Cruise Details

Name:	Amsterdam with Jewels of the Rhine & Glacier Express
Reference:	EMERALDESNZ190527-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	19 May 27
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	31 May 27
Arrives At:	Zurich
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Welcome to Amsterdam, the capital of The Netherlands famous for world-class museums, artistic heritage and elaborate canal system. You will be met at the airport and taken to your centrally located hotel, with a two-night stay included in your itinerary.

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, your local guide will take you on a tour of Amsterdam, introducing you to a place of fascinating stories, spellbinding art and remarkable architecture. Amsterdam is considered one of the greatest small capitals in the world where your destination is never too far away. Your carefully planned walking tour will take you to one of world's greatest museums, the Rijksmuseum, hosting a collecting of over 8000 works including those of Dutch masters Rembrandt, Vermeer and Rubens. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Amsterdam with Rijksmuseum visit

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 3: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Today, you will be transferred from your hotel to your contemporary Emerald Waterways Star-Ship. This evening, join your fellow guests for a welcome dinner on board.

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 4: 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. In the afternoon enjoy sailing on the Rhine River, perhaps grab a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining the welcome dinner. Included Excursion
Excursion to Alkmaar EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour to Waterland DiscoverMORE
Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 5: Düsseldorf (Germany)

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. Later this day we will arrive in Cologne, famous for its Gothic Cathedral. This afternoon you can immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and experience the unique charm of the city. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Duesseldorf Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cologne’s Old Town DiscoverMORE
German Beer Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 5: Cologne (Germany)

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 6: Koblenz (Germany)

Immerse yourself in fairy tale-like surroundings today as we cruise to Koblenz, a town with a postcard-worthy backdrop of vineyards and mountain ranges. Your included walking tour of this Roman town will unveil the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady, the point at which two of Europe’s great rivers meet at the German Corner. Enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge this afternoon. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear suspended in time. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Koblenz DiscoverMORE
Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 24 May 27

Day 7: Mannheim (Germany)

This morning, you will discover Heidelberg. The idyllic UNESCO City of Literature has inspired the likes of Mark Twain and famed British artist William Turner. A guided tour of the town will unveil its rich history, starting at the Renaissance ruins of Heidelberg Castle, where the carefully curated gardens host serene water features, sculptures and colourful flowerbeds. If you are feeling more active, you can also join a hike that will give you fantastic views over Heidelberg. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private concert in a historical venue. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Heidelberg EmeraldACTIVE
Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg EmeraldPLUS
Private Evening Concert on the Rhine

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 8: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll dock in Kehl to be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg, where a medieval past is yours to discover among cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you will have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a journey through the typical flavours of this region. Included Excursion
Flavours of Alsace DiscoverMORE
Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 8: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 9: 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. As part of your visit, you will also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to pedal your way through Breisach on a guided bike tour. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Breisach DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 27 May 27

Day 9: Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

Arrives On: 27 May 27

Day 10: 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.

Arrives On: 28 May 27

Day 10: Zermatt (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 28 May 27

Day 11: 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: 29 May 27

Day 12: 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.

Arrives On: 30 May 27

Day 12: Zurich (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 30 May 27

Day 13: 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.

Arrives On: 31 May 27

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