

Cruise Details

Name: Jewels of the Rhine & Lucerne - Zurich

Reference: EMERALDEWZL270925-1

Operator: Emerald Cruises

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: Emerald Sun

Regions: Rhine

Departs On: 27 Sep 25

Departs From: Amsterdam

Arrives On: 07 Oct 25

Arrives At: Zurich

Cruise Nights: 10

Total Vacation Days: 11

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Fly from the UK to Amsterdam. Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to your innovative Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will welcome your arrival.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Every narrow street and gabled façade in Amsterdam tells a tale of the Dutch Golden Age, a prosperous time when Dutch art was among the most acclaimed in the world. Today, relax during a glass-top canal boat tour through Amsterdam's elaborate UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, sailing through the city's medieval centre and past Roman patrician houses. Alternatively, embark on a guided bike tour to Waterland, passing quintessential villages, traditional windmills and flower fields. Enjoy sailing through the countryside and towards the Rhine River this

afternoon, perhaps enjoying a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining your captain for a gala dinner. Included Excursion
/>Canal cruiseEmeraldACTIVE
br />Guided bike tour to Waterland

Arrives On: 28 Sep 25

Day 3: Cologne (Germany)

Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany, effortlessly steeped in history and tales of the past, encapsulating a timeline that spans more than two millennia. Your included city tour will take you to the heart of its Old Town. Included Excursion
/>Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town

Arrives On: 29 Sep 25

Day 4: Koblenz (Germany)

Immerse yourself in fairy tale-like surroundings today as we cruise to Koblenz, a town with a postcard-worthy backdrop of vineyards and mountain ranges. Your included walking tour of this Roman town will unveil the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady, 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.
Enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge this afternoon. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear suspended in time.
Included Excursion
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/>Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 30 Sep 25

Day 5: Ludwigshafen (Germany)

This morning, you will discover Heidelberg. The idyllic UNESCO City of Literature has inspired the likes of Mark Twain and famed British artist William Turner. A guided tour of the town will unveil its rich history, starting at the Renaissance ruins of Heidelberg Castle, where the carefully curated gardens host serene water features, sculptures and colourful flowerbeds. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private evening concert.
Included Excursion
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From Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg
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Day 5: Heidelberg (Germany)

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Day 6: Kehl (Germany)

This morning, you'll dock in Kehl to be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg, where a medieval past is yours to discover among cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses.
Your included walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town will touch on many of Strasbourg's highlights, including the astrological signs that adorn the façade of the Maison Kammerzell and the idyllic historic scenery around Petite France. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Strasbourg at your leisure.
Included Excursion

Arrives On: 02 Oct 25

Day 6: Strasbourg (France)

Arrives On: 02 Oct 25

Day 7: 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. As part of your visit, you will also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose togo for a canoeing trip on the Rhine

. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting <ep>EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Breisach

Arrives On: 03 Oct 25

Day 7: Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

Arrives On: 03 Oct 25

Day 8: 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: 04 Oct 25

Day 8: Lucerne (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 04 Oct 25

Day 9: 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.<pstrong>Included Excursion/strong>coverMOREcbrTrain & cable car ride to Rigi – Weggis (extra expense)

Arrives On: 05 Oct 25

Day 10: 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: 06 Oct 25

Day 10: Zurich (Switzerland)

Arrives On: 06 Oct 25

Day 11: Zurich (Switzerland)

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, 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: 07 Oct 25

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