

EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING



**Why River
Cruise?**

**Top European
Rivers**

**What's
Included?**

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Stolzenfels Castle, built in the 13th century and then rebuilt in the 19th century, perches along the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley in Germany. River cruisers learn about the often times dramatic history of countless landmarks in voyages across Europe. Viking River Cruises features at least seven distinct itineraries that include the Rhine River.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISING!

It is, by far, the best way to explore the interior of Europe, and also a fantastic way to experience other great rivers on almost every continent.

On a river cruise, you stay aboard a vessel that is similar to a boutique hotel, admiring the scenery as you float along, and stop in the heart of the most iconic river cities and quaint villages the region has to offer. Each evening there is live entertainment, including regional performers, and cuisine that rivals the finest on land (or on your favorite ocean-going cruise ship).

Here are the top reasons our clients love river cruising:

- **Many inclusions** – River cruise lines vary, but most include at least one shore excursion per day; enhanced programming that is focused on the region being visited; wine, beer and/or soft drinks with lunch and dinner; and multiple dining venues.
- **Additional benefits** – Some river cruise lines include even more, such as exclusive events in selected ports, all alcoholic beverages and specialty drinks, a fitness center, room service, personal butlers, laundry services, port charges, airport transfers or prepaid gratuities – it varies by river cruise line.
- **Only unpack once** – Unpack when you arrive in your river cruise stateroom or suite, then focus on enjoying your travels, and don't worry about packing again until you're ready to go home.
- **Opportunities for solo cruising** – River cruise lines frequently offer special rates for solo travelers; we can share options with you when you call us.
- **Touring options** – Enjoy self-guided tours with headsets, VIP access to popular attractions, local expert guides who help you make the most of each day's explorations, and more – it varies by river cruise line.

Our Cruise Consultants can help you sort through the growing list of river cruise options to ensure you reserve the one that is right for you. Not sure where to start? Take a look at our map on the facing page that showcases the many rivers of Europe you can choose from, including the top cities in which to consider beginning or ending your river cruise.

Sincerely,

Annie Scrivanich
Senior Vice President
Cruise Specialists

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ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- One shore excursion in each port of call, led by a knowledgeable local guide
- All onboard meals
- Wine, beer and sodas with onboard lunch and dinner
- First-class hotels for overnight stays during cruise tour programs and pre- & post-extension packages
- Free Internet/Wi-Fi
- Your choice of multiple dining venues and times
- Specialty coffees and teas available 24 hours
- Bottled water replenished daily
- In-room infotainment system
- All port charges and government taxes



Viking Hemming, Porto



Explorer Suite, Viking Longships

As The World's Leading River Cruise Line®, Viking® believes in offering guests extraordinarily well-designed cruises that bring you closer to the cultures of the world. Viking has launched more than 50 brand new ships in Europe since 2012, with two more on the way for 2017.

Viking Longships® have set the standard in river cruising, with all the amenities of a fine hotel, providing the opportunity to be comfortably transported each day to and from your next destination—where enriching discoveries are usually just a short walk from your ship.

Viking offers included and optional shore excursions covering cultural and historic highlights. They also go beyond, offering **Local Life, Working World** and **Privileged Access** experiences—opening doors to people and places otherwise difficult to visit. Its **Culture Curriculum®** is an exclusive onboard program that brings local history to life with lectures on history and art; tastings of regional wines from your destinations, enriching Destination Performances and restaurant menus inspired by local cuisine.

Spacious Accommodations

Viking ships have been thoughtfully engineered by nautical architects to bring the outside in with large, expansive windows. Graceful staterooms are designed for ultimate comfort, and Viking provides more stateroom variety than any other river cruise line: three categories of staterooms (starting at 150 square feet), Veranda Suites and lavish Explorer Suites—complete with 445 square feet of space, separate sleeping and sitting rooms, and a wraparound balcony with astonishing 270° views.

Affordable Elegance

Viking provides affordable comfort and streamlined Scandinavian design throughout their Longships® and other details that guests are sure to appreciate, including heated bathroom floors. As Richard Marnell, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Viking Cruises®, told our roving reporter and Avid Cruiser Ralph Grizzle, “When we interview our past guests and try to get their impressions of what their experience has been, they keep coming back to the value that we provide. We like to think that, much like the Scandinavian design ethos that we have, is that you get exactly what you need and a little bit more.”

