

The Jewels of the Rhine Emerald Waterways

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Route Map From Emerald Waterways



Your Cruise Includes

- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- Airport transfers to and from the ship
- The services of an Emerald Cruises Cruise Director
- Port taxes and charges
- All tipping and gratuities

Included Tours

- Guided tour of Strasbourg
- Guided tour of Heidelberg
- Walking tour of Koblenz & a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town
- Canal cruise in Amsterdam

EmeraldACTIVE

- Guided bike tour in Breisach
- Guided hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg
- Guided bike tour to Waterland

EmeraldPLUS

- Guided tour of Freiburg with market tasting
- Visit to a local farm estate with cooking demo

Meals

- 20 superb meals including 7 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 7 Dinners (D)
- Including a Welcome and Farewell Reception & Dinner
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board

Day 1 - Basel

- When you arrive in Basel, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your luxurious 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.
- Please book your flight to arrive at Basel prior to 03:00 PM.
- **Meals Included:** Dinner

Day 2 - Breisach

- Today as part of your incredible EmeraldPLUS program, you will visit the city of Freiburg. Considered the 'capital of the Black Forest', Freiburg has lovely sights that will leave you amazed.
- As part of your visit, you will also can sample true Black Forest delicacies from the lively market in the city center near the main cathedral.
- If you are feeling more active, why not join a guided bike tour in Breisach.
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Guided tour of Freiburg with market tasting
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour in Breisach
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to Riquewihr (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Freiburg—Historic Merchant's Hall in the Augustinerplatz.



Market at Munster Square, Freiburg



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Riquewihr Dolder Gate (optional extra expense)



Riquewihr (Optional_



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Riquewihr (Optional)

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Day 3 - Kehl - Strasbourg

- This morning, your Star-Ship will dock in Kehl and you will be transferred across the river to the medieval town of Strasbourg, the capital of France's Alsace Region.
- Cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses make Strasbourg appear as if it has been effortlessly suspended in time, and you will get the opportunity to explore the past during your included walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town.
- Witness the ornate beauty of many of Strasbourg's highlights, including the Maison Kammerzell and the canal network that weaves through Petite France, before enjoying free time to explore at leisure.
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Strasbourg
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Strasbourg



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Strasbourg

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There are plenty of small places to eat



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Colorful Shop in Strasbourg



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A narrow lane in Old Town Strasbourg

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Medieval Watch Towers Strasbourg, France

Strasbourg



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Palais Rohan

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Take a Canal Boat Ride. In the background is Vauban Dam which could flood the Ill River. It actually worked in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.



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Day 4 - Ludwigshafen – Heidelberg

- German Romanticism often depicts idealistic cityscapes and fairytale-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
- Alternatively, hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg for awe-inspiring panoramas.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Heidelberg
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Heidelberg Castle in the Snow

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Old Bridge in Heidelberg

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Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



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Haus Zum Ritter
“House of the Knights”
Oldest burger house in
the city



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Church of the Holy Spirit



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Golden Fleece Sign



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Hauptstrasse—the
main street in the old
town of Heidelberg



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Dirndls (Traditional Dresses) for sale



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Day 5 - Koblenz

- Cruise to the 2000-year-old town of Koblenz today and discover its fairytale-like surrounds nestled on the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers.
- Your local guide will take you on a tour through the town, touching on the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady and the German Corner, where the two inspirational waterways meet.
- Journey by cable car to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, offering exceptional views of the surrounding area from its hilltop position.

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Included Excursion

- Walking tour of Koblenz & a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Deutsches Eck (German Corner)



