



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Europe from the Danube to the Seine
Reference:	EMERALDESPB070827-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Star
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	07 Aug 27
Departs From:	Budapest
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Arrives On:	28 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Paris
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Cruise Nights:	21
Total Vacation Days:	22

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Fly from the UK for the start of your cruise.  
Welcome to Budapest, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Eastern Europe. Here, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to the comfortable surrounds of your Emerald Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you.  
Your ship will remain docked in Budapest overnight so you can head out to discover some of the city's legendary nightlife.  
**EmeraldPLUS** Traditional Hungarian folklore show  
Enjoy a Hungarian folk dancing and music performance on board.  
Please book your flight to arrive into Budapest prior to 05:00 PM.

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### Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

Wake in Budapest this morning. The Hungarian capital is divided by the iconic Danube River, with Buda and Pest on either side. They can be reached via the Chain Bridge, one of the city's most symbolic structures.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided coach tour of Budapest  
Enjoy a guided tour of the city with your local guide this morning. Explore the World Heritage-listed centre, travelling through the chapters of architecture through the ages from Romanesque to Baroque and classical façades. See the Liberty Statue, Heroes' Square and the Buda Castle district, before a walking tour showcases Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Hike to Gellert Hill  
Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike up to the World Heritage-listed site of Gellért Hill. On your walk, take in the stunning views of the Danube River and the city's architecture. You'll pass landmarks like Várkert Bazaar and beautifully landscaped gardens, making this an unforgettable experience in Budapest.

Arrives On: 08 Aug 27

### Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Bordering Austria and Hungary, the Slovakian capital is yours to discover today. Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn medieval cobblestone streets. At the same time, the complex history of Communism can be found in its Brutalist landmarks and military monuments.

Later tonight, enjoy a waltz show class on board.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Bratislava  
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.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family  
Be invited into the home of a local Slovakian family to learn about their culture over coffee and cake. Get an insight into their history, culture and traditions as they show you how they live every day.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle  
This active excursion begins at the port of Bratislava, passing the monumental building of the Slovak National Theatre and continuing to the extensive riverside promenade. Admire the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, the most famous sacral building in Bratislava, climb the hill to Bratislava Castle for panoramic views, see St Michael's Gate and walk through the main square.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)  
On this truly insightful tour of Bratislava in a Skoda car, you'll learn about life during the Communist era through real personal stories from your guide and enjoy some local, authentic refreshments from this time. This off-the-beaten-track tour brings alive the story of Bratislava in the turbulent 20th century.  
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours

**DiscoverMORE**  
Carpathian wine route (extra

expense)<br />Explore the viticultural towns of the Small Carpathian Wine Route, including the vineyards of Vinosady and a family-run winery in Senkvice. You'll learn about the proud heritage of winemaking and sample some local wines in a historic wine cellar.<br />Activity level: Moderate, Duration 4hr 40min</span></p>

Arrives On: 09 Aug 27

#### Day 4: Vienna (Austria)

<p><p>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.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Vienna<br />Explore the famous sights of the Ringstrasse and Vienna's city centre by coach and on foot, or join a guided e-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.</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided e-bike tour of Vienna<br />Embark on a guided e-bike tour of Vienna to Danube Island. Your guide will talk about why Vienna is the most liveable city in the world and share personal stories, introducing you to a different side of the city. Visit places other travellers won't see and experience the authentic Vienna.</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense)<br />Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburg Empire, is considered one of the most beautiful Baroque palaces in Europe. Today, it is a recognised World Heritage site for its historic importance, unique grounds and splendid furnishings. Follow a local expert to hear the fascinating tales of the intriguing former residents.<br />Activity level: Easy, Duration: 5 hours</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Viennese evening concert (extra expense)<br />With Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Schubert among its historical repertoire, Vienna is the world capital of opera and classical music. Enjoy an exclusive evening concert at one of Vienna's most beautiful concert halls, with favourites such as the 'Blue Danube Waltz' and the Radetzky March. A complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival adds to the unforgettable occasion.<br />Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2.5 hours</span></p>

Arrives On: 10 Aug 27

#### Day 5: Dürnstein (Austria)

<p><p>Dürnstein is known as one of the most enchanting villages in the famed Wachau Valley, the county's premier wine-growing region. Relax on the Sun Deck as you cruise through the World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley to Melk, nestled in the heart of the Wachau wine region. Melk is home to a 900-year-old World Heritage-listed Benedictine abbey. A charming and compact port, it is filled with flower-lined laneways, colourful buildings and sprawling green

spaces.

