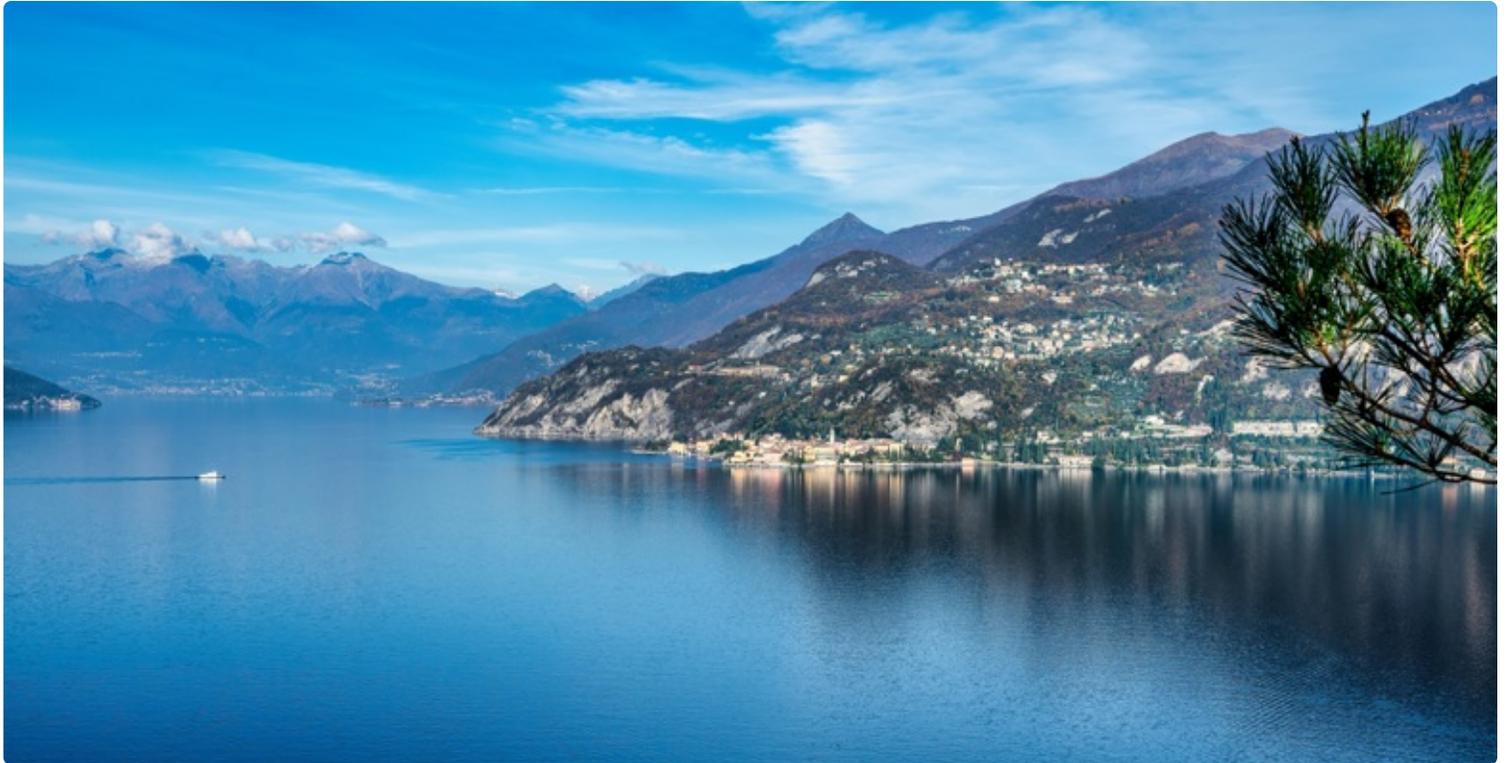




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**Join Stone Arch Travel as we travel together from Italy to  
Amsterdam! (Oct 2023)**

**Oct 17, 2023 - Oct 28, 2023**

## October 17 - Tuesday



### Join us as we travel from Italy to Amsterdam!

#### The Dates

Starting date: October 17, 2023

Return date: October 28, 2023

#### The Cost

Price (per person) starts at: \$5,997\*

**Cost includes:** double occupancy room/cabin, prepaid gratuities, travel protection insurance, port charges, taxes and fees.

