, contemporary design
Marble countertops in bathroom
Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
Full shower with glass door
Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
Coffee table
Luxurious mattress toppers
European-style duvets
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Nightly turn-down service
Hairdryer
Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
Flat-screen satellite TV with movie channel



Panorama Lounge and Bar



Club Lounge



Sky Deck and Sky Bistro