**Included Excursion**  
Tour of Melk Abbey  
Explore this ancient abbey today on 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.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle  
Hike to Dürnstein Castle, the site where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the Crusades. Conquer the challenging yet rewarding trail, and you'll be able to take in the spectacular panoramas of the river and surrounding countryside from the peak.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided e-bike tour along the Danube  
Enjoy an active guided e-bike ride along the Danube from Dürnstein to Melk, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns before settling down for a picnic on the riverbanks. E-bikes will take you smoothly along the 30km (18.64 miles) route through picturesque surroundings, including a relaxing break for a refreshing drink along the way.

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#### Day 6: Passau (Germany)

Sit on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau is a postcard-worthy destination that has been shaped by the surrounding waterways. Maze-like romantic lanes weave through the city, opening up into large squares and magical promenades adorned with classical boutiques.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour 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.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Salzburg (extra expense)  
The birthplace of Mozart and the picturesque setting for the theatrical masterpiece, The Sound of Music, Salzburg has a unique charm and is surrounded by the breathtaking Alps. Spend a full day exploring this Austrian city, wandering its historic downtown district, exploring the Linzer Gasse shopping street and visiting the home of Mozart.  
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 10 hours

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Český Krumlov (extra expense)  
Tucked away in the Czech region of South Bohemia is the World Heritage-listed medieval town of Český Krumlov, renowned for its Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Your expert local guide will take you along the cobblestone streets of Český Krumlov's fairytale-like Old Town, which wind their way past old townhouses, hideaway

bars, and buildings dating back hundreds of years.<br />Activity level: Difficult/Active, Duration: 8.5 hours</span></p>

Arrives On: 12 Aug 27

### Day 7: Regensburg (Germany)

<p><p>Cruise the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg today. As you continue down the Danube, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities welcomes you with two millennia of history. Despite its ancient past, modern-day Regensburg has a relaxed atmosphere with its streets made lively by the high population of university students.<br /><br />Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube.</p></p><p><strong>Included

Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Regensburg<br />Set out on foot to discover the highlights of Regensburg. Wander the streets with your guide, as the romantic narrow alleys of the World Heritage-listed Old Town and 13th-century Town Hall invite you to live through the city's history. The highlight of your tour will be the 12th-century Stone Bridge, a medieval structure crossing the Danube. Enjoy time to explore Regensburg at leisure.</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Bavarian band performance on board<br />Make your way to the Horizon Bar & Lounge for a special performance from a Bavarian band, who will play traditional music and wear their authentic Lederhosen.</span></p>

Arrives On: 13 Aug 27

### Day 8: Nuremberg (Germany)

<p><p>Welcome to Nuremberg. The second-largest city in Bavaria, it has a fascinating and complex history, from its position of power in the Middle Ages to the artistic flourishes of the Renaissance. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Nuremberg<br />Embark on a sightseeing tour of the historic city of Nuremberg, including the architectural wonders that have inspired famous artists for centuries and see 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. </span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>World War II tour (extra expense)<br />Nuremberg offers fascinating insights into the events of World War II, with mementos of the war found around every corner. This insightful tour highlights some of the main events that took place during Germany's Nazi regime, with a visit to the Nazi Rally grounds, a panoramic drive through the city and a tour of the famous Courtroom 600, where the War Crimes trials were held.<br />Activity level: Easy, Duration: 4 hours</span></p>

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

### Day 9: Bamberg (Germany)

The World Heritage-listed town of Bamberg is your destination today. Boasting one of the largest medieval centres in Europe, with around 2,400 listed buildings gracing its streets.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Bamberg  
Feel the magic of the past as you explore the city with your local guide, marvelling at the opulence of the New Residence, once inhabited 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.