**Cost does not include:** roundtrip international airfare, any item not specifically noted.

*\*If you are a past Avalon guest that sailed with us in January through Asia - you will receive an additional \$250 discount on the price!*

*If you have sailed with Avalon in the past and think you may have a credit on file with them, we will be happy to work with Avalon to assist in locating!*

#### How Do We Reserve a Cabin?

Space is limited, to reserve your cabin, contact Chris ([chris@stonearchtravel.com](mailto:chris@stonearchtravel.com)) and she will answer any questions and help to confirm your spot!



### Lake Como

#### CARRIER

#### Avalon Waterways

#### The Outline

*Our European vacation begins with a 3-night stay in Lake Como and 1 night stay in Lucerne, with a special excursion up Mount Pilatus for spectacular Swiss Alpine panoramas!*

*In Como, an included guided walking tour features the charming historic district, the Gothic Town Hall, the impressive Duomo and a boat ride on the lake. In Lucerne, our guided walking tour includes the Lion Monument, the Chapel Bridge and a special highlight excursion to stunning Mount Pilatus.*

*We will embark on our Rhine River cruise through France, Germany, and Holland, after boarding our Avalon Suite Ship® in Basel, Switzerland. We will then head for Breisach, Germany, at the foot of the Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border. Here we will find the gateway to Germany's Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock.*

*We will continue our river cruise to Strasbourg, France, and marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Stroll through the lovely La Petite France district with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Be sure to save room for one of the delicious pastries offered at the bistros!*

*Visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city, or stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. We will sail to the charming wine town of Rudesheim, and a visit to the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, then pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Last stop in Germany is Cologne—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral.*

*At the conclusion of our Rhine River cruise, we will spend time in colorful Amsterdam - one of our favorites! See the treasures of this 700-year-old city on an included canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Spend free time discovering world-famous museums, and an abundance of restaurants in the vibrant, modern capital of Holland.*

### The Highlights

**Day 1:** Lake Como: Welcome to Italy

**Day 2:** Lake Como: Guided walking tour

**Day 3:** Lake Como: Boat ride on Lake Como to Bellagio

**Day 4:** Lake Como-Lucerne: Transfer by High Speed Train (First Class); guided walking tour in Lucerne, with the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge

**Day 5:** Lucerne, Mount Pilatus-Basel (Embarkation): Excursion to Mount Pilatus (in case of bad weather, visit the Swiss Transport Museum instead); transfer to Basel to join your ship; onboard welcome reception

**Day 6:** Breisach: Choice of excursion to Black Forest, or visit to a local winery in Breisach or bike with your Adventure Host

**Day 7:** Strasbourg: Choice of guided sightseeing, visit La Petite France district and the Gothic cathedral or bike with your Adventure Host

**Day 8:** Mainz: Choice of guided tour of Heidelberg Castle, see the Great Vat, or hike up Philosophers' Way, or visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz

**Day 9:** Rudesheim-Rhine Gorge-Koblenz: Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum in Rudesheim; cruise through the scenic Rhine Gorge with breathtaking views of ancient castles, towering cliffs, and the legendary Rock of the Lorelei; free time in Koblenz

**Day 10:** Cologne: Choice of 'Cologne Highlights' walking tour or Jewish Heritage walking tour or bike with your Adventure Host

**Day 11:** Amsterdam: Choice of canal cruise or walk with your Adventure Host

**Day 12:** Amsterdam (Disembarkation): Your vacation ends this morning

### The Ship

*The Avalon Panorama led the way as the first of its kind in the industry to feature two full decks of Panorama Suites complete with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows.*

*You'll cruise in river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony in a 200-square-foot suite that's 30% larger than the industry standard. Our Comfort Collection beds actually face the view, so you can stretch out and relax with the world at your feet. Retire each evening and wake each morning to a panorama of picture-postcard scenes!*

