



CRUISE CRITIC
BEST NEW RIVER SHIP

AWARD-WINNING RIVER CRUISES WITH EMERALD WATERWAYS



INCLUDED ON YOUR CRUISE

- Spacious accommodation onboard Europe's newest river cruise fleet
- Spectacular ship innovations like an onboard pool and cinema, and an unique open-air system in all cabins on the Vista and Horizon decks
- A river view from all staterooms and suites
- All onboard meals and a collection of excellent highlight dinners at Reflections Restaurant
- The choice to enjoy a light breakfast and lunch, alfresco on The Terrace
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks to accompany lunch and dinner
- Tea and coffee available at all times throughout your cruise
- Bottled water restocked daily in your cabin
- An included shore excursion on almost every cruise day
- Extra special included excursions with EmeraldPLUS
- Visits to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- The option to have continental breakfast served in the Owner's One-bedroom and Grand Balcony Suites
- Pre-dinner canapés and after-dinner sweet treats served in the Owner's One-bedroom and Grand Balcony Suites
- First-class service from an English speaking crew
- Knowledgeable local guides at each destination
- WiFi onboard the ship
- Bicycles for use in port
- All airport transfers to and from your ship for your convenience (at destination) - see terms & conditions below
- PLUS we take care of all tips

8-DAYS JEWELS OF THE RHINE

A river cruise along the Rhine introduces you to numerous historic castles that stand proud within the peaceful riverbank countryside; landmarks filled with legends; spectacular cities home to stunning European architecture that span countless centuries; and enchanting storybook-like forests just waiting to be explored. Every stop on your eight day voyage presents the opportunity to gaze back in time to a period of European history, while also experiencing the modern day culture of fabulous cities like Amsterdam and Cologne.

Book by May 29, 2015 to receive \$250 per person savings



8-Days Amsterdam to Basel

Depart: **September 3, 2016**

~~Depart-USA: September 2, 2016~~ --- ~~Return: September 10, 2016~~

E Emerald Stateroom	D Emerald Stateroom	ES Emerald Single Stateroom	C Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	B Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	A Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	R Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	P Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	S Grand Balcony Suite	SA Owner's One Bedroom Suite
\$2,695	\$2,785	\$3,735	\$3,240	\$3,520	\$3,790	\$3,840	\$4,020	\$4,290	\$4,990

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Terms & Conditions: Prices are per person double occupancy in USD and include port charges/ taxes, subject to availability. *These prices expire May 29, 2015. Supplements apply for upgraded accommodation. Airport transfers are available only on the first and last day of your cruise or tour and at times designated by Emerald Waterways. For full itineraries and booking conditions, please see our 2015 river cruise brochure or visit www.emeraldwaterways.com. Printed April 2015.

Jewels of the Rhine Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam, a fascinating 700 year old city lined with picturesque canals and filled with world-class museums, theaters and cafés.

On arrival, you'll be met by an Emerald Waterways representative at the airport, and transferred to your deluxe river cruise ship where a warm welcome awaits from your Captain and crew.

On-board one of Europe's newest river cruise ships, you'll get to experience all its fantastic features, like the heated swimming pool and cinema.

Tonight you're invited to join your fellow travelers for a fabulous Welcome Dinner. Your Cruise Director will also hold a port talk to tell you all about the exciting activities you have to look forward to in the days ahead as you sail along the Rhine River.

Included meals: Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

After breakfast you'll take an included guided walking tour along the cobbled streets of Amsterdam to discover its many coffee shops, charming churches and cheese shops - not forgetting its intricate maze of picturesque canals.

Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the city at your own pace. Home to over 50 world-class museums - including the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh and Stedelijk museums - you could always use your free time to educate yourself on Amsterdam's colorful history and culture.

Or if you'd prefer to relax after your walking tour, you can always grab a drink in one of the many quirky cafes. Back on-board your ship, you'll enjoy lunch as you set sail through the Dutch countryside, passing its famous windmills as you gently cruise towards the Rhine River.

As tonight is your first night sailing, you will enjoy a fantastic Gala Dinner to celebrate.

Included excursions: a guided walking tour of Amsterdam.
Included meals: breakfast, lunch and Captain's Gala Dinner.

DAY 3 COLOGNE

Today you'll cruise along the Rhine River to Cologne. Founded by the Romans, the city is one of Germany's largest, oldest and yet most modern cities, largely due to a rebuilding plan post WWII. After lunch on-board your ship, you'll join your local guide for an included tour of the Old Town, with its beautiful squares, historic monuments, countless characteristic memorials and wells, and of course its magnificent World Heritage-listed Gothic Cathedral, Kölner Dom.

Once you learn all about the city, you'll be left to your own devices to explore the many shops, museums and galleries - including an interesting Roman artifact museum.

Or if you're feeling energetic, why not climb to the top of the Kölner Dom to enjoy spectacular views of the city?

Included excursions: a guided city tour of Cologne.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 4 KOBLENZ - RHINE GORGE

Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers, today you arrive at the 2,000 year old town of Koblenz.

Looking out from the ship, you'll spot your next point of call, the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, on the opposite side of the river. Part of the Prussian defenses against the French in the 19th century, it was later used as a headquarters for the American military during WWII.

