



## Cruise Details

Name:	Rhine Castles & Moselle Vineyards & Lucerne - Zurich
Reference:	EMERALDEWNS150725-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sky
Regions:	Rhine
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Departs On:	15 Jul 25
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	28 Jul 25
Arrives At:	Zurich
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Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Fly from the UK to Amsterdam. Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your innovative Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will welcome your arrival. Please book your flight to arrive in Amsterdam before 05:00 PM.

Arrives On: 15 Jul 25

### Day 2: Utrecht (Netherlands)

As part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, you will start the day by exploring a canal cruise through the Oudegracht or Old Canal, which is not only the oldest in Utrecht, but it is also older than the canals in Amsterdam. For centuries, along the water, the wealthiest have built mansions with the peculiarity of having warehouses and service entrances just above water level. Undoubtedly, the castle of Oudaen stands out among all the rest: an urban castle well preserved despite being more than eight centuries old.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Canal

cruise and cheese tasting </span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided bike tour near Utrecht </span></p>

Arrives On: 16 Jul 25

#### Day 3: Nijmegen (Netherlands)

<p><p>Relax in the comfortable surrounds of your Star-Ship this morning as you sail along the Dutch waterways, passing quaint, time-honoured villages. Visit the Paleis Het Loo, which once served as the summer residence of the Dutch royal family. Today, the palace stands as a magnificent museum. The palace's decorations and its gardens are bound to

stun. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Visit to Paleis Het Loo</span></p>

Arrives On: 17 Jul 25

#### Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

<p><p>Wonderfully maintained inside and out, Marksburg Castle boasts a selection of typical interiors, including the castle kitchen, the knight's hall, the armoury and an inviting wine cellar. The attractive light-stoned walls of the castle are protected by an outer fortress, with a single tower peering over the turrets and castle walls, it resembles something you would find in a Brothers Grimm tale. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Visit to Marksburg Castle </span></p>

<p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Hike to Marksburg Castle</span></p>

Arrives On: 18 Jul 25

#### Day 5: Bernkastel-Kues (Germany)

<p><p>Dating back to 3000 BC, Bernkastel is situated along the banks of the Moselle River. Home to well-preserved buildings dating back to 1416. Enjoy a guided walking tour, where you will have the opportunity to stroll through the medieval marketplace with its gabled timber-framed houses, castle ruins and town gate. Or, take part in an active hike to the Landshut Castle Ruins overlooking the Moselle. </p></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Active hike to Landshut Castle Ruins</span></p>

<p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Walking tour of Bernkastel</span></p>

Arrives On: 19 Jul 25

#### Day 6: Cochem (Germany)

<p><p>Today, you will enjoy the enchanting town of Cochem during a guided tour of its well-preserved sites. You'll see the remains of the historic town wall with its old fortifications, alongside

the town hall and its many other gems. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Cochem & Visit to Reichsburg Castle </span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Cycling along the Moselle </span></p>

Arrives On: 20 Jul 25

#### Day 7: Rudesheim (Germany)

<p><p>Today as part of your incredible EmeraldPLUS programme, you will visit the grand Schloss Johannisberg Winery. Set in the breathtaking Rheingau region, the legendary Schloss Johannisberg is steeped in history, cultivating exquisite wine for over 1000 years. The first Riesling winery in the world, at Schloss Johannisberg, discover a unique wine culture and fabled history during this exclusive tour. Set over 50 hectares in front of the Taunus mountains, the onsite 300-acre forest grows native oak to make the wooden barrels used for producing this exemplary wine. These extra-special barrels are then kept in the 900-year-old abbey cellar, known as 'Bibliotheca Subterranea', where over 25,000 precious wines are stored. Alternatively, participate in an active hike through vineyards to the historical Niederwalddenkmal Monument. </p></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Wine Visit and tasting at Schloss Johannisberg</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Active Hike to Niederwalddenkmal Monument</span></p>

Arrives On: 21 Jul 25

#### Day 8: Mainz (Germany)

<p><p>Your day will start with a guided tour of Mainz and a visit to the impressive sandstone cathedral of the tremendous Old Town with medieval market squares and 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. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided Tour of Mainz</span></p>

Arrives On: 22 Jul 25

#### Day 9: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 23 Jul 25

#### Day 9: Kehl (Germany)

<p><p>This morning, we'll dock in Kehl and take a coach transfer to the medieval capital of France's Alsace Region, Strasbourg. The best way to discover Strasbourg's charm is via its quaint

waterways. Relax as you pass through petite France, full of storybook canals, half-timbered houses and narrow lanes. Witness the covered bridges and the Vauban Dam before reaching the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Neustadt imperial quarter, where many of Strasbourg's administrative buildings are based. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore at leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Canal boat tour in Strasbourg

Arrives On: 23 Jul 25

#### Day 10: Breisach (Germany)

Commence your magical morning with a tour of Colmar. As you walk down the cobblestone lanes, it's easy to imagine the characters from the Grimm's Fairy Tales here, with half-timbered façades adorned with window boxes full of colourful blooms. Alternatively, embark on a canoeing adventure on the banks of the Rhine.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Colmar

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Canoeing on the banks of the Rhine

Arrives On: 24 Jul 25

#### Day 10: Colmar (France)

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#### Day 11: Basel (Switzerland)

Welcome to Switzerland and the quaint Rhine-side town of Basel. After breakfast, you will be transferred by coach to Lucerne, including a two-night stay.

Arrives On: 25 Jul 25

#### Day 11: Lucerne (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 25 Jul 25

#### Day 12: Lucerne (Switzerland)

Lucerne is known around the world for its spectacular setting, perfectly encapsulating a traditional Swiss city with a backdrop of snow-topped mountain ranges. Your morning will start with a guided tour of the city, touching on its well-preserved medieval Altstadt, delightful waterfront promenades and colourful buildings.

**Included Excursion**  
A guided tour of Lucerne

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Train & cable car ride to Rigi – Weggis (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 Jul 25

#### Day 13: Lucerne (Switzerland)

This morning, transfer by coach from Lucerne to the cosmopolitan city of Zurich, known for its towering church steeples, winding cobbled lanes and contemporary centre. When you arrive, enjoy a guided tour of Zurich, followed by free time to explore its delightful lakeside setting, perhaps discovering its famous old town. **Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Zurich

Arrives On: 27 Jul 25

#### Day 13: Zurich (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 27 Jul 25

#### Day 14: Zurich (Switzerland)

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport, passing a backdrop of mountains and forests on your way. 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: 28 Jul 25

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