



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rivers of France & Portugal
Reference:	EMERALDEFPC200925-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	20 Sep 25
Departs From:	Arles
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Arrives On:	04 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Porto
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arles (France)

Fly from the UK to Nice. Welcome to France and the beginning of your cruise. You'll be met by a member of our team at the airport and transferred to Arles, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome you on board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dine with your fellow guests.

Flight to arrive into Nice prior to 12:00 PM.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 25

### Day 2: Arles (France)

Revel in the glory of the Roman Empire today during an insightful visit to Arles, including its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments. Visit Arles Amphitheatre, a 2,000-year-old structure where thousands of spectators once gathered to watch heart-pounding chariot races. Enjoy learning about the time spent by Vincent van Gogh in the city, taking

inspiration from his surroundings and using them to create many of his most iconic pieces of art, including 'Starry Night Over the Rhône'. Then, enjoy some time to explore the beauty of Arles at your leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Arles with arena visit

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to L'Occitane Factory (extra expense)

Arrives On: 21 Sep 25

### Day 3: Avignon (France)

Avignon has a long and storied history. This fortified town is the former residence of seven consecutive Popes in the 1300s who fled Rome to escape from the political pressures of the Roman Empire. The city went on to become an important location during the French Revolution.

Embark on a guided walking tour to witness its illustrious past, including the ornate Gothic exterior of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, built by the Popes over two decades. This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Avignon

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Classical concert in Avignon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

**DiscoverMORE**  
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tours of Avignon (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Sep 25

### Day 4: Viviers (France)

A snapshot of quintessential France awaits your arrival in Viviers, a town that perfectly encapsulates the medieval days of the region. Pastel coloured buildings gently faded by the sun line narrow cobblestone streets, and the heart of the Old Town is yours to explore today during a guided walking tour.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Viviers

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 Sep 25

### Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

As we sail down the gently twisting Rhône River into Tournon, you'll be treated to an extraordinary view of a 16th-century castle overlooking the village and a pair of ancient watchtowers adorning the surrounding rural landscape. Today, embark on a guided tour of Tournon and learn about its illustrious history and the culture of the people who call it home. If you would like to explore more of the region's natural beauty, then you may instead choose to embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through some of the local vineyards.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Tournon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 24 Sep 25

#### Day 6: Lyon (France)

As one of the largest cities in France and a former Roman capital, many of the most important moments in French history have taken place in Lyon. But it's Lyonnaise cuisine that has really put this city on the map, delighting gastronomists from around the world. Join your local guide for a walking tour of the city, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. If you're feeling more active, then you may instead choose to embark on a guided bike tour, touching on its most prominent architectural wonders and moments from history.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Lyon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Lyon

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

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private Culinary Charms of Lyon (extra expense)

Arrives On: 25 Sep 25

#### Day 7: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

The birthplace of photography and the centre of Burgundy's wine region is yours to discover today as you travel by road to the quaint village of Beaune. Stop to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the best-preserved examples of 15th-century French architecture and home to one of the most popular wine auctions in the country.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to the Hospices de Beaune

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cheese and olive tasting on board

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

#### Day 7: Beaune (France)

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

#### Day 8: Lyon (France)

After breakfast, you will be transferred from where your Star-Ship is docked in Lyon to Porto, where the second half of your river cruising adventure awaits. Meet your lovely on board staff on your contemporary Emerald Radiance Star-Ship.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

#### Day 8: Porto (Portugal)

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

#### Day 9: Porto (Portugal)

Relax on board today and enjoy a full day of sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Douro Valley. This fascinating area is celebrated because it builds on two millennia of wine producing history, where viticulture has shaped the surrounding landscape and small, sleepy villages are peppered with dozens of sun-drenched vineyards. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and cocktail reception. **EmeraldPLUS** Portuguese cooking demonstration on board

Arrives On: 28 Sep 25

#### Day 9: Pinhão (Portugal)

Arrives On: 28 Sep 25

#### Day 10: Pinhão (Portugal)

Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful Quinta do Tedo vineyard in the heart of Portugal's Douro Valley, nestled on the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers. This 18th-century estate is environmentally sound, creating organic produce by using traditional viticulture methods. Alternatively, enjoy a guided walk through local vineyards, stopping along the way to admire your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on a kayak excursion along the river, taking in the impressive views from the heart of the Douro Valley. This afternoon, enjoy sailing to Vega de Terrón, perhaps relaxing on the Sun Deck. **Included Excursion** Visit to Quinta do Tedo with wine tasting **EmeraldACTIVE** Kayak experience in Pinhão **EmeraldACTIVE** Guided active walk through the vineyards

Arrives On: 29 Sep 25

### Day 10: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

Arrives On: 29 Sep 25

### Day 11: Vega de Terrón (Spain)

Founded in Roman times, the ancient city of Salamanca and its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Quarter have an illustrious past, having been held by the Carthaginians, Romans, and Moors. Travel to the beautiful 'Golden City' for a walking tour, which includes exploring the postcard-worthy galleries and arcades that adorn Plaza Mayor. You'll also have the opportunity to see Casa de las Conchas, a building that has been lovingly decorated with more than 300 shells, and Salamanca's university, one of the oldest universities in Europe that dates back to 1218.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Salamanca

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Tuna music band

Arrives On: 30 Sep 25

### Day 11: Salamanca (Spain)

Arrives On: 30 Sep 25

### Day 12: Pocinho (Portugal)

This morning, we are docked in Pocinho from where we take you to the charming medieval town of Castelo Rodrigo. On your tour you will have the chance to uncover the secrets of this small village's fortress history and try some typical local products. Later, return to your Star-Ship for lunch and soak up your idyllic surrounds, enjoying a Port wine cocktail lesson on board as you sail towards Régua.

**Included Excursion**  
Tour to Castelo Rodrigo

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Port wine cocktail lesson on board

**DiscoverMORE**  
Archaeological tour by 4x4 at the Côa Valley Museum (extra expense)

Arrives On: 01 Oct 25

### Day 12: Régua (Portugal)

Arrives On: 01 Oct 25

### Day 13: Régua (Portugal)

On today's included excursion, you'll visit the marvellous Baroque village of Lamego, stopping to see the picturesque Shrine of Our Lady of Remedies, a structure that stands gracefully

over the town. If you're feeling active, enjoy an invigorating walk down the 686 steps from the Sanctuary to the main square. On the same day you will get to experience a rural lunch at Quinta da Pacheca, one of the finest estates of river Douro and learn about the Portuguese mosaic painting tradition.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Lamego

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Rural lunch at Quinta da Pacheca

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Mosaic tile painting lesson on board

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Walk down the steps of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Mateus Manor House (extra expense)

Arrives On: 02 Oct 25

#### Day 14: Porto (Portugal)

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto is a fascinating and eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. Famous for its export of Port wines, it's easy to imagine how British merchant ships would have once clustered together in the medieval harbour, waiting to take their produce across the water.

Your included tour of the coastal city will touch on the fortified structures of Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo, a building whose pentagonal façades overlook the ocean. For those who wish to see the charms of Porto on foot, our active walk through the town will bring you closer to the vibrant daily life of the locals.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Porto

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A cruise through Porto

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided active walk in Porto

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Quinta da Aveleda (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Guided bike tour to the Atlantic (extra expense)

Arrives On: 03 Oct 25

#### Day 15: Porto (Portugal)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship where you will transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of sun-drenched vineyards with you.

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.

Arrives On: 04 Oct 25

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