Viking is perhaps more adept than any other cruise line at spurring interest in river cruising, thanks to its popular two-for-one fare offers and other special promotions. We can share the latest details with you when you call to discuss your river cruise options.



Nuremberg, Germany

Our roving reporter and Avid Cruiser Ralph Grizzle says his number one recommendation for those new to river cruising is a Danube River cruise.

Destinations & Waterways Include:

European Rivers

Danube | Rhine | Main | Seine & Rhône (France) | Douro (Portugal) | Elbe (Germany)

Sail Worldwide On Rivers In

Russia | Ukraine | China | Vietnam & Cambodia | Egypt



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ALL-INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

- All-suite, butler-serviced accommodations
- All gratuities, shipboard and shoreside
- Michelin-inspired, farm-to-table dining
- Complimentary dining at a Michelin-starred restaurant in select cities on every voyage
- Unlimited fine wines, champagnes, premium spirits and beers
- Unlimited soft drinks and bottled water in-suite
- The Pantry: 24-hour self-service venue offering specialty coffees, teas, wines and nonalcoholic beverages
- 24 hour room service
- 60 minutes of complimentary Wi-Fi/internet usage per person, per day
- Crystal Complimentary Adventures™
- Complimentary usage of Atlanta eBikes in every destination
- Daily yoga and fitness classes
- Onboard entertainment and enrichment programs
- Daily choice of electronic international newspapers
- Complimentary self-service guest laundry
- Complimentary airport transfers between airport and river yacht on days of embarkation and disembarkation



Moselle River



Penthouse Suite, *Crystal Bach*

Cystal Cruises debuted its fleet of river yachts in 2016 by transforming the largest river cruise vessel on the Danube into *Crystal Mozart*.

Lovingly rebuilt from top to bottom, one Crystal executive commented, "It was the most ambitious project we've ever undertaken. Our inspiration was, 'What would the perfect Crystal boutique hotel look like if it were to open a hotel in Europe?' That was what we asked our designers to create."

Our roving reporter and Avid Cruiser, Ralph Grizzle, sailed on *Crystal Mozart* in 2016 and provided this glowing feedback: "*Crystal Mozart* gets high marks for many reasons. First, she's wide, and that gives *Mozart* advantages: lots of space for including features not found on other river ships, such as the indoor pool, the wrap-around promenade, multiple dining venues unlike those on other river cruisers and expansive public rooms.

"Included Michelin-star dining ashore is a plus, as are the two Wider-brand boats for excursions and events along the river. All in all, Crystal River Cruises has a winner on its hands with *Crystal Mozart*, truly one-of-a-kind, the 'Queen of Europe's Rivers,'" said Grizzle.

In June and August 2017, new builds *Crystal Bach* and *Crystal Mahler* will join the Crystal fleet, followed by *Crystal Debussy* and *Crystal Ravel* in 2018.

Crystal includes a **Complimentary Signature Event** on all *Crystal Mozart* & *Crystal Mahler* cruises, an evening of art and music at the stunning Belvedere Palace in Vienna.

Upon the launch of the additional four river yachts, Crystal guests will have the option of cruising the Danube, Rhine, Main and Moselle Rivers.

Accommodations

Crystal river yachts boast the superlative standard of luxury for which the company is celebrated and amenities not found on any other river ships.

Aboard *Crystal Mozart*, accommodations range from 204-square-foot suites with a fixed picture window to a two-bedroom, 883-square-foot Crystal Suite with French balcony.

Aboard *Crystal Bach*, *Mahler*, *Debussy* and *Ravel*, accommodations range from the 188-square-foot Petite Suite with Panoramic Balcony-Window™ to the spacious two-bedroom 759-square-foot Crystal Suite.

