

# ***EUROPE RIVER CRUISE 2023***



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European Luxe River Cruise Amsterdam to Budapest

Duration: 15 days

Departs: 2023 select dates

Stay: 14 nights outside cabin

Travel style: Escorted river cruise

Booking code: ERCG15M

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# 15 Days European River Cruise, Amsterdam to Budapest

## About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe on this stunning river cruise that ticks all the boxes!

River cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit Europe's historic cities and charming villages as you sail the world's most beautiful waterways. Cruise aboard a sleek, modern floating hotel, equipped with features and amenities to make your voyage comfortable and carefree.

Cruise the winding canals of Amsterdam. Sail the legendary Rhine to Cologne. Marvel at the visible history of Nuremberg, the medieval city of Regensburg and explore 2500-year-old Passau. Choose to join the optional tour to picturesque Salzburg. Tour the historic Benedictine Abbey in Melk, take in the stunning palaces of Vienna, experience the young and colourful city of Bratislava and view the medieval architecture of Budapest. Explore all that these great cities have to offer.

## Why you'll love this trip...

It's an ideal way to explore Europe & see places that coach tours can't include.

Enjoy the comfort of the river ship facilities & a room with an ever-changing view.

Includes shore excursions, meals, drinks with dinner & expert guides.

A river cruise is great value for money with all the inclusions!

## Travel dates

2023 - see our website for departures

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for rates on other cruise itineraries.*

Want to stay longer & see more? Maybe add flights?

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## Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 14 nights outside cabin in Category E - ask about upgrading to a French Balcony
  - First Class Monarch Princess, Monarch Duchess or Monarch Countess
- River port charges of US\$380 per person
- Cruise portage
- 41 meals: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

## Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes for latest travel deals

Visa fees, where applicable

Pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test - a current requirement for all international travel

Airport & cruise port transfers - can be pre-purchased on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Subject to confirmation by river cruise company & local operators.*

*Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.*

Call 1300 168 910 to ask about upgrading your cabin or adding flights

## Experiences on tour & special features:

- See magnificent panoramic views of Budapest from atop Fisherman's Bastion
- Tour romantic Vienna with its legendary opulence and elegance
- In Melk, join a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey
- Marvel at the beautiful churches and ancient stone bridges in Regensburg
- Cruise the Main-Danube Canal, considered a marvel of modern engineering
- Walk in Bamberg's medieval centre with its 11th century Romanesque cathedral
- View the mighty Lorelei Rock named for the siren "Lorelei" rising vertically from the waters
- Sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne, capital of the Rhineland
- In Amsterdam, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals

## River cruise features & amenities:

- Gala Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Wine and beer with dinners
- Locally inspired recipes
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Late night snack
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access in public areas
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Fitness center
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English by licensed guides

## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Friday - Arrive in Amsterdam**

Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated and modern capital. Make your way to the port. After arrival formalities, rest and relax on board, or begin your discovery of the many cultural sites this city has to offer. This evening, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a gala Welcome Dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 2, Saturday - Amsterdam City Tour**

Today's panoramic tour of 700-year-old Amsterdam introduces you to both the old and the new sections of this city. View the Royal Palace on Amsterdam's Dam Square, the Queen's official home-away-from-home.

On to the Dutch National Monument dedicated by Queen Juliana as a memorial to the victims of WWII and to the unusual Skinny Bridge, once so narrow that pedestrians could not pass each other. Then, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals for an up-close view of the stately historic homes, 16th-century warehouses and charming churches with striking bell towers

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 3, Sunday - Cologne City Tour**

Today join a walking tour of Cologne, highlighted by the soaring twin-steeple Gothic cathedral that is the geographical and spiritual heart of the city. Known for its vibrant art scene, Cologne abounds with cafes, galleries, shops and taverns. After dinner on board, time to explore Cologne's vibrant nightlife before setting sail

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 4, Monday - Morning in Koblenz & Afternoon Cruising**

