**CHRISTMAS MARKETSCRUISE ALONG THE RHINE – DECEMBER 8 – 15, 2024**

**Day 1 - Sunday, December 08, 2024, Dusseldorf**.– Arrive on your own in Dusseldorf. Check into our hotel and meet your fellow travelers.

**Day 2 - Monday, December 09, 2024,** Dusseldorf – You’ll have the day to explore the charm of Christmas along the Rhine! The Media Harbor stands out with its blend of contemporary architecture and historic charm found in the Old Town. With over 250 quaint pubs, the Old Town boasts the longest bar in the world, offering more than just traditional Altbier.

Board our ship the Viva Moments at 4 p.m.. Unpack and relax before dinner.

**Day 3 - Tuesday, December 10, 2024-** Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn

Depart Dusseldorf at 4:00 a.m. Arrival in Cologne at 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy Cologne with a ride by rickshaw as your guide shows you the cathedral city up close. Your guide will pick you up at the ship and show you classics like the cathedral, the love locks on the Hohenzollern Bridge and one of the most outstanding art treasures of Roman antiquity in addition to the historic old town. Just make yourself comfortable, be chauffeured on the rickshaw and discover the most beautiful corners of the old town.

Depart Cologne at 4:00 p.m. Arrive Bonn at 7:00 p.m.

Bonn, Beethoven’s Birthplace, holds the distinction of being the former capital of Germany. The serene banks of the Rhine beckon for leisurely strolls, while the old town boasts traditional shops brimming with charm.

**Day 4 - Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - Bonn, Koblenz**

Depart Bonn at 7:00 a.m. - Arrive Koblenz at 1:00 p.m.

On your unique tour, you will discover the historical treasures Koblenz has to offer, including impressive monuments, well-preserved buildings and hidden gems.. Koblenz boasts a remarkable setting at the merging point of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. For a breathtaking panoramic view of Koblenz and its two rivers, a visit to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress is essential. Perched 120 meters above the Rhine, this 16th-century stronghold is the second-largest fortress still standing in Europe. The ascent in the cable car gondola offers a spectacular journey in itself

**Day 5 - Thursday, December 12, 2024- Koblenz, Mainz**

Depart Koblenz at  7:00 a.m. - Arrival in Mainz at 1:30 p.m.

Experience the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz, on a tour. Attributes such as the “Rome of the North”, the “golden Mainz”, the “city of gates” are often mentioned. On a 2-hour tour through the city center, passing parts of the old city wall, through the old town, market place and cathedral you will learn more about how the city got its attributes. Get to know the most important man of the city, Gutenberg. From his life traces you will be guided through the city and thus learn the place of his birth, his baptismal church, the former printing houses, his retirement residence and his final resting place next to various monuments.

**Day 6 - Friday, December 13, 2024 - Mainz, Mannheim**

Depart Mainz at  6:00 a.m. - Arrive in Mannheim at 1:00 p.m.

Situated on the banks of the Rhine, Mannheim faces Ludwigshafen Castle directly across the river. Mannheim’s allure is further enhanced by its expansive squares, which form the layout of the bustling city center. Offering a plethora of shopping options and charming cafes, the city center is a vibrant hub for both locals and visitors alike.

Departure 10:00 p.m.

**Day 7 - Saturday, December 14, 2024- Strasbourg - Arrival 1:00 p.m.**

Arriving at Strasbourg, you encounter one of Europe’s most exquisite Christmas markets. Unveil handmade treasures and culinary wonders. Get to know the city in Alsace on our sightseeing tour today. You will be picked up directly at the ship and taken on a tour of about one hour, passing by the most important sights. \We’ll get off the bus and explore the famous Petite France district. Stroll through the cobblestone streets, enjoying views of the idyllic canals and discovering details on the well-preserved half-timbered houses. The narrow streets here are lined with countless cafes, restaurants and souvenir stores. Our destination is one of the highlights of the excursion: the world-famous Strasbourg Cathedral, which you can now visit on your own. Afterwards, you will have three quarters of an hour to look around the city on your own before we set off together on the twenty-minute walk to Place de Etoile. There the bus will be waiting for us, and we will start the return journey to the dock of our ship.

**Day 8 - Sunday, December 15, 2024 - Strasbourg -** Disembarkation after Breakfast. End of Tour

**Your Ship the Viva Moments**

Enter the VIVA MOMENTS and let yourself be enchanted by the luxurious atmosphere. Here you can fully relax, on the MS VIVA MOMENTS every wish will be fulfilled. Indulge in a gourmet meal in the main restaurant or in the bistro and enjoy a drink in the panoramic lounge after dinner. Marvel at the passing scenery while golfing on the deck or while relaxing in the whirlpool. For the more active guests, rental bicycles are available for you to explore the landscape individually. Come on an unforgettable journey with the MS VIVA MOMENTS.

The VIVA MOMENTS invites with 88 cabins up to 176 passengers on feel-good moments on board. On the Diamant Deck there are four luxurious balcony suites, which with 24 m² size and a walk-out balcony invite you to enjoy the beautiful view. On the Diamond Deck, as well as on the Ruby Deck, there are 19 m² Junior Suites, which have a French balcony. The main part of the cabins is made up by 2-bed cabins with 16 m² size. These have French balconies on the Diamond and Ruby decks and non-opening windows on the Emerald deck. All cabins are perfectly equipped with flat screen TV, included mini-bar, Nespresso® machine, Beauty products from RITUALS®, hairdryer, safe, air conditioning, shower and toilet.

Double cabins per person $2050 - $2495; Single cabins $2450 - $2700 – Contact Connie at 317 908 1220 for more information.