Other river yacht highlights include:

- A swimming pool with glass roof
- King-sized beds that face the Panoramic Balcony-Windows
- Walk-in closets
- Dual vanity in bathrooms (most categories)
- ETRO robes and slippers
- Wall-mounted flat-screen HD TVs
- Nespresso machines
- Multiple, open-seating eateries
- Full-service spa and separate fitness center

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European Rivers

Danube | Rhine | Main | Moselle

THE LUXURY OF MORE

- All onboard dining, plus unlimited wine and beer with lunch and dinner
- The Chef's Table, an intimate specialty restaurant made available to each guest at least one time throughout the voyage
- A menu of shore excursions in most ports of call, including options for city tour and Limited Edition Tour focusing on local life
- Different tour paces: gentle, regular and active
- Complimentary bicycles, for independent use or in exclusive, guided bike tours
- Guided hikes that take you off the beaten path (select ports)
- Free internet access and Wi-Fi
- Computer in every stateroom



Bicycling along the Danube River

The "Ama" in AmaWaterways is derived from the Latin word for love. At AmaWaterways, their love for people – guests, as well as employees and the people they visit – is evident in everything they do.

AmaWaterways is an award-winning cruise line whose fleet will number 21 ships in 2017. Through it all, they have remained family owned and operated, and the owners have a hands-on approach to management. This means there is an exceptional commitment to building strong personal relationships and providing excellent customer service, putting your comfort and enjoyment above all else.

AmaWaterways' ships are inspired by luxury yachts, designed to maximize every aspect of your experience. One of the

most popular features aboard AmaWaterways' ships are the twin balconies in almost every stateroom – a French balcony and an outside balcony. The ships also include massage services, a fitness room and pool. Several of the newest ships include staterooms with connecting doors as well as triple accommodations, making it easier for group and family travel.

More Ways to Explore

On an AmaWaterways river cruise, you don't just pass through a destination, you experience it. You'll feel more connected to the essence of life in each place you visit. With a menu of options, you can choose from a city tour, a more in-depth Limited Edition Tour focused on local life or an active hike or guided bicycle tour. The choice is yours, and it's all complimentary.

Destinations & Waterways Include:

European Rivers

Danube | Rhine | Main | Moselle | Rhône, Seine, Dordogne & Garonne (France) | Douro (Portugal) | Dutch & Belgian Waterways

Sail Worldwide On Rivers In

Vietnam & Cambodia | Africa



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Scenic Opal, Budapest

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LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

TRULY ALL-INCLUSIVE LUXURY

Europe Space-Ship Fleet Includes:

- Six dining venues
- Luxury suites with personal butler for all guests
- Unlimited beverages and in-suite mini bar
- Sun deck with vitality pool
- 24 hour room service
- Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet
- All tips and gratuities
- A variety of shore tour options and special events
- Complimentary e-bikes
- Fitness and wellness area with hair salon and massage services
- Exclusive private dining opportunity with Table La Rive's Executive Chef with six-course tasting menu, accented by sommelier-paired wines (*Diamond Deck and Junior Balcony Suite Sapphire Deck guests only*)

Scenic River Cruise Ships serve as a floating five-star hotel as you cruise the waterways of Europe. These intimate and cutting edge Space-Ships – nicknamed as such because of their incredible roominess – provide the backdrop for an experience that is unsurpassed.

With innovative technology, a wide selection of dining options and spacious suites, you'll be spoiled from the moment you step on board. From the moment their staff greets you, to the final farewell, you will rarely (if ever) need to open your pocketbook.

Scenic has created a variety of onshore programming, including the option to tour completely on your own, in a small group immersing yourself in some of the world's most unique cultures,

or with a hand-held device that walks you through your own personal shore excursions.

The Rhine and Danube Rivers serve as the primary river cruise attractions aboard Scenic Cruises, with a variety of itineraries that allow you to trace lives of the world's most revered classical composers, explore the Black Forest and the canals of Amsterdam, and explore the cities that have weathered centuries of change.

In France, surround yourself with the romance and history of the Seine, Rhône River and the trio of waterways that converge in Bordeaux. Or, experience extraordinary gastronomy and wine throughout the undulating hills of Portugal, along the Douro.

