

TAUCK 



2024

# European River Cruising

6 New River Cruises, New Destinations and All-Included Shore Excursions





UNITED KINGDOM



London

NETHERLANDS



Amsterdam Kampen

Leiden

Rotterdam

Kinderdijk

Gorinchem

Bruges

Antwerp

Ghent

Brussels

BELGIUM



LUXEMBOURG



FRANCE



Le Havre

Honfleur

Rouen

Giverny

Paris

Versailles

D-Day Beaches

Seine River

Rhine River

Düsseldorf

Köln

Rüdesheim

Frankfurt

Cochem

Trier

Mannheim

Heidelberg

Nürnberg

Main River

Main-Danube Canal

Strasbourg

Baden-Baden

Munich

Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Saône River

Chalon-sur-Saône

Basel

Zurich

Lucerne

Bern

Jungfrau

SWITZERLAND



Montreaux

Geneva

Lake Geneva

Lake Como

Como

Milan

ITALY



Rhône River

Avignon

Arles

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Nice

Monte-Carlo

Cannes

## Douro River



Porto

Peso da Régua Pinhão

Barca d'Alva

Salamanca

Madrid

Coimbra

PORTUGAL



SPAIN



Lisbon



POLAND  


Prague  
CZECH REPUBLIC  


SLOVAKIA  


AUSTRIA  


HUNGARY  


ROMANIA  


CROATIA  


SERBIA  


BULGARIA  


nsburg

Passau

Salzburg

Cesky Krumlov

Melk

Dürnstein

Vienna

Bratislava

Budapest

Vukovar

Belgrade

Iron Gate

Bran

Bucharest

Constanta

Danube River

Danube River

SLOVENIA

# Raising the bar in river cruising

2024 is looking to be a remarkable year for travel to Europe, and river cruising continues to be one of the most popular ways to travel.

To accommodate growing demand, we're so pleased to introduce six new river cruises featuring new destinations, new experiences ashore, and new ways to connect with the places you explore while cruising the Danube, Main, Rhine, Seine, and Rhône. You'll experience a new way to look at Europe's rivers – with the Tauck difference.

Our longstanding travel partnerships and destination expertise provide unique travel experiences along the rivers on all-included shore excursions that are often exclusive to Tauck – or at private venues – or before or after opening hours. A dedicated team of Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Directors guides each journey, often joined by local guides; together, they share their knowledge and expertise on the rivers and ashore.

We're in the business of fulfilling travel dreams, and your river cruise experience begins from the moment you come aboard. Tauck's custom-built riverboats are designed for fewer passengers and more personal space than comparative, same-sized riverboats. With a thoughtful use of space throughout, our goal was to provide larger, more spacious cabins, fewer crowds, and more personalized service.

Our #1 priority is for you to travel effortlessly, with peace of mind, knowing that every aspect of your trip is taken care of, so you can just relax and enjoy those memorable experiences that make travel dreams come true. On behalf of all of us at Tauck, we truly look forward to welcoming you aboard!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned on a light beige rectangular background that has a subtle, larger-scale version of the topographic map pattern seen in the overall document design.

Daniel W. Mahar, CEO





## The Danube

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*Tauck's #1 Best-Selling Itinerary Worldwide*
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↔ River cruise operates in two directions - north / south or east / west



We're a company, and a family, of passionate travelers. For almost a century, our values and purpose remain unchanged: always do the right thing. Embrace change by continually innovating. Treat our guests like extended family members. And change lives by broadening knowledge and fulfilling dreams.

With journeys by land, river and sea across 7 continents, in over 100 destinations and 70+ countries, we keep raising the bar to find new ways to connect you more deeply with the places you explore.

So read on, and find your inspiration for your next journey.

## Travel beyond ordinary™



*Kampen, Netherlands*





Named to  
*Travel + Leisure's*  
"World's Best" list for  
25 consecutive years



# Distinctively Inclusive

River cruising with Tauck means carefree cruising with everything included in one constant upfront price that will not change due to currency fluctuations, inflation and more – and no options sold, ever, because if it means a better travel experience for our guests, we include it. Take a look at what we include on every cruise and make plans to enjoy a journey that includes your best interests.

- Unique cultural experiences exclusive to Tauck
- All meals onboard and special ones ashore, freshly prepared and regionally inspired
- A choice of expertly guided shore excursions
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, local guides, ship crew, and wait staff on included meals
- All transportation including transfers upon arrival and departure
- Entertainment, admission fees, tastings, and more
- Premier accommodations in the finest city center hotels on select cruises
- Complimentary beverages – from specialty coffee, tea and soft drinks to wine, beer and premium spirits – all day, every day

*Picture yourself at an Imperial dinner in Vienna's Palais Pallavicini (right), enjoying Slovak dancers onboard ship (middle right), lunching at a private ranch in la Camargue (bottom center), staying in London's Rosewood hotel (bottom right) or aboard ms Andorinha (top) on the Douro River.*









# Small Is Big

*“Small is Big” is a driving force behind our river cruises as we continually seek to provide you with more personalized travel that caters to your comfort and wellbeing. Small groups and more private space aboard our riverboats are key to providing the advantages you expect when you travel with Tauck. Enjoy a choice of included activities, fewer guests aboard than similar sized ships, more spacious accommodations, and more uniquely engaging cultural experiences for Tauck guests only.*

## Fewer Guests Onboard

Comfortable and crowd-free, our specially designed fleet of custom riverboats boasts bigger cabins and more suites than other riverboats of the same size, offering the most space per guest on Europe’s rivers. We limit the number of guests onboard from 84 or 98 guests on our smaller riverboats, to no more than 130 aboard our larger riverboats, so you can enjoy the freedom to relax and roam as you like. You’ll find public spaces that are warm and welcoming, inviting you to make yourself at home in an elegantly styled dining room, in Arthur’s intimate bistro, in the panoramic piano lounge and bar, or atop the sun deck where serenity and scenery delight and the memories are endless.

## Crowd-Free Advantages Ashore

Onshore, your choice of expertly choreographed small group excursions are thoughtfully timed to avoid large gatherings and long lines. Our exclusive Tauck experiences are private and meticulously orchestrated for more personal, meaningful discoveries, and are only available for Tauck guests.







*Cruise on our custom-designed riverboats with never more than 130 guests aboard and discover just how intimate a river cruise can be. Public spaces are thoughtfully appointed to assure your comfort and include Arthur's, serving lighter fare for your dining pleasure morning, noon and night, along with all day coffee, tea, and beverages to enjoy as you wish. On land, explore the sights by bicycle like the locals do; they are complimentary for your use onshore.*





Private dinner at Lobkowitz Palace, Prague



# Closer Connections

*The best trips bring meaningful connections that last long after you return home. Meet locals who share their daily lives and cultural insights with you. Explore with historians who tell stories of the past that define the present. Sip wine with vintners and cook alongside gifted chefs, engaging with residents skilled in crafts and professions unique to the destination. Personal discoveries like these enrich every Tauck trip.*

## Sip wines 11 generations rich at a family-owned museum in Cochem

Stepping off your riverboat in medieval Cochem is like stepping into a picture book of fairy tales, so charming are the sights you'll see here. And while your visit to 1,000 year old Reichsburg Castle and your stroll or bicycle ride through this jewel of a town make for a most memorable day, it is your wine tasting visit with the owner of the Schlagkamp Wine Museum that thrills with an authentic taste of daily life here, past and present. It starts with Riesling, the queen of grapes in this region and introduces a royal line up of Elbling, Rivaner, Grauburgunder and Chardonnay wines, locally produced and proudly poured by your host, Andreas Schlagkamp, as he shares stories about his family's 400-year legacy as vintners. *The Rhine and Moselle* (See page 86)

## Dine like royalty at a private palace in Prague Castle

It's not often that you're invited to join Bohemian nobility for dinner in their own private palace, but you'll do just that when you join us at 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace in Prague Castle. Long-time friends of our family, the Lobkowitz family rolls out the royal carpet when Tauck is in town, opening their palace and personal art collection – featuring world-famous paintings, hand-annotated manuscripts by famous composers including Mozart and Beethoven, and a priceless array of historic treasures – to us for a very special evening you'll not soon forget, exclusively Tauck. *The Blue Danube* (See page 22)

## Learn about Normandy's popular pomes at an apple farm

With a reputation for producing some of the world's finest wines, France's other vintage crop often stays in the background. But when you visit an apple farm along Normandy's cider route, you'll learn that their pomes have been sought after since ancient times. Vintage ciders are made with apples that have been aged in barrels much like wine. When distilled, the cider becomes a brandy called Calvados. Raise a toast to the farmer as you try freshly pressed apple juice, cider and Calvados, spirited and bold, along with pâtes and confiture, preserved to perfection. *Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy; Cruising the Seine plus Paris & London; Rendezvous on the Seine* and *River Seine: Chateaux, Impressionism & Normandy* (See pages 92, 96, 98 & 102)



## Beyond the velvet ropes at Strahov Monastery Library

One of the best preserved historical libraries in Europe with two magnificent baroque halls dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, the library at Strahov Monastery in Prague is also one of the hardest to view close-up – unless you're with Tauck. We take you behind the velvet ropes to see what other visitors don't. Walk by books lining hand-carved gilded shelves and look up to view the grandiose ceiling fresco, awe-inspiring to behold.

*The Blue Danube* (See page 18)



## A night to remember at storied Slot Loevestein in the Netherlands

An evocative 14th-century keep that has been a prison, home and toll castle, medieval Slot Loevestein takes on a new role as you enjoy a gala evening with dinner for Tauck guests only. Strategically built to keep invaders out and prisoners in, the castle reigns over a nature reserve surrounded by water, yours to explore during an exclusive Tauck experience on *Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels* and *Hidden Waterways of Flanders and Holland* (See pages 54 and 58)

## Port cocktail-making workshop at a quinta in the Douro Valley

Quintas line the banks above Portugal's golden Douro River, heralding a legacy of wine making traditions since the Romans planted the first vineyards here some 2,000 years ago. Cruise to a quinta in the Douro Valley to discover the time-honored secrets of Portugal's port wine. Enjoy a guided walk in the vineyard before learning tips of the trade in a private port cocktail-making workshop exclusive to Tauck. *Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid*. (See page 122)







*Exclusive dinner at Château du Taillis on our River Seine cruises*

# Uniquely Tauck

*Unique and exclusive access makes your travels unlike any other. We show you must-see places and hidden gems on special cultural experiences available only with Tauck.*

At Tauck, we want to show you the heart of Europe differently than you could see it with anyone else. Our river cruises include uniquely exclusive experiences that connect you more deeply to the people and places you discover. Enjoy special access to private places not open to the general public and be welcomed inside must-see sites during times when the crowds aren't there. Go behind the scenes in unforgettable venues for insights and knowledge not available anywhere else. And discover riverside gems like you live there on VIP visits only available with Tauck.







# Guided by the Best

*Our Tauck Directors travel with you throughout your river cruise, partnering with our local guides to provide a deeper, truly authentic travel experience.*

True guardians of your river cruise experience, our Tauck Directors are renowned as the world's best travel companions, thoughtfully providing the attentive, caring service that is a hallmark of Tauck. Together with our handpicked local experts and guides, including chefs, musicians, artists and more, they share personal insights that enrich your cruise like nothing else can, making it easy to feel at home wherever we go. Meet a few of them here:



## Ludmila Hochmanova

Born in the Czech Republic, Ludmila received her degree in tourism, a dream come true for this passionate traveler. She worked in hotels, as a travel agent, advised tourists in a visitor center and specialized in guest services on a cruise ship sailing around the world, before joining Tauck. She loves sharing Europe's rich history, traditions and local life and enjoys climbing, hiking and biking adventures in her free time.



## Manuel Rezende

A native of Portugal, Manuel holds a master's degree in heritage and history and did post-grad studies in tourism and heritage. Before joining Tauck, he worked as an official tourist guide in Portugal, sharing his expertise on Douro River cruises and land tours in Portugal and Spain. Proud to introduce the traditions of Portugal, he is passionate about showing our guests where history happened and believes it is the best way to unlock the mysteries and secrets of the past.



## Grace Cassar Torreggiani

Boasting an international background, the love of travel was instilled in Grace early on. Hailing from a Maltese family, born in Australia, and raised in Canada, she has lived in Florence, Italy, for most of her adult life. She earned her sommelier certificate in Italian wines, is a licensed European hiking nature guide and spends her free time visiting family in Canada, exploring the Tuscan hills and tending to her backyard olive grove.



# Travel Confidently

*“Knowing that you guys are right there to support and guide, that provides a level of reassurance. You are not left on your own to figure it out, Tauck is there supporting you every step of the way.”*

Doreen Bieryla  
TAUCK RIVER CRUISE GUEST







## Your Peace Of Mind

Keeping our guests safe and secure has always been of paramount importance at Tauck. You'll travel with a comprehensive, built-in support system that starts with the care and local knowledge of our Tauck Directors and extends to our network of partners around the world – and with peace of mind knowing you are never alone when traveling with Tauck.

## What To Expect When River Cruising

Our Global Response Team stands ready to respond to situations as they unfold, continually monitoring any global situations that may impact our guests. Over the past two decades, they have successfully led us through a variety of challenges from weather events to work stoppages, river water levels, the recent pandemic, and more. So in the rare event adverse circumstances necessitate a re-choreographed itinerary with alternate transportation, sightseeing excursions or hotel accommodations – at no additional cost to you – your flexibility and spirit of adventure will be most appreciated and can turn temporary disappointment into fond memories that last long after you return home.

## Protecting Your Travel Investment

Your vacation is important and we are committed to delivering the trip of your dreams. Should we need to significantly alter our travel plans, you will be given choices – and in the event of a cancellation by Tauck, you will be refunded the cost of your journey.

**Tauck Air:** Booking your international air with Tauck offers significant advantages, from lenient payment and cancellation terms to responsive personal assistance in the event of an unexpected travel disruption.

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# The perfect choice

## Carefree cruising

One of the best parts about exploring the heart of Europe aboard a riverboat is the freedom to enjoy a carefree cruise that caters to your interests. Step onboard and unpack just once as you go from place to place with an ease of travel you're sure to enjoy. Our ship staff, local guides and team of Tauck Directors take care of all the day-to-day details and logistics, so you can experience the fullest sense of life along the rivers.

## Personalized discoveries

A typical day along the river is anything but. Each port of call invites with all-included shore excursions distinctive to the destination, whether it is a walking tour through history, tastings of local culinary specialties, visits to castles, châteaux or family-owned vineyards or bicycle rides along the river to see the sights like the residents do. Some days you can choose to stay aboard the riverboat or spend time ashore exploring as you wish. You can join us for sightseeing drives or guided hikes, exclusive palace dinners and insider tours, excursions to historic sites and poignant memorials, choosing how to make the most of your time, your way, in the places we stop along the river.

## Well balanced exploration

Whether we walk off the boat in the heart of a centuries-old town or drive from the dock to the historic places we'll explore, you may find yourself strolling on ancient cobblestone lanes, on your feet taking in masterpieces of art and architecture, and climbing up steps to enter must-see sites. Sightseeing excursions are balanced with time to refresh and relax, adding to the rewards of discovering Old World Europe.







# Cruise as you choose

*Go solo – explore with family, friends, or a group of your choosing –  
and discover Europe along its rivers with Tauck*

## Group Travel, Additional Savings

Friends and family make your trip even more memorable. If you book a group of 10 or more on the same trip, the 11th person travels FREE. Families booking a Tauck Bridges family adventure need just 8 or more for the 9th person to come along FREE. Call our Group Sales Specialists at 800-241-1365 for details.

## Special Advantages for Solo Travelers

Traveling solo with Tauck gives you all the advantages of group travel. No single supplement in Category 1 means solos enjoy the same price as doubles do – a savings of up to 50%. Plus, you'll find savings of \$1,000 per person in select cabin categories on select departures; see itineraries for all the details.





Würzburg, Germany





# Rhine, Danube Moselle, Main

*“As a garden stylist, to experience the natural beauty of the endless vineyards as we cruised the Rhine & Moselle Rivers, and viewed from a castle, how special. And, window boxes overflowing with colorful flowers in September... in the charming villages. It was all spectacular! And can't forget arriving at the palace for dinner!”*

Sue Chamberlain  
TAUCK GUEST

Join us on the Danube as it flows through the heart of Europe from Germany and Austria to the Black Sea, past a regal procession of old Imperial kingdoms, inviting you to discover opulent Viennese palaces, age-old Hungarian traditions and compelling stories and legends. Born among the towering peaks of the Swiss Alps, the River Rhine entices with country villages, castle keeps and Gothic cathedrals as it makes its way through dense forests and past Dutch windmills, dikes and coastal plains reclaimed from the sea, nearly all the way to the North Sea. The Moselle enchants as it meanders through picture-perfect valleys dotted with centuries-old market towns, ancient abbeys and lush vineyards. And one of Europe's key trade routes, the Main, is stunning in contrasts. A world of discoveries along these four rivers awaits ashore.



#1 Best-Selling Itinerary Worldwide



# The Blue Danube

*Budapest, Vienna and Prague on our 5-country cruise along the historic Danube River*

12 DAYS FROM £5,430 | BEGINS BUDAPEST OR PRAGUE

## 1. ■ Arrive Budapest and embark

**Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Budapest.** A transfer is included from Budapest's Ferenc Liszt Airport or Keleti train station to your riverboat. Join us for a welcome toast this evening prior to your first dinner aboard ship. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Discover the landmarks of Pest

Budapest is split into "Buda" and "Pest" by the Danube River. This morning, explore the Pest side of the city on a tour including City Park and Heroes' Square – bounded by some of the finest architectural works in Hungary – and a special visit to the opulent State Opera House. Alternatively, join us for a guided bicycle tour\* of Budapest. Your afternoon

is free to explore the city as you please prior to a Tauck Exclusive cocktail reception and dinner at the Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Explore the Buda side

Begin the day by exploring Buda. Head up to Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Danube on the Buda side of the city, for a guided tour that includes Fisherman's Bastion, late-Gothic Matthias Church (may be closed on some days due to services) and more. Alternatively, learn about the city's historic thermal water springs on a visit to the famed Szechenyi Bath Spa. Reboard your riverboat this afternoon, and begin to cruise the Danube River, bound for Bratislava, Slovakia. **Meals BLD**





Budapest



#### 4. ■ Explore Bratislava, Slovakia

Our local expert shares insider anecdotes about Bratislava, before you head off to explore the city by foot or bicycle\*. On a walking tour of the city's historic center, see 17 centuries of history chronicled in sites including the Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, Slovak

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 9 Cruise Days

### Budapest to Prague

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Budapest</b>
■ 2	Budapest
■ 3	Budapest
■ 4	Bratislava
■ 5	Vienna
■ 6	Vienna
■ 7	Dürnstein, Wachau Valley
■ 8	Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
■ 9	Engelhartzell
10	Disembark / Prague (Check at booking for disembarkation location)
	<b>Andaz Prague</b>
11	Prague
12	<b>Depart Prague</b>

### Prague to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Prague</b>
	<b>Prague Marriott</b>
2	Prague
■ 3	Prague / embark (Check at booking for embarkation location)
■ 4	Engelhartzell
■ 5	Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
■ 6	Wachau Valley, Dürnstein
■ 7	Vienna
■ 8	Vienna, Bratislava
■ 9	Bratislava
■ 10	Budapest
■ 11	Budapest
12	<b>Disembark Budapest</b>



## Uniquely Tauck

- Celebrate the start or end of a Danube River cruise to remember with a Tauck Exclusive evening at Lobkowitz Palace in Prague Castle featuring a reception, dinner with live music, and a private tour of the treasures of the Lobkowitz Collection
- Step back in time in the Czech town of Cesky Krumlov, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its wealth of architecture from the 14th to 17th centuries
- Enjoy an exclusive gala evening of dining and Viennese music in Vienna's sumptuous Baroque Palais Pallavicini, featured in the film *The Third Man*
- Revisit the Cold War during your Danube cruise with a Hungarian Revolution tour in Budapest and bicycling through Bratislava's "Iron Curtain" area

Philharmonic Hall and St. Martin's Cathedral. Or bicycle\* to the "Iron Curtain" area with a local guide who shares personal insights about life here, past and present. Tonight, a troupe of traditional Slovak dancers perform onboard. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Exploring Vienna & an Imperial Evening

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Vienna, Austria, where our local guides join you for a choice of city sightseeing. A drive along the Ringstrasse is followed by a walking tour of Vienna; alternatively, take a guided bicycle ride\* around the city. An afternoon at leisure lets you explore the city as you please including outstanding museums, the historic Vienna Prater amusement park, and more. Tonight, a Tauck exclusive experience – our private Imperial Evening in an opulent Viennese palace. Waltz into the palace for welcome cocktails and dinner before an unforgettable spectacle of beautiful ball gowns and a musical performance inspired by the music of Mozart and Strauss. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ A choice in Vienna & on to Dürnstein

Vienna's palatial treasures star today on your choice of sightseeing tours. Take a guided look inside the 1,441-room Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence; its history spans more than 300 years and reflects the different tastes, interests, and aspirations of successive Habsburg

monarchs. Or visit the Kunsthistorisches Museum, built in 1891 to house the art collections of the imperial family. This afternoon, cruise to medieval Dürnstein. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ Dürnstein & the Wachau Valley

Wake up in Dürnstein where sightseeing choices include a walking tour along cobblestone streets for a closer look at the town's 16th-century Baroque houses and 13th-century Romanesque church, as well as a visit to Dürnstein Abbey and a wine tasting. Or, if you prefer, join us for a bicycling\* adventure in the Wachau Valley, Austria's lush wine-producing region. This afternoon, cruise the Wachau Valley (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), with commentary from your Tauck Director as you view lush vineyards, fairy tale castles and ancient monasteries. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ Salzburg sights or Cesky Krumlov

Today's sightseeing choices include a walking tour of Salzburg that features Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, and Mozart's birthplace. Alternatively, travel to Cesky Krumlov, which has been called a living gallery of elegant Renaissance-era buildings for a walking tour that includes Cesky Krumlov Castle. A third option is to stay in Linz and explore as you please. Tonight, enjoy entertainment provided by local musicians. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ Engelhartszell and/or bicycle excursion

This morning in Engelhartszell, you have an opportunity to visit a home where your host shares conversation and perhaps a taste of Austrian goodies. After your visit, you can choose a walking tour to 18th-century Engelszell Abbey; a visit to the lovely Schütz Art Museum; joining a local guide



Tauck Exclusives include a "behind the ropes" visit to Strahov Monastery in Prague – access the general public doesn't have.





As one of your shore excursion choices on several days, enjoy opportunities for touring by bicycle along the Danube.

for a tour of Jochenstein Lock on the river; or a rigorous bicycle ride\* along the Danube to the town of Aschach (fairly rigorous, for experienced cyclists only). Board the riverboat early afternoon, and cruise to Germany. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Disembark / Regensburg & Prague

Disembark your ship for a choice of excursions. Join your local guide for a walking tour of Regensburg – boasting more than 1,400 historical structures, best explored on foot, then travel to Prague. Alternatively, journey straight to Prague for a Tauck Exclusive “behind the ropes” visit to Strahov Monastery plus a short walk through Hradcany Castle. The remainder of the day is free **Meals BL**

## 11. The legacy of many centuries in Prague

A choice of excursions this morning features a walking tour of the Josefov Quarter and Jewish heritage sites, or a stroll through centuries of Prague’s history. Afternoon sightseeing takes you inside Prague’s historic architectural sites, including the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Old Palace and the Hradcany (Castle) district, or on a drive through the Little Quarter of Mala Strana, the oldest neighborhood in the city. This evening, join us for a reception, tour and dinner at 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle, exclusive to Tauck guests; a family insider hosts the evening, which will be long remembered. **Meals BD**

## 12. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Prague, Czech Republic.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Andaz Prague to Praha Hlavni Nadrazi train station or Václav Havel Airport Prague. Please allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS PRAGUE OR BUDAPEST – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 4* Oct 24*	£5,430	£5,750	£6,110	£6,350	£6,830	£6,990	£7,390
Jul 9*, 16*	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
Aug 24, 26* Oct 13	£5,990	£6,310	£6,670	£6,910	£7,390	£7,550	£7,950
May 4*	£6,230	£6,550	£6,910	£7,150	£7,630	£7,790	£8,190
Sep 2, 4*, 29*	£6,630	£6,950	£7,310	£7,550	£8,030	£8,190	£8,590
May 15*, 20*, 27 Jun 7*, 14 Sep 13*	£6,870	£7,190	£7,550	£7,790	£8,270	£8,430	£8,830

\*Indicates Budapest to Prague westbound direction.

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## SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



New for 2024!



Hohenschwangau Castle

# Danube Kingdoms: Bavaria, Austria & Hungary

*Discover the best of the Danube, from the Alps to capital cities of Vienna and Budapest*

12 DAYS FROM £5,590 | BEGINS MUNICH

## 1. Arrive Munich

**Tour begins 5:30 PM.** Transfers are included from Munich International Airport or the train station to Hotel Bayerischer Hof. Join us for a brief walking tour this afternoon followed by a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. Royal or Contemporary Munich

You have a choice of excursions. Take a guided tour of city sights that tell the story of the royal Wittelsbach family, who ruled Bavaria from 1180 to 1918; included is a visit to the Munich Residenz, reminiscent of Versailles; once the royal residence and seat of power, it is now a museum

of opulently decorated rooms. Alternatively, explore contemporary history with a visit to the BMW modern, state of the art museum and a look at World War II sites in and around the city. The afternoon is spent as you please, or join us for a poignant visit to Dachau. Your evening is free in this cosmopolitan city boasting celebrated cuisine. **Meals B**

## 3. Garmisch-Partenkirchen / Zugspitze

Depart by coach to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a popular ski area in the Wetterstein mountains, on the border between Germany and Austria. A cogwheel train takes you up 9,700 feet to the summit of Zugspitze, the top of Germany, for



# Uniquely Tauck

- A visit to Bavaria prior to the start of your river cruise includes a journey by cogwheel train from Garmisch-Partenkirchen to the Zugspitze plateau, 8,500+ ft. above sea level – and on to the summit for panoramic views of four countries
- You'll have a choice of sightseeing in Munich that includes a look at the "Bavarian Royal Story," visiting sites throughout the city, or a look at contemporary history with visits to the BMW museum and WWII sites in and around Munich
- Attend a Tauck Exclusive evening at a private Viennese palace, Palais Pallavicini, featuring a reception, gala dinner and classical music performances that will be memorable
- Sightseeing choices in Austria include a visit to the Salzkammergut Lake District in Austria; a walking tour in Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic; or a locally guided tour in Linz



The heart of a city is often gleaned by visiting its iconic sites, such as extraordinary St. Stephen's Cathedral in Passau.

