



Cruise Details

Name:	Christmas Markets on the Rhine and Main
Reference:	EMERALDEAXS031224-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sky
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	03 Dec 24
Departs From:	Nuremberg
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Arrives On:	10 Dec 24
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuremberg (Germany)

Welcome to Nuremberg. Here, you'll be met at the airport by a member of our team and transferred to the comfortable surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow guests.

Please book your flight to arrive into Nuremberg prior to 03:00 PM.

Arrives On: 03 Dec 24

Day 2: Bamberg (Germany)

This morning, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Bamberg awaits. Thousands of listed buildings can be found in the medieval town centre, an area bursting with character, charm and one of the best-preserved old quarters in Europe.

Admire hundreds of ornamental façades as you explore the town with your local guide, passing the New Residence, a building that

truly captures the opulence that was enjoyed by the prince bishops. Relax in the Rose Garden before witnessing the opulence of medieval Altenburg Castle overlooking the town.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Bamberg

Arrives On: 04 Dec 24

Day 3: Würzburg (Germany)

Set alongside the Main River, Würzburg offers a perfect introduction to the Romantic Road, one of Bavaria's most popular tourism routes that links stunning medieval locations throughout the country. Your own charming journey of discovery will touch on the sloping vineyard-laden hills of one of the biggest wine-producing areas in Germany.

Today, you will have the opportunity to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Würzburg Residence, perhaps stopping to admire the Viennese Baroque architecture and secular features from Italy. Your local guide will teach you about how the architects behind the Würzburg Residence drew inspiration from a spectrum of different popular styles. After the tour, enjoy a guided walking tour of Würzburg, including the Gothic Marienkapelle and Town Hall.

Included Excursion
Walking tour of Würzburg and a visit to the Bishops Residence

Discover MORE
Excursion to Rothenburg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 05 Dec 24

Day 4: Wertheim (Germany)

This morning, as part of your EmeraldPLUS offering, you will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive glassblowing presentation at the Glass Art Museum. Then, travel by coach to the picturesque village of Miltenberg, a place that perfectly encapsulates traditional Bavarian life.

Enjoy a guided tour of the village, as your local guide leads you down an intricate network of cobblestone streets, each adorned with colourful houses. Centuries ago, this area benefited from trade that was brought by river traffic, and this past affluence can still be seen today.

EmeraldPLUS
Exclusive visit to the Glass Art Museum in Wertheim with presentation

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Miltenberg

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Day 5: Rüdelsheim (Germany)

<p><p>Relax on your Star-Ship this morning until we reach Rudesheim, a town with a rich history of viticulture. When you arrive, ride the Winzerexpress to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum to see spectacular rare music boxes that have stood the test of time, showcased in a postcard-worthy building with a half-timbered facade.</p><p>After lunch, sail through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge, perhaps standing on the Sun Deck and watching for the castles and fortresses that pepper the surrounding hilltops.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum</p>

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Day 5: Koblenz (Germany)

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Day 6: Cologne (Germany)

<p><p>Cruise along the Rhine from Koblenz to Cologne this morning, where an illustrious 2,000-year-long history awaits.</p><p>One of the oldest cities in the country, the Romans founded Cologne in 50AD and you'll find a number of ancient ruins, monuments and medieval structures as reminders.</p><p>Enjoy a walking tour of the city today, as your local guide takes you through the Old Town, passing ancient bridges that survived the air raids of WWII, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cologne Cathedral and its filigree twin towers, an iconic part of the city's skyline.</p><p>This evening, your crew will be delighted to welcome you to your farewell dinner.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided walking tour of Cologne's Old Town</p>

Arrives On: 08 Dec 24

Day 7: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>This morning, board a glass top canal boat for a cruise down the UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system that weaves across Amsterdam, passing elegant merchant's residences that reflect the prosperity of the Dutch Golden Age, a time when Amsterdam was an important trading centre. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore at leisure.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Canal cruise</p>

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Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and depart your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of the postcard-worthy Rhine

Gorge and idyllic Dutch countryside with you.

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Arrives On: 10 Dec 24

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