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Sail Worldwide On Rivers In

Russia | Vietnam & Cambodia | Myanmar

ALL-INCLUSIVE LUXURY

- All gratuities included
- All scheduled airport transfers
- All dining onboard and unlimited beverages (including many premium spirits)
- Exclusive excursions
- Well-equipped onboard fitness center
- Bicycles and Nordic walking sticks for onshore use
- Ship-wide Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Onboard entertainment and signature lectures
- Butler service (suite guests on European voyages)
- New in 2017: port charges, 24-hour room service and Concierge services all included
- The only *Zagat*-rated river cruise line for culinary expertise



Baroque Restaurant, S.S. Maria Theresa

Everything Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection does is focused on a singular goal: to give you the unique and unforgettable experience you seek, with the personalized industry-leading service you deserve.

Uniworld's ships provide the perfect setting for your voyage. More like floating boutique hotels, each and every ship is rich in character and truly one of a kind, with its own color palette, original art and a stylish flair – inspired by the rivers they cruise.

Linger over a fine multi-course meal, enjoy fresh air and the views on the expansive Sun Deck, and share memories of each day's events in the comfortable lounge with friends over cocktails.

Along with a smaller number of privileged guests than other river cruise lines, you'll take in the history, culture, cuisine and treasured cities of Europe along the Rhine, Danube, Po and Douro, as well as several of France's most majestic rivers. Come experience why Uniworld was voted by *Travel+Leisure* readers, "World's Best River Cruise Line" in the most recent annual Reader's Survey.

Destinations & Waterways Include:

European Rivers

Danube | Rhine | Main | Moselle | Dutch Waterways | Seine, Rhône, Saône, Garonne & Dordogne (France) | Douro (Portugal) | Po (Italy)

Sail Worldwide On Rivers In

China | Vietnam & Cambodia | Russia | Egypt | India



Panorama Suite, Avalon Artistry II

AVALON

WATERWAYS®

JUST THE RIGHT INCLUSIONS:

- Shore excursions with local guides
- Beer and regional wines with all onboard dinners
- Onboard enrichment activities
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access

SHIP AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- SkyDeck with shade system, premium lounge chairs & whirlpool (*European ships*)
- Self-beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate and premium coffees
- Lounges and upscale bar serving premium spirits
 - Fitness center
 - Well-stocked library
- Hair salon (*manicures available*)

What makes Avalon Waterways different? Quite a few things, in fact. For starters, 80% of staterooms in their Suite Ships® are 200-square foot Panorama Suites, 30% larger than the average stateroom. In your stateroom, you'll find L'Occitane bath products, and about the ship you'll find a well-stocked library in the espresso lounge.

Allow yourself the luxury of being on your own time, whether that means getting up early or sleeping in and enjoying the view from your floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with French balcony (most staterooms and suites).

With Avalon, every meal is every part of the journey. Savor a menu that features fresh, local ingredients from small farms. There is a multitude of dining options, from morning

Continental or buffet breakfast, through elegant, sit-down dinners with gourmet selections – and late evening fare to enjoy while savoring the day's events with friends.

Avalon prides itself on more expertly-led discovery options than any other cruise line, making it possible for you to explore each port according to what intrigues you most. Cruise Directors and special guest lecturers offer you a vast onboard educational program. Receive guided sightseeing in every port, VIP access into key destinations, and bicycles available for check-out or optional, guided excursions. And if you want to go off the beaten path, Avalon offers unique alternative excursions, such as a Jewish Heritage Walk in Cologne, a Sayn Manor House visit in Koblenz, and more.

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China | Vietnam & Cambodia | Myanmar | Peru | Egypt



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Coming to the Rhine, Danube, Main and Moselle Rivers in 2018

Highlights Include:

- Europe's only all-balcony, all-suite river ships
- Accommodations for an exclusive 106 guests
- Butler service for every suite
- Plush king-size beds that face Panoramic Balcony-Windows
- Walk-in closets

Sample Itineraries Include:

- **Majestic Europe:** Vienna to Basel along the Danube and Rhine Rivers
- **Danube Serenade:** 10 days on the Danube with overnight stays in Budapest and Vienna

We can provide you with more information when you call us!



Penthouse Living Room (Artist's Concept)



Vintage Room (Artist's Concept)



Crystal Debussy & Ravel River View (Artist's Concept)