The ship docks this morning in Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Join an orientation walk this morning and free time to explore the Romanesque architecture and imposing defensive towers of this 2000-year old city. Or, join the *optional* tour to the dramatic Marksburg Castle, the only hill castle on the Rhine that's never been destroyed and has been continuously occupied for over 700 years. During lunch, set sail and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board, taking in the spectacular vistas as the ship sails past castles perched on lofty cliffs, terraced vineyards and tiny villages. Pass the mighty Lorelei Rock on the eastern bank of the Rhine rising vertically from the waters, named for the siren "Lorelei" who bewitched sailors passing by

**Optional:** Marksburg Castle Tour

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Miltenberg Walking Tour**

After a leisurely morning on board, arrive in the picturesque Bavarian village of Miltenberg, a jewel on the banks of the Main River. Discover the Market Square with its Renaissance-era fountain, the Merchant Hall with its stunning Gothic architecture and the unique 14th and 15th century half-timbered houses. Rejoin the ship just before dinner and set sail for Wurzburg

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 6, Wednesday - Wurzburg City Tour**

Discover Wurzburg, named the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," with its dramatic Marienberg fortress, 15th century bridge and lush vineyards.

Your tour takes you to the ornate Bishops' Residenz Palace, a stunning example of Baroque architecture, home to the largest ceiling fresco ever painted, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, explore the town on your own or relax on board

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7, Thursday - Bamberg City Tour**

Today, dock in historic Bamberg, former residence of one of Germany's most powerful imperial dynasties and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin your walk in the medieval city center with its impressive 11th century Romanesque cathedral and gorgeous Rose Garden. After, view the very unusual City Hall built on a tiny island in the middle of the Regnitz River and Little Venice, an area of colorful fishermen's houses. This afternoon is free to explore Bamberg independently, before setting sail this evening while you dine on board

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Friday - Nuremberg City Tour**

Today explore Nuremberg, an energetic city with a visible history of almost one thousand years. The guided excursion visits the historic Palace of Justice where the War Crimes Tribunal met in 1946 and continues to the vibrant Market Square. After lunch on board the ship, the afternoon is free to further discover this wonderful city on your own. Stroll through the shops that fill the Old Town or walk along the fortified walls of Nuremberg Castle. In the late afternoon set sail for Regensburg

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Regensburg City Tour**

This morning relax on board as the ship cruises the Danube River. Arrive to Regensburg in the early afternoon, one of Germany's largest and best preserved medieval cities, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The guided walking tour highlights the city's stunning architecture as you view the Old Town Hall, Dom St. Peter and the Porta Praetoria, gateway to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest stone bridges crossing the Danube. Return to the ship or spend the afternoon at leisure discovering the delights of Regensburg on your own. Tonight, after dinner, set sail for Passau

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Sunday - Morning in Passau**

Dock this morning in 2500-year-old Passau, known for its pastel patrician houses, cafes, cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenade. Passau is a Bavarian town with a mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Explore Passau on a guided walking tour in the morning, or join the *optional* full day tour to picturesque Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the *Sound of Music*. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including the Mirabell Palace, the Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral, and St. Peter's Cemetery. After lunch at a local restaurant, there will be time to discover Salzburg on your own before returning to the ship. If you choose to remain onboard the ship, continue sailing during lunch and relax this afternoon. In the early evening, all passengers will rejoin the ship and continue sailing for Melk

**Optional:** Full Day Tour of Salzburg

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Monday - Melk Abbey**

Disembark in Melk this morning for a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey, considered one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in Europe. View the Abbot's chambers, the Kaiser's walk and the lavish library. Then, return to the ship and continue cruising through the scenic Wachau Valley. This Afternoon, arrive in the village of Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube. Free time to stroll this quintessential village in the heart of the Wachau wine district. Walk along medieval cobblestone streets revealing 16th-century town houses and wine taverns

