Cruise Details

Name:	The Majestic Rhine & Glacier Express
Reference:	EMERALDESFZ060927-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	06 Sep 27
Departs From:	Frankfurt
Arrives On:	16 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Zurich
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Frankfurt (Germany)

Welcome to Frankfurt, where you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship in Mainz. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Frankfurt prior to 04:00 PM.

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Day 1: Mainz (Germany)

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Day 2: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Rüdesheim is a charming town that perfectly encapsulates the spirit of Germany. Here, in the home of cuckoo clocks, oompah bands, and Bavarian beer, the Rhineland's charm is found around every corner. Today, ride the Winzerexpress to Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum. Located in a 15th-century knight’s tower, the vaulted ceilings and painted frescoes are home to exhibits of rare music boxes. During your EmeraldPLUS experience, discover the fascinating legends of the Rhine in this engaging lecture that delves into the region's rich history and mythology. EmeraldPLUS
Legends on the Rhine Included Excursion
A visit to Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum

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Day 3: Koblenz (Germany)

The ancient city of Koblenz is the gateway to the Rhine Gorge. Once a Roman stronghold, today, the area is full of postcard-worthy parks and flowers. Explore the picturesque surroundings during a guided tour of the city, including the German Corner, where the Moselle meets the Rhine. Absorb the panoramic views of the confluence during a cable car ride across the water to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Valley. Later, sail through the Rhine Gorge and soak in the breathtaking vistas along the way. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Koblenz EmeraldACTIVE
Bike tour in Koblenz DiscoverMORE
Eltz Castle visit (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle Visit (extra expense)

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Day 4: Mannheim (Germany)

German Romanticism often depicts idealistic cityscapes and fairy tale-like scenes, full of Baroque buildings and charming narrow streets. It’s easy to see why so many of the most notable poets and composers of the era lost themselves to the beauty of Heidelberg. Your guided tour of the historic university town will start in the grounds of Heidelberg Castle, once a royal residence. Visit some of the town’s main highlights or, alternatively, hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg for awe-inspiring panoramas. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Heidelberg EmeraldACTIVE
Hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg DiscoverMORE
Vineyards hike and wine tasting in Bad Durkheim (extra expense)

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Day 4: Heidelberg (Germany)

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Day 5: Rastatt (Germany)

This morning, you'll be transferred from your Star-Ship docked in Rastatt to the charming spa town of Baden-Baden, frequented by celebrities and royalty for centuries. If you’re feeling active, you can embark on a guided hike to Altes Schloss, a fascinating castle ruin full of hidden dungeons and winding staircases. Enjoy panoramic views of the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley as you trace the footsteps of former residents. Tonight, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you’re invited to join an exclusive private concert in a historical venue. Included Excursion
Guided walking tour of Baden-Baden EmeraldPLUS
Evening Concert on the Rhine DiscoverMORE
Entrance to the Casino (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense) EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Altes Schloss

Arrives On: 10 Sep 27

Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, we’ll dock in Kehl and take a coach transfer to the medieval capital of France’s Alsace Region, Strasbourg. Strasbourg is a city best explored via its quaint waterways, so today we’ll embark on a traditional canal boat tour. Relax as you pass through petite France, full of storybook canals, half-timbered houses and narrow lanes. Witness the covered bridges and the Vauban Dam before reaching the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Neustadt imperial quarter, where many of the city's administrative buildings are based. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore at leisure. Included Excursion
Canal boat tour in Strasbourg

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Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

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Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

Commence your magical morning with a tour of Colmar. As you walk down the cobblestone lanes, it’s easy to imagine the characters from the Grimm’s Fairy Tales here, where half-timbered façades are adorned with window boxes full of colourful blooms. Alternatively, embark on a guided

bike tour from Breisach to Colmar. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Colmar EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour to Colmar DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Freiburg with market tasting (extra expense)

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Day 7: Colmar (France)

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Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

Welcome to Switzerland and the quaint Rhine-side town of Basel. After breakfast, you will be transferred by coach to mountain resort village of Zermatt, including a two-night stay.

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Day 8: Zermatt (Switzerland)

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Day 9: Zermatt (Switzerland)

Zermatt lies at the foot of the Matterhorn, which could be described of one of the world's most famous mountains. This picturesque village entrenched on the Swiss Alps is also a sustainable destination for being car-free zone, and for having its original character preserved. Enjoy a guided walking tour in this elegant village. In the afternoon, enjoy free time or take part on the DiscoverMORE tour cog rail journey from Zermatt to the 3089-metre-high Gornergrat mountain summit. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Zermatt DiscoverMORE
Visit to Gornergrat Matterhorn (extra expense)

Arrives On: 14 Sep 27

Day 10: Zermatt (Switzerland)

This morning, you will experience the highlight of this tour, which is the rail journey through the Swiss Alps, know as the Glacier Express. Sit back and relax while contemplating at the amazing views of the Alps. When you arrive at the station, you will be taken by coach to Zurich for your overnight stay.

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Day 10: Zurich (Switzerland)

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Day 11: Zurich (Switzerland)

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport, taking with you cherished memories of the Rhine and Swiss mountain landscapes. 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. Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

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