

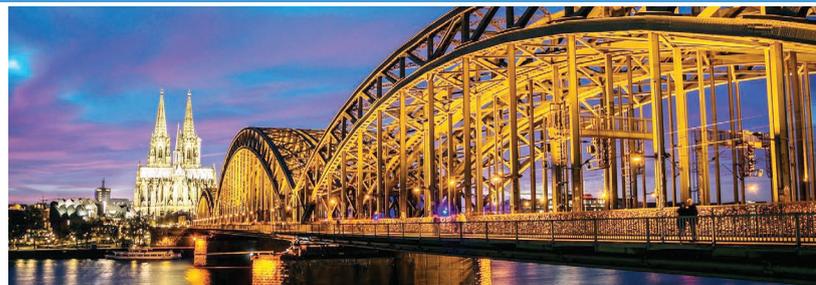


# The Rhine & the Mystics River Cruise

with Sister Joan Chittister, OSB  
October 18 - 26, 2023



Host  
Sr. Joan Chittister



## Group Leader

### Sr. Joan Chittister



Joan, a member of the Benedictine Sisters, Erie, PA, and executive director of Benetvision, has been a passionate advocate for peace, human rights, women's issues and church renewal for over 40 years. She is a best-selling and award-winning author and a noted international lecturer. She writes for the National Catholic Reporter and Huffington Post and has been a guest on radio and TV programs including Meet the Press, 60 Minutes, Now with Bill Moyers and many others.

Sister Joan Chittister will lecture on mystics such as Meister Eckhart in Cologne, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Marguerite Porete, and the Beguines of Belgium and Western Europe.

If you are one of Sr. Joan's many admirers, you will not want to miss this River Cruise. Sr. Joan will be up close and personal with her guests, making time throughout the cruise for your questions, and conversation.



# PRE-TOUR

## AMSTERDAM

October 15-18, 2023

Starting at \$749\*

### OCTOBER 16: DEPART THE USA

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### OCTOBER 17: ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

### OCTOBER 18: AMSTERDAM

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture.

### OCTOBER 19: AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, visit Zaanse Schans to observe life as it used to be in the Netherlands. Authentic windmills, houses and ships were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th to 18th-century village.

*Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.*

*\*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.*

# ITINERARY

### October 18: DEPART THE USA

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### October 19: ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Board the ship in Amsterdam for your Rhine cruise.

### October 20: AMSTERDAM

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get to enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam.

### October 21: COLOGNE

Enjoy cruising to Cologne, home to one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces, the Cologne Cathedral. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town. Explore the UNESCO-designated cathedral and then visit one of Europe's largest and most renowned Christmas markets located in front of the cathedral. Alternatively, ride a bike along the Rhine or visit a local tavern to taste Cologne's traditional Kölsch beer and reibekuchen mit apfelmus—potato pancakes served with applesauce.

### October 22: RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the castle-laden Rhine River Gorge before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Once in Rüdesheim, travel to Bingen to hear Sister Joan speak on St. Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic and Doctor of the Church.

### October 23: LUDWIGSHAFEN

You have the choice to explore two of Germany's historically rich cities. Visit Heidelberg, a city that will capture your heart with its mighty castle and historic university. While here, wander along one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, the Hauptstrasse or hike along the Neckar River on the historic Philosopher's Path. Alternatively, you can bike along the Neckar River to the medieval town of Ladenburg and visit its Marktplatz, or explore one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### October 24: STRASBOURG

Enjoy a panoramic bus tour that takes you past the Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la Republique. Afterward, walk through the historic town center on the Grande Île, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and through the lovely "La Petite France" district, where you will see the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. You can also choose to explore Strasbourg's different districts by bicycle. Later in the day, opt to visit Gengenbach.

### October 25: BREISACH

Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and famous sights, such as the Dolder Gate. Alternatively, head to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg's Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth. Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through Breisach's countryside.

### October 26: DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Basel as you prepare for your return flight home.



# POST-TOUR

## SWITZERLAND

October 26-29, 2023

Starting at \$1679\*

### OCTOBER 26: BASEL, SWITZERLAND – DISEMBARKATION – LUCERNE

Disembark the ship and, before transferring to Lucerne, go on a highlights tour of Basel. Once in Lucerne, go on a walking tour along its cobblestone streets, spotting the Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest wooden bridges in Europe. Later, check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely evening.

### OCTOBER 27: LUCERNE

Discover Lucerne's unrivaled beauty on a walking tour that includes the Lion Monument, beautifully carved into rock in memory of the Swiss Guards massacred during the French Revolution.

### OCTOBER 28: LUCERNE – ZURICH

Check out of your hotel and, before you transfer via motorcoach to Zurich, enjoy a scenic lake cruise. Once in Zurich, check into your hotel.

### OCTOBER 29: ZURICH

Switzerland's largest city seamlessly blends its historic past with its progressive future—all of which will be on full display during your city tour. One of the top experiences in Zurich is a visit to Old Town where you will find yourself amongst medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse.

### OCTOBER 30: DEPART ZURICH

After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home.

