



## Cruise Details

Name:	Jewels of the Rhine & London
Reference:	EMERALDELOC080826-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Astra
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	08 Aug 26
Departs From:	Basel
Arrives On:	18 Aug 26
Arrives At:	London (Greenwich)
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

Welcome to Basel. On arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Basel prior to 03:00 PM.

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### Day 2: Breisach (Germany)

Today, as part of your incredible EmeraldPLUS programme, you will visit the city of Freiburg. Considered the 'Capital of the Black Forest', Freiburg has lovely sights that will amaze you. You'll also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to join a guided bike tour in Breisach. **EmeraldPLUS** Guided tour of Freiburg with

tasting

**EmeraldACTIVE**

Guided bike tour in Breisach

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Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

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#### Day 3: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll arrive in Kehl and disembark your Star-Ship, then be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg. Here, an enthralling medieval past is yours to discover, including quaint cobblestone squares framed by wellpreserved, half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you'll also have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a culinary journey where you'll discover typical flavours of this region. Tonight, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you're invited to join an exclusive private concert in a historical venue.

**Included Excursion**

Flavours of Alsace

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Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)

**EmeraldPLUS**

Private Evening Concert on the Rhine

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#### Day 3: Strasbourg (France)

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#### Day 4: Germersheim (Germany)

Relax on board this morning as you sail towards Germersheim, following the meandering Rhine River and passing the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar. Travel by coach to Heidelberg, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about how it became a UNESCO City of Literature, having inspired the likes of Mark Twain and William Turner with its historical setting.

Your guided tour of the town will allow you to find your own inspiration among its delightful landmarks, including Heidelberg Castle, one of the most impressive Renaissance.

**Included Excursion**

Guided tour of Heidelberg

**EmeraldACTIVE**

Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg

Arrives On: 11 Aug 26

#### Day 5: Koblenz (Germany)

This morning enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear

suspended in time.

We'll take you into the heart of Koblenz, an ancient city pulled from the pages of a German fairy tale. Enjoy the picturesque backdrop of vineyards and snow-topped mountain ranges as your local guide takes you through open cobbled squares and down narrow streets, passing façades adorned with boxes of spring-blooming flowers. You'll also have the chance to see the point at which two of Europe's great rivers meet at the German Corner and Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of the largest preserved fortresses in

Europe.

**Included Excursion**  
Orientation Walk of Koblenz

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Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 12 Aug 26

#### Day 6: Cologne (Germany)

This morning, you'll will arrive in Cologne and have the chance to know one of Germany's oldest cities and get up close with the famous post card worthy Cathedral. After lunch, join a walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city renowned for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the picturesque Rhine River, admire the stunning architecture and discover hidden gems off-the-beaten path. Immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in the delicious local cuisine, and marvel at the contrast of Düsseldorf's ancient and modern charms.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Cologne Old Town

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Duesseldorf

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Cologne Beer Experience (extra expense)

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#### Day 6: Düsseldorf (Germany)

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#### Day 7: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, discover the charm of Alkmaar, a picturesque Dutch town just a short distance from Amsterdam. Explore its historic center, lined with charming canals and medieval buildings. Alkmaar is famous for its centuries-old cheese market where traditional cheesemakers showcase their craft and engage in lively auctions. Immerse yourself in the local culture in this typical charming town. Alternatively, embark on a bike tour through the Dutch countryside.

**Included Excursion**  
Excursion to Alkmaar

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour to Waterland

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Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)

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/><span>Dutch Delights (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 14 Aug 26

#### Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>After your marvelous cruise, you'll be transferred to Amsterdam Centraal station and take the train bound for London St. Pancras station. Upon arrival in London, you'll be transferred to your hotel for an exciting 3-night stay in Great Britain's historic capital. Once you've settled in, take time to explore this enthralling multicultural metropolis at your own pace. Immerse yourself in London's vibrant atmosphere, wander through its history-drenched streets, or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the River Thames or through its beautiful urban parks.</p></p>

Arrives On: 15 Aug 26

#### Day 8: London (Greenwich) (England)

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#### Day 9: London (Greenwich) (England)

<p><p>Join a guided city tour to discover some of London's most iconic and historical landmarks, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace, the official royal residence. Experience the buzz of the West End, home to the world-famous theatre district, take in the sights of Trafalgar Square, and witness the traditional Changing of the Guard, all the while soaking up the capital's storied heritage.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of London</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Afternoon tea (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 16 Aug 26

#### Day 10: London (Greenwich) (England)

<p><p>Today is yours to leisurely explore the rest of London at your own pace. You might consider taking in the panoramic views across the city from the iconic London Eye, a visit to the esteemed British Museum, or strolling through the verdant urban landscape of Hyde Park. You could also check out the striking street art in Shoreditch, or enjoy a show at one of the many renowned theatres in the West End.</p></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Guided Tour of Camden and Borough Market (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 17 Aug 26

#### Day 11: London (Greenwich) (England)

<p><p>This morning after breakfast, you'll be transferred from your London hotel to St. Pancras station, where you'll join the train bound for The Netherlands and Amsterdam Centraal station. Upon arrival in this delightful Dutch city, you'll then embark on your luxury European cruise, taking with you memories of impressive London landmarks, captivating royal heritage and traditional English afternoon tea.</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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