



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Tulips of the Rhine & Rhone rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM030427-2T
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	03 Apr 27
Departs From:	Marseille
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Arrives On:	17 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Marseille (France)

Welcome to France and the beginning of your cruise. You'll be met by a member of our team at the airport and transferred to Arles, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome you on board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dine with your fellow guests.

Please book your flight to arrive into Marseille prior to 04:30 PM.

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Day 1: Arles (France)

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Day 2: Arles (France)

<p><p>Revel in the glory of the Roman Empire today during an insightful visit to Arles, including its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments. Visit Arles Amphitheatre, a 2,000-year-old structure where thousands of spectators once gathered to watch heart-pounding chariot races.
Enjoy learning about the time spent by Vincent van Gogh in the city, taking inspiration from his surroundings and using them to create many of his most iconic pieces of art, including 'Starry Night Over the Rhône'. Then, enjoy some time to explore the beauty of Arles at your leisure.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Arles with Olive farm visit</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale</p><p>DiscoverMORE
In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Provençal Cosmetics Workshop (extra expense)</p>

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Day 3: Avignon (France)

<p><p>Avignon has a long and storied history. This fortified town is the former residence of seven consecutive Popes in the 1300s who fled Rome to escape from the political pressures of the Roman Empire. The city went on to become an important location during the French Revolution.
Embark on a guided walking tour this morning to witness its illustrious past, including the ornate Gothic exterior of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, built by the Popes over two decades. This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon as part of our EmeraldPLUS program.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Avignon with market visit</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Classical concert in Avignon</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Canoeing excursion in Avignon</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)</p>

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Day 4: Viviers (France)

<p><p>A snapshot of quintessential France awaits your arrival in Viviers, a town that perfectly encapsulates the medieval days of the region. Pastel coloured buildings gently faded by the sun line narrow cobblestone streets, and the heart of the Old Town is yours to explore today during a guided walking tour.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Viviers</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (extra expense)</p>

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Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

<p><p>As we sail down the gently twisting Rhône River into Tournon, you'll be treated to an extraordinary view of a 16th-century castle overlooking the village and a pair of ancient watchtowers adorning the surrounding rural landscape.
Today, embark on a guided tour of Tournon and learn about its illustrious history and the culture of the people who call it home. If you would like to explore more of the region's natural beauty, then you may instead choose to embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through some of the local vineyards.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Guided tour of Tournon with wine tasting</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through the vineyards</p>

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Day 6: Vienne (France)

<p><p>Today we take you on a walking tour of Vienne, an important town in the Rhone-Alpes region, in the Isere department south of Lyon. The town has a long and prestigious history dating back to the Allobroges, a tribe of Gauls, and by Roman times Vienne was an important regional city. Although it started to lose importance to Lyon after the middle ages the town has several important monuments from both the roman and medieval eras.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Walking tour of Vienne</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Cheese and olive tasting on board</p>

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Day 7: Lyon (France)

<p><p>As one of the largest cities in France and a former Roman capital, many of the most important moments in French history have taken place in Lyon. But it's Lyonnaise cuisine that has really put this city on the map, delighting gastronomists from around the world.</p><p>Join your local guide for a walking tour of the city, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. If you're feeling more active, then you may instead choose to embark on a guided bike tour, touching on its most prominent architectural wonders and moments from history.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
Tastes of Lyon</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Lyon</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)</p>

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Day 8: Lyon (France)

After breakfast, you will disembark the Emerald Liberte Star-Ship and be transferred by coach to Basel, where your river cruising journey will continue.

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Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

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Day 9: 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

EmeraldACTIVE Guided bike tour in Breisach

DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Apr 27

Day 10: 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

EmeraldACTIVE Active walk to Orangerie Park

DiscoverMORE Baden Baden Spa Experience

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Day 10: Strasbourg (France)

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Day 11: 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.

EmeraldPLUS
Visit to Schwetzingen Palace & Gardens

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through a vineyard in Bad-Dürkheim

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Guided tour of Heidelberg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 13 Apr 27

Day 12: 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

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

Arrives On: 14 Apr 27

Day 13: 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)</p>

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Day 13: Düsseldorf (Germany)

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Day 14: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>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.</p><p>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.</p><p>Included Excursion
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Clog painting on board</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)</p>

Arrives On: 16 Apr 27

Day 15: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>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.</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><p>Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.</p></p>

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