Cruise Details

Name:	Legendary Rhine & Moselle
Reference:	EMERALDEWGM090827-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	09 Aug 27
Departs From:	Frankfurt
Arrives On:	16 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Mainz
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Frankfurt (Germany)

Welcome to Germany. You'll be met at the airport and then transferred to your award-winning Emerald Cruises Star-Ship in Mainz. Here, you'll be welcomed on board by your friendly captain and crew. Please book your flight to arrive into Frankfurt prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 2: Rüdesheim (Germany)

This morning, enjoy an active hike through verdant vineyards to the Niederwalddenkmal, a stunning monument located in the Niederwald, near Rüdesheim am Rhein, in the German state of Hesse. This historical landmark overlooks the scenic Rhine Valley and was built in the late 1800s to commemorate the Unification of Germany. In the afternoon, visit the Schloss Johannisberg Winery in the picturesque Rheingau wine region. Famous for its stunning vineyard views and centuries of Riesling production, the world's first Riesling winery is a must for wine lovers and those who appreciate typical vineyard landscapes. EmeraldPLUS
Visit to Schloss Johannisberg Winery EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Niederwalddenkmal

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Day 3: Bernkastel-Kues (Germany)

Start your fascinating day with a stroll through the picturesque town of Bernkastel. Founded around 3,000 B.C., Bernkastel is nestled along the banks of the Moselle River and home to well-preserved buildings that date back to 1416 A.D. Embark on a guided walking tour, where you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the medieval marketplace which reveals timber-framed houses, castle ruins and a town gate. Alternatively, join an active hike to the Landshut Castle Ruins, majestically perched atop a rocky ledge. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Bernkastel EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike tour to Landshut Castle Ruins DiscoverMORE
Wine Experience in Bernkastel (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Aug 27

Day 4: Trier (Germany)

In southwest Germany, close to the border of Luxemburg, the city of Trier, founded by the Romans in the late 1st century B.C., is a hidden treasure and often referred to as the 'Rome of the North'. During today's guided tour, explore the ruins of the old city baths, a hive of activity during ancient times and the Porta Nigra, the best-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Trier

Arrives On: 12 Aug 27

Day 5: Cochem (Germany)

Today, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the enchanting town of Cochem, as you join a guided tour of its well-preserved sites. You'll witness the remains of the historic town wall with its

old fortifications, as well as the town hall and many other gems. Alternatively, if you feel more active, join a guided bike tour around Cochem, where you'll cycle through scenic landscapes, lush vineyards, and charming riverside pathways that reveal the striking natural beauty of this region. In the evening, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Imperial Castle, which stands majestically over the Moselle River valley. This is a wonderful invitation for every history and culture enthusiast to appreciate one of the highest hill castles along the Moselle River. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cochem EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour near Cochem EmeraldPLUS
Cochem Castle visit with entertainment DiscoverMORE
Grand-Prix car race experience (extra expemse) DiscoverMORE
Moselle hike and wine-tasting at Hieronimi (extra expense)

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Day 6: Koblenz (Germany)

Today, embark on a walking tour through Koblenz, a city steeped in history and brimming with fascinating landmarks. As you explore the city's historic streets, you can observe the blend of old and new that defines this vibrant urban scape. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to a traditional beer garden, a beloved local spot in Germany. Beer gardens represent the heart of social life here, where friends and families gather to unwind and connect. The casual setting reflects a time-honoured culture that values community and camaraderie, making it the perfect place to experience the local German way of life while enjoying a refreshing beverage. Included Excursion
Koblenz walking tour and beer garden visit EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour DiscoverMORE
Visit to Marksburg Castle (extra expense)

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

Day 7: Mainz (Germany)

Your day will start with a guided tour of Mainz and a visit to the impressive sandstone cathedral of the stunning Old Town, which reveals medieval market squares and well-preserved, half-timbered houses. The town is famous as the birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg who invented the first printing press and manufactured his first books in the 15th century, including the Gutenberg Bible. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Mainz DiscoverMORE
Gutenberg Museum visit & workshop (extra expense)

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 8: Mainz (Germany)

This morning after breakfast, it’s time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, leaving with cherished memories of the wondrous treasures of this charming waterway. Please book your flight to depart out of Frankfurt after 12:00 PM. 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 note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

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Day 8: Frankfurt (Germany)

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