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St Castor's Basilica



Old Town Koblenz



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Goerresplaz Square



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Fortress Ehrenbreitstein

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Day 6 - Cologne

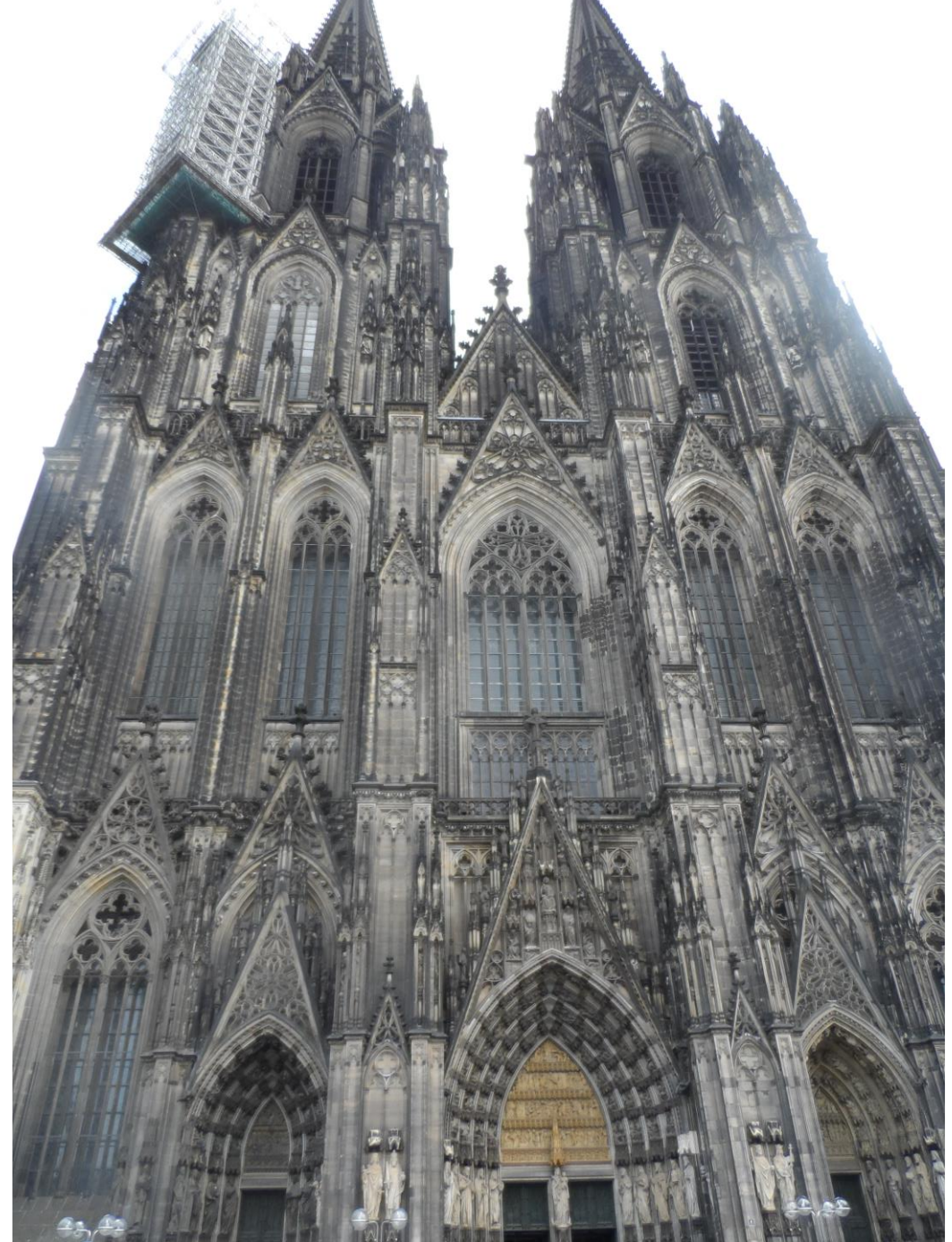
- Effortlessly steeped in history and tales of the past, Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany, encapsulating a timeline that spans more than two millennia.
- Your included city tour will take you to the heart of its Old Town. After your tour, you will be taken to a one-of-a-kind farm estate just outside of Cologne, which provides the locals with sustainable products.
- As part of your EmeraldPLUS program, enjoy a fantastic cooking demo and have a glimpse behind the scenes of this fantastic place.
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Visit to a local farm estate with cooking demo
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cologne Cathedral

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Cologne Cathedral



German-Roman Museum

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Hohenzollern Bridge



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Christmas Markets in Old Market Square

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Day 7 - Amsterdam

- This morning, you can choose to embark on a guided bike tour to Waterland, learning about how the water is reclaiming Holland as you pass through quintessential Dutch surrounds and witness traditional villages and windmills.
- Alternatively, take to Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal network during a glass top canal cruise, passing Roman patrician houses and ornate merchant houses that tell tales of the prosperous Dutch Golden Age.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour to Waterland
- **Included Excursion**
- Canal cruise

Typical Gabled Houses as seen from a canal boat cruise in 2013.

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Canal Boats, Amsterdam



Day 8 - Amsterdam

- After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the Black Forest and charming Strasbourg with you.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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