



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rhine, Main & Danube rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEBBI220826-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Luna
Regions:	Rhine, Danube and Main
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Departs On:	22 Aug 26
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	13 Sep 26
Arrives At:	Bucharest
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Cruise Nights:	22
Total Vacation Days:	23

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Welcome to Amsterdam, a postcard-worthy destination of picturesque canals, cafés, and art galleries. Here, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to the comfortable surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. After boarding, you can enjoy some time to explore the cobbled streets and gabled houses at leisure. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Arrives On: 22 Aug 26

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, explore the Dutch Golden Age, as you board a glass-top canal boat cruise to explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system or enjoy a guided bike tour to Waterland. Both excellent ways to experience the city in all its authenticity, take to its charming waterways, passing iconic buildings and elegant merchant residences that reflect a time when Amsterdam was one of the most lucrative ports in the world. If you're feeling more active,

then explore on two wheels, cycling alongside a backdrop of historical villages and traditional windmills.

Upon returning to your ship, your first day of sailing will take you through the Dutch countryside to the Rhine River.

**Included Excursion**  
Canal cruise

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour to Waterland

Arrives On: 23 Aug 26

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Founded by the Romans in 50 AD, the cathedral city of Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany and the largest on the Rhine. The historic capital of the Rhineland, this illustrious city has been generously peppered with ancient architecture, from Roman ruins to medieval structures, despite much of the inner city being completely destroyed during WWII. Join your local guide and explore the city during a unique adventure that will take you hunting for some of the most typical Cologne treasures.

**Included Excursion**  
Quest for Cologne's treasures

Arrives On: 24 Aug 26

### Day 4: Rudesheim (Germany)

Today's cruising will be a highlight of your trip, as we meander through the fairy tale-like surrounds of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge. Hilltop castles and fortresses will be yours to admire as we sail. We will pass the infamous Lorelai Rock, where sailors are said to have been lured onto treacherous rocks by an enchanting siren, and the impressive Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, a former stronghold.

This afternoon, arrive in Rudesheim, a town with a vibrant wine-growing heritage. You will have the choice of either riding on the Winzerexpress and visiting Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum or, if you're feeling active, taking an active hike to Niederwalddenkmal.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active Walk to Niederwalddenkmal

Arrives On: 25 Aug 26

### Day 5: Miltenberg (Germany)

Welcome to Miltenberg, a picturesque village on the Main River, boasting an inimitable feeling of medieval Bavaria with its 15th century half-timbered buildings.

On your included walking tour, stroll down the cobblestone streets, lined with these colourful houses and view the Gothic Merchant Hall, an impressive symbol of past affluence. You could also enjoy an active walk through the forest to Mildenburg Castle. This iconic landmark now houses a wonderful collection

of contemporary art and old masters.

Later, discover the tranquil beauty of your EmeraldPLUS programme, Bronnbach Abbey, a former Cistercian monastery nestled in the picturesque Tauber Valley.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Miltenberg

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Visit to Bronnbach Abbey

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided Active Walk to Mildenburg Castle

Arrives On: 26 Aug 26

#### Day 5: Wertheim (Germany)

Arrives On: 26 Aug 26

#### Day 6: Würzburg (Germany)

Known as the 'Pearl of the Romantic Road', Würzburg, is the centre for grape-growing, the product of the sloping vineyard-laden hills which surround the former capital of Franconia. The architects behind the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Würzburg Residence drew inspiration from a spectrum of different styles, including Viennese Baroque and secular features from Italy, but it was heavily damaged during WWII. Enjoy learning about how this impressive building was restored to its former glory on a guided tour.

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

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Rothenburg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 27 Aug 26

#### Day 7: Bamberg (Germany)

This morning, relax on board and witness the beauty of Europe's waterways from the plush surrounds of your cabin as we cruise to Bamberg. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed town boasts one of the largest medieval centres in Europe, with around 2,400 listed buildings gracing its streets.