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Munich</b> <i>Hotel Bayerischer Hof</i>
2	Munich
3	Garmisch-Partenkirchen <i>Riessersee Hotel</i>
4	Fussen or Oberammergau
5	Weltenburg / Embark Vilshofen
6	Passau
7	Linz or Salzkammergut or Cesky Krumlov
8	Melk
9	Vienna
10	Bratislava
11	Budapest
12	<b>Disembark Budapest / Journey Home</b>

lunch and spectacular vistas that include glaciers, 400 mountain peaks, and views of four countries (Germany, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland, depending on the weather; incidentally, there's a weather station here too, and a climate research center). Return to Partenkirchen, a picturesque Bavarian town set in a striking landscape of forests and alpine mountains, and dine tonight at the hotel. **Meals BLD**

### 4. Oberammergau / Bavarian Castle

Visit the town of Oberammergau, home to the once-in-a-decade Passion Play, for a walking tour of its colorful medieval streets and a tour of the theatre. Or, drive to lakeside Füssen for a walking tour of its romantic Old Town, and a visit to Hohenschwangau Castle, childhood home of King Ludwig II, overlooking Lake Alpsee. Return to lovely Partenkirchen, where the rest of the day is free. **Meals B**

### 5. Weltenberg Abbey / Embark Vilshofen

Depart for Weltenberg and its monastery, which nestles on a peninsula in the Danube Gorge where the Danube River makes a dramatic u-turn. For its setting and elegant Baroque







*The popular ski area of Garmisch-Partenkirchen is a wonderland in all seasons – ascend Zugspitze by cogwheel train for the view.*

design, the Benedictine monastery is considered one of the most beautiful in Germany, and its monastic brewery, founded in 1050, is thought to be the oldest in the world. In warm seasons, the courtyard becomes a beer garden that serves its award-winning brew, *Weltenburger Kloster*, with traditional Bavarian fare; enjoy lunch here, followed by a boat ride to Kelheim prior to boarding your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Timeless charm of Passau

Three rivers run through medieval Passau –the Danube, the Ilz, and the Inn – a convergence of waterways that adds drama and charm to the enchanting cityscape. Passau is famous for swords and glassmaking, and the largest bishopric in Germany; a hilltop castle, formerly the Prince-Bishop’s Residence, presides over the Old Town of medieval and Baroque treasures and cobbled streets. Explore the city on a walking tour with local guides; or take a guided bicycle tour along the Inn River. Return to the riverboat for lunch, and enjoy onboard entertainment this evening as you sail the Danube to Linz, Austria. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Linz / Salzkammergut / Cesky Krumlov

Salzkammergut was made for Cinemascope and Technicolor; scenes from *The Sound of Music* were shot there. Its

landscape of dramatic alpine peaks, deep valleys, blue lakes, and picture perfect Bavarian villages was the favorite summer retreat of Emperor Franz Josef I who called it “heaven on earth.” Drive from Linz to Salzkammergut to visit the lakeside town of St. Wolfgang, named for the patron saint of carpenters and woodcarvers, and drop in at The Pilgrimage Church to see the Winged Altar, a Renaissance triptych of astonishing woodcarvings that tell stories of the Coronation of the Virgin, and the life of St. Wolfgang. Alternatively, take a day-trip to the Czech Republic to visit Cesky Krumlov, a riverside gem which UNESCO calls “an outstanding example of a small European medieval town,” whose architectural heritage has remained intact for centuries. Explore Cesky Krumlov’s wonderfully preserved Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque streets and alleys on a guided walking tour, visit the Baroque Theatre, or climb the castle tower for sweeping views. If you wish, you can remain in stay in Linz and explore the city at leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Melk Abbey / Wachau Valley / Dürnstein

Melk Abbey stands in splendor on a promontory above the Danube. Established in 1089, the Benedictine monastery achieved its glory in the 1700s; the monastery of 500 rooms, not to mention the views from the balcony and the terrace, will leave you awestruck on your visit. Spend the afternoon aboard the riverboat winding through the Wachau Valley, the heart of Austrian wine country; the river landscape is a parade of monasteries, castles, and medieval villages tucked among lush mountains, vineyards and orchards; if you wish, take a bicycle tour along the river. Arrive in Dürnstein, and explore the charming medieval town on a guided walking tour; visit the Augustinian monastery; or climb the steps to the clifftop ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle. **Meals BLD**



*In Bratislava, sightseeing choices include a walking tour with a local guide who introduces the unique sculptures in Old Town.*





One of the most picturesque places in Europe is the Austrian region of Salzkammergut – stunning lakes & steep mountains.

## 9. ■ Spend a gala day in Vienna

Wake up in Vienna, and begin the day with a choice of excursions. Take a guided walking tour along the Ringstrasse and its parade of Habsburg palaces, monuments, and museums; or set out on a tour exploring the life and legend of Empress Elizabeth, known as Sisi, the tragic and eccentric, wife of Franz Josef I; or visit World War II landmarks around the city. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then join us this evening at Palais Pallavicini for a gala event with dinner, wine, music, and pageantry, exclusively for Tauck guests. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ History's stories in Bratislava

Arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for a choice of either a city walking tour or a visit to the ruins of Devin Castle, with unforgettable views high above the Danube and Morava rivers and WWII sites. Bratislava is famous for its eclectic cityscape of medieval cobbled streets; along the streets of Old Town you will also meet quirky life-size bronze statues that allude to local history and personalities. This evening, dine at leisure aboard ship as you sail to Budapest, accompanied by Slovak music and entertainment. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ A day in Buda and Pest

The Danube runs through the center of Budapest, dividing Buda and Pest; the districts were independent cities before being joined in 1873, and each still retains a distinct vibe and identity. Rising on hills above the river, Buda is the older

and more tranquil of the two, with its medieval castle, old town, churches, and monumental landmarks like Fisherman's Bastion; Pest is the busy metropolitan side, occupied by the glorious Neo-Gothic Parliament building, palaces, museums, shops, and cafes. Spend the morning on a tour accompanied by a local guide, then explore as you please for the remainder of the day. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner aboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 12. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Budapest.** Disembark by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport or the Keleti train station; allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS MUNICH – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Oct 22	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
May 6, 11							
Jun 7	£6,070	£6,390	£6,750	£6,990	£7,470	£7,630	£8,030
Sep 20							

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube

*A river cruise for music lovers, following musical legends and landmarks along the Danube*

12 DAYS FROM £6,150 | BEGINS BUDAPEST

## 1. ■ Arrive Budapest

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Budapest.** A transfer is included from Budapest's Ferenc Liszt Airport or Keleti Train Station to Tauck's riverboat. Enjoy dinner onboard ship tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Discover Budapest

Statues of Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi and Liszt greet you at the 1884 State Opera House in Pest, with its gilded vaulted ceiling, murals, royal boxes and three-ton chandelier; expect some surprises on a guided tour of this neo-Renaissance masterpiece, including the private box of Habsburg Empress Elisabeth ("Sisi"). Discover some of Budapest's key sites

today, such as Heroes' Square and Central Market Hall. After a free afternoon in Budapest, join us for a performance at one of the city's premier concert venues. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Bartók in Budapest / Embark cruise

After a free morning, head to Buda for a walking tour and, if you wish, time to check out the Museum of Music History, whose exhibits portray centuries of Hungarian musical life in a former palace on Castle Hill. The legacy of Béla Bartók lives on in his 1924 home, now a memorial dedicated to the composer and musicologist – listen to his melodies in a piano recital during your visit; explore Gellert Hill. Return to the riverboat for dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Exclusive onboard musical performances, workshops and activities by Tauck's "maestro," music scholars and performers who accompany your travels
- Sit in on a rehearsal by a professional orchestra as its conductor prepares for a performance
- A gala evening featuring a reception, dinner and live classical music at Palais Ferstel in Vienna, where Mozart and other greats actually performed
- Explore beautiful Salzburg, the city where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart spent his early years; a walking tour includes admission to Mozart Geburtshaus, his actual birthplace
- Attend a special Viennese opera or classical music performance, as well as a performance at a premier Budapest concert venue (subject to requirements and limitations at performance venues)
- A farewell evening at Nelahozeves Castle, outside Prague, that includes a reception, dinner and choir music performance



Visit St. Stephan's Cathedral in Passau where you may have an opportunity to hear a public recital on its magnificent organ.

Stroll down a lane where 6-year-old Mozart performed and 9-year-old Liszt played across the street 58 years later – around the corner. See where Béla Bartók attended grammar school in the 1890s. Following time to relax aboard the riverboat or explore on your own, join us back onboard for dinner and local entertainment. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Exploring Vienna's musical treasures

If you had to choose only one European city to musically explore, Vienna – home to Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms

### 4. ■ Bratislava, City of Prodigies

After a morning's cruise with lectures, workshops and a guest choir rehearsal, arrive in Bratislava, Slovakia – the Baroque stomping grounds of great musical prodigies, as you'll discover firsthand today. A walking tour includes the city's Old Town, now a pedestrian-only, vehicle-free zone.



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 9 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Budapest</b>
■ 2	Budapest
■ 3	Budapest
■ 4	Bratislava
■ 5	Vienna
■ 6	Vienna
■ 7	Melk / Grein
■ 8	Salzburg / Linz
■ 9	Passau
10	Disembark / Prague (check at booking for disembarkation location) <i>Hilton Old Town Prague</i>
11	Prague
12	<b>Depart Prague</b>



*The city of Salzburg gave the world iconic musicians, with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart among the most famous; spend a day exploring sites associated with Mozart's life and music as well as well-preserved architectural buildings from the Middle Ages to present day.*

and Strauss – would be it! This morning, you may choose a visit to Schönbrunn Palace of the Habsburgs, followed by some free time to explore this grand Habsburg summer residence and its magnificent gardens on your own. Or, join our maestro for a musical walk to the Collection of Historical Musical Instruments in the Kunsthistorisches Museum; it is home to one of the most comprehensive collections of Renaissance and Baroque instruments, worldwide. This afternoon, you'll have time on your own to explore and have an early dinner before enjoying tonight's featured performance of Viennese opera at a premier venue in Vienna (subject to availability; if an opera performance is not available, a comparable classical music performance will be provided). **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ A palace evening in Vienna

Vienna springs to musical life on a day featuring a pair of Tauck Exclusives. For the first one, sit in on a rehearsal this morning as a Viennese orchestra prepares for a

performance. Then spend the afternoon as you please in Vienna. Tonight, enjoy our private grand evening at Palais Ferstel, a private palace in the heart of Vienna – an incomparable setting for welcome cocktails and apéritifs, dinner, an orchestra, ballet, and music by Strauss. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Melk Abbey & cruise to Grein

Melk Abbey, a beautiful Benedictine monastery complex overlooking the Danube, has been a significant center of learning and culture since its founding over 900 years ago. Get a sense of the importance of music to the abbey's cultural life through the ages as you tour its lovely Baroque buildings dating to the early 18th century. Back on the riverboat, enjoy lectures by our maestro and dinner en route to Grein, where you'll disembark this evening for a walk through this picturesque riverside town ending with a musical performance at a local venue. **Meals BLD**

## Meet Tauck's "Maestros"

Tauck's "maestros" – active music scholars and performers who are passionate and knowledgeable about European classical music and the destinations you'll visit – guide your musical explorations ashore during private concerts, music-themed excursions and gala evenings and enrich your onboard experience with interactive music workshops, seminars and exclusive performances. And as a highlight of this cruise, a guest choir will perform for us during our grand farewell dinner at beautiful Nelahozeves Castle outside of Prague.





## 8. ■ Musical Salzburg

Picture a small boy of 5 wowing a royal audience with his piano virtuosity, then crawling up on the lap of the Empress of half of Europe, and giving her a kiss! Little Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1756, did just that. Travel in Mozart's footsteps this morning on an excursion from Linz to his Baroque hometown, visiting a museum in the house where he was born, among other locations. You'll have some free time for lunch and to explore as you please in town. Return to the ship for dinner, a guest choir rehearsal and an onboard classical chamber music concert by Donau 3klang as your riverboat charts a course for the pretty riverside town of Passau. **Meals BD**

## 9. ■ A grand pipe organ & more in Passau

Your riverboat docks this morning in Passau, Germany – the “city of three rivers” at the junction of the Inn, Ilz and Danube. Discover this Baroque Bavarian town known for its many churches and exquisite stained glass on a walking tour. At St. Stephan's Cathedral, you'll find Europe's largest pipe organ and, if you wish, listen to a public recital of this amazing instrument (subject to availability). Back aboard the riverboat in Passau, enjoy a traditional German lunch and take part in seminars, workshops, a guest choir rehearsal, musical trivia fun, and tonight's captain's farewell reception followed by a gala farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Disembark in Vilshofen & on to Prague

Disembark in the town of Vilshofen, bid your riverboat and its crew goodbye, and travel to historic (and extremely musical) Prague for a two-night stay. Arrive in time for a traditional Czech lunch at the delightful Art-Nouveau Municipal House, then embark on a walking tour of Prague's storied Old Town. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

## 11. Musical giants in & around Prague

Visit Vyšehrad, a Czech national cultural site dating back to the 10th century, home to the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul and Vyšehrad Cemetery; view Dvorák House (subject to availability) and the Church of St. Ondrej. Travel to Nelahozeves Castle for a farewell dinner and guest choir performance. **Meals BD**

## 12. Journey home

**Tours ends: Prague, Czech Republic.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Hilton Old Town Prague to Václav Havel Airport Prague or Praha Hlavní Nádraží (Main Train Station); allow 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS BUDAPEST – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Oct 15	£6,150	£6,470	£6,830	£7,070	£7,550	£7,710	£8,110
Jun 16	£6,950	£7,270	£7,630	£7,870	£8,350	£8,510	£8,910
May 31	£7,030	£7,350	£7,710	£7,950	£8,430	£8,590	£8,990

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



You'll have opportunities to enjoy the world's finest music in classic venues – such as an evening at Palais Ferstel in Vienna.



# Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest

*Munich, Vienna, romantic Danube towns and more – the perfect week-long adventure!*

8 DAYS FROM £3,510 | BEGINS MUNICH

## 1. ■ Arrive Munich & Embark ship

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Munich International Airport directly to your riverboat, where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Settle in aboard ship and then meet your fellow travelers this evening at a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner. Your riverboat sets off along the Danube this evening. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Exploring Passau or Cesky Krumlov

Awaken in Passau today for a choice of sightseeing in this riverside town in Germany, or an excursion to Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Once a Roman outpost at

the confluence of three rivers, Passau is over 2,500 years old, a quintessential Bavarian town of pastel patrician houses, cafés, romantic cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenades, made for walking (many streets are closed to traffic). If you choose to stay in Passau, your walking tour immerses you in its storybook mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and German Gothic architecture. See St. Stephen's Cathedral; view the hilltop fortress where Passau's prince-bishops once resided; and peruse the 14th-century Rathaus (Town Hall). Later, if you wish, join your Tauck Director for a brisk walk to a hilltop fortress, or attend a public concert on the famous organ of St. Stephen's Cathedral, when available. Alternatively, travel to Cesky Krumlov, an incredibly well-preserved medieval town in a landscape of exceptional



## Uniquely Tauck

- It's castles, castles everywhere – with choices of visits to Krumlov Castle in Cesky Krumlov, Schloss Greinburg in Grein, or the brooding ruins of Kuenringerburg, strategically located high above the village of Dürnstein
- Prepare to be transported to a past era at an exclusive gala evening of dining and Viennese music celebrating the legacy of Strauss in the sumptuous Baroque surroundings of Vienna's Palais Pallavicini
- Spend the night in Budapest with guided exploration of both sides of the city
- Immerse yourself in Slovakia's rich history with a choice of a walking tour in its car-free capital, Bratislava, or 13th-century Cerveny Kamen Castle, which is one of the best-preserved castles in Slovakia

beauty. Your walking tour includes Krumlov Castle, one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe, embracing 40 buildings and palaces of medieval, Renaissance and Rococo designs, plus numerous courtyards and gardens. Return to the riverboat mid-afternoon, and join us for the chef's signature dinner tonight in the Compass Rose restaurant as you cruise to Grein. **Meals BLD**

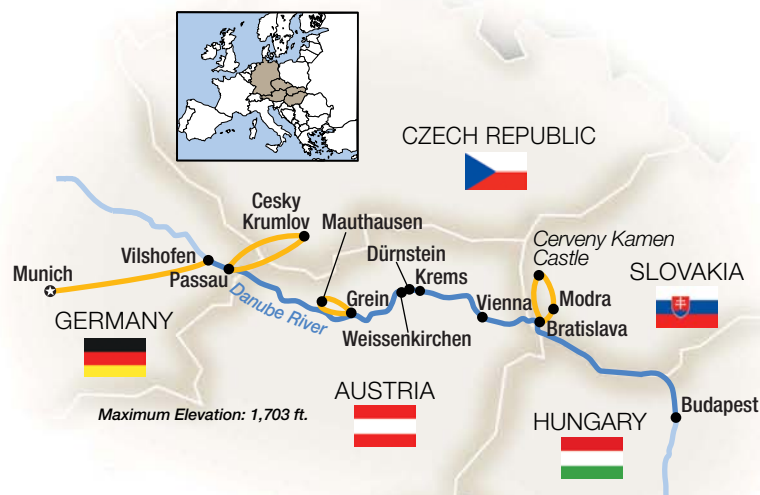
### 3. ■ Grein or the Mauthausen Memorial

Arrive in the typically picturesque riverside village of Grein, Austria, for a choice of sightseeing in Grein or a visit to the Mauthausen Memorial. Your visit begins with a guided walking tour of the village, which includes views of the Grein Theatre – since 1791, it is the oldest operating theatre in Austria – and the historic town square with the adjacent Gothic St. Giles Church, known for its fine altar and stained glass. If you wish, visit Schloss Greinburg, the privately owned castle of the Ducal House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, showcasing the history and lifestyle of one of the most significant ruling families in Europe (including Queen Victoria of England). Alternatively, pay a poignant guided visit to the museum and memorial on the site of the infamous World War II-era Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp, approximately 20 kilometers east of Grein. You'll tour the camp's main

complex, preserved as a museum and memorial to the victims of the last major concentration camp liberated by the Allies. Back aboard the riverboat, enjoy dinner and local entertainment tonight. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ Dürnstein, cycling & on to Vienna

This morning, your riverboat visits Dürnstein, in Austria's Wachau Valley, which offers you a choice of unforgettable sightseeing excursions. You may choose to explore the picture-perfect Austrian village of Dürnstein on a guided walking tour, with free time on your own – maybe a climb up to the brooding ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle high



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Munich to Budapest

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Munich / Embark Vilshofen</b>
■ 2	Passau or Cesky Krumlov
■ 3	Grein or Mauthausen / Weissenkirchen
■ 4	Dürnstein or Krems
■ 5	Vienna
■ 6	Bratislava or Cerveny Kamen
■ 7	Budapest
■ 8	<b>Disembark Budapest</b>



Your river cruise ends in Budapest, where you'll have opportunities to explore both the Buda and Pest sides – including landmark sites such as Fisherman's Bastion (Pest), pictured above – and shore excursion choices such as picturesque Cesky Krumlov.

above the town. Another possibility is a challenging bicycling excursion (please note, the bicycling excursion is not suitable for beginners) through the Wachau Valley, starting and ending in Dürnstein. Rejoin the boat for lunch, and set off on a leisurely, breathtakingly scenic river cruise to Austria's capital, Vienna. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Imperial Vienna & a night at the Palace

You have two morning sightseeing choices today, all preceded by a tour of Vienna's landmark sights. Visit extraordinary Belvedere Palace and see Upper Belvedere, the main palace home to stunning frescoes and artwork. Alternatively, you can visit the House of Music (Haus

der Musik), featuring imaginative interactive exhibits on famous composers (where you can actually "conduct" the Vienna Philharmonic). After lunch aboard the riverboat or in town, your afternoon is free to explore on your own. We invite you to join us this evening at Palais Pallavicini for a Tauck Exclusive – a gala evening of dining and musical performances in elegant Viennese style. The sumptuous surroundings of Palais Pallavicini (built in 1784), with its ornate decor and magnificent state rooms, will truly transport you to another time – in fact, the palace facade is famous in another cultural reference as it is the location of Harry Lime's (Orson Welles) apartment in the classic film *The Third Man*. Your evening will include a reception, dinner and musical performance celebrating classical music. **Meals BLD**



## A special evening at a Viennese palace

When your riverboat docks in Vienna, you'll join us for an exclusive Imperial evening at the private Palais Pallavicini, enjoying a silver service dinner in a gilded ballroom, music by a chamber ensemble and a dance performance that will transport you to another time and place with amazing grace. Located in the heart of Vienna, between the Hofburg Imperial Palace and the Spanish Riding School, Palais Pallavicini's beginnings harken back to the 16th century. As a guest in the 21st century, your evening will be both memorable and inspiring.



## 6. ■ Choices in & around Bratislava

A choice of activities awaits this morning in or near Bratislava, Slovakia's visually intriguing capital city. One is a walking tour of the cobblestoned, vehicle-free historic center of Bratislava; medieval, Baroque and modern architecture mix as you visit sites that include the 13th-century Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall, St. Michael's Gate, St. Martin's Cathedral, and the Primate's Palace, where you'll view rare 17th-century British tapestries. Another is an excursion to the countryside, lush with vineyards, for a wine-tasting and a visit to Cerveny Kamen Castle. Dating back to the 13th century, "The Red Stone Castle" is one of the best-preserved castles in Slovakia, boasting historical furnishings and artwork; during your visit, enjoy a falconry demonstration. Prior to departing, both excursions will travel to Modra for a rustic family-style lunch. Rejoin the ship in the afternoon, and cruise to Budapest. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Explore Budapest

Your cruise arrives this morning in Budapest, Hungary, which is split into the sections of Buda and Pest by the Danube. A guided tour of the city begins with the Pest side and a drive along Andrassy Avenue to Heroes' Square and a drive by Parliament and other sites. Explore the Buda side with a drive up Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; see Fisherman's Bastion with its Neo-Romanesque design, and admire the stained glass windows and centuries of history in Matthias Church (may be closed on some days due to services). After lunch, spend the rest of the day and evening as you please in this historic, and artistic, city. **Meals BLD**



A visit to Dürnstein features a choice of sightseeing – a walking tour including a visit to Dürnstein Abbey or a bicycle excursion.

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Budapest, Hungary.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport; you should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS MUNICH – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 13	£3,510	£3,830	£4,190	£4,430	£4,910	£5,070	£5,470
Aug 19	£3,990	£4,310	£4,670	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Jun 25 Oct 8	£4,470	£4,790	£5,150	£5,390	£5,870	£6,030	£6,430
May 24	£4,550	£4,870	£5,230	£5,470	£5,950	£6,110	£6,510

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#### 2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), all Tauck private shore excursions, airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,440.

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



Romania

# Budapest to the Black Sea

*In-depth exploration of Old World Europe along the Lower Danube River*

13 DAYS FROM £5,350 | BEGINS BUDAPEST OR BUCHAREST

## 1. Arrive Budapest

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Ritz-Carlton Budapest.** A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport and Budapest-Keleti Station to The Ritz-Carlton Budapest in the heart of the city. Join us for a private welcome reception and dinner at the exclusive Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. **Meals D**

## 2. Discovering Pest, past & present

Discover Pest, your way. Join our local guide for a sightseeing excursion to St. Stephen's Basilica, City Park, Heroes' Square and Andrassy Avenue, ending at Central Market Hall. Or, explore the city on a bicycle excursion with a local guide. The rest of the day is free. **Meals B**

## 3. Buda sightseeing & ■ Embark riverboat

Explorations on the Buda side of the city this morning begin with a visit to the Hungarian Parliament building, rich with history. Next, travel to Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where a guided walking tour includes Fisherman's Bastion, and the Sziklakórház ("Hospital in the Rock"), a museum hidden beneath Buda Castle. Enjoy time at leisure before embarking your riverboat. Join us tonight for a welcome toast followed by dinner onboard. **Meals BD**

## 4. ■ Antiquities in Pécs

Arrive in Mohács this morning and travel to Pécs for a walking tour that visits the Christian Necropolis, dating to the 4th century with underground burial chambers and chapels



# Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the Royal White Palace of the Serbian Royal Family, built in the 1930s and home to HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his family, holidays permitting
- Visit the private home of a Croatian family who have returned to resume their lives in Vukovar after the 1990s war, as they share insights on the effects of the conflict
- In Romania's capital, Bucharest, you have a choice of visits to either the National Museum of Art of Romania or the Village Museum, an open-air ethnographic museum located in King Michael I Park, showcasing traditional Romanian village life



A walking tour of the town of Pécs includes exploration of historic Széchenyi Square, dating back to the Middle Ages.

adorned with early Christian art and frescoes, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the Mosque on Széchenyi Square. Enjoy free time or an optional visit to Zsolnay Museum, before lunch at a winery in Villány, renowned for its red wines. Have dinner aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 7 Cruise Days

#### Budapest to Bucharest

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Budapest</b> <i>The Ritz-Carlton Budapest</i>
2	Budapest
3	Embark Budapest
4	Pécs / Mohács
5	Vukovar / Novi Sad
6	Belgrade
7	Cruise Kazan Narrows & Iron Gate
8	Ruse
9	Constanta, Mamaia
10	Disembark Constanta / Bucharest <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
11	Transylvania / Peles Castle
12	Bucharest
13	<b>Depart Bucharest</b>

#### Bucharest to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Bucharest</b> <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
2	Transylvania / Peles Castle
3	Bucharest
4	Mamaia / Embark Constanta
5	Ruse
6	Vidin
7	Cruise Kazan Narrows & Iron Gate
8	Belgrade
9	Vukovar
10	Mohács / Pécs
11	Disembark Budapest <i>The Ritz-Carlton Budapest</i>
12	Budapest
13	<b>Depart Budapest</b>

### 5. Vukovar, Croatia & Novi Sad, Serbia

Disembark in the Baroque city of Vukovar, once showcasing opulent 18th-century mansions, fully rebuilt after the conflict in the 1990s. A lecture and a walking tour includes a visit to the home of a local family for homemade refreshments. Cruise to Novi Sad, Serbia, this afternoon and have dinner at leisure aboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**





*In Bulgaria, discover the rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo, noted for their well-preserved medieval frescoes, and visit walled Kalemegdan Fortress; destroyed and rebuilt many times over a span of 16 centuries, it stands as the symbol of Serbia's resilient capital.*

## 6. ■ Belgrade & a private palace evening

Explore Belgrade on a choice of excursions. Tour the “New Belgrade” section of the city by bicycle\* with a local guide; or embark on a city tour that includes Tito’s Memorial and the Kalemegdan Fortress. Following folkloric entertainment onboard by Serbian performers, return to shore for a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the Royal White Palace of the Serbian Royal Family in Belgrade, today home to HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his family (may be unavailable on certain holidays due to family gatherings). **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ The Iron Gate, King Decebalus & more

Cruise into Romania and through the Kazan Narrows and the Iron Gate of the Danube, a two-mile-long series of narrow

gorges between the Carpathian and Balkan mountain ranges. As you glide along the Romanian / Serbian border, enjoy expert commentary and look for the massive monument to 2nd-century Dacian King Decebalus, carved into the riverbank amidst views of the Transylvanian Alps. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Bulgarian art in Ruse or Ivanovo

Arrive in Bulgaria today and disembark after lunch in Ruse for a choice of afternoon sightseeing. Join us for a guided walking tour of Ruse, or embark on a beautiful (and challenging) hike to the celebrated Rock Churches in the village of Ivanovo, whose stony chambers carved into cliffside caves reveal stunning medieval frescoes inside. A classical Bulgarian music performance precedes dinner onboard this evening. **Meals BLD**



## Exclusive evening in Bucharest

Party like Romanian nobility in centuries past when you join us for an exclusive farewell reception and dinner at sumptuous Bragadiru Palace in the heart of Bucharest. Built for 20th-century industrialist Dumitru Marinescu Bragadiru in 1894 as a Palace of Culture for the workers of Bragadiru’s brewery, today this garden-graced landmark hosts Tauck guests for an exclusive farewell reception and dinner in its elegant ballroom, where history lives and live music and entertainment make for a most memorable evening.



## 9. ■ Constanta & Mamaia on the Black Sea

Spend the morning cruising to Constanta, Romania, on the Black Sea coast. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon, take a guided tour of this historic port city; sights include an Art-Nouveau casino and a monument to the Roman poet Ovid, who was exiled here by the Emperor Augustus. Then it's on to Mamaia, the largest seaside resort on the Black Sea, for time at leisure to enjoy the beach – and a taste of local coffee and cake – before returning by shuttle to the riverboat for the ship's farewell reception and dinner onboard this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Disembark and on to Bucharest

Disembark in Constanta and travel to Bucharest, capital of Romania and once regarded as the "Paris of the Balkans," passing through Wallachia, the agricultural region of Romania. After lunch in the Old Town, settle in to your hotel in the heart of the city. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight or tomorrow night as you wish. **Meals BLD**

## 11. Targoviste, Bran Castle or Peles Castle

A choice of sightseeing excursions includes a drive to Targoviste to visit the formal royal court of Vlad the Tepes a.k.a. Dracula, and the military barracks museum where the trial and execution of Romania's Communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu, took place; a full-day excursion to Transylvania's 14th-century Bran Castle, which Tepes once used as a fortress during his military campaigns; or a full-day excursion into the Carpathian Mountains to the mountain town of Sinaia with a visit to Peles Castle. Return to Bucharest for free time and dinner as you please. Your luxury hotel is ideally located close to National Museum of Contemporary Art and the Palace of the Parliament in a historic section of the city. The tree-lined neighborhood Cotroceni, lined with 19th-century and early-20th-century villas of Art Deco, Neo-Romanian and modernist architecture, is a short stroll away. **Meals BL**

## 12. Bucharest & a night at a palace

Explore the city on your choice of sightseeing excursions today. Visit the National Museum of Art of Romania with a local guide, followed by free time in Old Town to enjoy as you wish. Or, learn more about Romania's capital city on a tour of Bucharest and a visit to the open-air Village Museum, located in King Michael I Park, and a showcase of traditional Romanian village life. Spend the afternoon pursuing what interests you most and join us this evening for a Tauck Exclusive farewell reception and dinner at Bragadiru Palace, with local entertainment and live music. **Meals BD**

## 13. Journey Home

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### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BUCHAREST OR BUDAPEST –  
MS TREASURES / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Aug 1*, 9	£5,590	£5,790	£5,910	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
Jun 28	£5,750	£5,950	£6,070	£6,670	£7,150	£7,310	£7,710
Jun 20*	£5,910	£6,110	£6,230	£6,830	£7,310	£7,470	£7,870

8-day Cruise-only from £4,390 per person double

BEGINS BUCHAREST OR BUDAPEST – MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 18	£5,350	£5,670	£6,030	£6,270	£6,750	£6,910	£7,310
Apr 24*	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550

8-day Cruise-only from £4,150 per person double

\*Indicates Bucharest to Budapest westbound direction.