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 12, Tuesday - Vienna City Tour**

Your morning tour of romantic Vienna introduces you to this Imperial city with its legendary opulence and elegance. Drive along the famed Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard lined with magnificent Baroque palaces, parks and monuments. View the lavish Hofburg Palace, and the impressive Vienna Opera House. Continue to majestic St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Parliament building. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, or, join the *optional* tour to the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once summer residence of the Habsburgs. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured gardens. Tonight, perhaps take the opportunity to attend an evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music" at an *optional* concert performance of the classical masterpieces of Mozart and Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens

**Optional:** Schonbrunn Palace Tour (PM)

**Optional:** Classical Viennese Concert (PM)

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 13, Wednesday - Bratislava City Tour**

This morning, enjoy the tranquil scenery as you sail along the scenic Danube. At noon, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, a mix of modern and Baroque architecture.

This capital city is among the youngest in Europe, yet retains a rich history dating back more than 2000 years. Walk along the cobblestone lanes of the historic town center; view St. Martin's Cathedral, coronation site of the kings of Hungary, the 13th century Old Town Hall and the Franciscan church. Time to explore this colorful city on your own before returning to the ship for dinner as you sail for stunning Budapest

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 14, Thursday - Budapest City Tour**

During your morning tour of the city you will visit the Buda side with its castle district, as well as the Pest side with the Parliament, the City Park and the Heroes Square. Explore the city's wonderful shops and cafes this afternoon on your own.

Tonight, enjoy a lavish Farewell Dinner on board

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 15, Friday - Depart Hungary**

This morning, disembark and make your way to the airport for your departure flight.

Disembarkation will end at 9:30 AM

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Please note:** The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

### **Optional tours:**

**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
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- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

#### **Half Day Taste of Budapest**

Begin your tour at St. Stephen's Basilica. From here, walk to the Hold Street Market Hall, passing by the American Embassy and the statue of Ronald Reagan. At the market, explore the local food scene, while getting introduced to the history of the Hungarian cuisine.

Next, taste local cheeses from family farms around Budapest and salami delicacies. After this, continue with a tasting of different Hungarian meats and sausages served with fresh bread and mustard. The last stop is at a pastry shop. Indulge in a sweet Budapest pastry - local strudel and a cup of coffee.

\*Advance purchase is highly recommended for this tour. Tickets are limited and will not be available for purchase locally.

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #3	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$95.00
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### **Schonbrunn Palace Tour**

Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Hapsburg emperors. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured and aromatic gardens.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #5	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$99.00
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### **Classical Viennese Concert**

Experience a delightful evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music." Attend a concert featuring the classical masterpieces of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens. The musicians will bring to life the passionate strains of Mozart, a child prodigy who blossomed into one of history's greatest composers and Strauss, the Waltz King, who composed the Blue Danube, the world's most famous waltz. The chamber orchestra is accompanied by a professional dance performance, recalling the golden age of the 19th-century Viennese ballrooms.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #5	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$110.00
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### **Marksburg Castle Tour**

Join a guided tour of the dramatic Marksburg Castle, the only hill castle on the Rhine that has never been destroyed. The castle has been continuously occupied for over 700 years and houses a host of artifacts that bring the Middle Ages to life.

\*This tour will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes.

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

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### **Tour of Salzburg**

Enjoy a full-day excursion to beautiful Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the Sound of Music. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including Mirabell Palace, the house where Mozart lived, Nonnberg Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral, St. Peter's Cemetery. Lunch is included at a local restaurant, and then there will be time to explore the streets of Salzburg on your own before returning to the boat.

Approximate tour duration is 9 hours.

Day #7	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$175.00
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Approximate tour duration is 9 hours.

Day #11	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$175.00
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Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Hapsburg emperors. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured and aromatic gardens.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #13	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$99.00
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### **Classical Viennese Concert**

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Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #13

01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023

\$52.00

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