Feel the magic of the past as you explore the city with your local guide, marvelling at the opulence of the New Residence, once resided in by the prince bishops and now home to a plethora of old German and Baroque paintings from the Bavarian State collection. Enjoy a tranquil stroll around the Rose Garden to round your day off peacefully.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Bamberg

Arrives On: 28 Aug 26

#### Day 8: Nuremberg (Germany)

Embark on a sightseeing tour of the historic city of Nuremberg, including the architectural wonders that have inspired famous artists for centuries and exploring the effects that the war years had. After your tour, enjoy time to explore Nuremberg at leisure, passing half-timbered houses that were beautifully reconstructed following the war.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Nuremberg

**DiscoverMORE**  
World War II tour (extra expense)

Arrives On: 29 Aug 26

#### Day 9: Regensburg (Germany)

This morning, you'll sail the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. As you continue sailing down the Danube, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities welcomes you with two millennia of history. For almost 150 years, the Old Town Hall was the seat of parliament. Dating back to the 13th century, it consists of the Town Hall Tower, the Imperial Chamber building, and the Town Hall. Wander the streets with your guide, as the romantic narrow alleys of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town enable you to live through the city's history.

The main highlight of your tour will be the 12th-century Stone Bridge, a medieval structure crossing the Danube. Enjoy time to explore Regensburg at leisure after your guided tour or return to your Star-Ship for some peace and tranquillity. Later today, enjoy a traditional Bavarian band performance on board.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Regensburg

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Bavarian band performance on board

**DiscoverMORE**  
Sausage-making workshop (extra expense, available on select dates)

Arrives On: 30 Aug 26

#### Day 10: Passau (Germany)

Passau is a picturesque city that has been shaped by the surrounding rivers over the years, sitting right on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz. This memorable destination is dominated by large squares, magical promenades and romantic lanes. Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome you in the beautiful city of Passau. On this morning's walking tour, stroll through streets lined by Baroque buildings dating back to the 17th century and look at the Gothic Town Hall, Bishop's Residence and St. Stephen's Cathedral, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to the largest church organ in Europe.

Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Passau

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Salzburg (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Český Krumlov (extra expense)

Arrives On: 31 Aug 26

### Day 11: Melk (Austria)

Situated within Austria's wine-growing region, Melk is home to a 900-year-old Benedictine abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, which is yours to explore today during an included tour. Your guide will take you through a series of opulent rooms, each adorned with the finest Italian Baroque architecture and ornate gold leaf walls, including the ancient monastic library, renowned for its extensive collection of medieval manuscripts.

Later, the Star-Ship sails through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the Wachau wine region, where you can choose to hike to Dürnstein Castle, the site where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the Crusades.

Alternatively, enjoy an EmeraldACTIVE guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns.

**Included Excursion**  
Tour of Melk Abbey

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour along the Danube

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle

Arrives On: 01 Sep 26

### Day 11: Dürnstein (Austria)

Arrives On: 01 Sep 26

### Day 12: Vienna (Austria)

Austria's breathtaking capital is recognised for its cultural legacy. As the former residence of Mozart and Beethoven, a multitude of imperial palaces represent a rich history, and the museum district boasts contemporary buildings, housing the work of some of the world's most prolific artists.

Explore the famous sights of the Ringstrasse and Vienna's city centre by coach and on foot or join a guided bike tour. Marvel at the Renaissance-style arches that adorn the façades of the Opera House, the Baroque Burgtheater and the Flemish Gothic Parliament before enjoying time to explore Vienna at leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Vienna

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Vienna

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Arrives On: 02 Sep 26

### Day 13: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn cobblestone streets. In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour, including the enchanting Old City or hike to Bratislava Castle. Your local guide will take you through the heart of the city. Pass by the botanical gardens of the Episcopal Summer Palace, the Old Town Hall and its delightful Renaissance courtyard and the Slovak National Theatre, where busts of famous composers adorn the façade. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore at leisure. This afternoon, a local family will be happy to welcome you into their home for some great conversation over traditional sweet treats and coffee.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Bratislava

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

**DiscoverMORE**  
Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Carpathian wine route (extra expense)

Arrives On: 03 Sep 26

#### Day 14: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Divided by the iconic Danube River, Buda and Pest on either side can be reached via the Chain Bridge, one of the city's most symbolic structures. Enjoy a guided tour of the city with your local guide this morning. Alternatively, embark on a hike to Gellert Hill. This evening, you will enjoy a Hungarian folklore show before your farewell dinner.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided coach tour of Budapest

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Hike to Gellert Hill

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Jewish heritage tour (extra expense)

Arrives On: 04 Sep 26

#### Day 15: Budapest (Hungary)

Today is a full day at leisure in Budapest. Your Cruise Director will be on hand to assist on you how best to spend your day. Perhaps a visit to the city market, enjoy relaxing at the local thermal baths. This evening, relax on board as you watch an authentic Hungarian folklore show and indulge in a dinner of traditional cuisine.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A traditional Hungarian folklore show