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat

*Three rivers, five countries – a legendary cruise through Europe's ancient heart*

15 DAYS FROM £6,150 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUDAPEST

## 1. ■ Embark Amsterdam

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Station directly to your riverboat. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ The Canal City of Amsterdam

Enjoy a tour of Amsterdam this morning that includes a guided visit to the amazing Rijksmuseum where you'll see famed works by the Old Dutch Masters. Hop aboard a canal boat for a luncheon cruise along its 17th century *grachten* (canals), gliding beneath curved bridges and past stately merchant homes. Enjoy free time to explore the sights on your own before driving to Nijmegen where your riverboat awaits. Dine at leisure onboard. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Modern & ancient history in Köln

After a morning of cruising arrive in Köln (Cologne), the oldest city in Germany. A guided walking tour of city sights takes you by the twin-spired Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), with some free time to explore Cathedral Square and the Hohe Strasse pedestrian area during the afternoon. The chef's signature dinner aboard ship tonight is followed by an onboard performance by local musicians. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ Rüdesheim & music or bicycling

Cruise to Rüdesheim, arriving for lunch at a local German restaurant with an old-world ambiance, and your choice of shore excursions. Visit Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, an eclectic collection of mechanical musical



## Uniquely Tauck

- An exclusive gala evening featuring a sumptuous dinner and live classical music at Vienna's opulent Palais Pallavicini takes you back to the city's Imperial days of centuries past
- Peek into the lives of Habsburg royals in grand Vienna palaces they called home – choosing a tour of Schönbrunn Palace, where they spent summers, or the Hofburg, their main Imperial residence
- Music lovers can choose an excursion to Salzburg, the Baroque hometown of Austrian wunderkind W. A. Mozart, where history fills the air
- Take in world-famous art by the Dutch Masters at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, followed by a luncheon cruise along the city's 17th century canals lined with merchant houses and bridges

instruments housed in a 15th-century castle in Rüdesheim, followed by free time or a bicycling excursion. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ A full day cruising the Main

Enjoy stunning scenery as you cruise along the Main River today. Centuries-old castles, towering cathedrals, and fortified towns dot the shoreline and valleys in an endless procession of picturesque charm. Dine as you wish aboard the riverboat during a wonderful day of relaxation and onboard delights that include lectures on the sights you will discover during your journey. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ Rothenburg or Würzburg

Spend the morning cruising, then arrive in Würzburg for a choice of excursions. Visit the town's 18th-century Residenz – a lavish Baroque palace where the town's prince bishops once lived, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – followed by free time. Alternatively, drive to the fairy tale town of Rothenburg, nestled on Germany's "Romantic Road," for a walking tour, and time at leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ Beautiful Bamberg

Explore the Bavarian town of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a choice of excursions that include a walking tour of Old Town with its stunning cathedral and rose garden, or a bicycling excursion around the town (due to the hilly terrain, this activity is recommended for fit and experienced cyclists only). Enjoy dinner back aboard the riverboat this evening. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 14 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Budapest

Day	Destination
■ 1	Embark Amsterdam
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Rüdesheim
■ 5	A Day Cruising the Main River
■ 6	Würzburg / Rothenburg
■ 7	Bamberg
■ 8	Nürnberg
■ 9	Regensburg
■ 10	Passau or Salzburg
■ 11	Melk / Vienna
■ 12	Vienna
■ 13	Vienna / Bratislava
■ 14	Budapest
■ 15	Disembark Budapest

#### Budapest to Amsterdam

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■ 1	Embark Budapest
■ 2	Budapest
■ 3	Bratislava / Vienna
■ 4	Vienna
■ 5	Melk
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■ 7	Regensburg
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■ 15	Disembark Amsterdam





*In Nürnberg, you'll have a choice of sightseeing. A walking tour with a local guide introduces you to Nürnberg's Old Town, a world of half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets; alternatively, a city tour includes a visit to Courtroom 600 to learn about the post-WWII trials.*

## 8. ■ Nürnberg & the Main-Danube Canal

Arrive in Nürnberg, for choice of sightseeing; both walking tours introduce the city's historic legacy; return to the ship and continue cruising. Your riverboat traverses the Main-Danube Canal, which ultimately links the North Sea with the Black Sea. Learn about the canal from a local expert during transit, passing through 16 locks as you traverse the mountains. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Ancient Regensburg & on to Passau

With its roots as a Roman encampment on the Danube, the Bavarian town of Regensburg is home to more than 1,400 original historic buildings. Walking here is the only way to view the sights up-close. A local guide will lead the way as you see the town's 12th-century stone bridge, the

15th-century Altes Rathaus (Town Hall), the towering Dom St. Peter, and the remains of the Roman wall. Visit the princely house of Thurn und Taxis on a guided tour. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ Baroque Passau or Salzburg

Arrive in the city of Passau, which dates back to Roman times. You have the choice of a walking tour revealing the Baroque treasures of this riverside town known for its stained glass and churches, including St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to the biggest cathedral organ in the world (inside cathedral visit may not be available on all departures), or a bicycling excursion around the city. Alternatively, go on a full-day sightseeing excursion to the quintessential Austrian city of Salzburg, renowned as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Enjoy musical entertainment onboard your riverboat after dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**



## Rhine-Main-Danube canal

With a history that dates back to 793, when Charlemagne came up with the idea of building a canal connecting the North and Black seas via the Main and Danube Rivers, the construction of the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, started some 1,200 years later and completed in 1992, is credited with making modern day river cruising possible. Experience a transit on this history-making waterway as you traverse its 16 locks.



## 11. ■ Melk Abbey & a palace in Vienna

Arrive in the town of Melk, Austria, where you'll step back in time on a guided tour of its 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop above the river. Inside this Baroque masterpiece are fine frescoes, early manuscripts, and a high altar. Tonight, attend an exclusive private evening in the beautiful Baroque Palais Pallavicini in the heart of the city, featuring a sumptuous dinner in a gilded ballroom, followed by music and dancing. **Meals BLD**

## 12. ■ An "Imperial" day in Vienna

Get an overview of Vienna on a sightseeing tour of this historic former capital of the Habsburg Empire. Take your choice of a tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' vast "summer residence" distinctly reminiscent of the Palace of Versailles, or a guided visit to the Sisi Museum and the amazing Imperial Apartments inside the Hofburg, the Habsburg family's former royal palace that today is the official residence of Austria's president. Explore the city as you wish this afternoon, pursuing what interests you most, or return to the riverboat. Dine aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 13. ■ A bit of Baroque in Bratislava

You'll depart Vienna this morning after breakfast and spend the morning cruising to Slovakia. Arrive early afternoon in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, where 17 centuries of history are chronicled on a walking tour led by a local guide. Highlights include Baroque palaces from the Habsburg era; a visit to the neoclassical Primate's Palace; St. Martin's Cathedral; and additional sites including Old Town Hall. This evening, dinner is aboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 14. ■ Both sides of remarkable Budapest

Dock in Budapest this morning, Hungary's remarkable capital. Standing on opposite banks of the Danube, Budapest's two distinct sections – Buda and Pest – were once independent cities. Discover both on a day of sightseeing that includes views of patriotic Heroes' Square in Pest; the Gothic-Revival Parliament building, an iconic feature of the Budapest skyline; and Fisherman's Bastion in Pest. Join us for our farewell dinner tonight onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 15. Journey home

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## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUDAPEST –  
MS TREASURES / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Oct 20*	£6,150	£6,470	£6,670	£7,560	£8,190	£8,350	£9,310
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Jun 30	£7,030	£7,350	£7,550	£8,440	£9,070	£9,230	£10,190
May 5*							
Jun 2, 16*	£7,430	£7,750	£7,950	£8,840	£9,470	£9,630	£10,590
Oct 6							
May 19, 19*	£7,510	£7,830	£8,030	£8,920	£9,550	£9,710	£10,670
Sep 8, 8*, 22, 22*	£7,590	£7,910	£8,110	£9,000	£9,630	£9,790	£10,750

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Danube River

# Grand European Cruise

*Combines two popular river cruises through the heart of Europe, from the North Sea to the Black Sea*

**25 DAYS FROM £11,190 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUCHAREST**

Our cross-continent river cruise navigates the heart of Europe on one continuous voyage along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers aboard ms *Treasures* – exploring medieval towns, cathedrals, palaces, and exciting capital cities – with distinctive Tauck Exclusive gala evenings and cultural experiences onshore. Immerse in regional history, cuisine, and culture on our 25-day journey that combines two of our most popular river cruises, *Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat* and *Budapest to the Black Sea*.

*Grand European Cruise* runs in two directions, eastbound and westbound; the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers stretch

seamlessly from the North Sea to the Black Sea, – and you'll explore nine countries along their shores on our 25-day journey. On all-included shore excursions, you'll have a choice of sightseeing many days, including opportunities for bicycle tours along the rivers or through picturesque landscapes such as the Wachau Valley or vineyards. City sightseeing includes Bucharest in Romania; Ruse in Bulgaria; Belgrade in Serbia; Vukovar in Croatia; Budapest in Hungary; Bratislava in Slovakia; Vienna and Melk in Austria; Passau, Regensburg, Nürnberg, Bamberg, Würzburg, Rudesheim, and Köln in Germany; and concluding your cruise in Amsterdam in The Netherlands.





Our Westbound cruise begins with a three-night stay at the JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, in the heart of the government district within Romania's capital city – and a spectacular welcome evening at Bragadiru Palace. Discover resort towns along Romania's Black Sea Coast, explore an ancient Christian necropolis in Pecs, and visit "Dracula's" castle in Transylvania... Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the Royal White Palace of the Serbian Royal Family, built in the 1930s and set within the same complex as the Royal Palace in Dedinje, home to HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his family; and in Vienna, an exclusive evening at a palace... You'll have an opportunity in Croatia to speak with a family in their home as they share how their lives were rebuilt in post-war Vukovar... and opportunities to explore history, such as Regensburg's private Thurn und Taxis Palace; 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey; the Rock Churches of Ivanovo; and a cruise along Amsterdam's 17th-century canals with a visit to the famed Rijksmuseum. An amazing river cruise that connects you with the very heart of Europe, cross-continent.

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## Uniquely Tauck

- Cruise from the Black Sea to the North Sea for a taste of local life in nine countries: Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands
- Tauck Exclusive evenings include a dinner at the Royal White Palace of the Serbian Royal Family in Belgrade, set within the same complex as the Royal Palace in Dedinje, home to HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his family; an exclusive welcome evening at Bragadiru Palace in Bucharest; and in Vienna, a private gala evening for Tauck guests only, featuring dinner and classical music at a beautiful Viennese palace
- Take in world-famous art by the Dutch Masters at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, followed by a luncheon cruise along the city's 17th-century canals lined with merchant houses and bridges

# VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

## ■ 21 Cruise Days

### Amsterdam to Bucharest

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Amsterdam / Nijmegen
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Rüdesheim
■ 5	Main River Cruising
■ 6	Würzburg / Rothenburg
■ 7	Bamberg
■ 8	Nürnberg
■ 9	Regensburg
■ 10	Passau or Salzburg
■ 11	Melk / Vienna
■ 12	Vienna
■ 13	Bratislava
■ 14	Budapest
■ 15	Budapest
■ 16	Mohács / Pécs
■ 17	Vukovar / Novi Sad
■ 18	Belgrade
■ 19	Cruising the Kazan Narrows / Iron Gate of the Danube
■ 20	Ruse
■ 21	Constanta / Black Sea Coast
■ 22	Disembark Constanta / Bucharest - <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
■ 23	Transylvania, Sinaia or Targoviste
■ 24	Bucharest
■ 25	<b>Depart Bucharest</b>

### Bucharest to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Bucharest</b> <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
■ 2	Transylvania, Sinaia or Targoviste
■ 3	Bucharest
■ 4	Embark Constanta / Black Sea Coast
■ 5	Ruse
■ 6	Vidin
■ 7	Cruising the Kazan Narrows / Iron Gate of the Danube
■ 8	Belgrade
■ 9	Vukovar
■ 10	Mohács / Pécs
■ 11	Budapest
■ 12	Budapest
■ 13	Bratislava / Vienna
■ 14	Vienna
■ 15	Wachau Valley / Melk
■ 16	Passau or Salzburg
■ 17	Regensburg
■ 18	Nürnberg
■ 19	Bamberg
■ 20	Würzburg / Rothenburg
■ 21	Main River Cruising
■ 22	Rüdesheim
■ 23	Köln
■ 24	Amsterdam
■ 25	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>







View noted cities along the Danube such as Novi Sad, Serbia.



A visit to Bran Castle in Transylvania is an excursion choice.



Enjoy a luncheon cruise along the canals in Amsterdam.

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUCHAREST -  
MS TREASURES / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 4*, 14	£11,190	£11,710	£12,030	£13,520	£14,630	£14,950	£16,310
Aug 15*	£11,990	£12,510	£12,830	£14,320	£15,430	£15,750	£17,110
Jun 2	£12,390	£12,910	£13,230	£14,720	£15,830	£16,150	£17,510

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68 meals (24 Breakfasts, 21 Lunches & 23 Dinners), all Tauck private shore excursions, airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, tea and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £4,600.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. You'll find complete day-by-day itinerary details at [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk); east and west itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



FEATURED HOTEL

### *JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel*

Begin your cruise with three nights at this acclaimed hotel in the heart of the city, near the stately Palace of Parliament; guest rooms reflect an authenticity in Romanian character and charm.



New for 2024!



Frankfurt

# Three Rivers: Danube, Main & Rhine

*Germany's Romantic Road, the tastes of Frankfurt and Bavarian beauties*

10 DAYS FROM £4,790 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR REGENSBURG

## 1. Arrive Amsterdam & ■ Embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat. Check in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. Join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner onboard your riverboat tonight and an evening cruise on Amsterdam's storied canals. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Pursue your interests in Nijmegen

You have a choice of sightseeing adventures today. Join our local guide for a walking tour into the heart of Nijmegen, the oldest town in the Netherlands and vibrant with medieval

sights that straddle streets from the 16th-century Lower Town by the banks of the Waal River to the older Upper Town. Alternatively, learn about the Dutch passion for horticulture during an expertly guided visit to the Gardens of Appeltern and a water pumping station, or venture to the Freedom Museum in Groesbeek, chronicling 20th century history in the Netherlands. Your ship sails this afternoon, bound for Köln, Germany. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Köln (Cologne) & Bonn

Spend a leisurely morning aboard the riverboat, arriving in Köln before lunch for a walking tour with a local guide.



# Uniquely Tauck

- Visit the historic race track at Nürburgring, considered the greatest road racing circuit in the world, viewing the long “North loop” track, built in the 1920s, around the village and medieval castle of Nürburg in the Eifel mountains
- Enjoy a sparkling dinner at Schlosshotel Kronberg, built in 1893 and home to Empress Victoria Friedrich whose antique furnishings hint at the grandeur of this elegant palace
- Discover Frankfurt on a guided walking tour of its historic sites, learning about its role in WWII, or take a tasting tour that tempts with the sausages that gave the modern-day Frankfurter its name
- Explore Nüremberg on a choice of excursions that include going underground the city in its historic rock-cut tunnels, where centuries-old breweries would store their beer



*Dine like royalty during a private dinner at Schlosshotel Kronberg, once an elegant palace for a German Empress.*

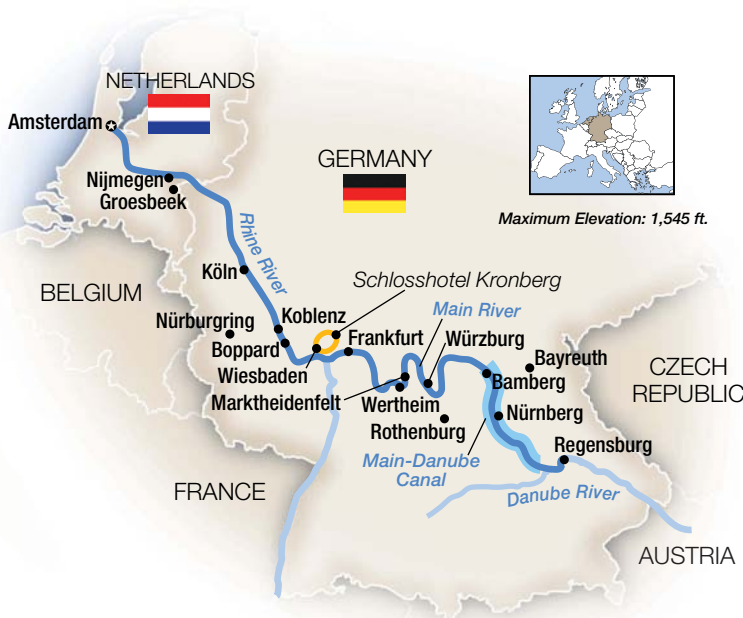
Founded by the Romans in 38 BC, the city is like a living textbook of history and architecture, with Roman ruins, medieval churches, avant-garde buildings and the famous filigree-towered Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ The Middle Rhine Valley

Dock in Koblenz for your choice of excursions. Drive to the Nürburgring race track that was featured in the movie *Rush*; see its Grand Prix race track built in 1984, and a long Nordschleife “North loop” track, built in the 1920s, around the village and medieval castle of Nürburg in

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 9 Cruise Days



#### Amsterdam to Regensburg

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam / Embark Riverboat</b>
■ 2	Nijmegen
■ 3	Köln / Bonn
■ 4	Koblenz / Boppard
■ 5	Frankfurt
■ 6	Wertheim / Marktheidenfeld
■ 7	Würzburg
■ 8	Bamberg / Bayreuth
■ 9	Nürnberg
10	<b>Disembark Regensburg</b>

#### Regensburg to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Regensburg / Embark Riverboat</b>
■ 2	Nürnberg
■ 3	Bamberg / Bayreuth
■ 4	Würzburg
■ 5	Wertheim / Marktheidenfeld
■ 6	Frankfurt
■ 7	Boppard
■ 8	Köln
■ 9	Nijmegen / Amsterdam
10	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>



Enjoy a choice of sightseeing excursions in historic Nürnberg, exploring the history of this Franconia city above or below ground; and make tracks for Nürburgring to see the famous race course that conjures up images of famous racing drivers of the 60s and 70s.

the Eifel Mountains. Or, go at your own pace as you ride a bicycle along the Rhine from Koblenz to Boppard. Enjoy head-turning scenic beauty this afternoon as your riverboat charts a course through the picture-book landscapes of the Middle Rhine Valley, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its history as an important transport route and its castle-crowned hilltops. Arrive in Wiesbaden this evening where a Tauck Exclusive dinner at Schlosshotel Kronberg, built in 1893 under the commission of Empress Victoria Friedrich and sparkling with antiques and paintings from her private estate. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ A taste of Frankfurt

While its name evokes images of the famous sausage that inspired modern-day hot dogs, Frankfurt is home

to one of the most impressive skylines in Germany, with world-renowned museums, historic cathedrals and ornately gabled half-timbered houses lining its streets and squares. Join a local guide for a walking tour of its landmark sites or whet your appetite for some of the city's most tempting culinary specialties on a tasting walk. Return to your riverboat for an afternoon of cruising, followed by dinner at leisure onboard. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Paper or pianos in Middle Main

Dating back to the 7th century, Wertheim is located where the Main River meets the Tauber River in southwest Germany in a fairy-tale setting. It is crowned with a hilltop castle that reigns over the city with delightful views, is renowned for its Franconian wine and glass making – and

## A Dutch Day in Nijmegen

Renowned as the oldest – and one of the most beautiful – city in the Netherlands, ancient Nijmegen invites your discovery with a history that spans more than 2,000 years. Experience its medieval heart on a walking tour with a local expert, exploring its centuries-old Lower and Upper Towns, viewing Roman ruins and discovering its military sites. Or, venture into the countryside to the Gardens of Appeltern, where 200 model gardens inspire with the Dutch passion for horticulture, and visit a water pumping station. History buffs may want to choose an excursion to a museum in nearby Groesbeek, chronicling important military operations during World War II.





is home to a paper mill and piano collection that are yours to experience on a choice of excursions. See how paper is made on an interactive visit to a working paper mill or meet the owner of a private piano collection as your host shows you his prized musical instruments. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Bavarian beauty on the Romantic Road

Arrive in Würzburg this morning, set on the banks of the Main River in the heart of Franconian wine country along the Romantic Road for a choice of shore excursions. Join a local guide for a walking tour of Würzburg, known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture, including the 18th-century Residenz Palace. Or visit the charming walled Bavarian town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber at the north end of the Romantic Road; the town is truly resplendent with medieval architecture, half-timbered houses and a cobbled Old Town. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Bamberg or Bayreuth

Your riverboat docks in Bamberg this morning, located on the River Regnitz at the entrance to Main Danube canal, for a day of Bavarian discoveries. You can choose to join our local guide for an in-depth tour of Bamberg, spread over seven hills that earned its nickname, "Franconian Rome." Explore its medieval old town, surrounded by Europe's largest intact wall, and discover the special smoked beer it is famous for. Or drive to nearby Bayreuth to see its Baroque opera house, charming palaces, historical gardens and museums on a locally guided tour. At its center is the former home of composer Richard Wagner, whose music is featured every year at the Richard Wagner Festival, Germany's most important opera event. Dinner this evening is at leisure onboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Choices in Nürnberg

An important commercial hub from the Middle Ages onward, Nürnberg, the second largest city in Bavaria, is steeped in a rich historic legacy that can be seen and felt today, both above and below ground. View its well-preserved landmarks, including the imperial castle and the walled Old Town on a locally guided walk that provides insights about this Franconian capital or go underground with a local guide learning about centuries of history both above and below ground. Explore the historic tunnels that were cut into the rock starting in 1380. Their main use was for beer storage for local breweries but in the 1940s, they were also used as air raid bunkers. Enjoy time to discover the sights on your own before returning to the riverboat for a farewell cocktail and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Regensburg.** Disembark ship in Regensburg this morning. A transfer from your riverboat to Munich's International Airport is included, approximately a 90-minute drive away. Flights should be booked after 12:00 noon. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For additional nights in Munich, ask at booking. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 25 Aug 10*	£4,790	£5,110	£5,470	£5,710	£6,190	£6,350	£6,750
Jul 18 Aug 17*	£5,110	£5,430	£5,790	£6,030	£6,510	£6,670	£7,070
Apr 29*	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
Oct 6*	£5,750	£6,070	£6,430	£6,670	£7,150	£7,310	£7,710
Sep 13	£5,830	£6,150	£6,510	£6,750	£7,230	£7,390	£7,790

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**

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# Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels

*Swiss highs, culinary secrets, cultural charms in the Netherlands – and a luxury resort in Montreux*

11 DAYS FROM £5,430 | BEGINS MONTREUX OR BRUSSELS

## 1. Arrive Geneva / Montreux

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Geneva Airport, Geneva train station (approximately 1.5 hour drive) or Montreux train station to Fairmont Montreux Palace, nestled on the shores of Lake Geneva in Switzerland, overlooking the Alps. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your elegant hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. Lavaux Vineyards

Internationally famous as a terraced wine-growing region on the shores of Lake Geneva, the Lavaux region is a

designated UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to the 12th century when Cistercian monks built miles of terraces and walls on sloping glacial terrain for the purpose of cultivating wine. Explore the vineyards on a choice of excursions that includes a mini-train tour of the vineyards, a visit to one of the area's quaint villages and a wine tasting at a local cooperative wine cellar; or a gentle walk on unpaved paths through the vineyards, ending with a wine-tasting at a local winery. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own along the shores of Lake Geneva, and spend the remainder of the day at leisure in Montreux. Your hotel is located in the city center, with attractions and dining venues a walk away. **Meals B**



# Uniquely Tauck

- Experience a taste of Swiss wine centuries in the making when you explore the historic Lavaux Vineyards aboard a mini train or a guided walking tour, followed by a wine tasting
- Become king of the castle during a Tauck Exclusive dinner at Slot Loevestein, enjoying a private island setting open only to Tauck
- Explore the charms of Montreux during a three-night stay at the elegant Fairmont Montreux Palace, considered “The Pearl of the Swiss Riviera”
- Savor an epicurean taste of Strasbourg on a guided tasting tour that indulges with wine, cheese, and other Alsatian specialties



Tauck's exclusive dinner at 14th-century Slot Loevestein in the Netherlands puts an entire island kingdom at your feet.

### 3. Freddie Mercury or Glacier 3000

Montreux has been a favorite lakeside resort destination since the 19th century when artists and writers sought inspiration in its peaceful surroundings and scenic Alpine beauty. Ever since, it has been a magnet for the rich and famous, musicians included, who head here for its mild climate, hilltop Old Town, and premier jazz festival. Take a

virtual walk with a local guide who shares insights on Queen, Freddie Mercury and the time the band spent here, using a tablet to view a collection of videos and photos that are not available to the general public, and listen to the music they made here. Or, venture to Glacier 3000 for an Alpine adventure that truly makes your spirit soar. Ride a cable car to the summit for time to enjoy the attractions at the top. Walk across the Peak Walk by Tissot, the only suspension bridge connecting two peaks in the world, amidst head-turning scenery of the Matterhorn, Mont-Blanc and Jungfrau, and experience a wonderland of glacier fun as you wish. Have dinner as you like in Montreux this evening. **Meals BL**



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 7 Cruise Days

#### Geneva to Brussels

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Geneva / Montreux Fairmont Montreux Palace
2	Lavaux Vineyards
3	Montreux / Glacier 3000
4	Basel / Embark ship
5	Strasbourg
6	Rüdesheim / Koblenz
7	Düsseldorf
8	Gorinchem
9	Antwerp
10	Brussels
11	Depart Brussels

#### Brussels to Geneva

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Brussels
2	Brussels / Antwerp
3	Gorinchem
4	Düsseldorf
5	Middle Rhine / Boppard
6	Mannheim
7	Strasbourg
8	Basel / Montreux Fairmont Montreux Palace
9	Lavaux Vineyards
10	Montreux / Glacier 3000
11	Depart Geneva



*Journey to the summit of Glacier 3000, the only place in the world where you can walk peak-to-peak across a suspension bridge high above the Alps; Belgian ales rule in Antwerp and your beer tasting offers you an opportunity to experience the ones you like best.*

#### 4. Château Chillon / ■ Embark ship in Basel

After breakfast, visit nearby Chillon Castle, in a spectacular setting on the shore of Lake Geneva. On a locally guided tour, view some of its 40 rooms, including the Castellan's Dining Hall, with walls depicting painted family crests. Drive to a picturesque Swiss village for free time and lunch before continuing on to Basel. Embark your riverboat in Basel; attend a Discovery Briefing and enjoy cocktails before dining onboard your ship. **Meals BD**

#### 5. ■ Specialties of Strasbourg

Spend the morning in Strasbourg, disembarking for a choice of excursions after breakfast. Blending Franco-Germanic culture, architecture, and ambiance, this Alsatian city is nestled on the Rhine across the border from Germany and boasts a compelling and complex history. Join a local guide for an epicurean-inspired walking tour of its city center, along with tastings of wine, cheese and other Alsatian specialties. See its Gothic-inspired Notre Dame Cathedral and half-timbered houses and explore its Petite France quarter, criss-crossed by canals and a swing bridge reminiscent of days gone by. Or do as the locals do and explore the sights by bicycle as your local guide leads the way. Have lunch onboard your riverboat as it sails for the Middle Rhine Valley. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ Cruise the Middle Rhine Valley

Spend a leisurely morning cruising through the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage region renowned for iconic landscapes crowned by castles and fortresses, along with terraced vineyards established more than 1,000 years on the steep slopes of the valley. The strategic location of this dramatic stretch of the Rhine between Bingen, Rüdesheim

and Koblenz reflects its importance as a transportation route; the sixty small towns, terraced vineyards and the castles ruins found here reflect how prosperous this trade route once was since prehistoric times. Your Tauck Director provides commentary as you glide past vine-covered, terraced slopes, and rocky bluffs, sharing the stories of the Lorelei Rock and ancient castles standing watch onshore. Arrive in Koblenz this afternoon for a guided e-bike ride\* or an orientation walk and a gondola ride. Enjoy dinner and musical entertainment onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

#### 7. ■ A taste of Düsseldorf

Wake up in Düsseldorf, one of Germany's wealthiest cities, known for its charming Altstadt (Old Town) and avant-garde architecture. Walk off the riverboat into town for your choice of a walking tour focused on the city's history, architecture and culinary traditions, along with some tasty local treats; or a bicycling excursion along the city's Rhine River waterfront. After lunch, experience a craft beer tour that visits a number of breweries for a sampling of the varieties of dark Altbier the region is known for. Dinner is at leisure onboard the riverboat this evening. **Meals BLD**

#### 8. ■ Gorinchem & an island castle

Voted "the most beautiful fortified town in the Netherlands," Gorinchem was founded in 1000 AD, fortified in the 13th and 14th centuries, and today boasts the largest fully intact fort in the Netherlands. Join our local guide for a walking tour of its historic heart, viewing its charming canals, the well-preserved Renaissance-style and medieval architecture, and pretty parks and gardens. Explore as you wish this afternoon, before joining us for a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner at Slot Loevestein. Set in a nature reserve on



a private island, the 14th-century castle has served as a prison, residence and toll taker, reigning unrivaled over its strategic location where the Maas and Waal rivers come together. Tonight it will be yours to enjoy as the island and castle are open for Tauck guests only. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ A choice of activities in Antwerp

With a history dating back to the Middle Ages, the port city of Antwerp was one of Europe's most important cities in the mid-16th century. Home to the artist, Peter Paul Rubens, it welcomes with cobblestone charms, a riverside fortress, guildhalls and a Gothic cathedral that took 169 years to build. Join a local guide for an insightful walking tour of the Old Town or choose to visit the acclaimed Royal Museum of Fine Arts to view its collection of paintings, sculptures and drawings from the 14th to the 20th centuries, as well as the spectacular architecture of the building itself. A beer tasting after lunch showcases the city's famous Belgian ales. Dinner is at leisure aboard the riverboat tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ The best of Brussels

Explore the best of Brussels today on your choice of guided excursions, including an informative city tour that views its landmark sights or a guided look at the Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture that's found throughout the city. Belgian chocolate is renowned the world over; a chocolate demonstration this afternoon reveals its delectable secrets. Join us tonight for a farewell toast and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 11. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Brussels.** Disembark ship by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Brussels Airport is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



*Cruise through the Middle Rhine Valley where 40 majestic castles keep watch over this strategic stretch of the river.*

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM— MS ESPRIT / MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 4 Oct 27*	£5,430	£5,750	£5,950	£6,840	£7,470	£7,630	£8,590
Aug 4*, 8	£5,590	£5,910	£6,110	£7,000	£7,630	£7,790	£8,750
Apr 14*, 18	£5,750	£6,070	£6,270	£7,160	£7,790	£7,950	£8,910
Oct 13*, 17	£5,910	£6,230	£6,430	£7,320	£7,950	£8,110	£9,070

### MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 21	£5,590	£6,100	£6,700	£7,000	£7,630	£7,790	£8,750
Aug 25	£6,150	£6,660	£7,260	£7,560	£8,190	£8,350	£9,310
Jun 2, 9 Sep 29	£6,390	£6,900	£7,500	£7,800	£8,430	£8,590	£9,550

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**

New for 2024!