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

#### Day 10: Würzburg (Germany)

Known as the 'Pearl of the Romantic Road', Würzburg is the centre wine capital of Franconia, a position it has held since the Middle Ages. Situated on the Main River, this Franconian city is celebrated for its stunning architecture, vibrant culture and historical significance.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Würzburg and a visit to the Bishop's Residence  
The architects behind the 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

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Rothenburg (extra expense)  
Explore the best-preserved medieval town in Germany. Walk its medieval walls and climb to the top of the Town Hall Tower for a panoramic view of the town and countryside. Rothenburg offers a selection of Gothic churches, museums, art exhibitions and historic restaurants where you will enjoy a special tasting of local sausages. Please note, this operates at the same time as your included tour.  
Activity level: Moderate, Duration: 6.5 hours

Arrives On: 16 Aug 27

#### Day 11: Wertheim (Germany)

Make a brief stop in Wertheim before arriving in Miltenberg, a picturesque village on the Main River, boasting an authentic atmosphere of medieval Bavaria with its 15th-century half-timbered buildings. Set on the banks of the Main River, it was a major trade hub for centuries, but today has a relaxed ambience and hidden charms waiting around every crooked corner.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Miltenberg  
Join your local guide to stroll down the cobblestone streets lined with colourful houses and view the Gothic Merchant Hall, an impressive symbol of past affluence. You'll see the oldest inn in Germany, dating back to at least 1411, Miltenberg Castle, and the unique red sandstone church and bridge.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Visit to Bronnbach Abbey  
Experience the rich history and serene beauty of Bronnbach Abbey in nearby Wertheim. This well-preserved Cistercian monastery is known for its stunning Romanesque

and Gothic architecture, peaceful cloisters, and impressive Baroque interiors.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active Walk to Miltenburg Castle  
Enjoy an active walk through the forest to the 12th-century Miltenburg Castle. This iconic landmark was once lost to time and now houses a wonderful collection of contemporary art and old masters.

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

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#### Day 12: Rudesheim (Germany)

Arrive in Rudesheim today, a town with a vibrant wine-growing heritage. At the heart of the Rhine Valley, it's surrounded by terraced vineyards and filled with striking half-timbered buildings. This afternoon will be a highlight of your trip, as you meander through the fairy tale-like surrounds of the World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge. Hilltop castles and fortresses that have stood for more than 1,000 years will be yours to admire as we traverse this legendary stretch of river. 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum  
Catch the local mini train through the narrow city streets to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum. Inside, discover a vast selection of more than 350 automatic mechanical music instruments ranging from the tiniest music box to the giant Concert-Piano-Orchestrion.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active Walk to Niederwalddenkmal  
Enjoy an active hike through verdant vineyards to the Niederwalddenkmal, a 19th-century monument that celebrates the unification of Germany. From the top, enjoy the awe-inspiring panoramic views over Rudesheim's old town and the shimmering waters of the Rhine.

**DiscoverMORE**  
German beer experience (extra expense)  
Join us for a beer garden experience in Koblenz in a relaxed and social ambience. It's a great chance for locals and visitors to sit together, chatting and enjoying the fresh air, with views of the Rhine nearby. Feel the spirit of the everyday German culture.

Activity level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

Arrives On: 18 Aug 27

#### Day 12: Koblenz (Germany)

Arrives On: 18 Aug 27

#### Day 13: Cologne (Germany)

Cruise along the Rhine from Koblenz to Cologne this morning. 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 is generously peppered with ancient architecture, from Roman ruins to medieval structures and the striking twin towers of the cathedral. Though much of the inner city was destroyed during World War II, it has been meticulously rebuilt.

**Included Excursion**  
**Quest for Cologne's treasures**  
Join your local guide and explore the city on a walking tour, followed by a unique adventure that will take you hunting for some of Cologne's most typical treasures. You'll be given a map with locations to find the 'treasures', which are unique to the city.

Arrives On: 19 Aug 27

#### Day 14: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Beyond Amsterdam's storied canals, a gentler rhythm unfolds as you venture into the Dutch countryside, where emerald-green pastures, mirror-like waterways and centuries-old windmills paint an impossibly picturesque scene. From charming towns like Alkmaar, famed for its historic cheese-making traditions, to Waterland, where pretty, stilted villages, glassy lakes and narrow canals offer a glimpse into traditional Dutch life, discover how the Dutch have shaped their landscape for generations.

**Included Excursion**  
**Timeless Dutch countryside**  
Step beyond the city and discover the authentic rhythm of the Dutch countryside. Wander through charming villages, see working windmills and meet locals keeping age-old traditions alive. Watch daily life unfold as you experience the simple pleasures of life surrounded by Holland's heritage, hospitality and heart.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
**Guided e-bike tour to Waterland**  
Embark on a guided e-bike tour to Waterland, passing quintessential villages, traditional windmills and fields that are bursting with colour.

