



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rhine & Rhone Rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM160526-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	16 May 26
Departs From:	Marseille
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Arrives On:	30 May 26
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.

Arrives On: 16 May 26

### Day 1: Arles (France)

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

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

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

Arrives On: 17 May 26

### 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 as part of our EmeraldPLUS program.

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

Arrives On: 18 May 26

### 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: 19 May 26

#### 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: 20 May 26

#### Day 6: 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: 21 May 26

#### Day 7: 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**  
Lyon by Night (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 May 26

#### Day 8: Lyon (France)

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

Arrives On: 23 May 26

#### Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 23 May 26

#### 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

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

Arrives On: 24 May 26

#### Day 10: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll arrive in Kehl and disembark your Star-Ship, then be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg. Here, an enthralling medieval past is yours to discover, including quaint cobblestone squares framed by wellpreserved, half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you'll also have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a culinary journey where you'll discover typical flavours of this region. Tonight, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you're invited to join an exclusive private concert in a historical venue.

**Included Excursion**  
Flavours of Alsace

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

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Private Evening Concert on the Rhine

Arrives On: 25 May 26

#### Day 10: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 25 May 26

#### Day 11: Mannheim (Germany)

Relax on board this morning 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. 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Heidelberg

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg

**DiscoverMORE**  
Rüdesheim with specialty coffee (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 May 26

### 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**  
Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense, please note: this will be replaced with Eltz Castle when not available)

Arrives On: 27 May 26

### Day 13: Cologne (Germany)

This 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. After lunch, 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. Immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in the delicious local cuisine, and marvel at the contrast of Düsseldorf's ancient and modern charms.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Cologne Old Town

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Duesseldorf

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

Arrives On: 28 May 26

### Day 13: Düsseldorf (Germany)

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### Day 14: 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.

**Included Excursion**  
Excursion to Alkmaar

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour to Waterland

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Arrives On: 29 May 26

### 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, taking memories of the Black Forest and charming Strasbourg 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.

Arrives On: 30 May 26

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