# Hidden Waterways of Flanders and Holland

*Adventures off-the-beaten path in Belgium and the Netherlands*

8 DAYS FROM £3,750 | BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM

## 1. Arrive Brussels / ■ Embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Brussels Airport or train station to your riverboat; check-in time is 4:00 PM. Join us for an onboard briefing, followed by a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Explore Brussels

Enjoy a day in Brussels, exploring the sights with local guides who share insider anecdotes about life here past and present on a choice of excursions. See landmark sights that speak volumes about history, from its Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture to the Guild Houses lining Grand-Place,

a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or experience culinary discoveries that tempt with a taste of chocolate, waffles and beer, perfected through the generations. After free time to enjoy as you wish, return to the riverboat as it sets sail for Antwerp. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Architecture and Ale in Antwerp

Belgium's largest port city, Antwerp has long been a magnet for art lovers and diamond traders. It was of Europe's most important – and one of its richest – cities in the mid-16th century when merchants traded sugar and diamonds here. Golden Age artists Peter Paul Rubens, Anthony Van Dyck and Frans Snyders called Antwerp home in the 17th



## Uniquely Tauck

- Experience the storied 650-year history of Slot Loevestein, set on an island reserve that's yours to explore during an exclusive Tauck dinner
- Visit the quintessentially Dutch town of Gorinchem, alive with flowers and windmills and surrounded by polders where doe-eyed cows graze, on a locally guided tour
- Tour the recently remodeled and reopened Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp seeing works by the Old Dutch Masters in an art collection that spans the 14th through the 20th centuries
- Enjoy a choice of guided excursions in Bruges, including a walking tour of its historic heart with a local expert or an active bicycle excursion out into the countryside led by an expert guide



View a collection of art from the 14th through the 20th century at the newly renovated Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp.

century and Renaissance monuments and a still unfinished 13th-century cathedral enrich the variety of architectural styles that grace its medieval heart. Join a local guide on a sightseeing drive and walking tour that explores the historic gems of this lively town, from bustling Grote Market to medieval guild houses, baroque churches, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and atmospheric squares, or visit the newly renovated and recently reopened Royal Museum of Fine Arts to see its impressive collection of art from the 14th through the 20th century, with an impressive hall dedicated to the art of its native son, Peter Paul Rubens. Or, experience a brewery tour and tasting of the city's famous Belgian beers. Spend the afternoon exploring as you wish; a shuttle will be available to bring you back to the riverboat. Cocktails and dinner are at leisure tonight onboard ship; set sail for Bruges this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ Discover the best of Bruges

Arrive this morning in Bruges, Belgium, for a day of Belgian delights. Join our local guide for a walking tour of this fairy tale town, renowned as one of Europe's best preserved cities. Stroll picturesque cobblestone lanes to market squares where medieval towers, churches and whitewashed almshouses reflect its storied past. Visit Old Market Square in the ancient heart of town and see the 13th-century belfry that soars over the rooftops. Enjoy lunch as you wish before time at leisure this afternoon. If you wish, join our local guide



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Brussels to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Brussels</b>
■ 2	Brussels
■ 3	Antwerp
■ 4	Bruges
■ 5	Gorinchem
■ 6	Leiden / Rotterdam
■ 7	Amsterdam
8	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>

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Explore the quintessentially Dutch villages of Gorinchem, voted “the most beautiful town in the Netherlands,” and Leiden, home to windmills, canals, and historic sights, including the country’s oldest university, both towns still off the radar for crowds of tourists.

for a bicycle ride into the Belgian countryside. Have cocktails and dinner onboard as your riverboat charts a course towards Gorinchem. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Gorinchem & a castle dinner

Voted “the most beautiful fortified town in the Netherlands,” Gorinchem was founded in 1000 AD, fortified in the 13th and 14th centuries, and today boasts the largest fully intact fort in the Netherlands. A quintessentially Dutch town with flowers and windmills, it is surrounded by green polders with grazing cows. The city was originally part of the Dutch Waterline of defense and the historic city center is still a well-preserved walled fortress. Join our local guide for a walking tour of its historic heart, viewing its charming canals, the

well-preserved Renaissance-style and medieval architecture, and pretty parks and gardens. Explore as you wish this afternoon, before joining us for a Tauck Exclusive dinner at Slot Loevestein. Set in a nature reserve on a private island, the 14th-century castle has served as a prison, residence and toll taker; tonight it will be yours to enjoy as the island and castle are open for Tauck guests only. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Leiden or Rotterdam

Enjoy a choice of guided shore excursions as your riverboat is docked in Rotterdam, founded as a fishing village in the 13th century. A living monument to Holland’s Golden Age until it was bombed to rubble during World War II, the city today welcomes with world-class architecture and urban



## A castle dinner on a private island

An evocative water castle that has made history since it was constructed in the 14th century, Slot Loevestein reigns over its own private island, where the Maas and Waal rivers come together. Originally built by a knight as his stone residence, it was later used to charge tolls from trading vessels using the rivers before being expanded to a larger fortress in the 16th century and used as a prison for political prisoners in 1619. Today it reigns on its own private island as a medieval museum and the site of a Tauck Exclusive evening you’ll long remember. Enjoy the keys to the castle during this special visit, exploring its 650-year history, strolling the grounds and taking in the views of the nature reserve and the castle during dinner for Tauck guests only.



design, along with surviving traces of Old Rotterdam in Delfshaven (Delft Harbor) and Oude Haven (Old Harbor). You may choose to stay in town to explore the sights with a local guide on a walking tour or a bicycle excursion, with time at leisure to explore as you wish. Or you may embark on a guided excursion to Leiden, the birthplace of Rembrandt, and home to charming architecture, canals and historic sights, including the country's oldest university. Return to the riverboat late afternoon; following dinner this evening, enjoy musical entertainment in the lounge. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ The artful life in Amsterdam

Spend the day in the world-famous 17th century capital of Holland, known for its artistic heritage, historic canals, and narrow houses with gabled facades, living legacies of the city's Golden Age. Art masterpieces hang in its acclaimed museums, including the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum, where the Old Masters hold court. Bicycles and canal boats are key to the city's character; gardens bloom with Dutch bulbs; and its cultural treasures are among the most significant Europe. View the sights aboard a canal boat cruise this morning, followed by a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum, seeing such works as *The Milkmaid* by Vermeer, *Self-portrait* by Van Gogh, *The Merry Family* by Jan Steen and Rembrandt's *Night Watch*, before time to explore on your own. Return to your riverboat for a musical performance before a farewell toast and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark your riverboat this morning by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from Tauck's riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Station. Fly home anytime. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



A day in Brussels means Art Deco and Art Nouveau architecture, historic guild houses and culinary treats of chocolate and beer.

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS ESPRIT / MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 28* Aug 18	£3,750	£3,950	£4,070	£4,670	£5,150	£5,310	£5,710
Oct 6*	£4,310	£4,510	£4,630	£5,230	£5,710	£5,870	£6,270

### MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 31	£3,750	£4,070	£4,430	£4,670	£5,150	£5,310	£5,710
Jun 19 Oct 9	£4,310	£4,630	£4,990	£5,230	£5,710	£5,870	£6,270
Jun 12 Sep 4	£4,470	£4,790	£5,150	£5,390	£5,870	£6,030	£6,430

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# Belgium & Holland in Spring

*The colorful delights of spring in the Netherlands and Belgium*

8 DAYS FROM £3,750 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BRUSSELS

## 1. ■ Welcome to Brussels

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Brussels.** A transfer is included from Brussels Airport directly to your riverboat, where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Settle in aboard ship and then meet your fellow river cruisers this evening at a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Exploring Brussels

Guided sightseeing today includes a city tour that takes in the Atomium, a 338-foot-tall structure resembling atoms, built for the 1958 World's Fair, and ends at Grand-Place, or a tour of its Art Nouveau architecture. After lunch, visit a chocolatier for a demonstration or enjoy free time to explore as you wish. Cruise to Antwerp this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Discover Antwerp's specialties

Antwerp is Belgium's second largest city, the capital of the province of Flanders, also known as the Low Countries, where Dutch is the official language. Go on an orientation tour of the city and take a guided walk through the historic Old Market Square, surrounded by its Renaissance Town Hall and guildhalls with elaborate facades harkening back to the days of the 16th-century Age of Exploration when Antwerp was the richest city in Europe. A choice of excursions this afternoon includes a guided visit to the Red Star Line Museum, where you can journey in the footsteps of the emigrants who left Belgium bound for America, learning about their personal stories through interactive exhibits. Or sample Belgian beer during a tour and tasting at a local brewery followed by time at leisure. Dating back to the



## Uniquely Tauck

- Attend a private evening at the Mauritshuis in Den Haag, with a guided tour of the museum's world-class collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings, dinner, and live music
- Visit Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse to walk among the tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths that are on display for only two months a year
- See the distinctive charms of Amsterdam aboard a canal boat that cruises the Canal Ring (Grachtengordel), a charming 17th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site
- In Brussels, discover the secrets of making delectable Belgian chocolate during a private demonstration at an award-winning chocolatier – accompanied by a tasting



View the treasures of Amsterdam during a canal cruise and a visit to see art by the Dutch Masters at the Rijksmuseum.

1300s, beer played an important part in the development of clean water in the city and its environs, and continues to be the king of beverages in Belgium. Return to the riverboat for cocktails and dinner onboard this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ Flemish treasures in Ghent & Bruges

Wake up in the historic city of Ghent, where you will disembark for a drive to Bruges for a guided walking tour on cobblestoned streets that views its charming canals and tiny medieval streets, followed by free time to enjoy the sights

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Brussels to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Brussels</b>
■ 2	Brussels
■ 3	Antwerp
■ 4	Ghent, Bruges
■ 5	Dordrecht, Kinderdijk, Den Haag
■ 6	Keukenhof
■ 7	Amsterdam
8	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>

#### Amsterdam to Brussels

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■ 1	<b>Embark Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Keukenhof, Den Haag
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Maximum Elevation: 190 ft.





Discover Ghent on a guided walking tour that showcases its undeniable beauty, from its cobblestoned historic center to its early Flemish architecture, and raise a toast to Antwerp during a tour and tasting at a local brewery where Belgium beer is the undisputed.

on your own. This afternoon, join us for a guided walking tour of Ghent – the city’s pedestrian-friendly cobblestoned town center feels like an outdoor museum of early Flemish architecture. Drive back to the ship late this afternoon. Your ship charts a course for Dordrecht this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Kinderdijk’s windmills & The Hague

Dock in Dordrecht, a historic island city bordering no less than five rivers in South Holland and drive to the nearby village of Kinderdijk, where 19 original 18th-century windmills, preserved today as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, create an iconic polderscape. During your visit, discover how a windmill works both inside and out, and explore the

quintessentially Dutch history of windmills. Alternatively, you can choose a bicycling excursion around the Kinderdijk windmills. Explore Dordrecht after lunch onboard the riverboat. A locally guided walking tour reveals Dordrecht’s notable architecture and monuments in its medieval inner city, as well as the surrounding ring of 19th-century buildings. Return to the ship and sail on to Rotterdam. Disembark the riverboat for a drive to The Hague (the royal city of Den Haag to the Dutch), for a Tauck Exclusive evening. Enjoy a private dinner, live music by students from the Royal Conservatory and a tour showcasing Dutch Golden Age paintings, including the *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, at the Mauritshuis, a renowned art museum housed in a historic 17th-century building. It is sure to be a night to remember. **Meals BLD**



## Private Opening at Mauritshuis

You’re the guest of honor for a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the famous Mauritshuis museum, showcasing art masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer, including the beloved *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. A museum official welcomes you and shares insights about the works you’ll see. Enjoy a performance by students from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague during the evening’s special festivities.



Scan the QR code for a virtual sneak peek of the museum



## 6. ■ Magical Keukenhof Gardens

Wake up this morning for a flower-filled visit to Keukenhof Gardens in nearby Lisse, where you will discover “the most beautiful spring garden in the world.” A rolling carpet of color, Keukenhof is one of Europe’s most iconic – and fragrant – places to witness springtime in all its glory. For eight springtime weeks every year, more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths blanket the 80-acre landscape with color and fragrance unequaled anywhere. Your visit offers you a choice of exploring the colorful gardens on foot, or enjoying a bike ride outside of the gardens, with time to visit Keukenhof and have lunch as you choose. Cruise on to Amsterdam later this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ The art of life in Amsterdam

Disembark ship this morning in Amsterdam for your choice of excursions. Join us for a full-day excursion into the countryside to learn about Holland’s vegetable and tulip industry. First up is a guided tour of a vegetable auction where garden-fresh produce is readied for market. After lunch, drive to a tulip farm for a presentation and a guided tour. Or, choose to discover the treasures of Amsterdam with us. See the city’s flower-rimmed canals, gracious gabled mansions, and people on bikes aboard a canal boat cruise through its network of 17th-century canals; Amsterdam boasts more canals than Venice and more museums per kilometer than any other European capital. One of its most famous museums is the Rijksmuseum – filled with works by the Dutch Masters, including Rembrandt’s *The Night Watch* and Vermeer’s *The Milkmaid* – which you’ll visit with a local guide. Spend the rest of the day as you please before returning to your riverboat for your final evening aboard. Enjoy onboard entertainment during our farewell reception, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**



Experience the technicolor blooms of Keukenhof Gardens, where more than seven million flowers blanket the landscapes.

## 8. Journey Home

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### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS ESPRIT / MS TREASURES

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Apr 7*	£3,990	£4,190	£4,310	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Apr 14, 28	£4,230	£4,430	£4,550	£5,150	£5,630	£5,790	£6,190

#### BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE / MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 1*, 3	£3,750	£4,070	£4,430	£4,670	£5,150	£5,310	£5,710
Apr 8 May 1	£3,990	£4,310	£4,670	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Apr 10*, 15*, 17, 22, 24*	£4,230	£4,550	£4,910	£5,150	£5,630	£5,790	£6,190

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



Amsterdam

# Cruising the Dutch Waterways

*A unique view of The Netherlands' cultural landscape along its historic inland waterways*

8 DAYS FROM £3,830 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM

## 1. ■ Welcome to Amsterdam

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station directly to your riverboat. Enjoy an entertaining performance, and a toast by the captain and his officers aboard ship before dinner this evening. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ A choice of excursions in Friesland

Your riverboat arrives in Kampen this morning for a choice of sightseeing in The Netherlands' northern province of Friesland. One excursion takes you to the Lake District, which is known for its horses and picturesque villages along the IJsselmeer, for stops in various villages and a private visit to a local horse farm. Return to Kampen, where you'll rejoin your riverboat and spend the afternoon cruising to

Enkhuizen. Or, alternatively, embark on a full-day excursion that explores the importance of water to Dutch culture, including a tour of the Wouda Steam Pumping Station, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest facility of its kind in the world, and a trip through the region's small villages en route to the famous Enclosing Dike at the Wadden Sea UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a private visit to the site's center and a relaxed local dinner before catching up with the riverboat in Enkhuizen. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Early opening at the Zuiderzee Museum

This morning, your riverboat is docked in Enkhuizen, which is often cited as one of the Netherlands' prettiest towns; powerful, prosperous and influential in the 1700s, it is both historic and visually stunning with its laced canals and historic buildings. Enjoy an exclusive, early-morning opening



## Uniquely Tauck

- You're the guest of honor for a Tauck Exclusive dinner with music at the acclaimed Mauritshuis museum in Den Haag (The Hague), housed in a restored 17th-century mansion and displaying a world-class collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings
- Discover Delft on a choice of excursions that includes a tour of the historic Royal Delft factory, the only survivor of some 32 earthenware factories established in Delft during the 17th century; you'll make a visit to the paint workshop, and enjoy an opportunity for high tea
- Enjoy a special early-opening visit to the open-air Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen where you can discover what everyday life was like on the Zuiderzee between the 1880s and 1930s



Step back in time to the late 19th century during an early-opening visit to the open-air Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen.

of the open-air Zuiderzee Museum. Preserving the cultural heritage and maritime history from the old Zuiderzee region, this renowned institution paints a portrait of everyday life in a Zuiderzee (south sea) fishing village between the 1880s and the 1930s. This afternoon, you have the opportunity to become part of the crew on a sail aboard a historic 100-year-old schooner on IJsselmeer Lake, no experience necessary! Have dinner aboard your riverboat as your riverboat cruises to Arnhem. **Meals BLD**

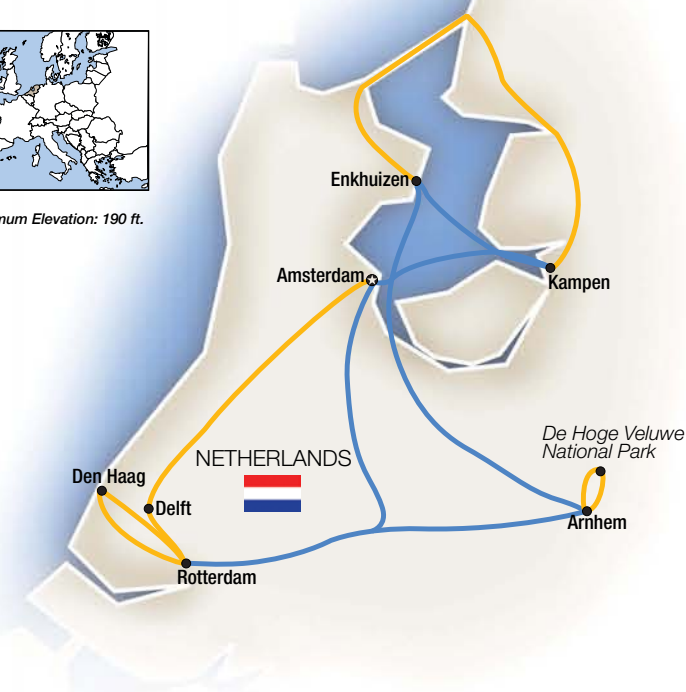
## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Kampen / Friesland / Wadden Sea
■ 3	Enkhuizen
■ 4	Arnhem / De Hoge Veluwe
■ 5	Rotterdam / Den Haag / Delft
■ 6	Delft / Amsterdam
■ 7	Rijksmuseum / Bicycle excursion
8	<b>Disembark / Depart Amsterdam</b>



Maximum Elevation: 190 ft.





A Tauck Exclusive evening at the Mauritshuis Museum in Den Haag includes dinner with live music performed by students of the Royal Conservatory of the Hague; and cruise the IJsselmeer on a historic schooner with an opportunity to become part of the crew.

#### 4. ■ A range of choices in Arnhem

Call on historic Arnhem today for a choice of three distinct afternoon experiences. One is a guided tour of the acclaimed Kröller-Müller Museum in De Hoge Veluwe National Park, home to works by artists as wide-ranging as Seurat, Picasso and Mondrian – and to one of the world’s largest collections of paintings by Dutch Post-Impressionist Vincent van Gogh, including his *Café Terrace at Night*; the museum’s expansive sculpture garden displays pieces by masters including Rodin, Dubuffet, Moore and Oldenburg. Another choice is a guided bicycle excursion along the bike paths of De Hoge Veluwe National Park, Holland’s largest nature preserve, winding past its scenic forests, drifting sand dunes and grassy plains. Or

discover Arnhem’s history-making battlegrounds and their significant role in World War II fighting in The Netherlands – when the town’s strategic road bridge over the Lower Rhine became the target of a massive Allied airborne assault on German forces – with a visit to the Airborne Museum ‘Hartenstein’ in nearby Oosterbeek, chronicling the Battle of Arnhem. Return to the ship and enjoy a lecture by your Tauck Director prior to the chef’s signature dinner. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ Rotterdam & The Hague

Arrive this morning in Rotterdam, a centuries-old seaport that’s among the largest and busiest in the world. Explore the



#### Delft Blues in Den Haag

Painted into history as the birthplace of artistry quintessentially Dutch, the Netherlands’ city of Delft brings the beauty of the Golden Age into the present day. Here, amidst historic charms that date back centuries, you’ll find the Royal Delft factory still turning out the iconic blue and white hand painted porcelain that it first debuted in 1653. It takes eight years of training before master artists can design and decorate the earthenware in the Royal Delft tradition; enjoy the opportunity to learn tips and techniques during a painting workshop with skilled artists, followed by high tea.



stunning 21st-century Markthal (Markethall) and Rotterdam's contemporary culinary culture on your choice of walking tour or bicycling tour today. This afternoon, travel overland to Den Haag (The Hague) for a guided tour of the city, renowned for its embassies, mansions, boulevards and parks. Join us for an exclusive evening at Mauritshuis Museum, set in a 17th-century mansion where famous paintings of the Dutch Golden Age are displayed. Meet a museum official and view masterpieces by Rembrandt, Holbein the Younger and Vermeer (including his iconic *Girl with a Pearl Earring*). Enjoy dinner with live music performed by students from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Discover Delft

Spend a full day in Delft on a choice of excursions. Enjoy a guided city tour along canal-lined streets rich with remnants of its medieval and Golden Age heritage, followed by free time. Alternatively, visit The Royal Delft pottery factory where generations of craftsmen have been making Delft Blue pottery by hand since 1653; experience a painting workshop with master tile painters that includes high tea. Continue to Amsterdam late afternoon, where a canal boat ride with cocktails precedes dinner aboard ship. Enjoy an onboard performance tonight by local musicians. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ The Rijksmuseum or a bike excursion

Discover Amsterdam today with two choices of sightseeing. Join us for a guided tour and lunch at the Rijksmuseum – the Dutch national museum first established in the late 18th century and filled with great works by the Dutch Masters like Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* and Vermeer's *The Milkmaid*; have lunch at the museum's RIJKS® restaurant, awarded a Michelin star in 2016. Or, travel outside the city for a bicycle excursion through Volendam's lovely coastal landscapes, stopping at a cheese farm, where you'll gain tasty insights on cheesemaking and enjoy lunch before heading back to Amsterdam. Celebrate your memorable cruise with tonight's farewell reception and toast in the riverboat's panoramic lounge, followed by dinner in the Compass Rose. **Meals BLD**



## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark at 9:00 AM; fly home anytime; a transfer from the riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Aug 14	£3,830	£4,150	£4,510	£4,750	£5,230	£5,390	£5,790
May 22 Sep 11	£4,150	£4,470	£4,830	£5,070	£5,550	£5,710	£6,110

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel

*Ideal for first-time river cruisers, guided exploration in four fabled countries*

8 DAYS FROM £4,550 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM

## 1. ■ Arrive Amsterdam & Embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat; check-in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. Join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner aboard your riverboat tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Amsterdam's canals & the Rijksmuseum

Enjoy a cruise on Amsterdam's 17th-century *grachten* (canals) which fan out in crescent-shaped rings from the

northern waterfront. Aboard the canal boat, you'll glide beneath curved bridges, passing by narrow merchant homes. A guided visit to the famed Rijksmuseum, home to many works by the old Dutch Masters, follows before a drive to Utrecht where your riverboat awaits. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ A day in Köln & dinner in the country

After a full morning of cruising and brunch onboard, you'll arrive in Köln (Cologne) for a guided walking tour that views the immense twin-towered Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), whose construction took a mere six centuries. Completed in



## Uniquely Tauck

- Join us for a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner at Schloss Ehreshoven outside of Köln
- Glide through the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, passing terraced vineyards, rocky cliffs, and countless castles, all with a story or two
- Choose to explore Switzerland or the Alsace – on a gondola ride to the top of Mount Pilatus followed by a walking tour of Lucerne or a drive along the Alsatian wine route to a castle for a tour, and on to lunch and wine tasting in Riquewihir
- Learn about Old Dutch Master painters, including Rembrandt and Vermeer, in Amsterdam on a guided tour at the world-famous Rijksmuseum



Strategically set where the Rhine and Moselle Rivers meet, Koblenz invites with castles, riverfront promenades and wine.

