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## ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF RIVER CRUISING

By arranging cruise travel for more than 30 years, we at Cruise Specialists have become experts in the distinctions between the world's finest river cruise lines. Whether you're a seasoned river cruise veteran or considering your first voyage, we're convinced 2019 will be the best year yet for river cruising.

Our longstanding connections with the world's best cruise lines mean we are among the first to know of new itineraries, ship renovations, and breaking news in the world of cruising. From Crystal River Cruises' first full season with its fleet of five all-suite ships, to AmaWaterways' Danube River debut of the extraordinary *AmaMagna*, we're excited to share this information with you.

Plus, with our established reputation for personalized service and attention, you can rest easy that we'll pay meticulous attention to every detail before your trip so everything is just as you imagined, and then some.







# VIKING

*Exploring the World in Comfort®*

Viking®, a *Travel + Leisure* and *Condé Nast Traveler* award winner, offers destination-focused itineraries on the rivers of Europe, Russia, China, Southeast Asia and Egypt. Enjoy exciting cities, culturally enriching experiences, regional cuisine and spacious accommodations on board elegant, state-of-the-art ships.

## VIKING INCLUSIVE VALUE

Viking includes these features and services:

- One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- Free Wi-Fi (*connection speed may vary*)
- Visits to UNESCO Sites
- Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- Port taxes & fees
- Ground transfers with Viking Air purchase

Additionally, your river-view stateroom includes:

- Hotel-style bed with optional twin-bed configuration, luxury linens & pillows
- 40" flat-screen LCD TV with complimentary Movies On Demand
- Spacious glass-enclosed shower
- Heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror
- Premium Freja® toiletries; plus robes & slippers
- Stateroom steward & twice-daily housekeeping



Dining on the Aquavit Terrace®, Budapest



Crystal Cruises set a new standard for river cruising when they introduced their first river ship, *Crystal Mozart*, in 2016. Now with five all-suite, all-butler river ships in Europe, Crystal ensures that all of your preferences are quietly noted and every wish is graciously fulfilled.

## SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

- All-suite river ships; every suite featuring a king-size bed, many with walk-in closets
- The largest luxury suites of any European river ship, measuring up to 883 sq. ft. (82 sq. m.)
- European butler service for every room category
- Michelin-inspired farm-to-table dining, featuring Crystal's acclaimed cuisine with regionally inspired menus
- The Crystal Collection of curated destination experiences — inclusive, optional, Signature Events and extended journeys — offering numerous options for travelers
- High-tech in-suite amenities, including: bedside iPad directory; interactive TV system with complimentary movies on demand; music library; ambient lighting and temperature controls

## ALL-INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

- All gratuities, shipboard and shoreside
- Unlimited fine wines, sparkling wine, premium spirits, and beers
- Unlimited soft drinks and bottled water in-suite
- 24-hour room service and 24-hour self-service specialty coffees, teas, wines and non-alcoholic beverages
- 24-hour complimentary, unlimited Wi-Fi/Internet
- Onboard entertainment and enrichment
- Daily yoga and fitness classes
- Complimentary self-service guest laundry
- Complimentary use of eBikes in select destinations
- Complimentary airport transfers on embarkation and debarkation days



Waterside Restaurant, *Crystal Bach*



Once you sail with Tauck, it may become your choice for life. Our clients consistently rank Tauck among the very highest in river cruise operators. Tauck provides guests uncommon access to unique experiences ashore. Plus, with an extreme level of personalized attention and virtually everything included in one upfront price, Tauck removes all guesswork and provides superior value.

## TRAVEL IN GOOD COMPANY AND WITH UNCOMMON ACCESS

- At least four Tauck Directors on every river cruise (in addition to ship's crew), representing the highest tour director-to-guest ratio in the industry
- All shore excursions are complimentary
- Unique shoreside experiences such as cooking classes with a local chef or private cultural performances in exquisite locales
- Private dining experiences in historic venues
- Fine European-style shipboard dining
- Unlimited complimentary beverages onboard
- Special Solo Traveler Savings on all European river cruises



Basel, Switzerland

Panorama Deck, *Scenic Diamond*



## SCENIC<sup>®</sup>

LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

Since 2008, Scenic has been revealing Europe's magnificent waterways with their fleet of luxury Scenic Space-Ships. Every aspect of your comfort and peace of mind has been considered, making your trip a truly carefree experience. With beautifully-appointed suites and all gratuities included, it adds up to what Scenic calls "the Nth Degree" of perfection.

## THE ALLURE OF THE SCENIC ROUTE

- Scenic Enrich experiences: spectacular authentic and culturally-rich excursions far removed from those enjoyed by the masses, provided without charge
- A variety of Freechoice activities at each destination, provided at Active, Moderate and Relaxed paces
- Exclusive GPS guided Scenic Tailormade tours to go at your own pace
- Scenic Sundowners: exclusive cocktail receptions hosted at some of Europe's most majestic locations
- Butler and laundry services for all guests, amenities based on suite category
- Choice of dining venues and extensive selection of complimentary beverages, including regional wines and top-shelf liquors along with selection of tea and fine coffee
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Transfers and gratuities included; Scenic does not even ask for a credit card when you check in





