



## Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Rhine & Rhone Rivers
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM170525-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Destiny
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	17 May 25
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	31 May 25
Arrives At:	Arles
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Fly from the UK to Amsterdam. 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: 17 May 25

### Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Every narrow street and gabled façade in Amsterdam tells a tale of the Dutch Golden Age, a prosperous time when Dutch art was among the most acclaimed in the world. Today, relax during a glass-top canal boat tour through Amsterdam's elaborate UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, sailing through the city's medieval centre and past Roman patrician houses. Alternatively, embark on a guided bike tour to Waterland, passing quintessential villages, traditional windmills and flower fields. Enjoy sailing through the countryside and towards the Rhine River this

afternoon, perhaps enjoying a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining your captain for a gala dinner. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Canal cruise</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided bike tour to Waterland</span></p>

Arrives On: 18 May 25

### Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

<p><p>Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany, effortlessly steeped in history and tales of the past, 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: 19 May 25

### Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

<p><p>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 and Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of the largest preserved fortresses in Europe. </p><p>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. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Walking tour of Koblenz</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 20 May 25

### Day 5: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

<p><p>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. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private evening concert.</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><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Private Evening Concert on the Rhine</span></p>

Arrives On: 21 May 25

### Day 5: Heidelberg (Germany)

Arrives On: 21 May 25

### 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. Your included walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town will touch on many of Strasbourg's highlights, including the astrological signs that adorn the façade of the Maison Kammerzell and the idyllic historic scenery around Petite France. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Strasbourg at your leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Strasbourg

Arrives On: 22 May 25

### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 22 May 25

### 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 go for a canoeing trip on the Rhine.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour in Breisach

Arrives On: 23 May 25

### Day 7: Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

Arrives On: 23 May 25

### 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: 24 May 25

## Day 8: Lyon (France)

Arrives On: 24 May 25

## Day 9: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

Chalon-sur-Saône is known for its art and history. Today, you'll have the opportunity to observe the area's architectural heritage and peaceful surrounds as you travel to the quaint village of Beaune and visit the Hospices de Beaune. Originally a hospital for the poor, the Hospices de Beaune is now home to one of Burgundy's most popular wine auctions.

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

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cheese and olive tasting on board

Arrives On: 25 May 25

## Day 9: Beaune (France)

Arrives On: 25 May 25

## Day 10: 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

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Lyon

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

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

Arrives On: 26 May 25

## 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: 27 May 25

#### 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: 28 May 25

#### 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 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 are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon. **Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Avignon  
EmeraldACTIVE  
Canoeing excursion in Avignon  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tour of Avignon (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)  
EmeraldPLUS  
Classical concert in Avignon

Arrives On: 29 May 25

#### 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. This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by France's Top Chef finalist, Fabien Morreale.

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

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

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

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

Arrives On: 30 May 25

### 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 for your flight to the UK, taking memories of the idyllic French countryside and delightful cuisine with you.

Flight to depart out of Marseille after 11:00 AM.

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: 31 May 25

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