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## CRUISE PRICING\*

<b>E</b>	Fixed Window Stateroom (160 sq ft)	\$4,349*
<b>D</b>	Fixed Window Stateroom (160 sq ft)	\$4,549*
<b>CB</b>	French Balcony Stateroom (155 sq ft)	\$4,899*
<b>CA</b>	French Balcony Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$5,099*
<b>BB</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (210 sq ft)	\$5,499*
<b>BA</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (210 sq ft)	\$5,599*
<b>AB</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (235 sq ft)	\$5,799*
<b>AA</b>	Dual Balcony Stateroom (235 sq ft)	\$5,899*
<b>S</b>	Suite (350 sq ft)	\$6,999*

**\*Rates are per person, based on double occupancy**

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

*Does not include International Airfare, Port Taxes, Transfers & Onboard Gratuities.*

**Purchase International Airfare through EO**

*Includes Fuel Surcharges and Taxes (subject to change)*

*To fly from a city near you, call 1-800-247-0017, X590*

*or register online at [www.ecatholic.com](http://www.ecatholic.com)*



### INCLUDED FEATURES

7 Nights Deluxe Cruise Accommodation

**Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary**

Infotainment System in all Staterooms with Free Internet, Hit Movies, Music Library & English TV Stations

**Terry Bathrobes and White-on-white plush bedding in all Staterooms**

Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise

**Free-flowing Red & White Wines from Europe's great Wine Regions, beer & soft drinks with every Dinner**

Bottled Water in every stateroom replenished daily

**Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner**

Special Highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners, onboard Music Performances and afternoon & evening Piano Music

**Use of Bicycles to explore on your own**

A very limited number of cabins are available on this cruise. To assure the cabin of your choice at the listed price . . . REGISTER WITH A \$250 DEPOSIT BEFORE OCTOBER 18, 2022.



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: EO Catholic Tours • P.O. Box 6098, Lakeland, FL 33807-6098
863-648-0383 • email: eo@travelwithus.com

Host: Sr. Joan Chittister ID#: 56281 Tour: RC23
Departure City: Departure Date: 10/18/23 (C)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: (Preferred Name)
Middle Name: Last Name: Title:
Street Address: P.O. Box:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone: Alt. Phone:
Email: Send me emails about my trip/EO promos
Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: Male Female
Emergency Contact: Relationship:
Phone: Alt. Phone:

How did you learn about this tour?
Register for: Basic Program Amsterdam Pre-Tour Switzerland Post-Tour

Guest 2: First Name: (Preferred Name)
Middle Name: Last Name: Title:
Street Address: P.O. Box:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone: Alt. Phone:
Email: Send me emails about my trip/EO promos
Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: Male Female
Emergency Contact: Relationship:
Phone: Alt. Phone:

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Cabin Selection: Fixed Window Stateroom (E) Fixed Window Stateroom (D)
French Balcony Stateroom (CB) French Balcony Stateroom (CA)
Dual Balcony Stateroom (BB) Dual Balcony Stateroom (BA) Dual Balcony Stateroom (AB)
Dual Balcony Stateroom (AA) Suite (S)
Alternate: (Required, only used if 1st choice is unavailable)

Roommate(s):
If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 05/21/23.
Guest 1: I Accept I Decline
Guest 2: I Accept I Decline

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ Check # (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.EO.travel

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:
Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: RC23 Date: 101823 Code: C ID: 56281 v.007 08/16/22

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427X

Table with 8 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Rows show various price points and corresponding plan costs.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Lists various coverage types and their corresponding maximum benefits.

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE TRAVEL PROTECTION CERTIFICATE WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE PLAN OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverage...

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Cruise • Deluxe cruise accommodations (based on double occupancy) • Most shore excursions • All meals on ship, meal beverages, and other meals as indicated • Administrative Fee
NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: International Airfare and overseas transfers (Sold Separately) • Fuel Surcharges • Port Tax of \$210 • Pre-Tour, Post-Tour and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Visa(s) • Onboard Gratuities (These will appear automatically on your onboard statement, and are the guest's responsibility to pay on board the ship) • Any additional services or fees not included above • Optional Travel Protection Plan (see premium schedule) • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, laundry, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents
ACCOMMODATIONS: Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single room/stateroom supplement has the following additional charges: Category E - \$2179; D - \$2279; CB - \$2449; CA - \$2549; BB - \$2749; BA - \$2779; AB - \$2899; AA - \$2949; S - \$3499. Single room charge on Amsterdam Pre-Tour \$449; Switzerland Post-Tour \$879. While EO will try to match roommates, EO cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available, the single room/cabin charge applies.
PAYMENT INFORMATION: 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.
PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Table with 2 columns: Payment Amount, Payment Due Dates & Notes. Rows include \$250, \$250, \$1000, Full Payment, Travel Protection Premium Amount, and Cabin Availability.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after May 21, 2023: We welcome registrations after 05/21/23. Registrations received between 05/22/23 - 07/20/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/21/23 - 08/04/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 08/05/23 - 08/19/23 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 08/20/23 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fees above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.
CANCELLATION FEES: 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 365 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 364-301 days = \$250; 300-241 days = \$500; 240-181 days = \$1000; 180-151 days = 50% of total cost; 150-121 days = 75% of total cost; 120-0 days prior of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY
EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. The right is reserved to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable to EOT and the right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL STATEMENT: Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged. Those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assist devices must inform the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.
PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS: Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 150 days prior to departure. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. You will also be required to check in with the cruise line prior to travel and according to the cruise line's requirements and instructions provided in your final documents.

PRICE INCREASES: All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.
AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS: In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING: All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES: You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.ecatholic.com/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS: On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to any additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. The cruise line has the ultimate control over your voyage and may, without notice, alter the length of the cruise and the order of and/or inclusion of ports. EOT is in no way responsible for these changes and does not make reimbursement for such changes.

PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS: As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel. If you are in the 24th week or have completed it you will not be allowed to board. Infants does not allow children under the age of 4 years old on board. Children 4-7 are not recommended.

VALIDITY DATE: This brochure is valid until 10/16/22. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.ecatholic.com. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

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