



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Tulips of the Rhine & Rhone River Cruise
Reference:	EMERALDEWAM190425-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Destiny
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	19 Apr 25
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	03 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. 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.

Arrives On: 19 Apr 25

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.

Included Excursion
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

Arrives On: 20 Apr 25

Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Once the ancient Roman settlement of Colonia, Cologne is alive with ancient architecture. Your included walking tour of the city will touch on the historical charm of its Old Town. Here, you will have the opportunity to traverse rustic alleyways, visit iconic monuments and see how archaeologists have uncovered a Jewish Quarter that can be dated back to the 13th century. As part of your day, you will also explore Cologne Botanical Gardens. Established in the 19th century, the gardens are visited by more than a million people every year.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town & a visit to the Botanical Gardens

Arrives On: 21 Apr 25

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
Walking tour of Koblenz

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A Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Apr 25

Day 5: Ludwigshafen (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

Arrives On: 23 Apr 25

Day 5: Schwetzingen (Germany)

Arrives On: 23 Apr 25

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

Arrives On: 24 Apr 25

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 24 Apr 25

Day 7: Breisach (Germany)

Today, you will experience the tale of two cities divided by the Rhine, Breisach (Germany), and Neuf-Brisach (France). During your guided visit to these two fantastic gems on the Rhine River, you'll pass by the main sights and attractions, one of which is the UNESCO World Heritage-listed fortress overlooking Neuf-Brisach.

EmeraldPLUS
A tale of two cities divided by the Rhine

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Breisach

Arrives On: 25 Apr 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: 26 Apr 25

Day 8: Lyon (France)

Arrives On: 26 Apr 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: 27 Apr 25

Day 9: Beaune (France)

Arrives On: 27 Apr 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

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Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Private Culinary Charms of Lyon (extra expense)

Arrives On: 28 Apr 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: 29 Apr 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: 30 Apr 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

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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: 01 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

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Excursion to Les Baux de

Provence (extra expense)

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Visit to L'Occitane Factory (extra expense)

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Provençal dinner hosted by local chef Fabien Morreale

Arrives On: 02 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.

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Arrives On: 03 May 25

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