

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS RIVER CRUISE



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Christmas River Cruise from Frankfurt with Flights

Duration: 9 days

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with sightseeing & flights from Australia

Booking code: XRCG9M

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9 Days European Christmas River Cruise & Flights

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

2023 & 2024 - see our website for December departures

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:

- Return economy airfares from Australia to Frankfurt & from Amsterdam
 - Airline baggage, taxes & fuel surcharges
- 7 nights outside cabin aboard *Monarch Empress* or *Monarch Governess*
- River port charges of US\$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:

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 cruise crew, tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential - we can assist with a quote

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

Subject to confirmation by airlines, river cruise company & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Ask us about upgrading to a French Balcony Cabin

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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 recognisable 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 (extra charge)
- Fitness centre
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English by licensed guides

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Saturday - Depart for Germany

Board your flights from Australia

DAY 2, Sunday - Arrive in Frankfurt, Cruise Embarkation

Arrive in Frankfurt and make your own 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 gala Welcome Dinner as it sets the festive mood for your delightful river cruise

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Monday - 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 4, Tuesday - Mainz City Tour

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

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Wednesday - 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 6, Thursday - 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. In the evening, enjoy some well-known Christmas tunes, by a popular local artist

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Friday - 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 recognisable landmarks in the city

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Saturday - 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. Rejoin the ship for lunch on board and spend a leisurely afternoon in Amsterdam. Your final night 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 9, Sunday - Depart The Netherlands

This morning, make your way to the airport in Amsterdam for your departure flight. The airport is approximately a 30-minute drive from the port. Disembarkation with end at 9:30 AM

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Arrive Home in Australia

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.

Is This Trip Right for You?

This moderately active trip covers a fair amount of ground each day. Expect from three to four hours walking every touring day. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. There is a potential for a small number of sailings to be impacted by river water levels, or other factors which may prevent safe navigation. This may cause part or all of the cruise itinerary to be operated by motor coach and may also involve hotel accommodations.

**If you have any queries, please
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Know Before You Book - High & Low Water

European river cruising has gained in popularity for very good reason. It's a relaxing and convenient way to experience Europe while enjoying the comfort of a deluxe ship. However, before making the decision to reserve your trip, please be aware of potential conditions which may impact your cruise.

While most of the time river cruises operate exactly as planned, weather conditions may result in high or low water levels which impact a ship's itinerary and, on occasion, render a ship unable to sail at all. On very rare occasions, other events such as heavy fog, a damaged lock, or an incapacitated vessel blocking the river, may impact a sailing. These events typically occur with little or no notice. In the event that a cruise is partially or completely impacted, the itinerary will be operated by deluxe motor coach, accompanied by a Tour Manager, with overnights in hotels.

When the option exists, the operator will "swap ships" with another vessel sailing in the opposite direction, retaining the sailing experience. Crew, ship and cabin configuration may differ. The itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, considering the travel time and distances required, as well as meals. While it is not possible to recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailings, we will endeavour to provide a comparable itinerary. These alternative services will be provided at no additional charge.

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Please read the following information prior to making your reservation

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3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
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5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents electronically via email.

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