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Cruise the Historic Rhine 2026

the Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

Tour Dates: June 19th – 29th, 2026

 **GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE**
center & museum

Jewels of the Rhine



The magnificent Duomo soars skyward in Cologne, Germany



Charming scenes abound in Strasbourg, France

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

DAY 2 Amsterdam, the Netherlands: Welcome to Amsterdam, a fascinating 700-year-old city of picturesque canals, world class museums, and cafés. Flights should arrive by 4:00pm. You will be met and transferred from the airport to your luxurious Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. Become acquainted with the amenities of your ship, or begin exploring the city. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner onboard. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Amsterdam: 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. In the afternoon enjoy sailing on the Rhine River, perhaps grab a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining the welcome dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour to Waterland

DiscoverMORE: Dutch Delights (additional expense)

DAY 4 Dusseldorf – Cologne: 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. Later this day we will arrive in Cologne, famous for its Gothic Cathedral. This afternoon you can immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and experience the unique charm of the city. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Cologne beer experience (extra expense)

DAY 5 Koblenz: Cruise to the 2000-year-old town of Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Enjoy a walking tour of Koblenz seeing the German Corner where the 2 rivers meet and the Church of Our Lady. This afternoon, sail through the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Rhine Gorge. Pass countless medieval castles and vineyards lining the shores of this section of the river, with photo opportunities around every bend. See the infamous Lorelei statue and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, built on an island in the middle of the river as a medieval toll station. **Meals: B, L, D**
DiscoverMORE: Moselle & Cochem (Reichsburg) Castle Visit (additional expense)

NOTE: You can choose either the included tour of Koblenz OR the DiscoverMORE option, as both tours operate at the same time

DAY 6 Germersheim / Heidelberg: Continue sailing to the town of Germersheim, docking site for Heidelberg. Travel by coach to Heidelberg for a guided visit of the castle ruins and a walk along the cobblestone lanes of the old town. This evening, attend a private concert as an EmeraldPLUS activity.

Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg

EmeraldPLUS: Private Evening Concert Performance

DAY 7 Strasbourg, France: Travel by coach across the river to Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region in France. Your guided walking tour includes the Grande Île - the historical city center and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for its medieval black and white timber-framed buildings, old tanning houses, baroque sandstone buildings, canals and river locks, the city's star attraction is the cathedral, dominating the main square. Enjoy free time this afternoon to continue exploring this charming town on your own. Tonight, local entertainment is provided onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)



The historic Chapel Bridge crosses the Reuss River in Lucerne, Switzerland

DAY 8 Breisach, Germany / Freiburg: On today's adventure, visit the city of Freiburg, considered the 'capital of the Black Forest'. Aside from seeing the lovely sights, sample true Black Forest delicacies from the lively market in the city center near the main cathedral. Alternatively, join a guided bike tour in Breisach. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Guided tour of Freiburg

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour in Breisach

DiscoverMORE: Guided tour of Colmar (additional expense)

DAY 9 Huningue, France – Lucerne, Switzerland: After breakfast, disembark the ship in Huningue and begin your Swiss adventure. Depart by coach to Lucerne, a picturesque town surrounded by mountains and meadows. An included walking tour highlights the city's landmark - the famous 14th-century Chapel Bridge. See the 17th-century Renaissance Town Hall and town squares, all set amongst the beautiful backdrop of the Swiss Alps. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 10 Lucerne: Your last day is left free of planned activities. Explore on your own, or join the optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus – a mountain overlooking Lucerne that offers a unique alpine experience! This evening, get together for an included dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

DiscoverMORE: Mt. Pilatus (additional expense)

DAY 11 Lucerne / USA: Bid 'auf wiedersehen' to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your European adventure and cruise along the Rhine River. **Meal: B**

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 8 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship

Days 9 and 10 – Hotel Europe or similar, Lucerne, Switzerland

Pre-cruise hotel stays available in Amsterdam. Call for details.



Exceptional Inclusions

- **23 Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Visit four countries**
- **Seven-nights in a suite or stateroom** of your choice onboard the vessel
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **All gratuities included**
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- **Personal listening device** for shore excursions
- **All meals included** onboard
- **Variety of international cuisine**
- **Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks** with onboard lunches and dinners
- **Complimentary bottled water** in your stateroom
- **Complimentary WiFi onboard**
- **Complimentary bicycles onboard** for use ashore
- **All port charges included**
- **Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lucerne**

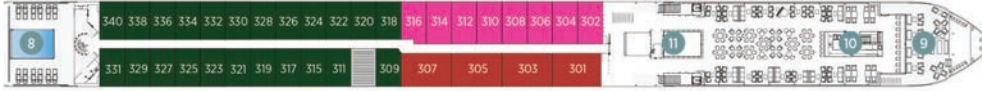
Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

Built: 2014-20 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

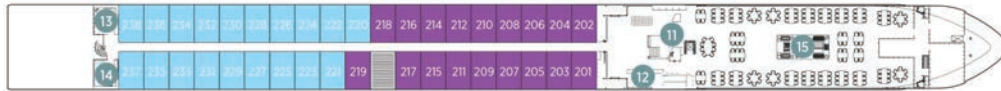
SUN DECK



HORIZON DECK



VISTA DECK



RIVIERA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar and Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

315ft²

CAT SA



Grand Balcony Suite

210ft²

CAT S



Panorama Balcony Suite

180ft²

CAT A CAT B CAT C



Emerald Stateroom

162ft²

CAT D CAT E

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CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	JUN 19	
			PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,735	+ \$4,079
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,849	+ \$4,165
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,505	+ \$4,655
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,799	+ \$4,875
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,105	+ \$5,105
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,575	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$8,535	N/A

FREE AIRFARE from MLI (Quad Cities Airport \$1750), when reservations are made by August 31st, 2025.

(Ask about other gateways.)

Starting on September 1st, please call for the most current air promotion pricing details.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Book Early and choose your Cabin!

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$569 per person (Optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
1 2 3 4 5
EASY ENERGETIC



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

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