

# The Majestic Rhine Emerald Waterways Cruises

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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

- Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum
- Walking tour of Koblenz & Visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- Guided tour of Heidelberg
- Guided walking tour of Baden - Baden
- Guided tour of Colmar

# EmeraldPLUS

- Entrance to Casino in Baden-Baden
- Canal boat tour in Strasbourg

# EmeraldACTIVE

- Bike tour in Koblenz
- Guided hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg
- Guided hike to Altes Schloss
- Guided bike Tour to Colmar

# 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 - Frankfurt – Mainz

Welcome to Frankfurt, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your luxurious 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.

**Meals Included:** Dinner



# Day 2 - Rudesheim

- Rudesheim is a charming town that perfectly encapsulates the spirit of Germany; where stalls adorned with cuckoo clocks captivate and live oompah bands playing in beer gardens during the summer months entertain.
- 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.
- **Included Excursion**
- A visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Sailing into Rudesheim

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# Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum



# Day 3 - Koblenz

- The ancient city of Koblenz is the gateway to the Rhine Gorge. Once a Roman stronghold, the area is now full of postcard-worthy parks and flowers. These are yours to discover today during a guided tour of the city, including the German Corner, where the Moselle meets the Rhine.
- This confluence is best viewed 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 and a visit to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Bike tour in Koblenz
- **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 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 or, 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 Gate Heidelberg



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# Day 5 - Rastatt – Baden-Baden

- This morning, a coach will take you from where the ship is docked in Rastatt to whimsical Baden-Baden, a spa town that has been 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.
- Alternatively, enjoy a guided walking tour of Baden-Baden, soaking in the nostalgic elegant boutiques and timeless gardens before entering The Baden-Baden Casino, a favourite of silent film star Marlene Dietrich.

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## **EmeraldPLUS**

- Entrance to The Baden-Baden Casino
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided hike to Altes Schloss
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided walking tour of Baden-Baden
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Baden-Baden



# Day 6 - Kehl – Strasbourg

- This morning, we'll dock in Kehl and take a coach transfer to the medieval capital of France's Alsace Region, Strasbourg.
- The best way to discover Strasbourg's charm is via its quaint waterways, so today we'll embark on an EmeraldPLUS 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, a place where many of Strasbourg's administrative buildings are based. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore at leisure.

- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Canal boat tour in Strasbourg
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Alsace wine route with vineyard hike and tasting (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Strasbourg



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# Day 7 - Breisach – Colmar

- Commence your magical morning with a tour to 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 colorful blooms.
- Alternatively, embark on a guided bike tour from Breisach to Colmar.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour to Colmar
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Colmar
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Guided tour of Freiburg with market tasting (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 8 - Basel - Zurich

- After breakfast, it is time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the picturesque Rhine Gorge with you.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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