Arrives On: 05 Sep 26

### Day 16: Ordas (Hungary)

This morning, you'll venture to the Puszta, or Great Hungarian Plain, for a traditional performance showcasing the exceptional equestrian skills of the Magyar cowboys. Sit back and enjoy the show, as you watch their spectacular horse parade and witness their exercise drills. Tonight, you'll have plenty of opportunities to relax and meet your fellow guests during the welcome dinner & reception.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Puszta Equestrian Heritage

Arrives On: 06 Sep 26

### Day 17: Vukovar (Croatia)

This morning, you will get to learn more about Croatia and the daily life of locals, Our EmeraldPLUS excursion will bring you to the home of a Croatian family to share a typical meal from the area while getting to know the local culture and customs.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Home-hosted lunch with a Croatian family

**DiscoverMORE**  
Baranja wine region with tasting

Arrives On: 07 Sep 26

### Day 18: Belgrade (Serbia)

The capital of Serbia awaits you today, as a city tour introduces you to the highlights of one of Europe's oldest cities. Relax as your coach takes you through the centre of this peaceful city and witness the symmetrical façade of the Church of Saint Sava, one of the world's largest church buildings. Stop for a tour of the Museum of Yugoslavia or learn about the history of Belgrade during a guided bike tour of the city.

This evening, relax in the Horizon Lounge with a traditional Serbian folklore show providing spectacular entertainment.

**Included Excursion**  
Highlights of Belgrade

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Serbian folklore evening show on board

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour in Belgrade

**DiscoverMORE**  
Routes of Nikola Tesla (extra expense)

Arrives On: 08 Sep 26

### Day 19: Golubac (Serbia)

In eastern Serbia, within the Majdanpek municipality, the town of Donji Milanovac sits on the right bank of the Danube. Today, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Palaeolithic site of Lepenski Vir on an included excursion. Enjoy learning about the importance of this archaeological site and its illustrious history, spanning more than 8 millennia. The day ends as we sail through the Iron

Gates, a picturesque narrow gorge that meanders between the Carpathian Mountains and the European Alps.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Lepenski Vir archaeological site and museum

**DiscoverMORE**  
Golubac Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 09 Sep 26

#### Day 19: Donji Milanovac (Serbia)

Arrives On: 09 Sep 26

#### Day 20: Vidin (Bulgaria)

This morning, we'll arrive in Vidin, a beautiful town in north-west Bulgaria, renowned for its wine production. Your included tour will introduce you to the best of Vidin's viticulture, as you stroll through a local vineyard and enjoy a tasting session of their produce.

Later, venture to Baba Vida, a medieval fortress whose name can be translated to mean 'Granny Vida'. Alternatively, hike to Belogradchik Fortress, a well-preserved stronghold that sits against a series of impressive rock formations.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to a local vineyard with wine tasting & a visit to Baba Vida Fortress

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Belogradchik Fortress

**DiscoverMORE**  
Traditional Bulgarian pastry making (extra expense)

Arrives On: 10 Sep 26

#### Day 21: Ruse (Bulgaria)

Today, your Star-Ship will cruise into Rouse, where you will have the opportunity to explore the timeless charm of its elegant architecture and cultural heritage of the city that many call "The Little Vienna".

Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, a complex of churches, chapels, and monasteries. Tonight, your crew will welcome you on board for a farewell dinner.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Rouse

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Choir performance

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Ivanovo Church

**DiscoverMORE**  
Full day tour of Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Sep 26

#### Day 22: Giurgiu (Romania)

<p><p>This morning, relax and enjoy the passing scenery as we drive towards Bucharest, including the Romanian city of Giurgiu, set amongst the mud flats and marshes of the Danube. Visit the Spring Palace and the private residence of Nicolae Ceausescu, before enjoying free time to explore the city at leisure. Learn about Bucharest's vibrant history on a guided coach tour, passing by the Palace of Parliament.<br />This evening, settle into the comfortable surrounds of your hotel before you consider going for a stroll down one of the wide avenues or leafy boulevards that give Bucharest a distinctly French feel.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided drive through Bucharest with a visit to the Spring Palace</span></p>

Arrives On: 12 Sep 26

#### Day 22: Bucharest (Romania)

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#### Day 23: Bucharest (Romania)

<p><p>After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport, taking memories of the Great Hungarian Plain and medieval fortresses with you.</p></p><p><p>This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.</p></p>

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