1880, UNESCO declared this Gothic “Dom” a World Heritage Site in 1995, recognizing its cultural value as “a testament to the longevity of faith.” Following time at leisure, join us for a Tauck Exclusive private reception and dinner at Schloss Ehreshoven, located in a postcard-perfect estate setting surrounded by parkland. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ Koblenz or cycling along the Rhine

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Koblenz. The city's roots go back to the Middle Ages, when its location made it a powerful one as the controller of trade along these

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam / Embark</b>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Koblenz or Cycling on the Rhine
■ 5	Speyer or Heidelberg
■ 6	Strasbourg / Baden-Baden
■ 7	Lucerne & Mount Pilatus or Alsace Wine Route / Basel
8	<b>Disembark Basel</b>





Go back in time to the Middle Ages when you visit the mountain fortress of Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg, built in the 1200s, during an excursion along the Alsatian wine route; and ascend to the top of Mt. Pilatus for breathtaking views of lakeside Lucerne and Alpine peaks.

major waterways. You may choose an orientation walk in Koblenz, or a bicycling excursion\* along the Rhine-Lahn cycle path. If you choose to explore Koblenz, your orientation tour includes a walk to *Deutsches Eck*, the “German Corner,” where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, and a visit to *Altstadt* (Old Town), a mix of town squares, tucked-away corners, medieval churches, baroque residences and cozy wine taverns. Should you choose to go bicycling (a countrywide passion in Germany), you’ll follow easy riverside trails through forest, meadows and Riesling winelands. A highlight of the day, the entire afternoon is spent cruising through the beautiful Middle Rhine Valley, the most famous and romantic section of the Rhine; enjoy dinner and local entertainment aboard the ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Speyer or Heidelberg & its hilltop castle

Following a morning’s cruise, arrive in Mannheim for a choice of excursions. You may choose to explore Speyer, a town that thrived on river trade in the 10th and 11th centuries, when construction on its double-domed cathedral began. Or you can travel to Germany’s oldest university town, Heidelberg. If you choose Speyer, begin at the impressive Technik Museum, dedicated to every form of technology that moves, from vintage cars to a space shuttle. Then walk to Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its natural glass windows and roof made entirely of stone. Or choose an excursion to Heidelberg, where narrow lanes, shops and pubs housed in 17th-century structures in the *Altstadt* are kept lively by the cadence of

## A night at Schloss Ehreshoven

Nestled amidst forested woodlands at the edge of the Rhineland in North Rhine-Westphalia, 17th-century Schloss Ehreshoven is the perfect venue for your exclusive Tauck event on Night 3 of your Rhine river cruise. Both a castle and living community in itself, here you will discover a way of life that celebrates the beauty and bounty of the parklands that surround it. Learn about the charitable foundation that’s dedicated to forestry and agricultural sustainability during an evening fit for noble pursuits as you enjoy cocktails and dinner in this private moated castle.





student life. Visit the romantic ruins of Heidelberg Castle, of which Mark Twain wrote in *A Tramp Abroad*; from its terrace and gardens, the sweeping views impress along with the feel of 600 years of history. Return to the ship for a cocktail reception followed by the Chef's Signature Dinner onboard as your riverboat charts a course towards the French city of Strasbourg. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Sights of Strasbourg & Baden-Baden

Your day begins in the Alsatian cultural capital of Strasbourg, France. It is home to the charming canals and half-timbered houses of La Petite France, stately city residences, a Gothic cathedral, and plenty of winstubs, traditional Alsatian beer pubs. After a morning of sightseeing in Strasbourg, you may choose to stay in town to explore on your own, explore the sights on a bicycle excursion or travel to the German spa resort town of Baden-Baden, on the edge of the Black Forest – where you can either take a walking tour then enjoy free time in this famed spa town, or visit Caracalla Spa, a day devoted to wellness and relaxation. The spa resembles a glass temple, with facilities that include whirlpools, waterfalls, counter-current pools, massage jets and turquoise pools of warm water sourced from natural springs. Return to the ship for dinner and an evening of cruising. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Lucerne & Mt. Pilatus or Alsace wine

You have a choice of shore excursions today. Drive to Lucerne and head for the heights of Mt. Pilatus aboard a gondola, climbing from Kriens to the very top (Oberhaupt) – nearly 7,000 ft. high, descending back down to Alpnachstad on the world's steepest cogwheel train. Then explore Lucerne, the lakeside "city of lights," as you wish. City landmarks include the Kapellbrücke, a covered wooden footbridge crossing the Reuss River that dates back to the 1330s, an octagonal Water Tower, narrow lanes and lovely squares. Lucerne is the quintessential Swiss city, with a cobalt lake ringed by Alpine peaks, a perfectly preserved medieval *Altstadt* (Old Town), candy-colored houses and waterfront promenades that make walking and wandering pure pleasure. Alternatively, you may prefer to have lunch and a wine tasting along the Alsatian wine route. Drive to Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg, originally built in the 1200s. Burned, abandoned and restored to its former glory in 1899, the castle presents a picture of a mountain fortress of the Middle Ages; after your visit, continue to the French Alsatian town of Riquewihr for lunch and a wine tasting. Everyone's day ends in Basel, a major crossroads of travel and thought since the 15th century. Join us this evening for the captain's farewell reception followed by dinner aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Basel.** Disembark your riverboat this morning by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Basel's Euroairport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg, Basel SBB Bahnhof or Zurich airport or train station. Fly home anytime. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE / MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 10 Aug 3	£4,550	£4,870	£5,230	£5,470	£5,950	£6,110	£6,510
Aug 21 Oct 16	£4,710	£5,030	£5,390	£5,630	£6,110	£6,270	£6,670
Jun 26	£5,190	£5,510	£5,870	£6,110	£6,590	£6,750	£7,150
May 22, 29 Sep 11	£5,350	£5,670	£6,030	£6,270	£6,750	£6,910	£7,310

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest

*Fall foliage in color and Bavaria's most colorful festival*

10 DAYS FROM £5,990 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM

## 1. ■ Arrive Amsterdam & embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat; check-in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. After a shipboard briefing, join us for a shanty choir performance and welcome reception followed by dinner aboard your riverboat. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ A taste of Amsterdam and its canals

Enjoy a private guided cruise aboard a canal boat along Amsterdam's 17th-century canals, the heart of the old city.

Take in the houseboats along the waterways, the curving bridges, the historic houses that line the banks – and watch Amsterdam's many bicyclists zipping through the streets bordering the canals. After lunch in a local restaurant, drive to Utrecht to reboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Old Town Düsseldorf

Spend the morning sailing to Düsseldorf, enjoying a talk by your Tauck Director. After lunch, dock in Düsseldorf, a city with a thriving fashion and art scene, and disembark for a walking tour of Old Town, stopping to sample local craft beers. You'll also have free time in town; possibilities include



# Uniquely Tauck

- Experience the original and largest Oktoberfest celebration in the world from your reserved seats in an exclusive Oktoberfest brewery tent including a three-course lunch
- Mount Pilatus overlooks lakeside Lucerne – you'll ascend and descend by gondola and cogwheel railway (one of the world's steepest) for the views
- Experience Amsterdam on a canal boat cruise accompanied by a local guide; learn the stories behind key points of interest, from history's poignant moments to iconic architecture that led to the designation of the 17th-century Canal Ring Area as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Take in the views of the river and town during a visit to Heidelberg Castle, riding a funicular back down to Old Town for a beer-pairing lunch at an award-winning brewery where you will meet the brew master and dine on regional fare



*The only way to truly celebrate Oktoberfest is to go local – and that's what you'll do at the festive celebration in Munich.*

checking out the modern buildings designed by some of the world's leading architects in the revitalized district along the Rhine, visiting Museum Kunstpalast, or strolling the city's high-end shopping street, Königsallee. Return to your ship for dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ Cruising along the Middle Rhine

Spend the day cruising along the Middle Rhine – “the Romantic Rhine” – passing countless castles and fortresses standing watch over the river. Your riverboat is surrounded by splendid scenery; lush vineyards cover the hillsides and

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b> <i>Embark ms Inspire or ms Grace</i>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Düsseldorf
■ 4	Cruising the Middle Rhine and Rudesheim
■ 5	Heidelberg
■ 6	Alsace wine route
■ 7	Mt. Pilatus and Lucerne
8	Disembark Basel / Munich <i>Hotel Bayerischer Hof</i>
9	Oktoberfest, Munich
10	<b>Depart Munich</b>





As a city, Düsseldorf is unique – it's a blend of Old World charm and a thriving center for finance and the arts – and craft beer, as you'll discover on a locally guided walking tour. In Strasbourg, a walking tour introduces you to the half-timbered houses of La Petite France.

historic towns line the riverbanks, seemingly unchanged by time. Enjoy entertainment onboard your ship this evening as you cruise to Mannheim for a morning arrival. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ A day in Heidelberg

Dock in Mannheim this morning for a drive to enchanting Heidelberg on the Neckar River. A guided tour of Heidelberg Castle introduces you to the picturesque ruins of a pink sandstone edifice centuries old, sprawling high on a hill with breathtaking views of the river. Take a funicular down the hill to Old Town Heidelberg for a Tauck Exclusive beer-pairing lunch of local dishes at an award-winning brewery where you'll meet the brew master. Return to your ship for dinner onboard at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ Exploring France's Alsace countryside

Your riverboat arrives in Strasbourg, France, this morning, a great starting point for today's exploration of the picturesque Alsatian countryside. Blanketed with vineyards and dotted with historic wine villages, the Alsace has a unique personality – a blend of German and French influences – as for centuries the region has gone back and forth between the two countries. Since World War II, Alsace has been part of France, but the locals think of themselves as "Alsatian" first and foremost. A walking tour introduces you to the city, and historic treasures in La Petite France; discover regional specialties – and enjoy a wine tasting – at a local restaurant. Return to your riverboat for an afternoon and evening of cruising, then join us for the chef's signature dinner tonight in the Compass Rose dining room. **Meals BLD**



### Oktoberfest Traditions

Don your dirndls and lederhosen for an authentic cultural experience that the locals celebrate with cheers and beers. Running September 21 through October 6, 2024, Oktoberfest is more than just an annual beer drinking event in Munich. It is the largest festival in the world with over 80 rides and attractions. In addition to the ever-flowing beer tents, there are culinary specialties to taste, games to play and music to dance to. Watch rhythmic traditional whip-cracking performances, link arms and sway to oompah bands and toast traditions centuries old.



## 7. ■ Mt. Pilatus and Lucerne

Dock in Basel this morning for a day in Switzerland. A drive brings you to the base of Mt. Pilatus for a gondola ride to the summit. Prepare to go from autumn to winter in less than half an hour! Take the world's steepest cogwheel train ride down the mountain, a thrilling experience through stunning scenery. Then it's on to the lakeside city of Lucerne for an orientation tour that reveals the Renaissance paintings inside the iconic covered Chapel Bridge and the poignant Lion Monument. Meet your riverboat in Basel and join us for a farewell toast before dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Lake Konstanz and Munich

Disembark your riverboat for a drive through Switzerland to Germany en route to the legendary city of Munich; spend time near Lake Konstanz en route. Upon arrival in the Bavarian capital of Munich, we'll take you to a local shop for a *trachten* fitting of a dirndl for the ladies and lederhosen for the gents so you will be authentically ready for the city's Oktoberfest festivities tomorrow. Settle in at your historic hotel, the Bayerischer Hof, before enjoying time at leisure to explore the sights and have dinner on your own. **Meals B**

## 9. The original Oktoberfest

This morning, get dressed up Bavarian style, in lederhosen or a dirndl, for a full Oktoberfest experience! There are "Oktoberfest" celebrations all over the world, but until you experience the festival in Munich, where the tradition began, you haven't really "done" Oktoberfest – a unique mix of beer consumption, Bavarian feasting, live brass bands, communal singing, and dancing. It all started in 1810 when a royal couple invited the citizens to their wedding festivities on the fields in front of the city. The event was so popular that it took on a life of its own. Today Munich's Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world. Tauck has reserved seats for you in the center of the action, in one of the exclusive brewery tents for a three-course lunch, traditional Bavarian live music – including the *Ein Prosit* toasting song – and lots of fun. Word to the wise: the local breweries make an especially strong beer just for Oktoberfest, so pace yourself, or choose to drink a *radler* (half lemonade, half beer). A shuttle will run back to your hotel after lunch – or stay and enjoy the festival until evening. Gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell reception and casual dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Munich.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included today to Munich Airport from Hotel Bayerischer Hof. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE / MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Sep 18, 22, 25	£5,990	£6,310	£6,670	£6,910	£7,390	£7,550	£7,950

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



Discover picturesque sites of lakeside Lucerne on an orientation tour, and the view from atop nearby Mt. Pilatus via gondola.



# Rhine Enchantment, Amsterdam to Milan

*Five countries, three nights in Milan plus a Rhine River cruise*

11 DAYS FROM £5,270 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR MILAN

## 1. Arrive Amsterdam / ■ Embark

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam, Netherlands.** Welcome to Amsterdam! Transfers are included from Schiphol Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat, where embarkation will begin any time after 4:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner onboard. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Amsterdam & its canals

Explore Amsterdam on a locally guided walking tour of the pretty Jordaan neighborhood, and aboard a canal boat cruise past gabled merchants' houses. Enjoy time at leisure before sailing for Düsseldorf this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ A choice of discoveries in Düsseldorf

Arrive this morning in Düsseldorf, known for its charming Altstadt (Old Town), for a choice of activities. Experience a "Taste of Düsseldorf" walking tour focused on the city's culinary traditions, along with some tasty local treats; tour modernized Medienhafen, Düsseldorf's old harbor area, transformed by striking architecture designed by renowned architects all over the world, including Frank Gehry, and enjoy a bird's eye view of the city from the Rhine Tower. Or, join a local guide for a bicycling excursion along the city's bustling waterfront. Back aboard ship, a lecture by your Tauck Director precedes cocktails in the lounge and dinner at your leisure. Your ship charts a course for the Middle Rhine Valley this evening. **Meals BLD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Join us for an exclusive gala dinner with entertainment at the Baroque Schloss Biebrich in a picturesque setting on the banks of the Rhine River in Wiesbaden
- Spend three nights at Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan, a splendid restored neoclassical hotel; during your stay you'll view Leonardo da Vinci's mural *The Last Supper* at the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent
- Enjoy private boat rides on Lake Como including a lake-view lunch with time to explore Bellagio
- Embark on a walking tour of Düsseldorf's Medienhafen, a showcase of modern architectural masterpieces, or a guided bicycling excursion\* along the River Rhine



### 4. ■ Middle Rhine Valley & a palace dinner

Today, enjoy a full day of cruising through the Middle Rhine Valley, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide past fairy tale castles – there are 40 hilltop castles and fortresses here, erected over a period of 1,000 years – historic towns and sloping vineyards, hearing the stories of the Lorelei, the beautiful siren of the rocks. Arrive this evening in Wiesbaden and join us for an Tauck Exclusive evening with dinner and entertainment at Schloss Biebrich, an 18th-century Baroque palace on the bank of the Rhine. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Charming Heidelberg

Arrive in Mannheim this morning for a drive to the university town of Heidelberg and a guided walking tour of the city's landmark sights. See the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, a historic red sandstone compound high above the city; explore its Baroque Altstadt (Old Town), rebuilt during the 18th century; and follow in the footsteps of Mark Twain, Goethe and the painter William Turner who was inspired by the landscapes you'll see today. Enjoy lunch at a local brewery, with time at leisure to experience this riverside city as you wish. Have cocktails and dinner back aboard your riverboat, followed by evening entertainment as your cruise continues to Strasbourg, France. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Milan

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b>
2	Amsterdam
3	Düsseldorf
4	Cruising the Rhine
5	Heidelberg
6	Alsace
7	Basel
8	Disembark / Travel to Milan <i>Hotel Principe di Savoia</i>
9	Lake Como
10	Milan
11	<b>Depart Milan</b>

#### Milan to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Milan</b> <i>Hotel Principe di Savoia</i>
2	Lake Como
3	Milan
4	Train to Basel / Embark Basel
5	Basel
6	Alsace
7	Heidelberg
8	Cruising the Rhine
9	Düsseldorf
10	Amsterdam
11	<b>Depart Amsterdam</b>



Experience an exclusive dinner at 18th-century Schloss Biebrich, a beautiful Baroque palace on the bank of the Rhine; and cruise past countless centuries-old castles reigning over the river, including medieval Rheinstein Castle at the gateway to the Middle Rhine Valley.

## 6. ■ Explore the Alsatian wine route

This morning, your riverboat arrives in historic Strasbourg, France, inviting with twisting medieval alleys, crooked half-timbered houses dressed in sherbet colors, criss-crossing canals and a grand Gothic cathedral with a lacey facade that dates back to 1439. Explore the sights of Petite France on a walking tour with a local guide, seeing where artisans plied their trades in the Middle Ages and stopping for a tasting at a local winstub (wine cellar), or join a local guide for a bicycle excursion. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ A choice of discoveries in Basel

Arrive in multicultural Basel, Switzerland, located at the juncture of the French, German and Swiss borders. Renowned as the Swiss Cultural Capital, Basel is home to some forty outstanding museums, including one of the oldest public art collections in the world. A choice of sightseeing includes a walking tour that inspires with insights about the city's art and architecture, including a self-guided visit to the world-class Basel Art Museum, boasting a history that goes back to 1661. Your other option today explores Basel's distinctive culinary heritage on a guided walking tour, indulging with tastings of local beer, Swiss cheese and chocolate. Enjoy free time to explore the sights on your own this afternoon. Join us this evening for a farewell toast and dinner onboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 8. By rail through the Alps & on to Milan

After breakfast onboard, bid your crew farewell and disembark your riverboat in Basel for a high-speed train journey to the stunning lakeside city of Lugano, arriving in time for lunch and free time to enjoy as you choose. This afternoon, drive across the border into Italy for arrival in Milan, a city that reigns as a world capital of fashion and design, for a three-night stay. Tonight, you have reservations for a Tauck Exclusive experience, a private viewing of Milan's pièce de résistance, Leonardo da Vinci's mural, *The Last Supper*, which adorns the dining room at the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent (subject to availability; the day of this visit may vary). **Meals B**

## 9. Villas and villages of Lake Como

Drive to tiny Tremezzina for a full day tour of the beautiful Lake Como region. Your explorations begin with a boat ride bound for *bellissima* Bellagio. Your Tauck Director leads an orientation walk in this resort village, known as "the Pearl of the Lake," followed by free time to wander as you wish. Take in the lake views and explore the centuries-old buildings, stone lanes, and cobbled stairways lined with shops. Continue on your cruise of Lake Como, which the poet William Wordsworth described as "a treasure whom the earth keeps to herself," viewing the lake's forested shoreline, lined with small towns, ancient stone bell towers and opulent villas,



en route to a private lunch at a restaurant on the shores of the lake. Return to Milan for a free evening. Your landmark hotel overlooks a historic square in the heart of Milan, with dining, bars and attractions a short walk away. **Meals BL**

## 10. Discover Milan

Experience Milan on a sightseeing drive and a locally guided walking tour that includes Piazza della Scala, Piazza Belgioioso, Piazza San Fedele, Palazzo Marina, and the Piazza del Duomo, home to the Gothic Cathedral of Milan, il Duomo, the third largest Catholic church in the world. Steps from il Duomo, see the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, a.k.a. “the living room of Milan.” This massive yet elegant shopping arcade, topped by an airy glass octagonal dome, was built as a symbol of Italian unity in the late 19th century and was named after the first king of Italy. The afternoon is free to explore those sights that interest you most. You might want to take in La Scala, one of the most famous opera houses in the world, where Maria Callas sang her heart out; Pinacoteca di Brera, a great art collection including works by Raphael, Bellini, Piero della Francesca, and Caravaggio; the fashion district between pedestrianized Via della Spiga, via Montenapoleone, via Manzoni, and Corso Venezia or the bohemian Navigli neighborhood of canal-side bars, restaurants, and shops. Be sure to taste the traditional flavors of Milan – sipping a Campari bitter apéritif and sampling dishes like yellow risotto, *cassoeula*, and *ossobuco*. Join us this evening at our farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**



Discover Old Town Basel on a choice of excursions that includes a culinary-themed walking tour for an authentic taste of daily life.

## 11. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Milan.** Fly home anytime; a transfer from Hotel Principe di Savoia to Milan Malpensa or Linate Airports or Milan’s Central Train Station is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For additional hotel nights in Milan, ask at booking. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS MILAN OR AMSTERDAM –  
MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Oct 20, 23*	£5,270	£5,590	£5,950	£6,190	£6,670	£6,830	£7,230
Jul 27* Aug 4	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
Apr 21 Jun 30	£6,070	£6,390	£6,750	£6,990	£7,470	£7,630	£8,030
May 1*, 8*, 26 Jun 5* Aug 28*	£6,630	£6,950	£7,310	£7,550	£8,030	£8,190	£8,590

\*Indicates Amsterdam to Milan southbound direction.

Note: Select departures will dine at a different location on Night 4 (Night 7 on northbound departures).

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3**



# The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam

*Enjoy more time in Switzerland and the essence of elegance along the Rhine*

**10 DAYS FROM £5,030 | BEGINS ZURICH**

## 1. Arrive Zurich & journey to Bern

**Tour begins: 6:30 PM.** A transfer is included from Zurich Airport or the train station (Zürich or Bern Hauptbahnhof) to the Bellevue Palace Bern, surrounded by the Aare River and distant Alpine peaks. Stay for the next two nights at a historic hotel favored by celebrities and heads of state, and featured in John Le Carré's spy novels. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals D**

## 2. The Jungfrauoch or chocolate in Bern

You have a choice of sightseeing adventures today. Head for the snow-capped mountains on a full-day's excursion

to Jungfrauoch, known as the "Top of Europe." Drive to the village of Lauterbrunnen for a train ride to Kleine Scheidegg, then board a cogwheel train for the scenic climb to Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe; here you'll find a restaurant, observatory, a gallery of ice sculptures, and breathtaking views of the glacier-clad Bernese Alps. Alternatively, explore the eclectic charms of Bern on a walking tour – with a focus on chocolate. Bern played a key role in the commercial world of chocolate, with residents such as Lindt, Tobler and Bloch; chocolate tasting is included. Sights include open-air markets, the Parliament Building, the Gothic cathedral, a house where Einstein lived and wrote his "Theory of Relativity," and the Zytglogge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. **Meals BL**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Journey to the highest railway station in Europe at Jungfrauoch by cogwheel train for amazing views of the snow-clad Bernese Alps
- Select departures will spend a private evening with dinner and a tour at Schloss Ehreshoven, a grand Baroque estate in Engelskirchen, often used as a film location
- Enjoy panoramic views when you cruise picturesque Lake Lucerne and on an orientation tour introducing you to key Lucerne sites
- See one of France's art treasures, the Isenheim Altarpiece, and enjoy a private reception at the 13th-century Unterlinden Museum in Colmar
- Explore the historic windmills of Kinderdijk in your choice of two ways – on a guided bicycle ride or a walking tour and boat ride

### 3. A day in Lucerne / ■ Embark ship

Spend the morning in Lucerne, set on the shores of Lake Lucerne in the Alpine foothills. On an orientation tour, view Lucerne's market squares, burghers' houses, church spires, and ramparts of medieval old town unfurl on both sides of the river winding through the city. As you stroll across the wooden covered Chapel Bridge, flanked by flower boxes, look up to see paintings in the interior, some dating to the 14th century, like quiet messages from the past. Take in the Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss soldiers who died in the French Revolution, carved eloquently in stone. Experience the magic of a sail on Lake Lucerne, ringed by Alpine scenery before embarking ship. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ Colmar in the Alsatian wine country

Dock in Breisach, then drive to the village of Colmar, France, in Alsatian wine country. The principal industry in Colmar is food and wine, but its irresistible charm lies in its beautifully preserved medieval architecture that conjures an idyllic place out of time: colorful half-timbered houses and gardens, rambling cobbled streets, arches and alleys, sculpted fountains, and canals that wind through a corner of town called Little Venice. Aside from its winemaking heritage, Colmar is known as the hometown of Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor who created the Statue of Liberty. A walking tour includes a Tauck Exclusive reception and tasting of local Alsatian wines at the Unterlinden Museum, housed in a Gothic convent, whose impressive collection includes Matthias Grünewald's famous Isenheim Altarpiece, paintings, engravings and sculpture from medieval to modern (including works by Dürer and Holbein, Picasso



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Bern to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Zurich / Bern</b> <i>Bellevue Palace Bern</i>
2	Bern / Jungfrauoch
■ 3	Lucerne / Embark Basel
■ 4	Breisach / Colmar
■ 5	Karlsruhe / Baden-Baden
■ 6	Rüdesheim / Linz am Rhein Engelskirchen / Bonn
■ 7	Köln
■ 8	Dordrecht / Kinderdijk
■ 9	Amsterdam
10	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>



*Discover a taste of daily life in the Alsatian town of Colmar, charming with picturesque half-timbered houses, hanging gardens and culinary delights; and explore the Swiss city of Lucerne on a guided walk that includes the Chapel Bridge and a sail on Lake Lucerne.*

and Léger), and a wealth of archaeological artifacts. Sail through the Upper Rhine Plain this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Baden-Baden in the Black Forest

Arrive in the city of Karlsruhe, where you'll have a choice of excursions. Travel through the Black Forest, the setting for so many of the world's beloved fairy tales, to the Belle Époque spa town of Baden-Baden. In the 19th century, the local healing hot springs and elegant casino attracted the wealthy elite from all over Europe along with many artists whose imaginations were sparked by the social scene; today, Baden-Baden has become known for its arts festivals and its thermal waters. Your visit includes a walking tour of town accompanied by a local guide or time to enjoy the Caracalla Spa as you like. Alternatively, ride an electric bike\* in a nature preserve along the river, with an opportunity to explore Baden-Baden as you please. Return late afternoon to your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Rüdesheim & Schloss Ehreshoven

Near the foot of the Niederwald, surrounded by vineyards, the ruins of Ehrenfels Castle watch over the Rhine Gorge; just around the bend, you'll dock in the winemaking town of Rüdesheim, under the lofty gaze of the famous Niederwald Monument. The 1,000-year-old town charms with its cobblestone streets of storybook houses, cafes and wine taverns. Choose between an e-bike ride\* along the Rhine or a tour of Rüdesheim and Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, a museum dedicated to antique self-playing

musical instruments, including musical clocks, player pianos, fairground organs, self-playing violins, and the world's largest automated doll orchestra. Cruise on to Linz am Rhein, then drive to Engelskirchen for a visit to its neighboring castle, Schloss Ehreshoven. Built in the 14th century and later expanded in the style of a grand Baroque manor house, the estate is surrounded by a moat, landscaped gardens, and a castle park. Schloss Ehreshoven is often used as a film location – but tonight, schedule permitting, it's the unforgettable setting for Tauck's exclusive cocktail reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Explore all that is Köln (Cologne)

Cruise to Köln, once a Roman provincial capital, and later a wealthy medieval trading port; the city was almost destroyed during World War II, but many of its architectural treasures have been restored including the towering Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), a twin-spired masterpiece of High Gothic architecture – which you'll visit today, schedule permitting. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, you'll cruise the lowlands of the Rhine (with commentary) en route to the city of Dordrecht in the Netherlands. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ The Kinderdijk Windmills

Your riverboat arrives in Dordrecht this morning, an important trading port in the Middle Ages, for an excursion that offers insights into windmills and their ubiquitous role in Dutch life and a visit to the village of Kinderdijk (Child's Dyke), where the flat landscape, crisscrossed with canals, presents the



largest concentration of historic windmills in The Netherlands. Explore Kinderdijk on a walking tour and a boat ride, or on a two-hour bicycle excursion\*. The 19 windmills, most of them built in the 18th century, are national monuments; for centuries, their massive wind-driven mechanisms have been used to pump water out of the polder and into reservoirs and canals, reclaiming land from the river. Such ingenious methods of water management have enabled a country that is almost fifty percent below sea level to exist at all, lending weight to the local saying, “God created the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland.” Enjoy free time to explore the cobbled streets of Dordrecht, rich with historic sites, antique shops, and art galleries. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Amsterdam’s art, canals & more

Wake up in Amsterdam for a city orientation tour that includes a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum, home to art masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age, including works by Vermeer and Rembrandt’s *The Night Watch*. Board a canal boat for a cruise along the city’s 17th-century waterways, lined with trees, gabled merchant houses and the daily pace of urban life. The remainder of the day is spent as you please, with free time to enjoy all that Amsterdam has to offer. Whether you decide to explore the art museums, relax in one of the many coffeehouses, or stroll along the canals to view the eclectic architecture, your afternoon will be well spent. Your final evening aboard the riverboat includes a shanty choir performance during a farewell reception, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**



View the windmills of Kinderdijk like the locals do when you join us for an optional two-hour bicycle excursion along the river.

