Cruise Details

Name:	Zurich - Lucerne & Jewels of the Rhine
Reference:	EMERALDEWZL080627-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Rhine
Departs On:	08 Jun 27
Departs From:	Zurich
Arrives On:	18 Jun 27
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Zurich (Switzerland)

Straddling the northernmost tip of Lake Zurich, Zurich is one of the most beloved cities in Switzerland. Today, you will be able to explore the city at leisure, perhaps taking in its delightful lakeside setting or frequenting one of its many charming cafés. Included is a restful one-night stay in Zurich.

Arrives On: 08 Jun 27

Day 2: Zurich (Switzerland)

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Zurich before you are transferred to Lucerne, an area known for its spectacular natural setting. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore Lucerne, perhaps strolling down cobblestone streets in its colourful Altstadt. Included Excursion
A guided tour of Zurich

Arrives On: 09 Jun 27

Day 2: Lucerne (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 09 Jun 27

Day 3: Lucerne (Switzerland)

The awe-inspiring natural beauty enveloping Lucerne is a true delight, and yours to discover today during a guided tour of this small city. Lucerne effortlessly reflects what most people imagine when they think of a Swiss city, with a backdrop of snow-capped mountain ranges and tree-lined boulevards cutting through the city centre. Enjoy learning about the history of Lucerne as you visit the well-preserved medieval Altstadt, Chapel Bridge and the octagonal Water Tower. Included Excursion
A guided tour of Lucerne DiscoverMORE
Train and cable car to Rigi - Weggis (extra expense)

Arrives On: 10 Jun 27

Day 4: Lucerne (Switzerland)

This morning, journey by coach through idyllic landscapes as you carve a course to the Rhine-side town of Basel. When you arrive, you will be able to board your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome you. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Arrives On: 11 Jun 27

Day 4: Basel (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 11 Jun 27

Day 5: 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. You'll also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to join a guided bike tour in Breisach. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Breisach DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Arrives On: 12 Jun 27

Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll arrive in Kehl and disembark your Star-Ship, then be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg. Here, an enthralling medieval past is yours to discover, including quaint cobblestone squares framed by wellpreserved, half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you'll also have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a culinary journey where you'll discover typical flavours of this region. Tonight, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you're invited to join an exclusive private concert in a historical venue. Included Excursion
Flavours of Alsace DiscoverMORE
Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense) EmeraldPLUS
Private Evening Concert on the Rhine

Arrives On: 13 Jun 27

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 13 Jun 27

Day 7: Mannheim (Germany)

Relax on board this morning following the meandering Rhine River and passing the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar. Travel by coach to Heidelberg, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about how it became a UNESCO City of Literature, having inspired the likes of Mark Twain and William Turner with its historical setting.
Your guided tour of the town will allow you to find your own inspiration among its delightful landmarks, including Heidelberg Castle, one of the most impressive Renaissance. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Heidelberg EmeraldACTIVE
Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg

Arrives On: 14 Jun 27

Day 8: Koblenz (Germany)

This morning enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear suspended in time. We'll take you into the heart of Koblenz, an ancient city pulled from the pages of a German fairy tale. Enjoy the picturesque backdrop of vineyards and snow-topped mountain ranges as your local guide takes you through open cobbled squares and down narrow streets, passing façades adorned with boxes of spring-blooming flowers. You'll 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. Included Excursion
Orientation Walk of Koblenz DiscoverMORE
Moselle Valley & Cochem

Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 15 Jun 27

Day 9: Cologne (Germany)

This morning, you'll will arrive in Cologne and have the chance to know one of Germany's oldest cities and get up close with the famous post card worthy Cathedral. After lunch, join a walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city renowned for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the picturesque Rhine River, admire the stunning architecture and discover hidden gems off-the-beaten path. Immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in the delicious local cuisine, and marvel at the contrast of Düsseldorf's ancient and modern charms. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Cologne Old Town Included Excursion
Walking tour of Duesseldorf DiscoverMORE
Cologne Beer Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 16 Jun 27

Day 9: Düsseldorf (Germany)

Arrives On: 16 Jun 27

Day 10: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, discover the charm of Alkmaar, a picturesque Dutch town just a short distance from Amsterdam. Explore its historic center, lined with charming canals and medieval buildings. Alkmaar is famous for its centuries-old cheese market where traditional cheesemakers showcase their craft and engage in lively auctions. Immerse yourself in the local culture in this typical charming town. Alternatively, embark on a bike tour through the Dutch countryside. Included Excursion
Excursion to Alkmaar EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour to Waterland DiscoverMORE
Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Arrives On: 17 Jun 27

Day 11: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests and disembark for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the Black Forest and charming Strasbourg with you. 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.

Arrives On: 18 Jun 27

For more information on this cruise, please call +44 (0)1202 767926.

© 2026 Deluxe Cruises. This cruise itinerary was printed from https://deluxecruises.co.uk