



## Cruise Details

Name:	Tulips & the Rhine
Reference:	EMERALDEWAC220325-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Star
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	22 Mar 25
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	29 Mar 25
Arrives At:	Basel
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Fly from the UK to Amsterdam. Welcome to Amsterdam. Here, you will be met at the airport by your friendly Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship, where a quintessentially Dutch adventure awaits.

Arrives On: 22 Mar 25

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning you'll visit the iconic Keukenhof Gardens, boasting 32 hectares of spring-flowering bulbs. This scenic area is infused with delightful aromas and a swathe of vibrant colours. Soak in the sights of tulips, hyacinths, and orchids of every colour, creating an expertly arranged pattern of beauty. You will also have the opportunity to see statues commissioned by world-renowned artists, each adopting the annual theme.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

Arrives On: 23 Mar 25

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Once the ancient Roman settlement of Colonia, Cologne is alive with ancient architecture. Your included walking tour of the city will touch on the historical charm of its Old Town. Here, you will have the opportunity to traverse rustic alleyways, visit iconic monuments and see how archaeologists have uncovered a Jewish Quarter that can be dated back to the 13th century. As part of your day, you will also explore Cologne Botanical Gardens. Established in the 19th century, the gardens are visited by more than a million people every year.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town & a visit to the Botanical Gardens

Arrives On: 24 Mar 25

### Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

Once a Roman stronghold desired for its strategic value, Koblenz is now a city with a unique blend of historic and contemporary architecture. Today, join your local guide for an insightful walking tour of Koblenz, passing examples of architecture that survived the war years, including the Church of Our Lady. You will 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. Later, we'll cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge, exemplifying the extraordinary beauty of an area that left the philosophers and artists of the German Romanticism movement entranced.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Koblenz

**DiscoverMORE**  
A Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 25 Mar 25

### Day 5: Ludwigshafen (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 with more than 100 sculptures scattered throughout this picture-perfect landscape. Alternatively, you can embark on an active journey to the quaint wellness town of Bad-Dürkheim for a hike through the beautiful vineyards.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Visit to Schwetzingen Palace & Gardens

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided vineyard hike in Bad-Dürkheim

Arrives On: 26 Mar 25

#### Day 5: Schwetzingen (Germany)

Arrives On: 26 Mar 25

#### Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

Today, we arrive in Kehl, where you'll be transferred to Strasbourg, a city that promises much in the way of beautiful architecture. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Neustadt district is particularly iconic, perfectly encapsulating the Rhineland. The Neustadt district is yours to discover during your included tour, as is the Maison Kammerzell, a prime example of German Renaissance architecture. Paying homage to the region's artistic past, Petite France is an exceptional historic quarter that looks as though it has been pulled directly from an artist's easel.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Strasbourg

Arrives On: 27 Mar 25

#### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 27 Mar 25

#### Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

Today, you will experience the tale of two cities divided by the Rhine, Breisach (Germany), and Neuf-Brisach (France). During your guided visit to these two fantastic gems on the Rhine River, you'll pass by the main sights and attractions, one of which is the UNESCO World Heritage-listed fortress overlooking Neuf-Brisach.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A tale of two cities divided by the Rhine

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour in Breisach

Arrives On: 28 Mar 25

#### Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

Welcome to Switzerland. Basel graces the banks of the Rhine River and is known for its high concentration of museums, showcasing everything from contemporary art to scientific achievements.

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests as you transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories infused with vibrant tulip gardens with you.

Flight to depart out of Basel after 10:00 AM.

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Arrives On: 29 Mar 25

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