## 10. Journey home

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For additional nights in Amsterdam, ask at booking. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS ZURICH – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 1	£5,030	£5,350	£5,710	£5,950	£6,430	£6,590	£6,990
Aug 1, 8 Oct 14	£5,350	£5,670	£6,030	£6,270	£6,750	£6,910	£7,310
Jul 15 Aug 19	£5,590	£5,910	£6,270	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
May 13 Sep 2, 16, 23, 27	£6,150	£6,470	£6,830	£7,070	£7,550	£7,710	£8,110

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International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Ask for rates on flights and no-fly travel via Eurostar, in Standard, Premium or Business class, for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability). Museums and attractions may be subject to closure. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. **May 13 departure Day 6 dinner is at the Kurhaus Bad Honnef.** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# The Rhine and Moselle

*Enchanting, magical river cruise through Old World Europe*

15 DAYS FROM £6,630 | BEGINS BASEL OR AMSTERDAM

## 1. ■ Arrive Amsterdam / Embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol International Airport or Centraal Station directly to your riverboat, where you'll enjoy a welcome toast and dinner onboard tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Amsterdam's canals & the Rijksmuseum

A choice of shore excursions in Amsterdam today include a visit to the Rijksmuseum to see world famous works of art or venture out into the countryside to visit a tulip and vegetable nursery on a guided tour. This afternoon, explore the sights on your own; a shuttle is available to take you back to your riverboat. Enjoy a guided canal boat tour with refreshments before dinner onboard your riverboat, followed by a musical performance. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Nijmegen & a day of choices

Disembark in Nijmegen for your choice of excursions. Visit the art-filled Kröller-Müller Museum in De Hoge Veluwe National Park or join our local guide for a bicycle ride through the rolling parklands. After lunch, drive to Arnhem for a visit to the Airborne Museum, rich with World War II history. Rejoin your riverboat late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ Day of cruising & a castle dinner

Wake up in Düsseldorf and spend the afternoon cruising to Cologne (Köln). Disembark this evening for a drive to Engelskirchen and a visit to its neighboring castle, Schloss Ehreshoven. Built in the 14th century and later expanded in the style of a grand Baroque manor house, the estate is surrounded by a moat, landscaped gardens, and a castle



## Uniquely Tauck

- In Cochem, visit the family-owned Schlagkamp Wine Museum, where centuries-old wine-making traditions come alive in a tasting of locally produced vintages
- Surrounded by a moat, gardens and a castle park, Schloss Ehreshoven in Germany is an elegant setting for our exclusive cocktail reception and dinner on the southbound direction of this cruise
- On a choice of excursions, take the opportunity to visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart to see a line-up of these legendary automobiles
- In Luxembourg, descend down into the city's historic underground tunnels known as the *kasematten*, dating to 1644, a special experience exclusive to Tauck

park. Schloss Ehreshoven is often used as a film location, but this evening it's the elegant setting for an exclusive reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Cologne (Köln)

Explore historic Köln (Cologne) on a walking tour of Old Town with a local guide, followed by free time, or a city tour that includes a visit to a WWII bunker. Spend a leisurely afternoon cruising towards Cochem. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ Cochem, Reichsburg Castle & Moselle

Wake up in Cochem today, for your choice of excursions. Explore the town, seeing Reichsburg Castle and ancient town gates on a locally guided walking tour or a 10-mile electric bike ride through Cochem that rewards with wine tasting in Senheim. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ Traben-Trarbach or Luxembourg

Dock in Traben-Trarbach for a choice of activities today. Spend the day exploring the sights of Traben-Trarbach on

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 14 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Activity choices in Amsterdam
■ 3	Choices in Arnhem
■ 4	Köln / Schloss Ehreshoven
■ 5	Köln sightseeing
■ 6	Cochem, Moselle Valley
■ 7	Luxembourg or Traben-Trarbach
■ 8	Trier
■ 9	Cruising the Moselle
■ 10	Boppard, Middle Rhine Valley
■ 11	Heidelberg
■ 12	Baden-Baden or Stuttgart
■ 13	Strasbourg
■ 14	Basel or Zurich
■ 15	<b>Depart Basel</b>

#### Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Basel</b>
■ 2	Basel or Zurich
■ 3	Strasbourg
■ 4	Baden-Baden or Stuttgart
■ 5	Heidelberg
■ 6	Middle Rhine Valley, Boppard
■ 7	Cochem, Moselle Valley
■ 8	Luxembourg, or Traben-Trarbach
■ 9	Trier
■ 10	Cruising the Moselle
■ 11	Köln / Schloss Ehreshoven
■ 12	Choices in Arnhem
■ 13	Amsterdam
■ 14	Activity choices in Amsterdam
■ 15	<b>Depart Amsterdam</b>





Enjoy a taste of family-owned wines eleven generations in the making when you visit the Schlagkamp Wine Museum in Cochem and explore the historic sights of medieval Strasbourg, a fairy tale town steeped in the beauty and storied traditions of the Alsace.

an orientation walk with a tasty visit to a local weinstube or a guided two hour e-bike ride\* along the Moselle. Or, journey to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for a walking tour of the Old Town that includes the Cathedral, Parliament, the Palace of the Grand Duke, and centuries-old battlements that are today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, visit the American Memorial Cemetery in Hamm before exploring the underground tunnels known as *kasematten*, climbing down into dark caverns steeped in military history. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Trier's Roman ruins

Visit Trier today, once a residence for Roman emperors. On a walking tour, explore the town and its Marktplatz; see a 16th-century fountain that features images of St. Peter,

surrounded by the “virtues” of righteousness, strength, temperance and prudence. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Cruise the Moselle River

Spend a leisurely day on the riverboat as you navigate the beautiful Moselle River to Koblenz. Your Tauck Director will provide onboard commentary along the way. After dinner, join your Tauck Director for a walk into town. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ Boppard & The Lorelei

Arrive in Boppard for an orientation tour, followed by a two-hour bicycling excursion\* along the Rhine or a cruise through the Middle River Valley. Listen to the legend of the



## The enchanting Moselle River

Slower than its neighboring river the Rhine, but infinitely more intimate, the Moselle River begins in France, traverses Luxembourg, and into Germany where it slowly flows from Trier to Koblenz through picture-book scenery that enchants around every curving bend. View medieval villages lining the shore, ribboned hillsides lush with vines and castle ruins keeping eternal watch as you spend a day cruising aboard your riverboat that is as leisurely and relaxing as the Moselle itself.



Lorelei as you see for yourself why this beautiful part of the river – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – has inspired poets and writers for centuries. Everyone meets the ship in Bacharach where dinner aboard ship is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ Heidelberg or a family winery visit

This morning, you have a choice of sightseeing. Visit a sixth-generation family-owned organic winery in Bad Dürkheim and sample the fruit of the vine, or enjoy a full day's excursion to the university town of Heidelberg where a tour with a local guide includes a funicular ride up to the city's famed hilltop castle, Heidelberger Schloss, for a visit followed by lunch. **Meals BLD**

## 12. ■ Baden-Baden or cars in Stuttgart

Arrive in Plittersdorf for a choice of excursion: travel to Baden-Baden, where a local guide will accompany you on a walking tour and a visit to the famous Baden-Baden Casino. Alternatively, drive to Stuttgart for a visit to the Mercedes-Benz Museum, followed by free time to explore as you please. This evening, we invite you to join us for the Chef's Signature Dinner in the Compass Rose. **Meals BLD**

## 13. ■ A taste of France in Strasbourg

Wake up in Strasbourg, France, today for a walking tour of the Old Town, including the Cathedral, where you will have an opportunity to view the picturesque, centuries-old half-timbered houses, and charming small streets of La Petite France. Dinner is onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 14. ■ Basel or Zurich

Today, you have a choice of activities. You can choose to spend the day in Basel for a walking tour with tastings of local culinary specialties. Or, drive to Zurich for a walking tour and lunch at a historic Guild House. Return to the riverboat this afternoon and join us for a farewell toast and dinner onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 15. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Basel.** Fly home anytime. Upon disembarking the riverboat (no later than 9:00 AM), a transfer is included from your riverboat to Basel-Mulhouse International Airport, Basel's SBB train station or Zurich airport or train station; allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BASEL – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

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Oct 2*	£7,030	£7,540	£8,140	£8,440	£9,070	£9,230	£10,190
May 8	£7,190	£7,700	£8,300	£8,600	£9,230	£9,390	£10,350

### BEGINS AMSTERDAM – MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 21*	£7,030	£7,350	£7,550	£8,440	£9,070	£9,230	£10,190
May 5	£7,190	£7,510	£7,710	£8,600	£9,230	£9,390	£10,350

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



Lyon





# Rivers of France

*“First time traveling to France, first time on a riverboat cruise, and first time with Tauck – it just doesn’t get any better than this! The extravagant beauty of Provence, the exceptional and personalized experiences aboard the riverboat and the authentic culinary / wine-tasting tour events all contributed to creating the trip of a lifetime for me! Although there were many memorable moments, one of the most memorable was the private pastry class at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris when we made macarons!”*

Denise V.  
TAUCK GUEST

You'll feel it the moment you step ashore in the villages and towns that line the rivers of France. That palpable sense of *joie de vivre* that permeates everyday life and defines the very essence of our French river cruises. See it light up painted Impressionist landscapes during visits to the museums of Paris, Giverny and Provence. Discover it in culinary treats chef-prepared at cooking demonstrations and during exclusive dinners at elegant châteaux open just for Tauck. Savor it in wines at vineyards family-owned for centuries. And indulge in personal discoveries authentically French, uniquely irresistible and all included.



# Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy

*Explore castles, medieval towns, and Impressionist enclaves along the River Seine*

8 DAYS FROM £3,990 | BEGINS PARIS

## 1. Arrive Paris / ■ Embark ship

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Paris.** A transfer is included from Charles de Gaulle Airport or Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle or Gare du Nord railway stations to your riverboat; check-in time is 4:00 PM. We invite you to join us for a briefing that is followed by a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Sightseeing in Paris

Paris is home to charming arrondissements and instantly recognizable icons, from the Eiffel Tower to the Arc de Triomphe watching over the Champs-Élysées, filled with lamp-lit bridges spanning the River Seine. A choice of

excursions this morning includes an orientation tour and a visit inside magnificent Opéra Garnier. Alternatively, go on a walking tour of the Latin Quarter and St. Germain and learn about the rich literary history of the area as you stroll through Luxembourg Gardens past the neoclassical Pantheon and Sorbonne University. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Paris as you choose or join our local guide for a visit to the Pantheon – explore Parisian and French history through the stories of those buried there. Return to the riverboat mid-afternoon and spend the evening at leisure as you chart a course along the Seine for the inimitable Château de Versailles. Please note: your river cruise includes a visit to Musée du Louvre; ask at booking for details. **Meals BLD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a private tour and evening of dinner and music at Château du Taillis, set on a parkland estate in Duclair; built in 1530, the exquisite Italian Renaissance mansion with baroque interiors is a brilliant architectural showcase
- Tauck Exclusive! Enjoy an early-opening visit to Monet's house and gardens in Giverny, where the artist's famous landscapes come to life; discover what inspired Monet to become one of the leaders of the "Impressionism movement"
- Guided visits include a walking tour of historic Rouen, and a visit to a farm along Normandy's Cider Route to taste the region's elegantly crafted apple ciders and calvados brandies
- A local expert accompanies your visit to the World War II beaches of Normandy, providing special insights and stories about the June 6, 1944 historic events



*Claude Monet's home and gardens in Giverny were an endless source of inspiration; discover why on an early-opening visit.*

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Round-trip Paris & the River Seine

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Paris</b>
■ 2	Paris
■ 3	Versailles
■ 4	Rouen / Duclair
■ 5	Caudebec-en-Caux
■ 6	Les Andelys / Vernon
■ 7	Vernon / Giverny / Paris
8	<b>Disembark Paris</b>

### 3. ■ Château de Versailles

It's been imitated throughout history and around the world, but nothing compares to the original Château de Versailles. Just 15 miles from the center of Paris, Versailles was the epicenter of French royal power until 1789, and epitomized the royal lifestyles of Old World Europe. Standing on the grounds of a once humble hunting lodge, the palace at Versailles was built to impress, inside and out. Your visit here includes a look inside the most famous of its many rooms, among them the gilded Hall of Mirrors decorated with paintings, gilded statues, massive arches, shimmering crystal chandeliers, and some 357 mirrors. Step inside the king's over-the-top royal apartments, adorned with lavish Italian-style decoration, marble paneling, and painted ceilings. Then head outside to walk in the palace garden; spread across close to 2,000 acres, it is one of the biggest gardens in the world – alternatively, if you wish, take a bicycle ride through the gardens and along the Grand Canal. The original landscaping took about 40 years to complete; approximately 210,000 flowers and 200,000 trees are planted every year. Return to the riverboat mid-afternoon and continue your Seine cruise. **Meals BLD**



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.



Your cruise along the River Seine introduces you to centuries of French history through the eyes of local guides – from your visit to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, overlooking Omaha Beach, to a morning witnessing the excesses of Chateau de Versailles.

#### 4. ■ Memories in Rouen & a special evening

Experience Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy dubbed “a city of a hundred spires,” immortalized in art and prose. Iconic bell towers punctuate the skyline with half-timbered houses, narrow lanes, and storied squares. On your visit with a local guide, hear tales of the triumphs and trials of Joan of Arc as you follow in her footsteps. You may recognize the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen the moment you see it; the Impressionist Claude Monet painted it more than thirty times. Be sure to look up when you come to the Rue du Gros-Horloge and take in the city’s astronomical clock installed on a Renaissance arch spanning the street; this marvel of engineering has been renowned for its time-keeping efficiency since 1527. You’ll have some free time to explore the city as you please before tonight’s

Tauck Exclusive. Join us for a reception, a private tour and dinner with music at 16th-century Chateau du Taillis – a Renaissance treasure renowned for its lovely setting, stately gardens and arboretum. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ The Beaches of Normandy

Revisiting the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II, today’s poignant visit to the beaches of Normandy is led by a local expert who is knowledgeable about the day’s events, the heroics, and the losses of this historic Allied operation of June 6, 1944, as well as the Allied liberation of Western Europe. See Pointe du Hoc where US Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot-high, crater-riddled cliffs and seized the German artillery pieces to keep them from firing on the



### Normandy’s Cider Route

The terroir of Normandy is inhospitable for vineyards, but ideal for apple orchards – and with over 800 varieties, apples are very much a part of gastronomic life here, like grapes are in other parts of France. Normans treat their apple cider with the same seriousness as French winemakers. Cider-making is an elaborate process, which you’ll learn about along Normandy’s Cider Route. Cider-making here involves multiple distillations and aging in wooden barrels, much like wine; anything less is considered mere “apple juice.” Calvados, cidre, and pommeau are the three basic libations, but their captivating variations are without number. Visit a farm and learn the secrets – and of course, enjoy a tasting.



American troops landing at Omaha and Utah beaches. Visit Omaha Beach, one of the five landing areas of the Normandy Invasion of World War II, today dotted with the remains of German bunkers. Pause at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, the final resting place for more than 9,300 troops who lost their lives in World War II. After lunch, meet your riverboat back in Caudebec-en-Caux. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Les Andelys & cider

Look up as your riverboat sails into Les Andelys to see the ruins of Château Gaillard atop its hillside perch. Built by Richard the Lionheart, King of England, in 1197, the castle was considered the mightiest royal fortress of its time, built to resist an invasion by the king of France. Take a walking tour of the town and the ruins above, getting a glimpse of the castle's fortifications and savoring the views of the river and town from above. For a change of perspective, drive into the countryside where apples are king. An appetizing visit to a farm shares a taste of freshly pressed cider and aged brandy, accompanied by pâté and confiture, preserved fruit. Cruise to Vernon, arriving in time for an orientation walk of the town, intriguing with its Middle Age architecture. Return to the riverboat late afternoon; following dinner this evening, enjoy entertainment in the lounge. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Painted impressions in Giverny

A Tauck Exclusive early opening visit to Claude Monet's house and gardens in Giverny provides an opportunity to experience the home and the changing light of day as the artist did. Go inside his pink and green-shuttered house, left exactly as it was when the artist and his family lived here, and stroll through gardens you may have seen in paintings on your museum visit in Paris. Here is where you will see Monet's famous Japanese bridge covered with wisteria, along with smaller bridges, weeping willows, and bamboo woods. You will have time to stop in Giverny's Musée des Impressionismes, dedicated to the Impressionist movement in France and abroad. Later, attend a painting class onboard your riverboat that is led by an American artist who lives in

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the south of France; he shares insights into the Impressionist artists and reveals some of their painting techniques. We invite you to join us this evening for our farewell reception that is followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Paris.** Disembark by 9:00 AM; transfer is included from Tauck's riverboat to Charles de Gaulle airport or Charles de Gaulle, Gare de Lyon, or Gare du Nord train stations. Fly home anytime; allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS PARIS – MS SAPHIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Aug 14 Oct 30	£3,990	£4,190	£4,310	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Apr 10	£4,630	£4,830	£4,950	£5,550	£6,030	£6,190	£6,590
May 23 Sep 17	£5,350	£5,550	£5,670	£6,270	£6,750	£6,910	£7,310

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### 2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport and train transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions & distinctive inclusions valued at £2,000.

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

New for 2024!



Mont-Saint-Michel

# River Seine: Châteaux, Impressionism & Normandy

*Find your inspiration in Northern France amidst the beautiful landscapes of the River Seine*

8 DAYS FROM £3,990 | BEGINS PARIS (LE PECQ)

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
1	Embark Paris / Le Pecq
2	Auvers-sur-Oise
3	Les Andelys / Tilly
4	Mont-Saint-Michel / Étretat or Honfleur
5	D-Day Beaches
6	Rouen
7	Giverny / Le Pecq
8	Disembark Le Pecq / Paris





## Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a Tauck exclusive, early-opening visit to Monet's house and gardens in Giverny, where the artist's famous landscapes come to life; discover what inspired Monet to become one of the leaders of the "Impressionism movement"
- A locally guided visit shares insights in historic Rouen, and a special visit to a Normandy farm provides a taste of the region's elegantly crafted apple ciders and brandies
- Visit the famed World War II beaches of Normandy, accompanied by a local who provides special insights and stories about the June 6, 1944 historic events
- Enjoy a private tour and evening of dinner and music at Château du Taillis, set on a parkland estate in Duclair; built in 1530, the exquisite Italian Renaissance mansion with baroque interiors is a brilliant architectural showcase

From the painted impressions you'll view in Giverny, to timeless centuries of history preserved in Rouen, or vestiges of a war never to be forgotten, the landscapes you'll explore on our new 8-day river cruise along the Seine brings you through the heart of Normandy. Explore the best of northern France including historic Rouen, the code-named beaches of D-Day (a poignant visit, honoring the heroes of World War II), and picturesque locales that have inspired poets and painters for centuries, immortalized in art and literary masterpieces. Within northern France, a deep-rooted sense of its historic past is always present. Enjoy a choice of sightseeing excursion between a visit to the tidal island abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel or the picture-perfect seaside town of Honfleur and the cliffs of Étretat. Tauck exclusives include a reception, dinner with music, and private tour at 16th-century Château du Taillis, renowned for its lovely setting, stately gardens and arboretum. And exclusive to Tauck, an early opening visit to Claude Monet's house and gardens in Giverny provides an opportunity to experience the home and the changing light of day as the artist did – without the general public.

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## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS PARIS – MS SAPHIRE

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Jul 24, 31	£3,990	£4,190	£4,310	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Aug 7							

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*It's easy to picture yourself as part of Monet's inspirational gardens at Giverny on an exclusive early opening visit.*



# Rendezvous on the Seine

*The best of Northern France, from Paris to Monet's Giverny and D-Day beaches*

10 DAYS FROM £4,470 | BEGINS PARIS

## 1. Arrive Paris / ■ Embark your riverboat

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM.** A transfer is included upon your arrival from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport or the Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle or Gare du Nord train stations to your riverboat on the Seine. Settle into your cabin, then we invite you to join us this evening for cocktails, canapés and dinner aboard ship. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Choice of sightseeing in Paris

Your first full day in Paris promises to delight with a choice of sightseeing. Join us for an orientation tour of city landmarks with a visit to Les Invalides to see Napoleon's Tomb. Alternatively, take a guided walking tour of the historic Marais district – or a third choice, a robust walking

tour featuring the "Islands of Paris," Île de la Cité (where Notre-Dame is located) and Île Saint-Louis. Return to your riverboat for lunch, then spend the remainder of the day at your leisure exploring Paris as you please, including your choice from a selection of museum visits. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Palace life in Versailles

Prepare to be dazzled when your guide takes you inside Château de Versailles, built by Louis XIV, to see opulently decorated rooms in the King's Apartments, including the superb Hall of Mirrors where the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, ending the First World War. A guided tour of the château's gardens inspires with statues, patterned flower beds, lakes, fountains and more



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- A Tauck Exclusive early-opening tour of artist Claude Monet's beloved house and gardens in Giverny includes many sites that inspired his paintings such as the pond and famed bridge
- Visit a farm along Normandy's Cider Route to taste the region's elegantly crafted apple ciders and calvados, and see how they're made; in Normandy, cider is an art, like winemaking, centuries old
- A guided tour through 400-year-old Château de Versailles reveals extraordinary stories throughout centuries of history, from Louis XIV, the Sun King, to the world wars of the 20th century and beyond



Visit Château Gaillard in Les Andelys, dating back 1000+ years; enjoy the panoramic vistas overlooking the River Seine.

### 4. ■ Historic monuments in Rouen

Arrive in Rouen after breakfast this morning. Victor Hugo called Rouen "the city of a hundred spires," and while the ravages of war destroyed many of the steepled buildings he was referring to, those that still stand today are rich with historical associations. A locally guided city tour visits the Gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame, immortalized in close to 30 paintings by Impressionist artist Claude Monet, and the Place du Vieux-Marché, site of Joan of Arc's untimely death when she was burnt at the stake. After lunch, enjoy time to explore more of Rouen on your own. **Meals BLD**

palatial sights. Meet your riverboat and sail for medieval Rouen, home to Joan of Arc memorial sites. You'll have an opportunity to attend an onboard lecture this afternoon – and this evening, dine at your leisure. **Meals BLD**



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 9 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Paris</b> / Embark Paris
■ 2	Paris
■ 3	Versailles
■ 4	Rouen
■ 5	Le Havre / Caen or Honfleur
■ 6	Normandy Beaches
■ 7	Caudebec-en-Caux
■ 8	Les Andelys, Vernon
■ 9	Giverny / Paris
10	<b>Disembark Paris</b>



Your travels along the Seine are both educational and inspirational when our local guide shares knowledge and insights on a visit to Normandy's poignant D-Day landing beaches – and on an early-opening visit to artist Claude Monet's house & gardens in Giverny.

## 5. ■ Mémorial de Caen or seaside Honfleur

Dock in Le Havre today for a choice of included shore excursions. Drive to Caen for a guided visit of the Mémorial de Caen, a museum and war memorial commemorating World War II and dedicated to peace; it is regarded as one of the best World War II museums in France – and visit Bayeux to see the Bayeux Tapestry. Alternatively, drive to Étretat to see its stunning white cliffs, then continue to Honfleur, one of the most charming fishing ports in all of Normandy, for free time to explore. See a parade of Renaissance architecture and half-timbered houses along its cobbled streets as you discover for yourself why this colorful town was so beloved by artists like Claude Monet, Gustave Courbet, Eugene Boudin and other acclaimed artists. Back aboard ship, a lecture by our expert about D-Day provides insights into sites you'll see during a full day of guided exploration. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Sands of time at D-Day beaches

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, an operation that began on June 6, 1944 when a massive armada of troops, with more than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft, converged on the heavily fortified France coastline to begin the liberation of Western Europe. The D-Day beaches along Côte de Nacre have stood as poignant reminders of the historic Allied operation. The wartime code names for the beaches along this 50-mile stretch still exist – Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, Sword – paying proud tribute to the heroism of the thousands of soldiers who lost their lives here. Our expert local guide shares insights during stops at Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery, located on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Jumièges Abbey & an exclusive evening

Spend the morning at leisure aboard ship or join your Tauck Director for a casual walk in Caudebec-en-Caux. After lunch, drive along the "Route des Fruits" en route to Jumièges Abbey, once one of the great Benedictine abbeys of France. First built in 654, this wealthy limestone abbey grew to house 700 monks and 1,500 lay brothers in its first 50 years. Destruction came in waves when it was attacked by Viking raiders between 841 and 940, rebuilt in the 11th century, then razed again in a succession of French wars. Today it reigns unrivaled in a park-like setting that evokes memories of its former grandeur, giving measure to what Victor Hugo called "the most beautiful ruin in France." This evening an exclusive Tauck experience awaits in the French countryside at 16th-century Renaissance-style Château du Taillis, set on a parkland estate with gardens, where the red carpet is rolled out for a private reception, dinner and musical entertainment for Tauck guests only. **Meals BLD**

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## 8. ■ Château Gaillard & a sip of cider

Arrive in Les Andelys. Taking full advantage of its hilltop perch overlooking the river, Château Gaillard is the crowning centerpiece, built in 1198 by Richard the Lionheart (King of England) during a power play with France's King Philip II. Depart the cliff-top for a taste of Normandy cider. With over two thousand varieties of apples, Normandy is naturally proud of its cider and of Calvados – apples have played an important part in Normandy's history, with apple orchards having taken root in Roman times. Visit a local farm for a taste of fresh-pressed apple cider, brandy and pâté en route to your riverboat. Cruise to Vernon for a late afternoon arrival; you'll have an opportunity to join your Tauck Director for an orientation walk in this historic town before dinner aboard ship, followed by onboard entertainment. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Monet's home & gardens at Giverny

First up – a Tauck Exclusive pre-opening visit that brings you to Claude Monet's home and gardens, so familiar from his paintings – from the house to the wisterias, azaleas and water lilies. His pink stucco house gives the impression that his family of 10 still lives there; rooms showcase his private furnishings, and his collection of Japanese prints adorn walls. Outside, you'll find easels displaying works-in-progress in his garden studio, inspired by the gardens themselves. You will have time to walk pathways bordered with nasturtiums, hollyhocks, hybrid lilies or snapdragons, depending on the season's blooms, and go through the tunnel that leads to the Water Garden and the oft-painted Japanese Bridge. You'll then have an opportunity to view the art itself during a visit to Musée des Impressionismes in Giverny, learning more about the Impressionism art style he inspired. Celebrate your final night at the captain's farewell reception, which is followed by dinner, as you return to Paris. **Meals BLD**



You'll long remember an exclusive Tauck evening at 16th-century Château du Taillis, featuring dinner & music.

## 10. Journey Home

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Jun 17 Aug 21	£5,590	£5,820	£5,960	£6,550	£7,070	£7,190	£7,830
May 30 Oct 3	£5,750	£5,980	£6,120	£6,710	£7,230	£7,350	£7,990
May 5 Sep 8	£6,070	£6,300	£6,440	£7,030	£7,550	£7,670	£8,310

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# Cruising the Seine, plus Paris & London

*Between London and Paris, Monet's gardens, van Gogh's muse, and the essence of Calvados*

12 DAYS FROM £5,990 | BEGINS LONDON

## 1. Arrive London

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Rosewood London.** A transfer is included from Heathrow Airport or Gatwick Airport or London's Waterloo or St. Pancras train stations to historic Rosewood London, in the heart of the city near Covent Garden. This evening, we invite you to join us at the hotel for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. London revealed

Morning sightseeing gives you a good introduction to the major landmarks (such as Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral and more). The afternoon is free to spend exploring London as you please

before a truly special experience – an after-hours visit to one of London's most popular attractions, the Churchill War Rooms – the underground “nerve center” where Winston Churchill strategized World War II campaigns and the Allied route to victory – and history was made. You'll also be able to visit the interactive Churchill Museum. **Meals B**

## 3. Under the Channel to France / ■ Embark

Depart London for passage to France via *Eurostar* train that travels under the English Channel. In just about three hours, you'll arrive in Paris, where your riverboat awaits at its dock along the River Seine. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner aboard the riverboat. **Meals BD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Attend a private evening at Château du Taillis, including a tour, dinner and music; set on a parkland estate in Duclair, the exquisite 16th-century Italian Renaissance château is an architectural treasure
- Visit artist Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny – inspiration for some of his most beloved paintings – where you can walk through the famous floral landscapes of his “outdoor studio”
- Spend two nights in the heart of London at Rosewood London; memorable experiences include an after-hours visit to the amazing Churchill War Rooms, beneath the city's streets
- Normandy boasts over 50 varieties of apples – and on a visit to a farm in Tilly you'll have a tasting tour of the apples they grown there along with a tasting of apple cider and Calvados, a brandy made from apples or pears



At the Palace of Versailles you'll see orange and fruit trees, some 200 years old, housed in the Orangery in winter months..

