



Cruise Details

Name:	Early Season on the Rhine
Reference:	EMERALDEWAC180326-1W
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	18 Mar 26
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	25 Mar 26
Arrives At:	Basel
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to your innovative Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will welcome your arrival.

Arrives On: 18 Mar 26

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Every narrow street and gabled façade in Amsterdam tell a tale of the Dutch Golden Age, a prosperous time when Dutch art was among the most acclaimed in the world. Today, relax during a glass-top canal boat tour through Amsterdam's elaborate UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, sailing through the city's medieval centre and past Roman patrician houses.

Enjoy sailing through the countryside and towards the Rhine River this afternoon, and join an exclusive EmeraldPLUS very typical clog painting on board your Star-Ship.

Included Excursion
Canal cruise

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/>Clog painting on board</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Dutch Delights (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Private Hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)</p>

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Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

<p><p>Join a 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 delicious local cuisine, and experience the unique charm of Düsseldorf. This afternoon enjoy a unique EmeraldPLUS experience on board with a cocktail demonstration demo.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Panoramic tour of Duesseldorf</p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Cocktail-making demo on board</p><p>DiscoverMORE
German Beer Experience (extra expense)</p>

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Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

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Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

<p><p>Arrive this morning in Koblenz and discover the rich winemaking heritage on a captivating winery tour. Immerse yourself in the world of Riesling, the region's renowned grape variety, as you explore the vineyards, learn about the winemaking process, and sample exquisite wines. Experience the beauty of the Rhine Valley, savor the flavors of local cuisine, and create unforgettable memories in this charming German city. Later on, embark on a culinary adventure on board and experience a captivating cooking demonstration while sailing towards the Rhine river.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Visit a wine museum</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Cooking demo on board</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)</p>

Arrives On: 21 Mar 26

Day 5: Mannheim (Germany)

<p><p>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.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Heidelberg</p>

Arrives On: 22 Mar 26

Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

<p><p>This morning, your Star-Ship will dock in Kehl, where you will be transferred across the river to Strasbourg, the capital of France's Alsace Region. Cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses make Strasbourg appear as if it has been effortlessly suspended in time, and you will get the opportunity to explore the past during your included walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town. Witness the ornate beauty of many of Strasbourg's highlights, including the Maison Kammerzell and the canal network that weaves through Petite France, before enjoying free time to explore at leisure. </p></p><p>Included Excursion
Panoramic tour of Strasbourg </p><p>DiscoverMORE
Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)</p>

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Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

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Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

<p><p>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.</p></p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)</p>

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Day 7: Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

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Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests and disembark for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the Black Forest with you.

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Please book your flight to depart out of Basel after 10:00 AM.

Arrives On: 25 Mar 26

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