**DiscoverMORE**  
**Hidden Gems Tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)**  
Explore a quieter, more authentic side of Amsterdam on this relaxed and personal tour. Travel to the historic Jordaan area to walk with your local guide to a charming chocolate shop. Continue through some of the city's most beautiful streets to Our Lord in the Attic, a unique 17th-century house that hides a secret: a fully preserved Catholic church in its attic. Enjoy a local beer and some traditional Dutch snacks at a cosy brewery before you return to the ship.  
Activity level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours

Arrives On: 20 Aug 27

#### Day 15: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Today, after breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and your luxury StarShip. From here, you'll board a train to Paris for your 8 Day luxury river cruise along Seine river. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Arrives On: 21 Aug 27

### Day 15: Paris (France)

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### Day 16: Vernon (France)

Wake up in Vernon, a well-preserved medieval town that hugs the southern bank of the river. Most travellers see Vernon as simply the gateway to Giverny, home of the famed Impressionist painter Monet for more than 40 years. But it has many charms of its own, including several antique and vintage stores, beautiful architecture and a striking Gothic church. This evening, join your fellow guests for a welcome dinner on board.

**Included Excursion**  
In the footsteps of Claude Monet  
Take a tour of Giverny Gardens, Monet's home until his death in 1926. Walk through the rooms where he lived and worked, and the restored, elaborate gardens, which inspired some of his most iconic pieces, including the beloved Water Lilies series. You'll get a sense of the extraordinary play of colour and light on nature and how this translated to Monet's distinctive Impressionist art. Explore these tranquil spaces at your own pace and absorb the atmosphere that sparked his

creativity.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided e-bike tour of Giverny  
Active guests who wish to visit Giverny can hop on an e-bike for a self-guided bicycle ride from where the ship has docked in Vernon, approximately 5km (3 miles) each way. The flat, easy cycle path has picturesque views of the river and the surrounding countryside. Once in Giverny, join your fellow travellers to visit Monet's house and garden. The beautifully restored house reflects the artist's personal taste and creativity. Admire the famous Water Garden with its Japanese bridge and the water lily ponds that inspired some of Monet's most celebrated paintings.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Paint Like Monet (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Rouen by Night (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Aug 27

### Day 17: Rouen (France)

Welcome to Rouen, a beautiful city set along the banks of the Seine and steeped in history and heritage, from Vikings and saints to renowned artists. It is forever linked with French national icon Joan of Arc – it was here, in 1431, that the young heroine was tried for heresy and burnt at the stake. Rouen is also famed for its Gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral, the tallest in France, whose stunning façade was immortalised multiple times in paintings by

Monet.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Rouen  
Join a guided walk through Rouen's medieval centre. Learn how this former Roman settlement emerged as a major stronghold of Viking invaders during the ninth century. Hear

fascinating tales about Rollo, the Viking chieftain proclaimed the first Duke of Normandy, and how his legacy helped shape not only this region but the course of European history. Visit iconic sites like the bustling Old Marketplace, the majestic Cathedral district and the charming Saint Maclou Quarter.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
World War II lecture on board  
Discover the complexity and colour of Normandy's history with a captivating on board lecture about World War II. The region played a key role in the conflict as the site of the D-Day Landings, which turned the tide in 1944. Learn about the pivotal moments and key players who undertook these daring actions. The lecture sets the stage for your visit to the D-Day beaches the following day.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active walk in Rouen  
Active travellers can lace up their boots for a more active exploration through Rouen. Discover the 'City of a Hundred Spires', walking along its historic streets and picturesque cobbled laneways. Your expert guide will share fascinating tales of the city and its history.