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 9 Cruise Days

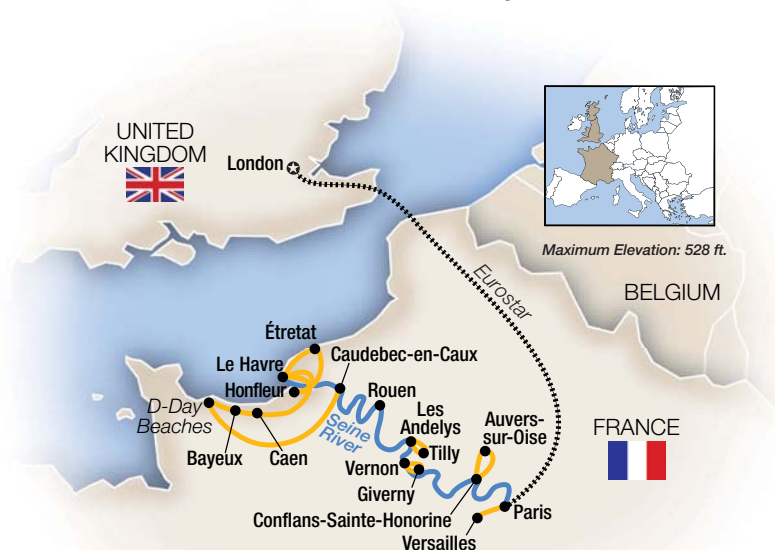
Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive London</b> Rosewood London
2	London
■ 3	London / Embark Paris
■ 4	Paris
■ 5	Paris
■ 6	Conflans-Sainte-Honorine / Auvers-sur-Oise
■ 7	Vernon / Giverny
■ 8	Rouen / Duclair
■ 9	Le Havre / Étretat / Honfleur
■ 10	D-Day Beaches
■ 11	Les Andelys
12	<b>Disembark Paris / Journey Home</b>

### 4. ■ The magnificent sights of Paris

A local guide shares insights on the architecture and history of Paris on a morning orientation tour, including the Arc de Triomphe, Grand Palais, Place de la Concorde, the Opera House, the Eiffel Tower and the Jardin des Tuileries. You'll have an opportunity to explore Paris as you please for a few hours, perhaps visiting the city's famed museums or returning to one of the iconic sites introduced earlier this morning. Return to the riverboat early afternoon, joining us for an onboard chocolate demonstration and wine tasting later in the day. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Explore Versailles or Montmartre

Depending on your interests, visit the opulent Château de Versailles (day of visit subject to change) or the Parisian hilltop village of Montmartre. At Versailles, go inside the palace, viewing the gilded Hall of Mirrors and the King's Apartments, and walk through the palace garden. In Montmartre, you'll hear insights from a local guide as you stroll the cobblestone lanes and visit Sacré-Coeur. Your riverboat docks in Conflans-Ste-Honorine tonight. **Meals BLD**





*A visit to Étretat provides an opportunity to view one of its most famous sights – spectacular white cliffs rising from the sea.*

## 6. ■ van Gogh in Auvers-sur-Oise

Disembark for a drive to Auvers-sur-Oise, where the artist Vincent van Gogh spent his last days. Visit Musée de l’Absinthe, a museum that is dedicated to the very strong anise-flavored green spirit that was fashionable with van Gogh (and many 19th and 20th-century artists), and take a walking tour of the town. You may recognize scenes from van Gogh’s artwork – he painted nearly 70 canvases during his time there; visit his room #5 at the Auberge Ravoux, not rented since his death in 1890. Sail for Vernon late this afternoon and have dinner aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## Private evening at Château du Taillis

Prepare to be treated as royalty during an exclusive evening at a grand 16th-century Renaissance château that is a historic monument. The château is set on a park-like estate in the Normandy countryside, in the hamlet of Saint-Paul in Duclair, not far from the Seine. Built in 1530 atop the foundation of a fortified 13th-century castle, Château du Taillis boasts a 300-year medley of architectural styles that reflect the tastes and times of its residents throughout the years. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive night at the château – attend a private reception and dinner inside its opulent ballroom, complete with music.

## 7. ■ Giverny and Monet’s home & gardens

Drive to Giverny this morning for a Tauck Exclusive visit to artist Claude Monet’s house and gardens, where you’ll feel like you’ve entered one of his painted landscapes. Go inside his pink and green shuttered farmhouse, maintained as it was when the artist and his family lived here. Then step outside where Monet revolutionized painting in the 1870s by painting scenes exactly as he saw them. Stroll through the floral grounds, complete with a Japanese garden and floating lily pond, and visit the nearby Musée des Impressionismes at your leisure. Drive back to Vernon for time to explore; if you wish, join your Tauck Director for a bicycle ride from Vernon to Giverny. Learn more about the Impressionist artists during an onboard afternoon art lecture. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Medieval Rouen, city of Joan of Arc

This morning, sail to Rouen, home to a treasure trove of immortalized sites, including the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen. This medieval city is steeped in history, most notably as the place where Joan of Arc was tried and burned at the stake in 1431. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon. A special evening awaits you at Château du Taillis, a grand 16th-century Renaissance château set on a park-like estate in the Normandy countryside. Enjoy a private tour, reception and dinner in the ballroom, with music. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Seaside Étretat or Caen Memorial

Dock in Le Havre this morning for a choice of sightseeing excursions. Explore Étretat to see its famous sculpted cliffs and visit the charming seaside town of Honfleur, once famous as an artists’ enclave, where Impressionism was born; or visit the Caen World War II memorial and museum, and Bayeux. Return to the riverboat this afternoon for an onboard D-Day lecture and time at leisure. **Meals BLD**







The town of Les Andelys in the Seine Valley is divided into two parts; explore the ruins of Château Gaillard with a local guide.

## 10. ■ Historic Normandy Beaches

Travel to the beaches of Normandy, where the D-Day landings occurred in June of 1944. Explore poignant sites with a local expert who shares insights about WWII and the battles that were fought here. See the cliffs at Pointe-du-Hoc, where US rangers, using ropes and ladders, scaled the steep terrain to capture the German fortifications. Visit Omaha Beach, dotted with the remains of German bunkers. Pause at the American Cemetery and Memorial, overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel. Return to the riverboat for time at leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ The fortress of Coeur-de-Lion

Wake up in Les Andelys, on one of the most beautiful bends on the River Seine. Join a local guide for a walking tour that includes the imposing ruins of Château Gaillard, built in 1198, and the village below. Then it's off to the countryside for a visit to a farm in Tilly for a tasting tour of the apples they grow there. Normandy is not known as a wine-producing region, but it does produce large amounts of apple cider; apples are also used to make Calvados, an apple brandy renowned in this region. Sample fresh pressed cider and

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spirited Calvados, served with locally-made pâté and confiture (preserved fruit) before returning to your riverboat for a cruise to Paris. We invite you to join us for a final evening onboard this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 12. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Paris.** Disembark by 9:00 AM; fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Charles de Gaulle Airport or Paris Orly Airport, and Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle or Gare du Nord train stations. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS LONDON – MS SAPHIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 15	£5,990	£6,220	£6,360	£6,950	£7,470	£7,590	£8,230
Aug 28 Oct 10	£6,630	£6,860	£7,000	£7,590	£8,110	£8,230	£8,870
May 12 Jun 6 Sep 22	£7,030	£7,260	£7,400	£7,990	£8,510	£8,630	£9,270

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29 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £4,060.

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence

*Discover the soul of France – culinary, art, wine and more – along the Rhône*

10 DAYS FROM £4,790 | BEGINS PARIS

## 1. Arrive Paris

### **Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental Paris Le Grand.**

A transfer is included from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport or the Gare de Lyon, Gare du Nord or Charles de Gaulle station to InterContinental Paris Le Grand, your landmark hotel in the heart of the city. Culinary pleasures star tonight at our welcome reception and dinner at Fouquet's brasserie, famous for celebrity dining since 1908. **Meals D**

## 2. A moveable feast in Paris

Enjoy a pastry class at Le Cordon Bleu Paris, where you'll learn firsthand the tips of the pâtisserie trade – including how to make an original pastry. An orientation tour

familiarizes you with the city's iconic landmarks; then embark on a walking tour that will provide you with a taste of cuisine that is traditional to the region. The rest of the day is yours to explore Paris as you wish. **Meals B**

## 3. Train to Lyon / ■ Embark ship

Spend free time as you like this morning, then catch the TGV high-speed train to the city of Lyon, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, where you'll board ms *Emerald* for your Rhône River cruise. Settle into your cabin before joining us for a briefing and welcome reception followed by a welcome dinner in The Compass Rose restaurant and entertainment in your ship's lounge. **Meals BD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Savor a taste of aristocratic life from the Middle Ages through modern times with an exclusive reception and gala dinner in the 12th-century Duché d'Uzès
- Celebrate Parisian cuisine flair with dinner at Fouquet's brasserie on the Champs-Élysées (a celebrity favorite), and a private pastry class at the famed culinary school Le Cordon Bleu Paris
- Exploring one of the world's greatest wine-producing areas with Tauck has its benefits, such as private wine tastings along the Rhône, the Beaujolais and Châteauneuf-du-Pape regions
- Regional cuisine plays an important role along the Rhône – attend a culinary demonstration and tasting at a cooking school in Valence, a Provençal lunch in la Camargue, a visit to one of the world's most famous food markets, and an opportunity to visit a truffle farm with a tasting

## 4. ■ Lyon & Beaujolais pleasures

Lyon is considered the “culinary capital of France.” You'll discover why during a tasting at the famous Les Halles de Lyon, the celebrated indoor food market that's been a fixture in Lyon since 1850 and offers an unbelievable array of breads, cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, sausages, wines, chocolates; it's said that the best chefs in Lyon shop here. But Lyon is also a city with a venerable history, as you'll discover on a sightseeing tour of Vieux Lyon, the old Renaissance part of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the gracious Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, built atop the ruins of an ancient Roman forum. This afternoon, it's off to the Beaujolais countryside for a wine tasting and a visit to the little village of Oingt, in a region renowned for its charming ochre-yellow houses. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Viviers or Grignan & truffle tasting

Your riverboat cruises this morning to Viviers, a walled city with origins in the 5th century on the right bank of the Rhône – one of the best-preserved medieval towns that you're likely to see in all of France. Its narrow streets and lanes reveal what life might have been like here in the Middle Ages. Your choices today include a walking tour of Viviers with your local guide, including views of the 12th-century cathedral and the richly detailed façade of the Maison des Chevaliers, followed by a lively game of *pétanque* (a form of *boules*, and a popular outdoor game shared among friends) with the locals. Or, drive to Grignan



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Paris</b> <i>InterContinental Paris Le Grand</i>
2	Paris
■ 3	TGV to Lyon / Embark Lyon
■ 4	Lyon
■ 5	Viviers / Grignan
■ 6	Arles
■ 7	Avignon / Uzès
■ 8	Roussillon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 9	Tain-l'Hermitage / Valence
10	<b>Disembark Lyon</b>



*In addition to discovering France through culinary, wine and art experiences, you'll immerse in stories of the past on a visit to the Old Town in Lyon with a local guide – and if you choose to visit Viviers, you'll have an opportunity to try your hand at a local game of pétanque.*

for a walking tour of town and a truffle farm tour and tasting, where you'll observe how specially trained dogs unearth those precious truffles – the highly prized fungi called for centuries the “diamond of the kitchen.” Back aboard the riverboat, enjoy a wine tasting and a lecture on terroir and grape varieties, then sail for Provence. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Arles & lunch at a Camargue ranch

In Roman times, Arles was a major capital and a center of religion with its own arch, circus, baths, and an arena for 10,000 spectators. By the time Vincent van Gogh found it in 1888, Arles was a quiet and tranquil town bathed in magical light and hues of yellow and blue that the artist immortalized in paintings. Explore your way this morning, choosing a guided bicycle ride\* in the Arles' countryside, or join our local guide for a walking tour that includes a visit inside its still-active Roman arena. Lunch at a private ranch in la Camargue, where you'll dine on farm-grown Provençal specialties, enjoy a musical serenade, and see the region's iconic white horses, fleet-footed *gardians* (cowboys), and the famous black bulls they raise here. As you cruise to Avignon, try your hand at painting a chocolate art piece. An accordionist performs on deck after dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Avignon & an evening at Duché d'Uzès

Your day in Avignon includes a choice between a bicycling excursion\* amidst the pastoral landscapes outside of Avignon, or a walking tour of the fortress-like Palais des Papes, the largest Gothic palace in Europe and a UNESCO

World Heritage Site. In 1309 Pope Clement V moved the papal headquarters from Rome to Avignon; the popes who reigned here until 1377 enjoyed not only formidable lodgings but also the fruit of the vine; they are credited with cultivating the local wine industry widely recognized today by the appellation, Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Along with the 14th-century bridge mentioned in the children's song, this afternoon you can visit another bridge – the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct 160 feet high, spanning the River Gardon. A visit to the on-site museum will show you the secrets behind this impressive work of ancient engineering. Dress up tonight for a royal treat – and a Tauck Exclusive – at the Duché d'Uzès; a cocktail reception and a gala dinner in this 12th-century Duke's castle reveal aristocratic life from the Middle Ages through modern times. **Meals BLD**



*Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and wines of the region, are renowned – discover why during a tasting at a premier wine estate.*



## 8. ■ Roussillon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Travel into the Luberon region known for trees sculpted by strong-minded *mistral* winds, narrow scenic roads, and tidy buildings of stone. In Roussillon, discover a village with a picturesque central square and building façades distinguished by their painted shades of ochre on a walking tour. The town sits in the middle of one of the world's largest natural deposits of ochre, and its livelihood was once linked to this colorful natural pigment. Return to your riverboat for lunch and sail on to the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The life of this hillside village still centers around growing and producing wine; the vines thrive here, nestled in low hills and flourishing in a Mediterranean climate, with more than 200 days of sunshine and rain-bearing winds in winter that enable the soil to store water for the long hot days of summer. Round pebbles in the soil double as thermal furnaces, storing heat at night and helping to coax the vines to maturity. Taste some of the village's revered Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines at a premier wine estate before returning to ship for the Chef's signature dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Valence & Tain-l'Hermitage

Dock in Tain-l'Hermitage in Côte du Rhône wine country. Ride a mini train through the local Heritage vineyards, then drive to Valence for a visit to the gourmet cooking school of award-winning chef Anne-Sophie Pic; your visit includes a chef's demonstration, a wine and cheese pairing class, and a tasting of artisan delicacies crafted in the area. And if you wish, visit La Cité du Chocolat Valrhona in Tain-l'Hermitage for a taste of delectable French chocolate. This evening, join us for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Lyon.** Disembark ms *Emerald* in Lyon no later than 9:00 AM; fly home anytime thereafter. A transfer from your riverboat to Lyon Airport or Perrache or Part-Dieu train station is included; allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**

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**Our August 8 departure, *Savoring France: Lyon, Provence & Paris* is the reverse direction, northbound; it is priced from £5,190 per person. Go to [tauck.co.uk](https://tauck.co.uk) for complete details.**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS PARIS – MS *EMERALD*

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 3 Oct 23	£4,790	£4,990	£5,110	£5,710	£6,190	£6,350	£6,750
Apr 10 Aug 13 Oct 16	£5,190	£5,390	£5,510	£6,110	£6,590	£6,750	£7,150
Jun 25 Jul 7	£5,590	£5,790	£5,910	£6,510	£6,990	£7,150	£7,550
May 5 Jun 6, 13	£5,990	£6,190	£6,310	£6,910	£7,390	£7,550	£7,950
May 12 Sep 7, 14, 21	£6,230	£6,430	£6,550	£7,150	£7,630	£7,790	£8,190

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**\*Cruise Only Option:** Guests arrive at the Lyon Airport – Saint Exupéry. Guests arriving at either of the Lyon train stations should take a taxi to the ship and they will be reimbursed upon arrival. Lunch is not included, but light refreshments will be available on the ship.

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# French Escapade: Paris to The Riviera

*A romantic river journey from Paris to the wine towns of Provence and the Riviera*

14 DAYS FROM £6,390 | BEGINS PARIS OR CANNES

## 1. Arrive Paris!

**Tour begins: 6:30 PM, InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel.** A transfer from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Gare de Lyon Station, Charles de Gaulle Station and Gare du Nord Station to InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel, in the heart of the city, is included. After your arrival, just relax or head out to do some exploring on your own before joining us to meet your Tauck Directors and fellow voyagers at a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening at the exclusively chic Brasserie Fouquet's on the Champs-Élysées. **Meals D**

## 2. Paris sightseeing & a choice of museum

Your day begins with an orientation tour to help you get your bearings and consider all the ways that you can explore the "City of Light" at your leisure and pursue what interests

you most for the remainder of the day. We've included admission to your choice of one of two of the city's finest museums (subject to availability). **Meals B**

## 3. ■ By TGV train to Lyon & embark cruise

A free morning in Paris gives you an opportunity to do those last few things that will make your time in Paris memorable. Say *au revoir* to one of the world's great cities as you board the high-speed TGV train to Lyon, home to a bounty of wines produced by local vineyards, locally produced cheeses, spicy sausages, warm-from-the-oven baguettes... You'll return to Lyon in a few days – but today, embark ms *Emerald* late afternoon for the start of your France river cruise along the Rhône and Saône. Join us tonight for the ship's welcome reception and dinner. **Meals BD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Attend an exclusive, private evening with a private tour, dinner and cocktails at Duché d'Uzès
- You'll get a taste of daily life in wine country choosing from a walking tour in Chalon-sur-Saône with delectable stops at a chocolate shop, mustard store and bakery or a wine tasting visit in Burgundy
- Enjoy a warm welcome at a private ranch in the Camargue – a banquet of Provençal specialties, a musical serenade, and a chance to see the region's iconic white horses, where local cowboys (gardians) demonstrate their many skills
- Spend two nights at a premier hotel in Paris in the heart of the city, and two nights in Cannes, a resort town on the French Riviera, at a premier resort set on the iconic Croisette

## 4. ■ Chalon-sur-Saône or Rully & Beaune

Chalon-sur-Saône on the River Saône lies in the heart of southern Burgundy. Visit the walled city of Beaune – the “wine capital” of the famous Burgundy wine-producing region, and one of France's most important wine centers; a walking tour includes a visit to Hospices de Beaune or Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune. This afternoon you have a choice of wine tasting in Rully, Burgundy, or a walking tour (and tasting tour) of Chalon-sur-Saône that includes a stop at a bakery, a chocolate shop, and a mustard shop. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Tournus & a day in Burgundy

Dock in Tournus, then head out to explore southern Burgundy, a landscape of vineyards and historic estates. Visit 17th-century Château de Cormatin, with its moat, drawbridge, turrets, gilded rooms and parklike grounds, with a restored “pleasure garden.” Return to the riverboat for lunch, and continue your cruise to Mâcon; you'll have an opportunity for a 20-mile ride along the Saône River, following the ship to Mâcon by bicycle. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Cluny Abbey & Château Pruzilly

Arrive in Mâcon on the Saône River this morning for guided exploration in Cluny. During the reign of Charlemagne, monastic influences inspired a great revival in art, education and culture; learn more on a visit to Cluny Abbey. After some free time to explore, travel to Pruzilly for a visit to 17th-century Château Pruzilly, atop the hills amidst fields of grapes and forests with a magnificent view on the Saône Valley, the Jura and the Alps. Later this afternoon, back aboard your riverboat, cruise to Lyon. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 9 Cruise Days

#### Paris to Cannes

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Paris</b> <i>InterContinental Paris – Le Grand</i>
2	Paris
■ 3	TGV to Lyon / Embark Lyon
■ 4	Beaune / Chalon-sur-Saône
■ 5	Tournus / Cormatin
■ 6	Mâcon / Cluny
■ 7	Lyon
■ 8	Vienne
■ 9	Avignon / Uzès
■ 10	St-Rémy / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 11	Arles / La Camargue
12	Disembark Arles / Aix / Cannes <i>Hôtel Martinez</i>
13	French Riviera
14	<b>Depart Cannes</b>

#### Cannes to Paris

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Cannes</b> <i>Hôtel Martinez</i>
2	French Riviera
■ 3	Aix-en-Provence / Embark Arles
■ 4	Arles / La Camargue
■ 5	Avignon / Uzès
■ 6	St-Rémy / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 7	Tain l'Hermitage
■ 8	Mâcon / Cluny
■ 9	Chalon-sur-Saône / Beaune
■ 10	Tournus / Cormatin
■ 11	Lyon
12	Disembark Lyon / TGV / Paris <i>InterContinental Paris – Le Grand</i>
13	Paris
14	<b>Depart Paris</b>





*Chalon-Sur-Saône is famed for wine and artisan shops – and home of the man who took the world's first photograph.*

## 7. ■ Lyon, culinary capital of France

Wake up in the 2,000-year-old city of Lyon, the culinary capital of France and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a walking tour of medieval Vieux Lyon, followed by lunch and free time to explore as you wish. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ Roman Vienne or bike along the Rhône

It seems that the Romans were everywhere along the Rhône, and Vienne (which they called “Vienna”) was no exception. During a walking tour this morning, look for the theatre and temple they left behind, as well as other historic sights. Alternatively, if you wish, join us for a guided bicycle tour following part of the ViaRhôna cycling path system along the River Rhône. Return to the riverboat this afternoon to continue your cruise. **Meals BLD**



## 9. ■ Avignon & a gala dinner in Uzès

Morning sightseeing in Avignon includes a visit to the impressive Palais des Papes. After a free afternoon in Avignon, travel to the Duché d'Uzès, a medieval city dating back to the 11th century (often called the “First Duchy of France”) that forms the heart of the town of Uzès for a Tauck Exclusive evening. Join us for a guided visit followed by a cocktail reception and gala dinner at the recently restored castle. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ Saint Rémy & Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Drive to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence this morning, home to the Saint-Paul Asylum where Vincent van Gogh was a patient, for a guided walking tour. Return to the ship for lunch and a cruise to Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a wine tasting of different vintages of delectable Côtes du Rhône wines. Catch up with the riverboat in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and spend the evening onboard, bound for Arles. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ Arles & country life in the Camargue

It may seem strange to encounter Roman ruins in Provence but Arles was, after all, once a Roman city; the gladiators are gone but the arena they left behind still hosts performances and Provençal-style bullfighting. You have a choice of exploring Arles' medieval streets and city walls on a walking tour, or embarking on a challenging, two-hour bicycling excursion\* across the countryside which van Gogh found so enchanting. Then it's off to la Camargue, France's “Wild West,” where the famed Camargue white horses live and Gallic cowboys work. Visit a working farm to see these *gardians* demonstrate their skills, followed by lunch featuring traditional local fare and entertainment. Join us tonight for the ship's farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## Private evening, Duché d'Uzès

Your evening spent at a private French castle, with a cocktail reception, dinner and live music will be one of the most memorable highlights of your cruise along the Rhône. You'll have a chance to explore several different rooms in the castle; Duché d'Uzès dates back to the Middle Ages (and was originally built on a Roman camp). Its history and the story of the family are fascinating as they both span centuries, architecturally chronicling the history of France - the castle was never attacked, and is therefore well preserved.



## 12. Aix-en-Provence and Cannes

Disembark ms *Emerald* in Arles, and travel to lovely Aix-en-Provence; it's not hard to imagine great artists like Vincent van Gogh or Paul Cézanne at work amidst the spectrum of colors found in Provence as you view Mont Ste-Victoire and join your local guide for a walking tour among the fountains, squares and medieval center. After free time for lunch in Aix, continue on to Cannes for a two-night stay. **Meals B**

## 13. Coastal cities or hill towns

You have a choice of full-day sightseeing excursions. Your first choice includes walking tours of Nice, Monaco, and Monte-Carlo, plus a scenic drive that winds along the blue waters of the Mediterranean. You'll see mega-yachts from around the world bobbing in the bay, a casino world renowned for its glamour, the setting of a real-life royal fairy tale romance, and places where the rich, famous, and jet-setters play. Alternatively, journey to Grasse, one of the world's premier centers for the perfume industry, for a visit to a flower *domaine* (farm) where you'll learn about the many roles of the flower in making perfume. Return to Cannes for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

## 14. Homeward bound

**Tour ends: Cannes.** A transfer from Hotel Martinez to the Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, Nice Ville Train Station and Nice Riquier Train Station is included. Fly home anytime; allow 3 hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



An afternoon spent at a ranch in la Camargue provides a unique opportunity to learn about horses, bulls and "gardians."

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS PARIS OR CANNES – MS *EMERALD*

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 17*	£6,390	£6,620	£6,760	£7,350	£7,870	£7,990	£8,630
Aug 20*	£6,870	£7,100	£7,240	£7,830	£8,350	£8,470	£9,110
May 19*, 28	£7,190	£7,420	£7,560	£8,150	£8,670	£8,790	£9,430
Sep 28*							

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\*Indicates Paris to Cannes southbound direction.

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32 meals (13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 11 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £4,830.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Ask for rates on flights and no-fly travel via Eurostar, in Standard, Premium or Business class, for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability). For Cannes to Paris day-by-day details, go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk); north and south itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Note: Tour of May 19\* will stay at Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée nights 12 & 13 with a slightly different sailing schedule. Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**

#### Special note: Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games

The city of Paris will host the Olympics (July 26 - August 11) and the Paralympic Games (August 28 - September 8). It's certainly an exciting time for the city, and we will make every effort to operate as scheduled – but please be aware our Paris sightseeing could unexpectedly be subject to change due to construction, restrictions, closings, or access to sites July 1 – September 15.

New for 2024!



Annecy

# La Belle Vie: The Rhône, Geneva & The Riviera

*From the sea to the mountains... follow the Rhône from the Mediterranean to Geneva & the Alps*

14 DAYS FROM £6,390 | BEGINS CANNES OR GENEVA

*La Belle Vie* – it's the good life *en Français* – and it is the life you experience on a cruise along the River Rhône that takes you from the beautiful waters of the Côte d'Azur to Geneva and the Swiss Alps. *C'est tres chic* along the picture-perfect French Riviera, with time spent in Cannes, Nice and Monaco. Immerse in the idyllic landscapes of Provence on a visit to Aix-en-Provence, where van Gogh and Cézanne found artistic inspiration. Your cruise along the Rhône begins in Arles, home to centuries of French history amidst classic Roman ruins. On a special visit to a private working ranch in the Camargue, a river delta, meet the *gardians* – Gallic cowboys who demonstrate their skills. Immerse in what life was like for the nobility during a Tauck Exclusive private evening at Duché d'Uzès, a French castle, attending a

cocktail reception and dinner. Wine produced in the Rhône Valley is acclaimed the world over, and you'll have different opportunities to learn about wine-making in some of the most revered vineyards – such as Tain l'Hermitage – or at tastings within the Burgundy Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and more. Taste chocolate, pastries and Côtes du Rhône vintages at the source, in one of the greatest wine-producing regions on Earth. As your cruise along the Rhône continues, so does your exploration of history throughout the ages – and concludes in Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its architecture and culinary traditions. Your travels continue to Geneva, Switzerland, for two nights where you'll have an opportunity to spend a day in the Alps. *C'est magnifique*.

**Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for details.**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Sightseeing choices in Geneva include visits to the world-renowned resort town of Chamonix-Mont-Blanc or a day in Geneva that includes a walking tour of the city and a visit to the lovely medieval village of Yvoire
- Enjoy a warm welcome at a private ranch in the Camargue – a banquet of Provençal specialties, a musical serenade, and a chance to see the region's iconic white horses, where local cowboys (gardians) demonstrate their many skills
- Attend an exclusive Tauck evening at Duché d'Uzès featuring a private tour, dinner and cocktails
- Discover a taste of daily life in wine country when you choose either a walking tour in Chalon-Sur-Saône with delectable stops at a chocolate shop, mustard store and bakery or a wine tasting visit in Burgundy

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS CANNES OR GENEVA – MS EMERALD

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 19*, 28	£6,390	£6,590	£6,710	£7,310	£7,790	£7,950	£8,350
Apr 26	£6,630	£6,830	£6,950	£7,550	£8,030	£8,190	£8,590
Aug 29 Oct 7	£7,030	£7,230	£7,350	£7,950	£8,430	£8,590	£8,990

10-day Cruise-only from £4,950 per person double

\*Indicates Geneva to Cannes southbound direction.

Tour of Jul 19\* will stay nights 1 and 2, and tour of Jul 28 will stay nights 12 and 13, at Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée.

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## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 9 Cruise Days

#### Cannes to Geneva

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Cannes</b> <i>Hôtel Martinez</i>
2	French Riviera
3	Aix-en-Provence / Embark Arles
4	Arles / La Camargue
5	Avignon / Uzès
6	St-Rémy / Châteauneuf-du- Pape
7	Tain l'Hermitage
8	Mâcon / Cluny
9	Chalon-sur-Saône / Beaune
10	Tournus / Cormatin
11	Lyon
12	Disembark Lyon Geneva <i>InterContinental Geneve</i>
13	Geneva / Chamonix
14	<b>Depart Geneva</b>

#### Geneva to Cannes

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Geneva</b> <i>InterContinental Geneve</i>
2	Geneva / Chamonix
3	Geneva / Embark Lyon
4	Beaune / Chalon-sur- Saône
5	Tournus / Cormatin
6	Mâcon / Cluny
7	Lyon
8	Vienne
9	Avignon / Uzès
10	St-Rémy / Châteauneuf-du- Pape
11	Arles / La Camargue
12	Disembark Arles / Aix / Cannes <i>Hôtel Martinez</i>
13	French Riviera
14	<b>Depart Cannes</b>











# Douro River

*“Together with 16 friends, we traveled on the Andorinha on the Douro River of Portugal. The ship is beautiful, but the best part of the journey was the staff and crew. Everyone was so friendly, and we felt like one big family on the ship, with lots of laughs along the way. The scenery along the river was spectacular. The port & wine tasting excursions were great. My favorite stop was Porto and the gondola ride, followed by the port & tonic cocktails.”*

Therese Casterline Kiernan  
TAUCK GUEST

Over 2,000 years of wine heritage are etched into the landscapes of Portugal's River Douro as it meanders from northern Spain to Porto, where it meets the Atlantic. Picturesque quintas with terraced vineyards line the river. Traditional rabelo ply the waters, and timeless World Heritage Sites offer cultural and scenic riches in one of the oldest – and most beautiful – wine-producing regions on Earth. Cruise with us aboard ms *Andorinha*, custom crafted for the Douro, influenced by Portuguese culture, and named for a little swallow that symbolizes all the comforts of home. Come for the history, the rich viniculture traditions, the scenery and the Port and Vinho Verde vintages – and experience a legacy of hospitality at every turn of the river.





