



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Tulips of the Rhine & Rhone rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM040426-1T
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	04 Apr 26
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	18 Apr 26
Arrives At:	Arles
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

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.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Clog painting on board (Only available on select dates)

Arrives On: 04 Apr 26

### 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.

Enjoy sailing through the countryside

and towards the Rhine River.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

Arrives On: 05 Apr 26

### Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

In the morning, explore the vibrant city of Duesseldorf. Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Japanese gardens, a tranquil oasis amidst the urban landscape. After lunch, we continue sailing on the Rhine River which will take you to Cologne and up close to its post card worthy gothic Cathedral. Here you will have the opportunity to join an active walk in town, with a stop in the beautiful Cologne gardens.

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

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Cologne

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

**DiscoverMORE**  
German Beer Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 06 Apr 26

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

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### 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**  
Orientation walk of Koblenz

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

Arrives On: 07 Apr 26

### Day 5: 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 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

**DiscoverMORE** Guided tour of Heidelberg (extra expense)

Arrives On: 08 Apr 26

#### 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

**EmeraldACTIVE** Active walk to Orangerie Park

**DiscoverMORE** Baden Baden Spa Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 09 Apr 26

#### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 09 Apr 26

#### Day 7: 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.

**Included Excursion** Freiburg visit with Botanical Garden

**EmeraldACTIVE** Guided bike tour in Breisach

**DiscoverMORE** Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 10 Apr 26

### Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

After breakfast, you will disembark your Star-Ship and be transferred by rail to Lyon, where your river cruising journey will continue.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Lyon by Night (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Apr 26

### Day 8: Lyon (France)

Arrives On: 11 Apr 26

### Day 9: Lyon (France)

France's third-largest city, Lyon is a former Roman capital, steeped in history and considered to be the gastronomic heartbeat of the country. Home to traditional Lyonnaise cuisine, you'll enjoy an array of exemplary culinary delights.

Today, a guided city tour awaits you, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière, part of the inscribed historic site of Lyon. Wander through the city and soak in its vividly illustrated history, as buildings from all time periods can be seen adorning narrow cobblestone streets. Alternatively, explore the highlights of the city on two wheels as part of a guided bike tour of Lyon.

**Included Excursion**  
Tastes of Lyon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Lyon

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

Arrives On: 12 Apr 26

### Day 10: Vienne (France)

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.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Vienne

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cheese and olive tasting on board

Arrives On: 13 Apr 26

### Day 11: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

The picturesque village of Tournon borders the gently meandering Rhône, dominated by a 16th century castle that overlooks the village and a number of iconic landmarks, including a set of ancient watchtowers.

Your guided tour of the village will showcase its intangible cultural heritage, granting every opportunity for you to immerse yourself in your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through the local vineyards and marvel at the rows upon rows of grapes used to make some of the finest wines in Europe.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Tournon with wine tasting

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 14 Apr 26

### Day 12: Viviers (France)

Arrive in Viviers, a town with much Middle Age flair and home to one of France's oldest cathedrals. Your included walking tour will highlight many of the city's numerous spectacular monuments, along with their ornate windows and lavish façades.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Viviers

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

Arrives On: 15 Apr 26

### Day 13: Avignon (France)

Avignon has a rich history, from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of seven successive Popes between 1309 and 1377. The city also played a major part central to the French Revolution.

Your included walking tour this morning will take you past the ornate beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, as well as Pont d'Avignon, an ancient stone bridge crossing the Rhône. This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by France's *Top Chef* finalist, Fabien Morreale and later you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon as part of our EmeraldPLUS program.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Avignon with market visit

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

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

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

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

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Classical concert in Avignon

Arrives On: 16 Apr 26

#### Day 14: Arles (France)

The past is yours to uncover in Arles, a once-important Phoenician trading port that was captured by the Romans, who peppered the city with iconic monuments. Today, your included tour of the city will showcase some of its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments, illustrating how the city has evolved over the centuries. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure, where a stop at a local and quintessential café is a must before returning to relax on board your Star-Ship.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Arles

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

**DiscoverMORE**  
In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Provençal Soap Making Workshop (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Olive Farm Visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 17 Apr 26

#### Day 15: Arles (France)

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the idyllic French countryside and delightful cuisine with you.

Please book your flight to depart out of Marseille after 11:00 AM.

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Arrives On: 18 Apr 26

#### Day 15: Marseille (France)

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