*Exciting onboard amenities include complimentary computer use in public areas and Wi-Fi access, a well-stocked library, a Fitness Center, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, shade system, whirlpool, and delightful Sky Bistro. There's no better way to take in the view than cruising in Europe in the spacious comfort of the Avalon Panorama.*

## October 18 - Wednesday



### Lake Como

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Avalon Waterways

LAKE COMO Historic Center and Gothic Style

*Your Guided Walking Tour includes the charming historic center; the Broletto (Town Hall) with its fascinating gothic façade, and the imposing, marble-clad Duomo. Embark on a Boat Ride on Lake Como which includes a stop in beautiful Bellagio.*

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## October 19 - Thursday



### Lake Como

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LAKE COMO Breath-taking Views

*Enjoy the day at leisure to relax, recharge or explore the lakeshores. Your Local Host can point you in the right direction to experience the best of this area.*

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## October 20 - Friday

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### Lake Como

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LAKE COMO–LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

*Travel by high-speed train (First class) to Lucerne. Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour to explore beautiful Lucerne which includes Thorvaldsen's poignant Lion Monument and the famous Chapel Bridge.*

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## October 21 - Saturday

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### Lucerne

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LUCERNE–MOUNT PILATUS–BASEL (EMBARKATION)

*This morning enjoy a special Highlight Excursion 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).*

*Transfer to Basel to board your Suite Ship®.*

EVENING CRUISE TO BREISACH

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## October 22 - Sunday

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### Breisach

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Avalon Waterways

BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

*German Winemaking and the Beautiful Black Forest!*

*Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.*

*ACTIVE Enjoy the view on a relaxing bike ride along the Rhine with your Adventure Host, OR:*

*DISCOVERY 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, OR:*

*DISCOVERY Visit to Badischer Winzerkeller, the largest German wine producer in Europe. Learn about German winemaking in the vineyards of Baden, 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 CRUISE TO STRASBOURG

(B,L,D)

## October 23 - Monday

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### Strasbourg

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#### Avalon Waterways

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

*A Grand Cathedral and La Petite France*

*ACTIVE Discover Strasbourg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:*

*CLASSIC Join a City Sightseeing Tour, including Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral with its celebrated ancient murals and astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France District.*

*You may also choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the historic Maginot Line—the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today.*

*Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center.*

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MAINZ

(B,L,D)

## October 24 - Tuesday

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### Mainz

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#### Avalon Waterways

MAINZ, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

*Castle Walls, and the World's Biggest Wine Barrel*

*ACTIVE Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Hike up Philosophers' Way for an inspiring view of the city below, OR:*

*CLASSIC 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," OR:*

*CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Walk in Mainz, including a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the captivating history of printing.*

*Enjoy live entertainment on board your ship this evening.*

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN MAINZ

(B,L,D)

## October 25 - Wednesday

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### Rüdesheim

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#### Avalon Waterways

RÜDESHEIM–RHINE GORGE

*Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country*

*ACTIVE Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rudesheim, OR:*

*DISCOVERY Take a Guided Tour of the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; based on your departure enjoy a local special treat*

*Relax on the Sky Deck for an afternoon cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge to Koblenz. Sail past the legendary rock of The Lorelei—where the siren of mythology sang songs to lure ill-fated sailors.*

**KOBLENZ**

*Travel Through 2000 Years Of Monumental History*

*Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and live entertainment.*

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN KOBLENZ**

(B,L,D)

## October 26 - Thursday



### Cologne

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**Avalon Waterways**

COLOGNE

*Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland*

*Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.*

*ACTIVE Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:*

*DISCOVERY Choose a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR:*

*CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral*

*Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years!*

**AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM**

(B,L,D)

## October 27 - Friday



### Amsterdam

CARRIER

**Avalon Waterways**

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

*Canals of Colorful Amsterdam*

*ACTIVE Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an early morning walk in Amsterdam, OR:*

*CLASSIC Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."*

*During tulip season, you may take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Outside of tulip season, join a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. You may also choose an Optional Biking Tour to discover the countryside.*

*Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.*

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

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## October 28 - Saturday

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### Amsterdam

CARRIER

Avalon Waterways

AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

*Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.*

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