

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS RIVER CRUISE



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Christmas River Cruise from Frankfurt

Duration: 8 days

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with sightseeing

Booking code: XRCG8M

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8 Days European Christmas River Cruise

About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe in this extraordinary river cruise at the most festive time of the year!

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 enjoy Christmas-themed entertainment on board.

Experience the charm of a European Christmas. Explore Frankfurt and cruise the Rhine in Mainz with stunning vistas of hilltop castles and villages. Visit Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, and sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne. See Dusseldorf's symbolic Rheinturm Tower and cruise the winding canals of Amsterdam in a glass-top boat. There's so much to love and enjoy about Europe and fingers crossed it could be a white Christmas!

Why you'll love this trip...

It's an ideal way to explore Europe & see places that coach tours don't include. Enjoy the comfort of the river ship facilities & a room with an ever-changing view. Cruise includes shore excursions, meals, drinks with dinner & expert guides. Have the merriest of Christmases with all the traditional trimmings!

Travel date

2022 - start in Frankfurt on 20 December

Departure is 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.

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Escorted Christmas River Cruise includes:

- 7 nights outside cabin aboard the First Class Monarch Duchess
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise portage
- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

Package excludes:

International flights - please request a quote for latest airfare deals

Visa fees, where applicable

Airport & cruise port transfers - arrival transfer 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.

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Special features:

- Enjoy Christmas-themed entertainment onboard
- Explore Frankfurt, a city of contrasts with both modern and historical influences
- Cruise the Rhine in Mainz with stunning vistas of hilltop castles and villages
- Visit Koblenz, located at the confluence of the "German Corner" where the Rhine & Moselle Rivers meet
- Sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne, capital of the Rhineland
- See symbolic Rheinturm Tower in Dusseldorf, one of the most recognizable landmarks in the city
- In Amsterdam, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals

River cruise features & amenities:

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

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Arrive in Frankfurt, Cruise Embarkation

Arrive in Frankfurt and make your way to the port. Embarkation begins at 2 PM. After arrival formalities, time to relax on board. This evening, meet your Cruise Director, and enjoy a Welcome Dinner as it sets the festive mood for your special river cruise

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Wednesday - Frankfurt City Tour & Christmas Market

This morning, take a walking tour of the city with your local guide. Frankfurt is home of the European Central Bank and financial heart of Germany. Situated on the banks of the River Main, Frankfurt is a city of contrasts. Its famous modern skyline is a striking backdrop of the historical town centre, or Römerberg, where you'll find wonderful examples of traditional half-timbered houses. Spend the afternoon at the Frankfurt Christmas Market. Held for over 600 years, this traditional market is the highlight of the holiday season.

A variety of stalls feature unique decorations and holiday gifts. A visit to the market is not complete without a glass of mulled wine and some local delicacies

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Mainz City Tour & Christmas Market

This afternoon, explore the city of Mainz. Founded by the Romans, the city is one of Germany's oldest cities with a history spanning almost 2000 years. Walk through the restored historic centre, site of the market square. The afternoon is at leisure to savour the ambiance of the renowned Christmas market. The air is scented with a Yuletide aroma of toasted almonds, fresh gingerbread and roasted chestnuts. Against an imposing backdrop of the over thousand-year-old Cathedral of St. Martin, the festively decorated stands offer Christmas specialties of homemade garlands, straw stars, tree decorations, wooden toys, ceramics, candles and much more

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Friday - Koblenz City Tour

Continue cruising this morning, and take in the tranquil scenery of the iconic Rhine River. Upon arrival to Koblenz in the early afternoon, join a local guide for a walking tour of the city. Located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, French influence is evident in the architecture and culture of the area

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Cologne City Tour

Depart for dynamic Cologne, with its 2000 year-old history, often called the capital of the Rhineland. Embark on a walking tour of the city, most famous for its Roman origins. Linger at the striking 13th century Cologne Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its soaring twin spires. Known for its vibrant art scene, Cologne abounds with cafes, galleries, shops and taverns. The highlight this evening is a performance by a local children's choir, singing traditional Christmas tunes

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Dusseldorf City Tour

Admire the quaint scenery along the banks of the Rhine River, before arriving in Dusseldorf this morning. Dusseldorf is a bustling city, with more than 100 galleries and numerous museums, a renowned opera house and famous for its carnival, nightlife and shopping. See symbolic Rheinturm Tower, one of the most recognizable landmarks in the city

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Amsterdam City Tour

Experience Amsterdam, the capital city of the Netherlands with its renowned museums and historical sites. Board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals for an up-close view of the stately historical homes, 16th century warehouses and charming churches. Continue on foot to view the Anne Frank House, the Royal Palace on Amsterdam's Dam Square and the Dutch National Museum dedicated as a memorial to victims of WWII. Re-join the ship for lunch on board and spend a leisurely afternoon in Amsterdam. Your final night aboard the Monarch Princess is marked by a festive Farewell Dinner and local entertainment. Share wonderful memories of your cruise with your Tour Manager and newfound friends

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Tuesday - Depart The Netherlands

This morning transfer make your way to the airport in Amsterdam for your departure flight. The airport is approximately a 30-minute drive from the port. 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 and conditions, road accessibility, 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.

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