After your included tour exploring the historic fortress you'll enjoy free time to wander through the town and take in the views. In the afternoon, you're in for a picturesque treat as you sail through the spectacular Rhine Gorge. Featuring heavily in German folklore, it is said that the hero Siegfried is meant to have slain a dragon at the famous Drachenfels Castle, which is why the Counts of Drachenfels have a dragon in their coat of arms.

As you cruise, you'll enjoy photo opportunities at every bend, passing countless castles and vineyards as well as the famous Lorelei Rock, which legend says, was haunted by a lovelorn maiden whose singing lured sailors onto the treacherous rocks. You'll also see Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, which was built on an island in the middle of the river as a medieval toll station.

Included excursions: a guided tour of Koblenz.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Tour Conditions

Terms and Conditions: Cancellations must be given to us in Writing (NO Phone Cancellations). Refunds will be based on the receipt date of your letter and using the time table below. You will receive all your money back less the Per/Person Penalty shown below.

Up to 121 Days Prior to Departure Date\$600 your per person loss

Between 120 - 91 Days Prior to Departure Date ...\$800 Your Per Person Loss Between 90 - 0 Days Prior to Departure Date ...No Refund

Additional penalties may include unrecoverable airline costs. Once issued, airline tickets are not refundable

Baggage: Passengers are allowed one piece of checked luggage and one small carry on. Your tour hosts are not responsible for theft, damage or loss of personal belongings.

Identification: All passengers are required to have a valid passport, good for 6 months past return date. You will be denied boarding without correct id.

Valuables: Major credit cards are accepted in most places. Passengers are advised to carry currency in small amounts. Keep valuables with you.

Air arrangements: Your tour hosts are not responsible for changes in airline schedules

Responsibility: Your tour hosts will not be held liable for any loss, damage or expense caused by the tour operator.

DAY 5 RÜDESHEIM

This morning you'll visit the wine making town of Rüdesheim, located at the southern entrance to the Lorelei Valley.

Once you've enjoyed a stroll through the village, you'll ride a cable car up to the lookout for impressive views of the surrounding valley and the confluence of the Main River.

Afterwards you'll board the Winzerexpress mini-train to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Instrument Museum where you'll enjoy a guided tour of one of the world's biggest collections of self-playing musical instruments.

Following a fun-filled morning, you can spend the rest of the day at your leisure - whether that's browsing the local shops, or relaxing on-board taking in your beautiful surroundings on the Sun Deck, in the spacious lounge, or in the heated swimming pool.

Alternatively you can use your free time to book a Discover More wine tasting excursion.

Included excursions: a guided tour of Rüdesheim and Siegfried's Mechanical Music Instrument Museum.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 6 MANNHEIM

As you sail today, you'll continue upstream to the town of Mannheim which is located at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers.

The city was a pivotal place during the invasion of Germany by the Allies in WWII, and has long been associated with inventions in industry - such as the world's first compact diesel-powered car built by Karl Benz in 1923, and the first rocket plane built by Julius Hatry in 1929.

Following your guided tour, you'll enjoy free time to explore the town further before later sailing to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest towns.

You could book a Discover More excursion to the medieval town of Heidelberg, which includes a visit to its impressive castle.

Included excursions: a guided tour of Mannheim.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 7 BLACK FOREST

The beautiful Black Forest region of Germany has long been a fairy-tale destination - and you get to spend a full day in this magical place.

Your day begins with a visit to Vogtsbauernhof Museum, which is an open air exhibition of 16th century life, featuring a number of reconstructed Black Forest farms. Black smoke rooms, furnished farmhouse parlours, bed chambers with painted furniture, shield clocks and tiled stoves can be seen in the houses - as well as the impressive roof structures of the large farmsteads.

Your guided tour will give you a fascinating insight into the culture of the Black Forest - and you might even get to see some of the traditional craft demonstrations.

This afternoon you're invited to experience a typical Gasthof owned by a local family, where you'll enjoy lunch and a cooking demonstration.

After learning how to make the perfect Black Forest Gateau, you'll have the chance to taste the delicious dessert the region is famous for.

You'll also have the opportunity to visit Germany's largest Cuckoo Clock which is a remarkable 12 feet wide, 10 feet high and 3 feet deep.

Afterwards you'll get to experience the power of Germany's largest waterfall. With a decent of more than 534 feet, Triberg Falls is a landmark in the Black Forest region, with the deep valley at the bottom of the falls forming a basin just wide enough for a small town.

Back on-board your ship this evening you'll join your Captain and fellow guests for a fabulous Farewell Dinner.

EmeraldPlus: lunch and cooking demonstration at a family-run Gasthof.

Included excursions: a guided tour of the Black Forest and Vogtsbauernhof Museum.

Included meals: breakfast, special lunch and Farewell Dinner.

DAY 8 BASEL

After breakfast with Basel's riverbanks as your backdrop, you'll say your goodbyes and disembark your ship to be transferred to Basel or Zurich airport for your flight home.

Included meals: breakfast.

Name (as it appears on your passport): _____ Birthdate: _____

US Citizen: Yes ___ No ___ Passport Number: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Name Passenger 2 (as it appears on your passport): _____ Birthdate: _____

US Citizen: Yes ___ No ___ Passport Number: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number _____

Enclosed is my deposit \$ _____ (\$600.00 per person), ___ I have read and agree to the Tour Conditions Preferred Cabin: _____

Signature _____

I am single, but am willing to share with group member of same gender (we will try) ()