

EUROPE RIVER CRUISE



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Rhine River Cruise with Lucerne & Flights

Duration: 11 days

Departs: 2023 select dates

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 2 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted river cruise & flights from Australia

Booking code: ERHLG11M

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About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe on this river cruise through the Netherlands and Germany, with a city stay in the beautiful Swiss city of Lucerne!

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.

Why you'll love this trip...

- In Amsterdam, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals
- Sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne, capital of the Rhineland
- Discover 2000-year-old Koblenz, with its superb Romanesque architecture
- View the mighty Lorelei Rock named for the siren "Lorelei" rising vertically from the waters
- Stroll the lanes filled with quaint wine taverns in the lively village of Rüdesheim
- Visit the Alsace capital of Strasbourg, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Walk the cobbled streets of tiny Breisach, a city that dates back over 4,000 years
- Explore Lucerne with its pristine lakeside setting and gorgeous mountainous panorama

Travel dates

2023 - departs April to September

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will 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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River Cruise package includes:

- Return economy class airfares to Amsterdam & from Zurich
 - Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Perth (ask us for other cities)
- 9 nights First Class accommodations
 - 7 nights outside cabin aboard the Deluxe Monarch Empress or similar
 - 2 nights Lucerne
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portorage
- 22 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Local host in Lucerne
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

Package excludes:

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, crew, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

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.

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

River cruise features & amenities:

- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Wine and beer with dinners
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access in public areas
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Fitness centre
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Saturday - Depart for the Netherlands

Fly from Australia to the Netherlands

DAY 2, Sunday - Arrive in Amsterdam

Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated and modern capital. Make your way from the airport 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 3, Monday - Amsterdam City Tour & Afternoon Cruising

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. This afternoon get acquainted with your fellow passengers as you cruise south for Germany

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Tuesday - Cologne City Tour

Sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne, one of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, arriving as you enjoy lunch on board. Your walking tour of the city is 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 5, Wednesday - Morning in Koblenz & Afternoon Cruising

The ship docks this morning in Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Join a walking tour 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. At noon, 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. This evening, arrive in Rudesheim, a lively village in the heart of the Rhine. After dinner, perhaps stroll along the lanes filled with quaint wine taverns

Optional: Marksburg Castle (AM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Thursday - Morning in Mannheim & Afternoon in Speyer

Today discover Mannheim, meeting point of the Rhine and Neckar Rivers, once the gathering place for classical composers. View the imposing red sandstone *Schloss*, Germany's largest Baroque palace and the Luisenpark, one of the loveliest parks in Europe. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to Heidelberg, home to the oldest university in Germany and inspiration for some of the world's greatest writers and artists; tour the city and view the ruins of 12th century Heidelberg Castle before returning to the ship as it sails to Speyer. Here, stroll the lanes of this picturesque city founded by the Romans, with its prized red sandstone cathedral named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, the ship sails for Strasbourg

Optional: Heidelberg City Tour (AM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Friday - Strasbourg City Tour

A lovely day awaits you in the Alsace capital of Strasbourg, situated on the border of France and Germany, blending the cultures of both countries. Discover Strasbourg on the tour highlighting the city's center, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Of special note is the stunning Gothic Cathedral, an exquisite example of late Gothic architecture that houses one of the finest astronomical clocks in existence.

See the magical La Petite France district, home to quaint shops and charming bistros, Place Kleber, a large historic square in the center of the city and Place Gutenberg, dedicated to the inventor of the printing press. This evening, return to the ship as you sail toward Breisach in the Rhine Valley

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Saturday - Breisach Walking Tour

Arrive this morning in the small city of Breisach that dates back over 4,000 years. On your walking tour along the cobbled streets lined with pastel-painted houses, it's hard to believe this town was mostly destroyed in WWII and then totally restored to its original beauty. View the towering Romanesque and Gothic St. Stephansmunster Cathedral, a highlight of the city. After lunch set sail for Basel. Tonight, at the Farewell Dinner, share wonderful memories of your Rhine journey with your new-found friends

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Sunday - Mount Pilatus & Lucerne City Tour

This morning, bid farewell to your Cruise Director and meet your local host as you disembark in Basel and drive to Lucerne with its pristine lakeside setting and gorgeous mountainous panorama, where you spend two nights in the center of the Swiss Alps. Upon arrival, ascend Mount Pilatus to take in the gorgeous panorama from nearly 7000 feet. Continue to the city center to view the Lion Monument, erected in memory of the heroic death of Swiss guards, one of the best-known monuments in Switzerland. Continue to the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest covered wooden bridges in Europe, forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Monday - Full Day in Lucerne

A full day to explore this lovely city at the heart of central Switzerland nestled on Lake Lucerne. See the historic houses lining the lovely town squares in the well-preserved medieval Old City, walk along the waterfront promenade or perhaps discover the lake on a paddlewheel steamer cruise. On your last night in Switzerland, treat yourself to a superb meal at one of the many world-class restaurants that string the lake

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Tuesday - Depart Switzerland

This morning, check out of your hotel and make your way to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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.

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 impact safe navigation. This may cause part or all of the cruise itinerary to be operated by motor coach and may also involve hotel accommodations.

Please note: The day by day itinerary 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.

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4. 120 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (the exact due date for your travel supplier will be advised at the time of booking).
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