



## Cruise Details

Name:	Tulips & the Rhine
Reference:	EMERALDEWAC190427-2T
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Destiny
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	19 Apr 27
Departs From:	Basel
Arrives On:	26 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Basel (Switzerland)

Welcome to Switzerland. You'll be greeted at the airport by an Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your 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.

Arrives On: 19 Apr 27

### Day 2: Breisach (Germany)

Today discover the enchanting city of Freiburg, nestled amidst the Black Forest. Explore its historic center, lined with colorful half-timbered houses and a vibrant market square. Wander through the picturesque botanical garden, showcasing a diverse array of flora. For a more active experience, choose an exhilarating bike tour around Breisach, a charming medieval town with

stunning views of the Rhine River. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and cultural richness of this captivating region.

Freiburg visit with Botanical Garden

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Guided bike tour in Breisach

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Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 20 Apr 27

#### Day 3: Kehl (Germany)

Today, you'll dock in Kehl, to be transferred by coach to the medieval city of Strasbourg. A local guide will teach you about the city's history during an insightful guided tour, passing through cobbled squares adorned with quaint boutiques and charming cafés. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, including Petite France. An area of unmatched beauty, the picturesque canal system cascades past half-timbered houses once home to fishermen, tanners and millers during the Middle Ages. The narrow lanes and footbridges that pepper the area all add to its undeniable charm. This afternoon, Strasbourg is yours to explore at leisure.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Strasbourg

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Active walk to Orangerie Park

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Baden Baden Spa Experience

Arrives On: 21 Apr 27

#### Day 3: Strasbourg (France)

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#### Day 4: Mannheim (Germany)

Schwetzingen Palace is famous for the beauty and harmony of its gardens. Remarkably, the original design survives to this day. Besides the palace interior, you will also visit the Palace Gardens, a cultural heritage site of European significance boasting more than 100 sculptures. Alternatively, you can embark on a hike through the beautiful vineyards of the quaint wellness town of Bad-Dürkheim.

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Visit to Schwetzingen Palace & Gardens

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Guided hike through a vineyard in Bad-Dürkheim

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Guided tour of Heidelberg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Apr 27

#### 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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A Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 Apr 27

#### Day 6: Cologne (Germany)

In the 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 or join an active walk culminating in a visit to its beautiful Cologne gardens. Afterwards we sail north to Duesseldorf where you will join a guided tour of this vibrant city and immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Japanese gardens, a tranquil oasis amidst the urban landscape.

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

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Duesseldorf with visit to the Japanese Garden

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active walk to Cologne's Gardens

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Cologne Beer Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 24 Apr 27

#### Day 6: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Arrives On: 24 Apr 27

#### Day 7: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

A visit to the iconic Keukenhof Gardens is sure to leave an impression. More than 800 varieties of spring-flowering tulips and regular flower shows showcase spring in a quintessentially Dutch fashion. Each year, the gardens adopt a theme, and you'll have every opportunity to learn about different planting techniques and the work completed behind the scenes by the landscape architects.

Soak in the sights of expertly arranged tulips, hyacinths, and orchids of every colour, creating a swathe of natural beauty. You'll also have the chance to see statues

commissioned by world-renown artists.

This afternoon, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the traditional Dutch clog painting on board during your EmeraldPLUS experience on board your Star-Ship.

**Included Excursion**

Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

**EmeraldPLUS**

Clog painting on board

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Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)

Arrives On: 25 Apr 27

#### Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests as you disembark for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of spring-blooming flowers and delightful cobblestone squares with you.

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Arrives On: 26 Apr 27

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