



European River Cruise

1 to 20 May 2024



Wed 01 May. Depart Australia

Thurs 02 May. Arrive Amsterdam

Fri 03 May. Amsterdam. Aalsmeer Flower Auctions Volendam (B)

Sat 04 May. Visit to Keukenhof Flower Gardens (B)

Sun 05 May. 15 day Avalon river cruise. (B) Amsterdam, Holland. (Embarkation) Your Suite Ship is Ready for boarding. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Spend free time exploring the colourful streets, bridges, and canals of Amsterdam-with its many cafés and art galleries. Overnight docking in Amsterdam. (D)

Mon 06 May. Amsterdam. Canals of Colourful Amsterdam. Classic - Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam with a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available. Afternoon/Overnight cruise to Cologne. (B,L,D)

Tues 07 May. Cologne, Germany. Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. Active - Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure, or; Discovery - Join a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, or; Classic - Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne-explore the Old City and see its soaring twin-steeped gothic cathedral. Don't miss the chance to enjoy free time over a glass of Kolsch pale lager-locally brewed for over 100 years! This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. Overnight cruise to Rudesheim. (B,L,D)

Wed 08 May. Rhine Gorge - Rudesheim. Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country En route to Rudesheim, sail through the Rhine Gorge (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei-where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors. Active - Take an open-air cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument. Ride or walk back down through the vineyards; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rudesheimer coffee, or; Discovery - Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rudesheimer coffee. Later, local musicians will join us on board for live entertainment. Afternoon/Overnight cruise to Miltenberg. (B,L,D)

Thurs 09 May. Miltenberg. Beauty on the Main River Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities. Classic - Join a Guided Walking Tour of Miltenberg, a showcase of medieval half-timber homes and home to Germany's oldest inn. Spend free time riding a bike through the beautiful villages on the Main River shores. Evening/Overnight cruise to Wurzburg. (B,L,D)

Fri 10 May. Wurzburg. A Perfect Day in the Pearl of the Romantic Road Classic- Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Wurzburg with its Old Main Bridge, towering fortress, and baroque Bishop's Residenz-with the largest known ceiling fresco. Enjoy the city on your own or visit a local winery. Overnight docking in Wurzburg. (B,L,D)

Sat 11 May. Volkach. Storybook Settings You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the beautiful Bavarian town of Rothenburg. See the local sights and enjoy the fairytale atmosphere that has inspired artists. Sail to Volkach and get ready for your afternoon activity. Active - Bike along the Main Danube Canal with your Adventure Host, OR: Classic - Join a Walking Tour of the quaint town of Volkach with its half-timbered houses and cobblestoned streets. Evening/Overnight cruise to Bamberg. (B,L,D)

Sun 12 May. Bamberg. The City of Seven Hills Active - Your bike is ready! Hop on and bike along the canals in Bamberg with your Adventure Host, or; Classic - Take a Guided Walking Tour of the former home to imperial dynasties, and see its Romanesque cathedral, Old Town Hall, and seven hills crowned with churches. Later, enjoy live entertainment performance while sailing this evening. Afternoon/Overnight cruise to Roth. (B,L,D)

Mon 13 May. Roth. Excursion to Nuremberg. Legends and History Lessons Visit the Adventure Centre for today's activities with your Adventure Host. Active - Explore Roth's Lauter valley with your Adventure Host, or; Classic- Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the Bavarian town of Roth-with its half-timbered houses, market square, and 1535 hunting lodge Schloss Ratibor, or; Classic - Choose a Guided Tour of Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle, . Afternoon/Overnight cruise to Regensburg. (B,L,D)

Tues 14 May. Regensburg. Bavaria's Medieval Miracle Active - Explore Walhalla by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: Classic - Join a Guided City Walk and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria-built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress. Spend a free afternoon exploring Regensburg on foot or by bike through its charming streets. Evening/Overnight cruise to Passau. (B,L,D)

Wed 15 May. Passau. Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet Classic - Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers." You may join a full day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, or a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. Alternatively, cruise to the lovely, legendary town of Linz, Austria. This evening, feel free to explore Linz on your own. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. Overnight cruise to Melk. (B,L,D)

Thurs 16 May. Melk - Wachau Valley. Frescoes Above and Vineyards Below. Active - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a walk along the Danube river and around Melk, or; Classic - Take a Guided Tour of the frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ of Melk's Benedictine Abbey. Enjoy a coffee or cocktail on the Sky Deck as you sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley to wonderful Vienna this afternoon. Viennese Waltzes on the Blue Danube Consider joining a Guided Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall this evening. Overnight docking in Vienna. (B,L,D)

Fri 17 May. Vienna. Royal Collections and Amusing Attractions Active - Explore Vienna's Danube Island by bike with your Adventure Host, or; Classic - After a short walk of Vienna, join a Guided Visit of Austria's largest museum, the legendary Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Fine Arts), or; Classic - Explore the Habsburg Empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex-the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral. Evening/Overnight cruise to Budapest. (B,L,D)

Sat 18 May. Budapest, Hungary. The Pearl of the Danube. Active - Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest with your Adventure Host, or; Classic - Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing tour of Budapest, including the iconic Heroes' Square. This afternoon choose among the Optional Guided Excursions available or enjoy Budapest on your own. Indulge in a piece of cream cake in one of the many cafés. Consider a scenic hike above the Danube. Overnight docking in Budapest. (B,L,D)

Sun 19 May. Budapest. (Disembarkation) Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Fly home, or extend if you want toat your own cost
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Per person twin share

Includes economy airfares, transfers, cruise, accommodation, breakfast & some dinners.

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