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# ***EUROPE RIVER CRUISE***

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## Rhine River Cruise with Bruges & Paris

Duration: 11 days

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 3 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted river cruise & city stays

Booking code: ERBPG11M

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## About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe on this river cruise through Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium!

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.

Plus, after the cruise, enjoy an overnight in the charming city of Bruges with sightseeing tour. The finale is a two-night stay in Paris, with a tour of the city and time to explore at your leisure or take advantage of an exquisite optional tour to magnificent Versailles.

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

- Walk the streets of tiny Breisach, a town that dates back over 4,000 years
- Visit the Alsace capital of Strasbourg, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Stroll lanes filled with quaint wine taverns in the lively village of Rudesheim
- Discover 2000-year-old Koblenz, with its superb Romanesque architecture
- See 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
- Visit Bruges, known for its delicate lace textile technique
- Discover Paris, the "City of Lights," with its endless treasures

## Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - departs May to October

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

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## River Cruise package includes:

- 10 nights First Class accommodations
  - 7 nights outside cabin aboard Monarch Queen, Monarch Baroness, Monarch Empress or similar
  - 1 night Bruges
  - 2 nights Paris
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portage
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Tour manager in Bruges & Paris
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

## Package excludes:

Flights to Europe - contact us for the latest airfare deals

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, WiFi 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 hotels, river cruise company & local operators.  
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

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## 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 - Cruise Embarkation in Basel

Arrive in Basel and make your own way to the port. Embarkation will begin at 2 PM. After arrival formalities, rest and relax on board. 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 - Breisach Walking Tour

Arrive this morning in the small town 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 Strasbourg

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 3 - Strasbourg City Tour

A lovely day awaits you in Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace, 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, the ship sets sail toward Speyer

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 4 - Morning in Speyer & Evening in Rudesheim

This morning, arrive in Speyer. Perhaps take a refreshing morning walk through this picturesque town founded by the Romans.

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. The ship will continue sailing this morning and passengers joining the tour will rejoin the ship at lunchtime and relax on board this afternoon. After dinner, arrive in Rudesheim, a lively village in the heart of the Rhine; perhaps take a leisurely walk through town or visit a quaint wine tavern

**Optional:** Heidelberg City Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5 - Morning Cruising & Afternoon in Koblenz**

This morning take 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. After lunch on board, the ship docks in Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Join a walking tour 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

**Optional:** Marksburg Castle (PM)

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 6 - Cologne City Tour**

Today the ship will dock in Cologne, one of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland. 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 galleries, shops and taverns

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7 - Amsterdam City Tour**

Cruise into Amsterdam as you enjoy breakfast on board, and join a panoramic tour of 700-year-old Amsterdam. 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 evening bid farewell cruise companions on your final night on board

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8 - Bruges City Tour**

This morning, disembark your ship and travel through the countryside to reach Bruges. Enjoy a tour one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Walk along picturesque cobbled lanes lined with historic churches and whitewashed almshouses. View the Church of Our Lady, housing the astonishing Madonna statue by Michelangelo, and visit the Market Square with its astonishing Belfry. This evening, treat yourself to an extraordinary dinner or perhaps just sample the city's famous chocolate and beer

**Overnight:** Bruges

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9 - Afternoon in Paris, the "City of Lights"**

On to Paris, the "City of Lights." Upon arrival, start your discovery of one of the world's greatest cities with its endless treasures. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps, visit the bustling Montmartre and see spectacular views of the city, visit the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, and walk the winding streets to mingle with the street artists selling their wares at Place du Tertre

**Overnight:** Paris

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 10 - Tour of Paris**

Drive along the famous Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, and the iconic Eiffel Tower, symbol of Paris. On to the celebrated "Rive Gauche," the vivacious Left Bank where artists, philosophers and writers in a long-gone era flourished in the artistic community at Montparnasse. View the Latin Quarter, home to many of France's higher education establishments, such as the Sorbonne. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure or join the *optional* tour to magnificent Versailles to witness the grandeur of French classical architecture on the visit to the Palace and extravagant State Apartments. Tonight, join your Tour Manager and newfound friends at the hotel, for a Farewell Reception

**Optional:** Versailles Apartments (PM)

**Overnight:** Paris

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 11 - Depart France**

This morning, check out of the hotel and if you're flying out today, make your own way to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

**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.**

## **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.

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