



## Cruise Details

Name:	The Majestic Rhine & Lucerne - Zurich
Reference:	EMERALDEWZH150926-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Astra
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	15 Sep 26
Departs From:	Frankfurt
Arrives On:	25 Sep 26
Arrives At:	Zurich
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Frankfurt (Germany)

Welcome to Frankfurt, where you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship in Mainz. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Please book your flight to arrive into Frankfurt prior to 02:00 PM.

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### Day 1: Mainz (Germany)

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### Day 2: Rüdesheim (Germany)

Rüdesheim is a charming town that perfectly encapsulates the spirit of Germany. Here, in the home of cuckoo clocks, oompah bands, and Bavarian beer, the Rhineland's charm is found around every corner.

Today, ride the Winzerexpress to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum. Located in a 15th-century knight's tower, the vaulted ceilings and painted frescoes are home to exhibits of rare music boxes.

During your EmeraldPLUS experience, discover the fascinating legends of the Rhine in this engaging lecture that delves into the region's rich history and mythology.

**EmeraldPLUS**

Legends on the Rhine

**Included Excursion**

A visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum

Arrives On: 16 Sep 26

### Day 3: Koblenz (Germany)

The ancient city of Koblenz is the gateway to the Rhine Gorge. Once a Roman stronghold, today, the area is full of postcard-worthy parks and flowers. Explore the picturesque surroundings during a guided tour of the city, including the German Corner, where the Moselle meets the Rhine. Absorb the panoramic views of the confluence during a cable car ride across the water to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Valley. Later, sail through the Rhine Gorge and soak in the breathtaking vistas along the way.

**Included Excursion**

Walking tour of Koblenz

**EmeraldACTIVE**

Bike tour in Koblenz

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Eltz Castle visit (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**

Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle Visit (extra expense)

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### Day 4: Mannheim (Germany)

German Romanticism often depicts idealistic cityscapes and fairy tale-like scenes, full of Baroque buildings and charming narrow streets. It's easy to see why so many of the most notable poets and composers of the era lost themselves to the beauty of Heidelberg.

Your guided tour of the historic university town will start in the grounds of Heidelberg Castle, once a royal residence. Visit some of the town's main highlights or, alternatively, hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg for awe-inspiring panoramas.

**Included Excursion**

Guided tour of Heidelberg

**EmeraldACTIVE**

Hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg

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Vineyards hike and wine tasting in Bad Durkheim (extra expense)

Arrives On: 18 Sep 26

#### Day 4: Heidelberg (Germany)

Arrives On: 18 Sep 26

#### Day 5: Rastatt (Germany)

This morning, you'll be transferred from your Star-Ship docked in Rastatt to the charming spa town of Baden-Baden, frequented by celebrities and royalty for centuries. If you're feeling active, you can embark on a guided hike to Altes Schloss, a fascinating castle ruin full of hidden dungeons and winding staircases. Enjoy panoramic views of the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley as you trace the footsteps of former residents. Tonight, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you're invited to join an exclusive private concert in a historical venue.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided walking tour of Baden-Baden

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Evening Concert on the Rhine

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Entrance to the Casino (extra expense)

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

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Altes Schloss

Arrives On: 19 Sep 26

#### Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, we'll dock in Kehl and take a coach transfer to the medieval capital of France's Alsace Region, Strasbourg.

Strasbourg is a city best explored via its quaint waterways, so today we'll embark on a traditional canal boat tour. 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 the city's administrative buildings are based. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore at leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Canal boat tour in Strasbourg

Arrives On: 20 Sep 26

#### Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

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#### Day 7: 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, where half-timbered façades are adorned with window boxes full of colourful blooms. Alternatively, embark on a guided

bike tour from Breisach to Colmar.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Colmar</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided bike tour to Colmar</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Freiburg with market tasting (extra expense)</span></p>

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#### Day 7: Colmar (France)

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#### Day 8: Basel (Switzerland)

<p><p>Welcome to Switzerland and the quaint Rhine-side town of Basel. After breakfast, you will be transferred by coach to Lucerne, where your Tour Director will introduce you to the city's highlights on a guided tour, including the Chapel Bridge and picturesque Old Town, before you settle in for a two-night stay.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided city tour of Lucerne</span></p>

Arrives On: 22 Sep 26

#### Day 8: Lucerne (Switzerland)

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#### Day 9: Lucerne (Switzerland)

<p><p>Enjoy time at leisure to wander through the beautifully preserved Old Town, stroll along the picturesque waterfront, or relax in one of its inviting cafés. For a truly memorable experience, you may wish to join our optional excursion to majestic Mount Rigi, where panoramic alpine vistas await.</p></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Train & cable car ride to Rigi – Weggis (extra expense)</span></p>

Arrives On: 23 Sep 26

#### Day 10: Lucerne (Switzerland)

<p><p>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.</p><p>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.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Zurich</span></p>

Arrives On: 24 Sep 26

## Day 10: Zurich (Switzerland)

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## Day 11: 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: 25 Sep 26

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