deluxe cruises

Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rhine & Rhone rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM100727-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Star
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	10 Jul 27
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	24 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Arles
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to your innovative Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will welcome your arrival.

Arrives On: 10 Jul 27

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, discover the charm of Alkmaar, a picturesque Dutch town just a short distance from Amsterdam. Explore its historic center, lined with charming canals and medieval buildings. Alkmaar is famous for its centuries-old cheese market where traditional cheesemakers showcase their craft and engage in lively auctions. Immerse yourself in the local culture in this typical charming town. Alternatively, embark on a bike tour through the Dutch countryside. In the afternoon enjoy sailing on the Rhine River, perhaps grab a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining the welcome

dinner. Included Excursion
Excursion to Alkmaar EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour to Waterland DiscoverMORE
Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Jul 27

Day 3: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Join a walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city renowned for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the picturesque Rhine River, admire the stunning architecture, and discover hidden gems off the beaten path. Later this day we will arrive in Cologne, famous for its Gothic Cathedral. This afternoon you can immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and experience the unique charm of the city. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Duesseldorf Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cologne’s Old Town DiscoverMORE
German Beer Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 12 Jul 27

Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Arrives On: 12 Jul 27

Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

Immerse yourself in fairy tale-like surroundings today as we cruise to Koblenz, a town with a postcard-worthy backdrop of vineyards and mountain ranges. Your included walking tour of this Roman town will unveil the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady, the point at which two of Europe’s great rivers meet at the German Corner. Enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge this afternoon. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear suspended in time. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Koblenz DiscoverMORE
Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 13 Jul 27

Day 5: Mannheim (Germany)

This morning, you will discover Heidelberg. The idyllic UNESCO City of Literature has inspired the likes of Mark Twain and famed British artist William Turner. A guided tour of the town

will unveil its rich history, starting at the Renaissance ruins of Heidelberg Castle, where the carefully curated gardens host serene water features, sculptures and colourful flowerbeds. If you are feeling more active, you can also join a hike that will give you fantastic views over Heidelberg. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private concert in a historical venue. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Heidelberg EmeraldACTIVE
Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg EmeraldPLUS
Private Evening Concert on the Rhine

Arrives On: 14 Jul 27

Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll dock in Kehl to be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg, where a medieval past is yours to discover among cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you will have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a journey through the typical flavours of this region. Included Excursion
Flavours of Alsace DiscoverMORE
Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 15 Jul 27

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 15 Jul 27

Day 7: 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. As part of your visit, you will also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to pedal your way through Breisach on a guided bike tour. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Breisach DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 16 Jul 27

Day 7: Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

Arrives On: 16 Jul 27

Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

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

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

Day 8: Lyon (France)

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

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
Guided tour of Lyon with cheese tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Lyon DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

Day 10: Mâcon (France)

Today we enjoy a relaxed morning sailing on the Saone river until we reach the lovely town of Macon. Here we will discover the Beaujolais wine region, renowned for its vibrant, fruity wines with Gamay grape variety. The extensive planting of the Gamay grape makes Beaujolais wine region one of the several regions on the planet to focus on a single grape variety. Red wine accounts for 99% of the total wine production of the region. Included Excursion
Beaujolais wine tasting

Arrives On: 19 Jul 27

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 EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 20 Jul 27

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. EmeraldPLUS
Provencal soap-making workshop Included Excursion
Guided tour of Viviers DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chauvet Pont D’Arc (extra expense)

Arrives On: 21 Jul 27

Day 13: Avignon (France)

The words Provence & lavender fields have become so synonymous with each other over the decades that we can hardly mention one without the other. The dusky purple shades and delicate fragrances that decorate its fields every summer are now so emblematic of the region that the Provence lavender fields have very much become a tourist attraction in their own right. 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 afternoon 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. EmeraldPLUS
Tour to Lavender Fields Included Excursion
Guided tour of Avignon 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: 22 Jul 27

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. Visit the 2,000-year-old Arles Amphitheatre and follow in the footsteps of world-renowned artist, Vincent van Gogh. 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 with arena visit DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Provencal Cosmetics Workshop (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 Jul 27

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. 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. Please book your flight to depart out of Marseille after 11:00 AM. Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

Arrives On: 24 Jul 27

Day 15: Marseille (France)

Arrives On: 24 Jul 27

For more information on this cruise, please call +44 (0)1202 767926.

© 2026 Deluxe Cruises. This cruise itinerary was printed from https://deluxecruises.co.uk