



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rhine & Rhone Rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM030525-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	03 May 25
Departs From:	Arles
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Arrives On:	17 May 25
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arles (France)

Fly from the UK to Marseille. 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. Flight to arrive into Marseille prior to 04:30 PM.

Arrives On: 03 May 25

### Day 2: Arles (France)

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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Arles with arena visit

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to L'Occitane Factory (extra expense)

Arrives On: 04 May 25

### Day 3: Avignon (France)

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 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Avignon

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Classical concert in Avignon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

**DiscoverMORE**  
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tours of Avignon (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)

Arrives On: 05 May 25

### Day 4: Viviers (France)

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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Viviers

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (extra expense)

Arrives On: 06 May 25

### Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Tournon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 07 May 25

#### Day 6: Lyon (France)

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. 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Lyon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Lyon

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private Culinary Charms of Lyon (extra expense)

Arrives On: 08 May 25

#### Day 7: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

The birthplace of photography and the centre of Burgundy's wine region is yours to discover today as you travel by road to the quaint village of Beaune. Stop to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the best-preserved examples of 15th-century French architecture and home to one of the most popular wine auctions in the country.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to the Hospices de Beaune

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cheese and olive tasting on board

Arrives On: 09 May 25

#### Day 7: Beaune (France)

Arrives On: 09 May 25

## Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 10 May 25

## 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.

Arrives On: 10 May 25

## Day 9: Breisach (Germany)

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. You'll also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to join a guided bike tour in Breisach.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour in Breisach

Arrives On: 11 May 25

## Day 10: Kehl (Germany)

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. Cobble 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Strasbourg

Arrives On: 12 May 25

## Day 10: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 12 May 25

## Day 11: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

Relax on board this morning as you sail towards Ludwigshafen, following the meandering Rhine River and passing the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar. Travel by coach to Heidelberg,

where you'll have the opportunity to learn about how it became a UNESCO City of Literature, having inspired the likes of Mark Twain and William Turner with its historical setting. <br />Your guided tour of the town will allow you to find your own inspiration among its delightful landmarks, including Heidelberg Castle, one of the most impressive Renaissance ruins in all of Europe. Alternatively, revel in a hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Heidelberg</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg</span></p>

Arrives On: 13 May 25

#### Day 11: Heidelberg (Germany)

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#### Day 12: Koblenz (Germany)

<p><p>Cruise to the 2,000-year-old town of Koblenz today and discover its fairy tale-like surrounds, nestled on the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Your local guide will tour you through the Roman town, touching on the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady and the German Corner, where the two inspirational waterways meet. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private evening concert.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Walking tour of Koblenz</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Private Evening concert on the Rhine</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 14 May 25

#### Day 13: Cologne (Germany)

<p><p>Effortlessly steeped in history and tales of the past, Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany, encapsulating a timeline that spans more than two millennia. Your included city tour will take you to the heart of its Old Town. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town</span></p>

Arrives On: 15 May 25

#### Day 14: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>This morning, you can choose to embark on a guided bike tour to Waterland, learning about how the water is reclaiming Holland as you pass through quintessential Dutch surrounds and witness traditional villages and windmills. Alternatively, take to Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal network during a glass-top canal cruise, passing Roman patrician houses and

ornate merchant houses that tell tales of the prosperous Dutch Golden Age.   
**Included Excursion**  
Canal cruise  
**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour to Waterland  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)

Arrives On: 16 May 25

#### Day 15: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

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