Palm Court, *Crystal Bach*



## SIZING UP THE RIVER SHIPS

Listed from lowest guest count to highest

CRUISE LINE	GUEST CAPACITY	STATEROOM OR SUITE SIZE (range listed in square feet)
Tauck	98 or 130	150 – 300
Crystal River Cruises	106, Rhine Class ships	188 – 759
	154, <i>Crystal Mozart</i>	219 – 883
AmaWaterways	144 – 196	155 – 710
Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection Super Ships	152	150 – 410
Scenic Space-Ships	159 – 163	160 – 360
Avalon Waterways European Suite Ships®	166	172 – 300
American Queen Steamboat Company	166 – 428	132 – 1,038
Viking Longships	190	135 – 445

Stateroom or suite sizes listed are double occupancy and include veranda/sun lounge square footage, and primarily relate to Rhine/Danube rivers. American Queen Steamboat Company cruises U.S. rivers.

Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection examples are based on *S. S. Joie de Vivre* (cruising France) and *S.S. Beatrice*.

Avalon Waterways ship information is based on *Avalon Envision*<sup>SM</sup> and *Avalon Passion*<sup>®</sup>, two of the fleet's newest ships.



With the highest-rated ships in Europe according to the third edition of *Berlitz: River Cruising in Europe and the USA*, AmaWaterways welcomes the extraordinary *AmaMagna* to the Danube River in 2019. This ship is nearly twice the width of traditional European ships yet carries under 200 guests – allowing for more public venues and an incredibly spacious feel.

## THE LUXURY OF MORE

- A menu of shore excursions in every port with different tour paces: Gentle, Regular and Active
- Choices of special interest tours to experience a specific aspect of a destination more in-depth
- Bicycles on board for complimentary check-out and a variety of complimentary, guided bike tours
- Complimentary evening at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, at least once per cruise
- Complimentary unlimited wine and beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Daily Sip and Sail Cocktail hour featuring Champagne, Wine, Beer and Spirits
- Most staterooms feature two private balconies – a French balcony and a full outside balcony
- Complimentary internet access and Wi-Fi and an in-room computer/entertainment system



*AmaMagna*



Avalon Waterways invites you to “see the world your way,” emphasizing your bed faces the incredible views out your stateroom window – and their wide variety of guided tours allows you to customize your vacation to a style and pace that suits your preferences.

## INCLUDED FOR EVERY AVALON GUEST

- Professional Cruise Director who delivers educational commentary as you travel
- Included sightseeing with Certified Local Guides, Guided Optional Excursions and Tours, and ample free time
- An Avalon Adventure Host<sup>SM</sup> available as your guide for fitness activities and active excursions
- River-view, deluxe accommodations with enhanced soundproofing
- Avalon’s exclusive Comfort Collection Beds<sup>SM</sup>
- English-speaking TV channels with over 100 free movie options
- 24-hour self-serve complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate and tea
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board your vessel
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship



Panorama Suite, *Avalon Vista*



*You deserve the best®*

Some of the world's most iconic rivers are the perfect match for the boutique river cruise ships of Uniworld. Each ship is a masterpiece, rich in character and truly one-of-a-kind. Voted World's Best River Cruise Line in the *Travel+Leisure* 2018 World's Best Awards, their goal is to provide discerning guests with an unsurpassed and unforgettable river cruise experience.

## THE MOST ALL-INCLUSIVE

- Impeccable service with one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios of any cruise line
- A variety of personalized excursions led by English-speaking local experts, with options from active, to "Do as the Locals Do"
- Exclusive Experiences that are once-in-a-lifetime offerings such as a private art tour or a conversation with an Austrian princess in her 13th century castle
- Optional "Masterpiece Collection" shore excursions and curated services, such as a private car and guide
- All gratuities onboard and ashore
- Elegant riverview staterooms and suites, with the finest linens, towels and Savoir® beds
- The only river cruise company using Asprey bath products
- In-suite butler service for all European cruises (except Portugal and Russia)
- Unlimited beverages, including many premium spirits and wines
- Onboard exercise and wellness classes with certified onboard wellness instructors in Europe
- Bicycles and Nordic walking sticks for onshore use
- Shipwide internet and Wi-Fi access
- All scheduled airport transfers



Suite, S.S. Maria Theresa





American Queen

## AMERICAN QUEEN® STEAMBOAT COMPANY

Uniquely American River Cruises

American Queen Steamboat Company is known for their beautiful paddlewheelers that grace some of America's most distinguished waterways. Guests come to love this river cruise line for their friendly, all-American crew, gracious hospitality and a flair for connecting you with America's history, geography, music, culture and cuisine.

### A DISTINGUISHED RIVER CRUISE EXPERIENCE

- Premium hotel stay begins your journey on all 2019 voyages
- Fine dining with specialty and casual options
- Guided Shore Excursions in each port of call
- Broadway-caliber entertainment each evening
- Coffee, tea, cappuccino, espresso, bottled water, and soft drinks
- Wine and beer with dinner
- Room service 24 hours a day
- Wi-Fi/Internet service
- Daily enrichment programs
- Single Inside and Outside Staterooms available
- Suite guests receive additional services, including butler (select suite categories), reserved seating in theater and more





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# *Congratulations to*

**Viking river cruises for these recent accolades:**

2018 *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards – #1 River Cruise Line

2018 *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards – 14 years of recognition



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