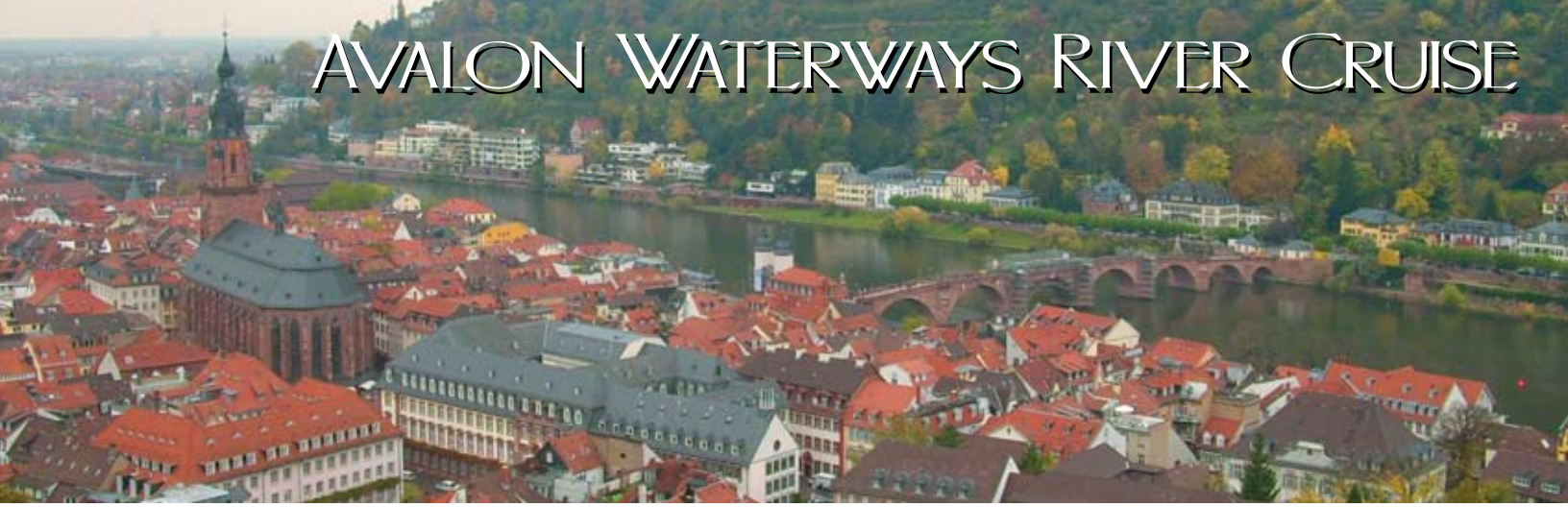


AVALON WATERWAYS RIVER CRUISE



I just returned from a spectacular trip visiting some amazing cities along the Rhine River. I have been to Europe many times in the last 20 years but have never had such an enjoyable, effortless trip. We began our journey in Basel, Switzerland and made our way to a new enchanting city each day ending in Amsterdam. The seven day cruise was a great way to discover some beautiful destinations along the Rhine and only unpacking once made it even better.

Our ship was small, with only 140 passengers and crew. We had a cozy, well equipped cabin with floor to ceiling sliding glass windows. We dined on local specialties as well as other national delicacies served by an incredibly efficient staff. Our daily tours were fascinating and led by local, well informed guides and we still had quite a bit of free time in which to explore and discover the city.

Our favorite part of the river cruise was Heidelberg. The history of the city, the beautiful castle high atop the hill overlooking red roofs, the Rhine River, and graceful steeples was a something we will not forget. We also loved the cruise through the Lorelei Valley with its intriguing legends and crumbling castles.

An Avalon Waterways cruise is a great way to see Europe. It makes your travel easy and is more economical than one may think, averaging around \$200 per day for lodging, food, and tours. I would love to assist you in planning your cruise on the Rhine, Danube, Moselle, Yangtze, or Nile Rivers as well as an incredible journey through the Galapagos Islands.

If you would like to read more about my cruise or my other adventures please check out my blog at <http://kathyhirst.blogspot.com>. Happy traveling!

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