



## ADVENTURES ★ BY Disney®

### Daily Adventurer

#### Day 2 - April 9, 2017

#### *Black Forest of Germany and Alsace Region of France*

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#### Sunrise & Sunset

Today's information

Sunrise: 6:52 AM

Sunset: 8:10 PM

#### Weather Forecast

Sunny and warm



Wake up this morning in Kehl, the German gateway to the Black Forest and France. The Black Forest is home cuckoo clocks, vast expanse of hills, valleys, rivers and forests. Enjoy either ziplining, open air museum, tobogganing, or a hike. Alsace is the Germanic region of France and lies on the west bank between the Rhine River and the Vosges mountains. Here you may enjoy a horseback ride and excursion to the quaint little village of Riquewihr, one of the many villages that inspired Beauty and the Beast.

When leaving the ship, please ensure that your safety card/hotel ID is scanned by the Reception Desk. We also recommend that you take a photo of it so that it is always available to you!

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### Docking Location:

Kehl:

A-Rosa Steiger

West Strasse

##### Ship Phone

0031 638 6946 68

##### Cruise Manager Phone

0049 160 5871 503







Welcome aboard the <i>AmaKristina!</i>	
<b>ALL DAY</b>	Tea and Coffee is available in the Lounge
<b>5:30 – 6:30 AM</b>	Early Risers' pastries are available in the Lounge
<b>6:30 – 8:30 AM</b>	Breakfast is served in the Main Dining Room
<b>8:30 – 9:30 AM</b>	Late Risers' pastries are available in the Lounge
<b>8:00 AM – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Excursion</b> to Black Forest to include visit to Triberg Waterfalls, Lunch, World's Biggest Cuckoo Clock, and Ziplining  <i>Wear loose-fitting clothing, bring layers, and wear closed-toed shoes</i>
<b>8:15 AM – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Excursion</b> to Black Forest to include Open Air Museum, Lunch, and Tobogganing  <i>Bring layers and wear closed-toed shoes</i>
<b>8:30 AM – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Excursion</b> to Riquewihr, France and Horseback Riding in the Alsace Region  <i>Bring layers, long pants and wear closed-toed shoes</i>
<b>7:15 PM</b>	Dinner is served downstairs – Bon Appétit!! Junior Adventurers and Teens, please join an Adventure Guide in a private section of the Dining Room
<b>8:45 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	Take a short motor coach ride to St. Thomas Church in Strasbourg for a Private Organ Concert  <i>Bring a jacket or sweater</i>
<b>10:30 PM</b>	Late Night snacks will be served in the Lounge







### BREISACH, GERMANY

Breisach is a city with approximately 16,500 inhabitants, situated along the Rhine about halfway between Freiburg and Colmar—20 kilometers (14 miles) away from each. Its name is Celtic and means “breakwater.” The hill, on which Breisach was built upon, would fall in the middle of the Rhine until the river was straightened by the engineer Johann Gottfried Tulla in the 19th century, thus breaking its surge. During World War II, 85% of Breisach was destroyed by Allied forces as they crossed the Rhine. The cathedral of St. Stephansmünster was also heavily damaged.

Badische Winzerkeller, one of Europe's largest wine cellars, is located in Breisach. Viticulture is very important for the economy of both Breisach and the Kaisertuhl. The Municipal History Museum has an impressive collection dating from the Stone Age to the present.

### FREIBURG, GERMANY

Freiburg was founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century as fortified town of free citizens. The highlights of the town include: the Freiburg Münster cathedral, the Old & New Town Hall, the historical store, the Swabian Gate as well as the St. Martin's Gate. During your free time, perhaps you will spot a unique city feature, the so-called Bächle – or little streams – built nearly 600 years ago as a water supply. If you attempt to climb the Münsterturm (Cathedral Tower) you will be rewarded at the pinnacle of your climb with a breathtaking view. And even at such lofty heights, the enchanting ambiance of this old university town is palpable. The Old Town's numerous historical monuments, museums, theaters, cozy restaurants and quaint bars all make this city very popular among students and visitors alike.

### 20+C+M+B+16

You will certainly find some strange scribbling on some house doors. What do those letters mean? In Germany, and especially in catholic areas, January 6th is Adoration Day or Three Kings day. Groups of church singers (mostly children, dressed in costumes) go from house to house and after singing for the people they will ask for a donation. Given one, they write the above symbols with chalk on the door. The numbers form the number of the current year. The letters mean “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” – May Christ bless this house! Some say it is the 3 Magis' names: Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar. The blessing will be left on as an omen of fortune for the whole year.

### RIQUEWIHR, FRANCE

Riquewihr, officially one of the most beautiful villages of France, is found 12 kilometers north-west of Colmar in the heart of Alsace. With only 1,500 inhabitants, this is indeed a very beautiful village and appears to have remained unchanged over the centuries, providing visitors with a real feeling for how a village in the region would have looked 400 years ago. It largely escaped damage during the World War II, and also has a couple of very good museums.

Apart from having several historical monuments, the true charm of Riquewihr is simply to amble through the streets admiring the fine houses, many of which date back to the 16th and 17th centuries, and still have the attractive courtyards and fountains from that time.



## THE BLACK FOREST

The Black Forest is a wooded mountain range in Baden-Württemberg, Southwestern Germany. It is bordered by the Rhine Valley to the west and south. The forest mostly consists of pines and firs, some of which are grown in commercial monoculture. Similar to other forested regions, the Black Forest has had areas damaged by mass logging. Due to logging and land use the forest is only a fraction of its original size. In 1999 the storm Lothar downed trees on hundreds of acres of mountaintops. This left some of the high peaks and scenic hills bare, with only primary growth shrubs and young fir trees.

The main industry is tourism. The cities of Freiburg and Baden-Baden are popular tourist destinations on the western edge of the Black Forest. Black Forest ham and Black Forest cake originated from this region. The cake, also known as the Black Forest Cherry Cake, is made with chocolate cake, cream, sour cherries, and Kirsch. The Black Forest variety of Flammkuchen is a Badisch specialty made with ham, cheese, and cream. Pfannkuchen, a crêpe or crêpe-like pastry, is also common.

Woodcarving is a traditional cottage industry in the region and carved ornaments now are produced in substantial numbers as souvenirs for tourists. Cuckoo clocks are a popular example. It is not clear who built the first cuckoo clocks in the Black Forest, but already by the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, several small clock-making shops produced cuckoo clocks with wooden gears.

The first Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks were created between 1740 and 1750. They had hand-painted shields. Although the idea of placing a cuckoo bird in a clock did not originate in the Black Forest, it is necessary to emphasize that the cuckoo clock, as we know it today, comes from this region located in Southwest Germany whose tradition of clock making started in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. The Black Forest people who created the cuckoo clock industry developed it, and still come up with new designs and technical improvements which have made the cuckoo clock a valued work of art all over the world.

