

WELCOME ABOARD!

The second-longest river in Central and Western Europe, the Rhine flows nearly 800 miles from the white-dusted peaks of the Swiss Alps to the rainbow-hued blossoms of the Netherlands.

Offering sweeping views of five countries, an array of culturesand flavors, plus a rich history that dates back to the Holy Roman Empire, this river was once considered the boundary of the "civilized world." The Rhine is much more than the river of princes, poets and painters - ***it's the river of adventure seekers.***



MEET YOUR HOSTS



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Rita Ryan, Founder and CEO of Rita Ryan Travel LLC and RR Custom Travel LLC, is a certified travel advisor and specialist. She is a member of The American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA), and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA). She is also the host of LocalMotion on WVKR 91.3 FM, a radio program in New York's Hudson Valley.

DANNY MELNICK

Absolutely Live Entertainment LLC

Danny Melnick has produced festivals, concerts, tours, and events worldwide, serves as the Artistic Director of Carnegie Hall's "The Shape of Jazz," series; is producing partner & Artistic Director of the Saratoga Jazz Festival, and co-founded NY arts center The Local.





AVALON WATERWAYS

Envision River Boat

The Avalon Envision is an 83-cabin river boat with a maximum capacity of 166 participants. Avalon Waterways is rewriting the rules of river cruising with forward-thinking design, immersive experiences, and unapologetic originality.



ITINERARY

Set sail with us for our maiden voyage on the Rhine River through four countries aboard Avalon Waterways for a luxury River Cruise experience, elevated with entertainment from world-class musicians.

sept. 07

Basel, Switzerland

Embarkation: Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

sept. 08

Breisach, Germany

Explore the Black Forest by day. Evening Concert to follow.

sept. 09

Kehl / Strasbourg, France

Explore Strasbourg or Alsace by day. Evening artist Q&A.

sept. 10

Ludwigshafen, Germany

Tour the Heidelberg Castle, followed by an Evening Concert.

sept. 11

Rüdesheim, Germany

Castles and vineyards await by day. Evening Concert to follow

sept. 12

Düsseldorf, Germany

Experience Düsseldorf's Old Town and Breweries. Evening artist Q&A.

sept. 13

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Explore Amsterdam's colorful streets. Evening Concert to follow.

sept. 14

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Disembarkation: Your cruise ends with breakfast.

MEET THE ARTISTS

RACHAEL & VILRAY



Since their formation in 2015, Brooklyn-based duo Rachael & Vilray have achieved a certain timeless quality with their singular take on traditional pop.

Though rooted in the language of an earlier age, their songs transcend nostalgia with wit and a flair for the theatrical.

On their third album “West of Broadway,” vocalist Rachael Price (also of Lake Street Dive) and guitarist/singer/songwriter Vilray evolve their music’s previous dreaminess to achieve a refreshing angularity built on left-of-center instrumentation (e.g., vibraphone and alto saxophone coasting above the moody strains of baritone sax and trombone).

Produced by Dan Knobler (Allison Russell, Bahamas), “West of Broadway” unfolds in a series of sharply drawn vignettes inspired by a recent fascination with classic musicals —bringing their luminous vocals to offbeat tales of love and heartache along city streets

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EMILY KING



Four-time Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Emily King was born and raised on New York City's Lower East Side. She began her career performing in Greenwich Village clubs before being discovered by Clive Davis, who signed her to J Records at just 21.

A songwriter's songwriter, King's critically acclaimed body of work has earned multiple Grammy nominations, including Best R&B Song, Best Engineered Album, Best R&B Performance, and, most recently, Best R&B Album for her latest release, Special Occasion.

With her unmistakably lush vocals, heartfelt songwriting, and radiant stage presence, King has captivated audiences around the world. She has toured extensively alongside acclaimed artists including Norah Jones, John Legend, Sara Bareilles, Jacob Collier, and Robert Glasper.

Most recently, King's NPR Tiny Desk Concert garnered widespread praise from critics and fans alike, introducing her artistry to an even broader audience. She is currently writing and producing her next album, scheduled for release in the coming year.

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RACHAEL YAMAGATA



A fiercely independent artist with a voice both instantly recognizable and emotionally unflinching, Rachael Yamagata first emerged in the early 2000s with her critically acclaimed debut Happenstance. Over the next two decades, she built a loyal following on the strength of her raw, cinematic songwriting and soul-baring live performances – releasing a string of beloved records including *Elephants…Teeth Sinking Into Heart*, *Chesapeake*, and *Tightrope Walker*.

Known for pairing bruising vulnerability with wry humor and unrelenting grit, she's worked with artists as varied as Liz Phair, Toots and The Maytals, Ray LaMontagne, Ryan Adams, and Bright Eyes, while consistently forging her own path outside the major label system.

Her latest album *Starlit Alchemy* was released on Jullian Records in 2025, and a new live EP with a string quartet, *Live From the Living Room – The Starlit String Sessions*, was released in 2026.



NEXT STEPS...

01

Book Your Excursions

As we port in each city, you'll be able to partake of a variety of excursions at your own pace. We'll share more details as the trip gets closer!The first time the guest will need to interact with Avalon Waterways is to book excursions, typically about 50-60 days prior to travel. We'll send you a reminder!

02

Download Information Sheets

Then, about 30 days prior to travel, eDocs will be available for you to download, to help you prepare for your trip.

03

Download the App for Cruise Updates

14 days prior to sailing, the AvalonGo app will be available for you to accessmore details about your cruise.



SONGS ALONG THE RHINE

SWITZERLAND | GERMANY | FRANCE | NETHERLANDS

THANK YOU



Bon Voyage!

If you have any questions or need assistance please don't hesitate to contact us:

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