

Switzerland • France • Germany • the Netherlands

Tour Dates: April 10, 2024



# Tulip Time on Jewels of the Rhine





**DAY 1** Depart the USA: Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

DAY 2 Zurich to Lucerne, Switzerland: Upon arrival in Zurich, transfer to your hotel in Lucerne to begin your Swiss adventure. Flights should arrive by 3:00pm. The afternoon is at leisure to begin discovering your beautiful new surroundings. This evening, join your Mayflower representative and traveling companions for an included dinner at the hotel. Meal: D

DAY 3 Lucerne: After breakfast, an included walking tour highlights the city's landmark, the famous 14th-century Chapel Bridge with its paintings of heroic town events, that crosses the Reuss River. See the 17th-century Renaissance Town Hall and town squares, all set amongst the beautiful backdrop of the Swiss Alps. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Meal: B

DAY 4 Lucerne – Basel: Before departing for your ship in Basel, the day is free to enjoy at leisure or join the morning optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus – a mountain overlooking Lucerne that offers a unique alpine experience! This afternoon, travel by motorcoach to Basel, Switzerland for embarkation of your Emerald Cruises luxury Star-Ship. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner onboard. Meals: B, D

DAY 5 Breisach, Germany: Experience the 'tale of two cities': Breisach, Germany and Neuf-Breisach, France, divided by the Rhine. During the guided visit to these two wonderful gems on the Rhine River, you'll pass the main sights and attractions, including the UNESCO World Heritage fortress overlooking Neuf-Breisach. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldPLUS: A tale of two cities divided by the Rhine EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour in Breisach

**DiscoverMORE:** Mt. Pilatus (additional expense)

DAY 6 Strasbourg, France: Once docked in Kehl, coaches

await to take you across the river to Strasbourg, the capital city of the Alsace Region in France. The guided walking tour takes you along narrow lanes and across footbridges as you discover the Grande Île, the historical city centre and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for its medieval black and white timber-framed buildings, picturesque le Petite France, old tanning houses, canals and river locks, the city's star attraction is the ornate cathedral, dominating the main square. This afternoon, the city is yours to explore at leisure. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7 Ludwigshafen, Germany – Schwetzingen: Relax onboard as the vessel cruises along the Rhine River to Ludwigshafen. Upon arrival travel by coach to visit Schwetzingen Palace, famous for the beauty and harmony of its gardens. Visit the interior of the palace, along with the beautiful gardens, maintained in their original design. Today they remain a cultural heritage site of European significance, and contain more than 100 sculptures scattered throughout the grounds. Alternatively, embark on an active journey to the quaint wellness town of Bad-Dürkheim for a hike through the beautiful vineyards. Meals: B, L, D

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided vineyard hike in Bad-Dürkheim (instead of included tour)

DAY 8 Koblenz: Begin the day sailing through the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Rhine Gorge. Pass countless medieval castles and vineyards lining the shores of this section of the river, with photo opportunities around every bend. See the infamous Lorelei statue and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, built on an island in the middle of the river as a medieval toll station. Continue cruising to the 2000-year-old town of Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Enjoy a walking tour of Koblenz seeing the German Corner where the 2 rivers meet, the Church of Our Lady, and visit the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress by cable car on the opposite side of the river. This fortress was part of the Prussian defense



against the French in the 19th century and later used as a headquarters for the American military during WWII.

Meals: B, L, D

**DiscoverMORE:** Moselle & Cochem (Reichsburg) Castle Visit (additional expense)

DAY 9 Cologne: Continue cruising along the Rhine River to Cologne. Founded by the Romans, the city is one of Germany's oldest and is famous for its magnificent UNESCO World Heritage gothic cathedral. Join your local guide for an included walking tour of the city, touching on the historical charm of the Old Town and its Roman history. Traverse the quaint alleyways and see historic monuments alongside modern architecture. The tour concludes at the cathedral, whose twin spires dominate the skyline. A visit to Cologne Botanical Gardens is also included, where a local expert accompanies you through the gardens, explaining about the flora and history of the park. This evening, back onboard, join your Captain for a farewell reception and dinner. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10 Amsterdam, the Netherlands: This morning, depart by coach for an included visit to the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens. Discover why it's called the "Garden of Europe" as you wander along the paths, admiring gorgeous flowers at the peak of tulip season. Unique flower shows in the pavilions along with colorful, artistic floral displays throughout the manicured garden, are sure to please! Return to the ship in the afternoon to explore the city of Amsterdam at your leisure.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11 Amsterdam / USA: Bid 'auf wiedersehen' to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your European adventure and cruise along the Rhine River during tulip time. Meal: B

Itinerary is subject to change.



# Exceptional Inclusions

- 23 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit four countries
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lucerne
- Seven-nights in a suite or stateroom of your choice onboard the vessel
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- All gratuities included
- Explore the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Personal listening device for shore excursions
- All meals included onboard
- · Variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks with onboard lunches and dinners
- Onboard Activity Manager will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- · Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore
- All port charges included

### **CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 2 and 3 – Hotel Europe or similar, Lucerne, Switzerland Days 4 through 10 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship Post-cruise hotel stays available in Amsterdam. Call for details.

# Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

Built: 2014-20 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 19 Suites: 72 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 47

### SUN DECK



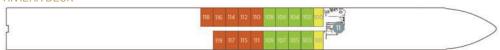
#### HORIZON DECK



#### VISTA DECK



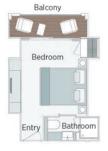
### **RIVIERA DECK**





**Owner's One-Bedroom Suite** 

315ft<sup>2</sup>



**Grand Balcony Suite** 

210ft<sup>2</sup>

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**Panorama Balcony Suite** 

180ft<sup>2</sup>





**Public Areas and Ship Amenities** Sun Deck with Deck Chairs

2 Navigation Bridge Sky Barbeque

 Golf Putting Green Games Area

Walking Track

The Terrace

Elevator

Retractable Glass Roof

Horizon Bar and Lounge

8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema



**Emerald Stateroom** 

162ft<sup>2</sup>



2024 Departure Date			APR 10	
Tulip Time on Jewels of the Rhine		PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	
CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	TWIN	ADD
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,915	+ \$3,369
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,019	+ \$3,445
С	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,615	+ \$3,859
В	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,895	+ \$4,055
Α	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,165	+ \$4,245
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,589	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$7,455	N/A

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Don't Delay Space is limited!

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

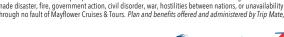
Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises – \$569 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
   90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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