Arrives On: 23 Aug 27

#### Day 18: Honfleur (France)

Your ship, Emerald Lumi, will cruise right into the centre of Honfleur, docking in the heart of this charming port city that sits on the southern coast of the English Channel. The harbour is lined with colourful half-timbered houses, and its rugged charm captures the essence of traditional Normandy. It's also a popular starting point for tours of the nearby D-Day Landings beaches, which turned the tide of World War II. You will remain docked in Honfleur overnight, allowing you to explore the town after dark at your leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Historic Normandy: Allied Landing Sites  
Join a remarkable full-day experience and war-themed tour, focused on a highly significant time in World War II. The pivotal D-Day Landings in 1944 opened a crucial Western Front and accelerated the defeat of Nazi Germany. Normandy's role in this extraordinary military operation makes it one of the most important regions in World War II history. Experience first-hand the Normandy beaches where the Allied vessels landed, as well as the memorials and museum, which honour the bravery of those involved and their ultimate sacrifice.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Calvados Immersive experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 24 Aug 27

#### Day 19: Honfleur (France)

Enjoy a more leisurely day discovering Honfleur. The harbour town is a popular day trip destination for Parisians, who love exploring its medieval laneways, historic buildings, unique churches and interesting museums. Stroll around the bustling quay, enjoying the delightful views of colourful fishing boats, scenes that inspired many Impressionist artists.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour

of Honfleur with oyster tasting  
Your walking tour presents a fascinating snapshot of Honfleur's unique character and Normandy's seaside charm. Explore the town's quaint streets and admire the striking St. Catherine Church, the largest wooden church in France, rebuilt entirely of wood from the nearby forest. Honfleur is also renowned for its premium fresh seafood and produces some of the best oysters in France. Your tour includes a fresh oyster tasting, savouring authentic local flavours.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided e-bike tour of Honfleur  
Active guests wanting to explore at a faster pace can join a guided e-bike tour of Honfleur. Cycle past the city's main sights, along the waterfront and into charming cobblestone squares. Your guide will share stories about the city, its history and the daily life of local people.

Arrives On: 25 Aug 27

#### Day 20: Les Andelys (France)

Set in a picturesque bend of the Seine, Les Andelys is bursting with medieval charm. Admire the Norman homes, Saint Jacques hospital and the hilltop Château Gaillard, a medieval fortress built by Richard the Lionheart. The old town is compact and easy to explore on foot from where your Emerald Star-Ship is docked, with cobbled streets and traditional architecture that will take you back through the centuries.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Exclusive local cider farm visit with tasting  
Travel to the heart of Normandy's countryside to visit a traditional cider farm. Here, you'll learn how the region's crisp, refreshing cider is crafted from locally-grown apples using age-old methods. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of authentic local products that celebrate the renowned flavours of Normandy.

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Hike to Château Gaillard  
For those seeking a more energetic pace, join a guided hike up to Château Gaillard, the storied remnants of a medieval fortress. It was built by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century to protect his Norman lands. From the clifftops, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views across the River Seine and an area of outstanding beauty.

Arrives On: 26 Aug 27

#### Day 20: La Roche-Guyon (France)

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#### Day 21: La Roche-Guyon (France)

Your Emerald Star-Ship will have been docked in La Roche Guyon overnight, so you can wake up early to explore this fairytale village on the edge of the Seine. It is nestled inside the Vexin National Park, and many of its buildings are carved directly into the cliff face. The imposing silhouette of the Château de La Roche-Guyon looks over the town and has breathtaking

360-degree views over the river and countryside. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Visit to Château Guyon & Gardens<br />It's just a short walk to Château de La Roche-Guyon, a beautifully preserved estate steeped in centuries of history. Built as a fortified castle in the 14th century, the Château majestically stands as a testament to French architectural heritage. Wander along tranquil pathways through the meticulously maintained gardens and discover elegant period rooms adorned with antique furnishings and artwork, offering a rare glimpse of the refined lifestyle of past centuries.</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Kayak on the Seine<br />Get a different perspective on the beauty of La Roche Guyon with an active kayaking tour along the Seine. The calm waters are ideal for paddling, and you'll pass close to the town, beside lush greenery and beneath the towering limestone cliffs that lead up to the chateau.</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>In the footsteps of Van Gogh (extra expense)<br />Art enthusiasts can follow in the footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh, exploring the landscapes that inspired his iconic artworks and final masterpiece. Join a walking tour through the charming village of Auvers-sur-Oise, visiting the last residence and resting place of the Dutch artist.<br />Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</span></p>

Arrives On: 27 Aug 27

#### Day 22: Paris (France)

<p><p>Today, after breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and your luxury Emerald Star-Ship. You'll leave with memories of Normandy's timeless landscapes, authentic flavours and compelling historical sites. From here, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK.</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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