# Villages & Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley

*An authentic taste of life in one of the world's most beautiful wine regions*

8 DAYS FROM £4,390

## 1. Arrive Porto / ■ Embark ms *Andorinha*

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, ms *Andorinha*.** A transfer is included from Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station to ms *Andorinha* on the Douro. Join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner and onboard entertainment as your riverboat spends the night docked in Porto, the gateway to the Douro Valley. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Porto and the Douro Valley

Situated in northwest Portugal where the Douro meets the Atlantic Ocean, Porto has been known around the globe as the city from which authentic Port wine has been

shipped throughout the world for nearly three centuries. Rising on staggered hills along the river, this colorful city beckons you to its labyrinthine streets and stairways, medieval alleys, Baroque churches, fountains, and bell towers, Beaux-Arts buildings, and bohemian neighborhoods whose narrow cobblestoned lanes wind their way past centuries-old former merchants' homes and trendy cafés. You have a sightseeing choice today. Discover Porto by land, river and air – starting from the historic riverfront Ribeira district, walking to Vila Nova de Gaia and riding a cable car for panoramic views. Alternatively, join a local guide for a walking tour that begins in the riverside Ribeira district, walking uphill to the Cathedral, crossing the top of the Luís I bridge and concluding in Vila Nova de Gaia



## Uniquely Tauck

- Get an exclusive introduction to the Douro Valley's age-old Port winemaking process with an evening at the family-owned Quinta do Portal, featuring a reception and private dinner with wine pairings
- Pedal your way through Vinho Verde wine country on a bicycle tour through the region where Portugal's celebrated "Green Wine" (fresh, light wine) is produced
- Delve into the valley's rich history with your choice of a visit to Castelo Rodrigo, a hilltop village with castle ruins, or Paleolithic rock art at Museu do Côa
- Shore excursion choices include a visit to Mateus Palace, a Baroque palace in Régua, or a visit to a winemaking estate (quinta) followed by an exclusive Port cocktail making workshop



Visit the ruins of the medieval castle in Castelo Rodrigo, rewarding with staggering views of the landscapes below.

with a view overlooking Porto. Return to ms *Andorinha* late morning and begin sailing to the Douro River Valley, bound for the historic port of Peso da Régua. All along the winding river, rugged conical mountains and shale hills carved by concentric vineyard terraces tell of a winemaking history that's thousands of years old. Inhospitable to most other kinds of farming, the terroir is perfect for Portugal's indigenous wine grapes, whose hardy roots can go down 30

feet or more in search of water. And since the latter half of the 17th century, when Portuguese vintners succeeded in creating a sweet fortified wine – now famous around the world as Port, named for the city of Porto – that could make the long sea voyage to Britain and other destinations without spoiling, the Douro Valley has been the only supplier of true Port, the oldest demarcated wine region on Earth. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### M 7 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Porto</b> / Embark
2	Porto
3	Peso da Régua / Pinhão
4	Day on the Douro
5	Pocinho
6	Pinhão / Peso da Régua
7	Guimarães
8	<b>Disembark Porto</b>





A choice of shore excursions in Pinhão includes a visit to the lavishly decorated 18th-century Mateus Palace, home to formal gardens and a winery; and explore the sights of Porto by land, river and air, seeing the city from different perspectives with an expert local guide.

### 3. ■ Peso da Régua and Pinhão

Dock in the historic town of Peso da Régua, once a busy hub where wooden boats called *rabelos*, laden with barrels of Port, sailed downriver to Vila Nova de Gaia. At Museu do Douro, housed in a renovated 18th-century mansion, multimedia exhibits offer a history of viticulture in the Douro Valley. This afternoon, pass through one of the largest locks on the Douro as you sail to the idyllic, tranquil village of Pinhão, nestled at a dramatic bend in the river; Pinhão is known as the gateway to the valley's *quintas* (vineyards). From here it's a short drive to Quinta do Portal, a family-run estate in the Cima Corgo region where renowned Port and

non-fortified wines are made. Enjoy a private reception and dinner with wine pairings, as well as an introduction to the winemaking process and vineyards. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ Along the Douro to Vega de Terron

The Douro River Valley and its unique landscapes of terraced mountains, villages, and wine estates unfold before you today as ms *Andorinha* embarks on a full day of cruising from Pinhão. It's a great day to take advantage of your riverboat's amenities, enjoy commentary by your Tauck Director, or simply relax on the Sun Deck as ms *Andorinha*



### Douro Valley quintas

Family-owned *quintas* have lined the Douro River for centuries, perfecting wine-making techniques handed down through the generations. Enjoy a private vineyard tour and wine pairing dinner at a hillside *quinta* in the Cima Corgo region of the Douro Valley, learning about the family's 5th-generation legacy as vintners and tasting wines locally produced and proudly poured. You'll also have the opportunity to visit a local *quinta* in Pinhão for a port wine cocktail-making class you'll long remember.



leisurely makes her way along the River Douro. In late afternoon, arrive in the small Spanish port town of Vega de Terron, where the Douro River forms the border between Spain and Portugal, and where the riverboat will dock for the night. The tranquil landscape, at a confluence of rivers, is beautiful and unspoiled. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Castle ruins and Paleolithic art

You'll have a choice of shore excursions today. Visit Castelo Rodrigo, a medieval hilltop village with a turbulent history, where battles were once fought against Moors and Spanish rule; the empty ruins of its 13th-century palace still stand guard over the walled town with its churches, Manueline pillory, cistern, and panoramic vistas. Alternatively, travel to the Museu do Côa in the Vale do Côa Archaeological Park, for stunning exhibits of rock art from the valley's Paleolithic era, discovered in the 1990s; unlike cave art found in other parts of Europe, the thousands of petroglyphs in the Côa region were created in the open air by the valley's earliest inhabitants, and the museum explores their mystery through state-of-the-art multimedia exhibits. Return to the riverboat for lunch and sail back to Pinhão. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Pinhão or vineyard hike / Mateus Palace

Your choice of excursions this morning includes an opportunity to explore a taste of Pinhão on a guided tour that views its early-20th century train station, adorned with blue-painted tiles (*azulejos*); or a vigorous hike from the village of Provesende through the vineyards towards Pinhão, with striking views. Sail to Régua, where you'll have two choices; visit 18th-century Mateus Palace, a lavish Baroque residence now a museum with period furnishings and artwork, formal gardens, and a winery. Alternatively, join a local guide for a visit to a winemaking estate called a *quinta*, rewarding with a port cocktail-making class. Begin the return trip, docking overnight in verdant wine country where some traditional farms grow vines on pergolas and fences so high the grapes must be harvested with ladders. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Guimarães or bicycle ride / On to Gaia

Drive to medieval Guimarães, known as the "Cradle City," on a full day's excursion; the kingdom of Portugal was born here after a famous battle in 1128. You can choose a walking tour of the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, whose treasures include the partially restored Castle of Guimarães; the opulent Palace of the Dukes of Braganza; and the 13th-century Church of São Miguel do Castelo. Or choose a bicycle excursion (for experienced cyclists only) through the Vinho Verde wine region to Amarante. Late afternoon, travel to Vila Nova de Gaia, across the river from Porto. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends Porto: Disembark by 9:00 AM and fly home anytime.** A transfer is included from your riverboat to Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS PORTO – MS ANDORINHA

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Jul 5 Aug 9	£4,390	£4,870	£5,790	£5,950	£6,350
May 3	£4,790	£5,270	£6,190	£6,350	£6,750
Jun 14 Aug 30 Oct 11	£5,190	£5,670	£6,590	£6,750	£7,150
May 24 Sep 20	£5,350	£5,830	£6,750	£6,910	£7,310

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid

*Drink in the treasures of the Iberian Peninsula by land and a 7-night Douro cruise*

12 DAYS FROM £6,150 | BEGINS LISBON OR MADRID

## 1. Arrive Lisbon

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The InterContinental Lisbon.**

A transfer is included from Lisbon International Airport or Lisbon Oriente or Santa Apolonia train stations to the InterContinental Lisbon, overlooking Eduardo VII Park and Lisbon's historic old town. Join us tonight for a royal welcome at 18th-century Palacio de Queluz, a blend of Baroque, Rococo and Neoclassical architectural designs graced with French-inspired gardens. **Meals D**

## 2. Explore Lisbon or visit Sintra and Cascais

You have a choice of sightseeing excursions today. Explore Portugal's capital city on a locally guided tour that views

landmark places steeped in history, including Eduardo VII Park, Trade Square, the Monument to the Discoveries and Jerónimos Monastery, where Vasco da Gama and Portugal's kings are buried. Or, venture outside of the city to Sintra, with a visit to its National Palace, and continue to seaside Cascais for lunch as you please. Spend the remainder of the day experiencing Lisbon on your own. **Meals B**

## 3. ■ Coimbra & your riverboat hotel

Drive back in time to Coimbra, Portugal's medieval capital for more than a century. A walking tour along the tiered cobbled lanes of this hilltop city brings you to its esteemed university, founded here in 1537, where its caped students evoke images of Harry Potter's Hogwarts School, its majestic



## Uniquely Tauck

- Savor the inventive gourmet cuisine of renowned Portuguese chef Rui Paula with a special dinner at his celebrated restaurant DOC, with its terrace extending over the Douro River in Folgosa
- Get the royal treatment with a Tauck Exclusive private welcome reception and dinner at Lisbon's opulent 18th-century Palacio de Queluz, a royal residence and national monument often called the "Portuguese Versailles"
- Enjoy a hike through some of the region's lush vineyards on your visit to lovely Pinhão, considered the gateway to the *quintas* of the Douro Valley
- Madrid has more bars per capita than any other city in Europe, and you'll get to sample some of the Spanish capital's tapas bars – made famous by novelist Ernest Hemingway – on a walking tour

buildings line squares steeped in history, and cloistered arcades lead to architectural showpieces beautiful to behold. Learn about student life, past and present, and university traditions still in play today. Continue to Porto, where ms *Andorinha* is docked on the Douro. Enjoy dinner onboard at your leisure tonight. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ Pleasures of Porto

Culturally rich and historically charming, Porto's pleasures are diverse and delightful, revealing a fascinating portrait of the city through art and architecture, wine and food, and stunning waterfront views. Explore the city by land, river and air on a locally guided sightseeing excursion that shows you city sights from different perspectives, or embark on a walking tour with a local expert who shares insights about Porto's historic wine trade and includes a tasting visit at a port wine cellar in Gaia. This evening, enjoy local entertainment onboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Medieval Guimarães & Vinho Verde

Drive to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Guimarães this morning, the birthplace of Portugal, renowned for its well-preserved medieval buildings and national monuments. Explore the historic heart of the city on a locally guided walking tour before a guided tour and tasting lunch at a terraced *quinta* (vineyard) in the Vinho Verde region of Portugal, where they specialize in "green wines" uniquely produced here. Green refers to the wine's age, not its color; the grapes they use for these wines are typically consumed within three to six months after bottling

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Lisbon to Madrid

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Lisbon</b> <i>InterContinental Lisbon</i>
2	Lisbon
■ 3	Coimbra / Embark Porto
■ 4	Porto
■ 5	Guimarães / Aveleda
■ 6	Peso da Régua
■ 7	Peso da Régua / Folgosa
■ 8	Côa Valley
■ 9	Cruising toward Spain
10	Disembark / Salamanca / Madrid <i>The Westin Palace, Madrid</i>
11	Madrid
12	<b>Depart Madrid</b>

#### Madrid to Lisbon

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Madrid</b> <i>The Westin Palace, Madrid</i>
2	Madrid
■ 3	Salamanca / Embark Barca d'Alva
■ 4	Côa Valley
■ 5	Pinhão
■ 6	Peso da Régua
■ 7	Guimarães
■ 8	Aveleda / Cruising toward Porto
■ 9	Porto
10	Disembark / Coimbra / Lisbon <i>InterContinental Lisbon</i>
11	Lisbon
12	<b>Depart Lisbon</b>





Enjoy a choice of shore excursions in pretty Pinhão, including a guided hike through its vineyards; drive to Spain's UNESCO World Heritage City of Salamanca, joining a local guide for a walking tour of its ancient sites, with free time to explore as you wish.

and can be red, white, or rosé. *Saúde!* Rejoin your ship and set sail for Peso da Régua as you enjoy cocktails and dinner at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ A rendezvous in Peso da Régua

Its historic role in the production of port wine is written on the landscapes you'll see today when you step off the boat into Peso da Régua – an important transport junction where barrels of Port were boarded onto traditional *rabelos* bound for Gaia, where the wine was aged in local lodges. Visit a local *quinta* for a guided vineyard walk and cocktail making session where you will learn to make port cocktails, before returning to the riverboat for lunch. Or, join us for an active bicycle ride on the Tamega Eco-Track through Vinho Verde country, a great option for experienced cyclists who want to discover the lay of the land and vines up close. Cruise to Folgosa this afternoon where dinner entices with a special culinary experience at DOC, an acronym for “Degustar Ousar Comunicar” (translated: “Taste, Dare, Communicate”), savoring gourmet cuisine by Portuguese chef Rui Paula, who delights in marrying traditional dishes with contemporary fare along with the Douro's famous wines **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Picturesque Pinhão

Enjoy a choice of shore excursions today, as you choose a locally guided and active hike through the vineyards from the village of Provesende down to Pinhão or explore Pinhão on an orientation walk, before discovering its treasures on your own. Return to the riverboat for dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ A legacy of wine making

Today you will cruise through landscapes steeped in 2,000 years of history, enjoying a leisurely day aboard ms *Andorinha*. Your riverboat was custom designed for Douro cruising and offers an expansive sun deck for viewing the scenery, cooling off in the pool or enjoying a casual café or cocktail at the rooftop bistro. Your journey along the Douro today takes you through the heart of port wine country, past sloping terraced vineyards and picturesque villages. Disembark in Pocinho for a choice of excursions that include a visit to a wine estate in a local village for a tour, presentation and tasting. Your included activities in Pocinho rotate between this afternoon and tomorrow morning, with an opportunity to experience them all. **Meals BLD**

## Douro's Liquid Gold

The Douro Valley is the only place in the world legally authorized to produce, fortified Port Wine. Since 1756, vintners have worked hard to tend their terraced vineyards where grapes are still picked by hand and crushed the original way, by foot, before they are blended, brandied and fermented into liquid gold.





## 9. ■ Rock art and picturesque Pinhão

20,000 years ago prehistoric man called the nearby Côa Valley home, leaving evidence of their residence – art – on rocks in the Côa Valley. Your visit to the Côa Museum includes an opportunity to learn more about the history of the valley and its ancient sites. Have lunch aboard your riverboat and cross the border into Spain. Disembark for an excursion to Castelo Rodrigo, standing watch over the medieval village of Rodrigo since the 13th century, when its defensive battlements were built and fought over; a walking tour reveals remnants of its storied roots. Join us for a farewell dinner onboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 10. Historic Salamanca & on to Madrid

Disembark ship this morning and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Salamanca for free time and a guided walking tour of its ancient heart, viewing the “living room of Salamanca,” the elegant arcaded Plaza Mayor, its stunning 12th-century Romanesque Cathedral, and its esteemed 800-year-old university, one of the oldest in the world. Enjoy free time for lunch and exploring before continuing to Madrid for a two-night stay; you can sample neighborhood tapas bars right outside your hotel. **Meals B**

## 11. Madrid’s Royal Palace & the Prado

This morning, visit Madrid’s 18th-century Royal Palace. It was home to a succession of Spanish kings, from Charles III to Alfonso XIII, and today is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family in name only. Accompanied by a local guide, your visit to this 2,000+ room jeweled palace, takes you on a journey through history and time-honored splendor as you view rooms and salons overflowing with art treasures and antiques. The palace is gilded, floor to ceiling, with fine fabrics, magnificent mosaics, crystal chandeliers and more. Highlights may include the Reception Room, the State Apartments, and the Throne Room. After some free time to explore Madrid as you please, visit Museo del Prado, one of the world’s premier art museums with over 4,000 works of art masterpieces – including works by iconic Spanish artists Goya and Velázquez – many of them acquired by kings through the ages. Join us tonight for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

## 12. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Madrid.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Westin Palace, Madrid to Madrid-Barajas Airport, or Atocha or Chamartin train stations. Allow three-and-a-half hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS LISBON OR MADRID – MS ANDORINHA

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Jul 10, 24, 31* Aug 14 Nov 6*, 13	£6,150	£6,630	£7,550	£7,710	£8,110
Apr 3, 10* Aug 21* Oct 30	£6,390	£6,870	£7,790	£7,950	£8,350
Apr 17 Oct 23*	£6,630	£7,110	£8,030	£8,190	£8,590
Apr 24* Jun 19 Oct 16	£6,950	£7,430	£8,350	£8,510	£8,910
May 8, 15*, 29 Jun 5* Sep 4, 11*, 25 Oct 2*	£7,190	£7,670	£8,590	£8,750	£9,150

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### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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### 2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

26 meals (11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck’s private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £3,310.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Go to [tauck.co.uk](https://tauck.co.uk) for Madrid to Lisbon day-by-day details; east and west itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**





Strasbourg





# Holiday Season Cruises

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*“We had a wonderful time on our Holiday Market Danube River Cruise. Everything was spectacular, from the decorations on the boat to the energetic, cheerful tour directors and the wonderful staff on the cruise. The Christmas Markets were beautiful!”*

Terry and Joan Rucker  
TAUCK GUESTS

Our holiday season cruises create magic for everyone who comes aboard. Join the merrymaking on shore and onboard as you discover a parade of European wintertime traditions with a dose of yuletide cheer that never fails to make spirits bright. Local traditions in Belgium and the Netherlands warm hearts with waffles, beer, chocolate, lace, and concerts. Along the Danube and the Rhine, snow globe scenes come to life in picturesque village squares and palace markets aglow with twinkling lights. Towering trees with festive trimmings, culinary specialties from sausages and strüdeln to steaming glühweins, handicrafts and ornaments specially made for timeless holiday memories – all are enjoyed by visitors.

Add guided walks with local experts, insider visits to historic sites and private palaces, special cultural performances and a banquet of regional treats, and our holiday cruises are the best gifts of all.





# Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

*Holiday magic in Düsseldorf, Strasbourg, Baden-Baden, Köln, Heidelberg, and Basel*

8 DAYS FROM £2,950 | BEGINS BASEL OR DÜSSELDORF

## 1. ■ Arrive Basel

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Basel.** Transfers are included from EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg to the riverboat. Guests who pre-stay in Basel will receive a transfer from their hotel; guests can also transfer from Zürich Airport or Zurich Hauptbahnhof (train station). Enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner this evening. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Mt. Pilatus, Lucerne and Basel

You'll have sightseeing choices today. On a full-day excursion to Lucerne, you'll first travel to Krams for a cable car up to Mt. Pilatus – the panoramic views are spectacular – followed by a free afternoon in Lucerne to spend as you please. Alternatively, stay in Basel and join us for a guided tour of the city that's highlighted by a visit to Basel's Christmas Market – thought to be one of the largest, and prettiest, in Europe. Everyone returns to the riverboat mid-afternoon; join us for dinner, then share some holiday spirit with your fellow travelers at our tree-trimming party. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Strasbourg and the Christkindlmarkt

The unmistakable sights, sounds, flavors and smells of the Alsatian holidays surround you at Strasbourg's Marchés de Noël, the oldest and largest in France. Gain insights about holiday traditions from an expert local guide, followed by a walking tour of the breathtaking Christkindlmarkt. Join us for a festive dinner on the riverboat this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ Black Forest and Baden-Baden

Take an "insider" tour of the Kurhaus, Baden-Baden's Belle Epoque casino; then explore the labyrinth of stalls in the Weihnachtsmarkt, enchanting with lights, music, and the tempting aromas of gingerbread and glühwein. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ The spirit of the season in Heidelberg

A day in romantic Heidelberg promises holiday cheer and insights about life here past and present. Tour Heidelberger Schloss, the castle ruins high above the city. Return by



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- Spend a day in Old Town Heidelberg, touring Heidelberg Castle; enjoy the holiday traditions of Alsace in Strasbourg with a local storyteller, and visit holiday markets in La Petite France; and travel by gondola up Mt. Pilatus
- Walking tours include Lucerne, Köln, the spa town of Baden-Baden, and Rudesheim
- Unique sights includes a visit to Siegfried's marvelous Mechanisches Musikkabinet to view the mechanical musical instrument collection

## 7. ■ Köln (Cologne) and on to Düsseldorf

Arrive early morning in the historic city of Köln. Accompanied by a local guide, enjoy a guided tour of Köln's historic center and its Christmas Market beside the Gothic, twin-spired cathedral, followed by free time to explore. This evening, raise a glühwein toast to the end of your journey at the captain's farewell reception. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Homeward bound

**Tour ends: Düsseldorf.** Fly home anytime. Transfers are included from the riverboat to Düsseldorf Airport or the train station. Guests enjoying a post-stay in Düsseldorf will also receive a transfer from the hotel to the airport. Please allow at least three hours for airport check-in. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BASEL OR DÜSSELDORF – MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Dec 13*	£2,950	£3,150	£3,410	£3,570	£3,820	£3,920	£4,150
Nov 29*, Dec 6, 20	£3,110	£3,310	£3,570	£3,730	£3,980	£4,080	£4,310

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funicular for a walking tour of the Old Town and its Christmas Markets, winding up with a traditional German lunch and free time. Enjoy a live performance on the ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Music, treats & more in Rudesheim

Arrive in Rudesheim; stroll the Christmas market, then walk or ride a mini-train (weather permitting) to Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinet, a museum with an impressive collection of mechanical musical instruments. Enjoy a demonstration into how to make the special Rudesheim coffee – with a touch of local brandy mixed in – and a tasting. Spend the afternoon cruising the beautiful Middle Rhine Vally, with commentary. **Meals BLD**



# Christmas Markets Along the Danube

*Celebrating the holiday season in Vienna, Salzburg, Passau, Regensburg, and Nürnberg*

8 DAYS FROM £2,950 | BEGINS VIENNA OR NÜRNBERG

## 1. Arrive Vienna / ■ Embark riverboat

**Cruise begins: 4:00 PM, Vienna, Austria.** A transfer is included from Vienna International Airport to your ship. Join us for our welcome reception followed by dinner and a visit to one of Vienna's glittering holiday markets. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Very merry in magical Vienna

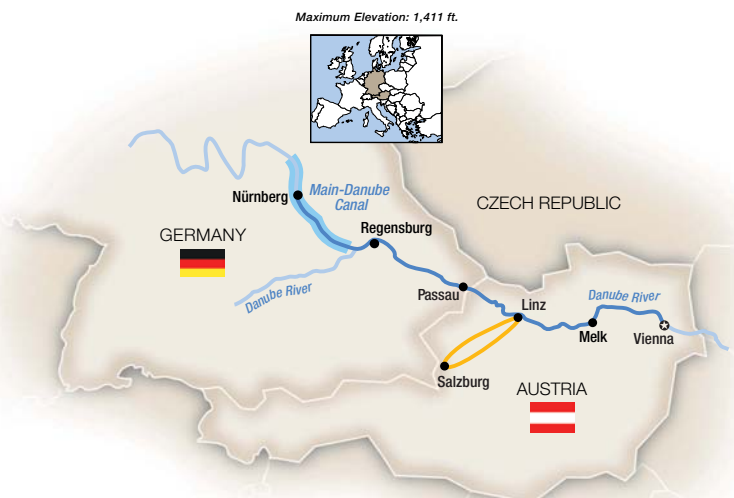
Discover Vienna's grand Imperial architecture on your way to a guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and time in the palace's Christmas Market. Enjoy an exclusive lunch and a performance by a youth choir at a private palace, followed by free time in the city to explore as you please. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ A seasonal visit to Melk Abbey

Enjoy a guided visit to Melk Abbey high on a rocky bluff above the Danube; see its church and library. En route to Linz, enjoy a musical performance aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ Mozart's Salzburg

Today you have a choice of activities. One possibility is to spend the day enjoying Linz as you like. Your other choice is a full-day excursion to Mozart's hometown of Salzburg,





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- Attend a Christmas lunch and a youth choir performance at Palais Pallavicini in Vienna, one of the few private palaces in the city
- Go on a guided tour of Baroque Melk Abbey overlooking the Danube, filled with historic treasures collected over generations
- Tour the residence of the princely house of Thurn und Taxis at St. Emmeram Palace in Regensburg and visit the family's private Christmas Market

where the Baroque town center is dressed up in its holiday best. After exploring the Old Town and the Christmas Market, have lunch at a local restaurant followed by time back in Linz or a return to the riverboat. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ Flavors of the season in Passau

Arrive in the Bavarian city of Passau, set on three rivers. After a guided walking tour of the Old Town, where you'll see the cathedral, enjoy the Christmas Market brimming with artisan wares and flavors of the season. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ Regensburg's private palace market

Go for a walking tour of Old Town Regensburg. Then you're off to the Palace of St. Emmeram for a private tour. Browse the private market in the palace courtyard and park, where fireplaces keep the cold away and family and friends gather over glühwein and sausages. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ Holiday magic in Nürnberg

You'll have a choice of three afternoon excursions; a walking tours with a local guide focused on WWII sites; a walking tour focused on Medieval heritage and a visit to the Christmas Market; or an afternoon at the Christmas Market. Join us for a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Nürnberg.** 9:00 AM disembarkation; fly home anytime. Transfers are provided from the ship to Nürnberg Airport; allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS VIENNA OR NÜRNBERG – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Dec 13, 13*	£2,950	£3,150	£3,410	£3,570	£3,820	£3,920	£4,150
Nov 29, 29*	£3,110	£3,310	£3,570	£3,730	£3,980	£4,080	£4,310
Dec 6, 6*							

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



Vienna is one of Europe's most magical cities during the holiday season; visit Schönbrunn Palace and its Christmas Market.



# Yuletide Spirit: Brussels to Amsterdam

*Experience seasonal delights in Holland and Belgium during Winterfest*

8 DAYS FROM £2,950 | BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM

## 1. Arrive Brussels / ■ Embark riverboat

**Cruise begins: 4:00 PM, Brussels, Belgium.** A transfer is included from Brussels Airport or Brussels Central Train Station to Tauck's riverboat where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Winterfest in Brussels

A tour of the city visits Grand-Place and the holiday markets of Winterfest. You'll have some time in Brussels to explore, plus a Tauck Exclusive visit with Concept Chocolate for a demonstration and tasting. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Gems of Antwerp

Sugar and diamond trading put Antwerp on the map in the mid-16th century when it was one of Europe's most important cities. Held every December, the Antwerp Christmas Market is spread over different squares of the city. Guided sightseeing showcases the highlights of Antwerp before time at leisure to explore on your own. Enjoy musical entertainment onboard ship tonight after dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ City charms in Ghent or Bruges

Your riverboat arrives in Ghent; sightseeing choices are a city walking tour with free time, or a visit to the medieval, fairy tale city of Bruges for a guided walking tour. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Rotterdam or Delft & Den Haag

A choice of shore excursions today includes a locally guided walking tour of Rotterdam to the city's covered Markthal or a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain factory in Delft. Continue to Den Haag (The Hague) for a walking tour. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Goodies in Gouda

After a leisurely morning cruise, drive to Gouda. Join a local guide for a walking tour that takes in the key sites of interest before rejoining your riverboat this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Historic windmills & Amsterdam canals

Visit the Zaanse Schans neighborhood and see the historic



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- Get a sense of 17th-century Holland on a visit to the Zaanse Schans neighborhood & windmills
- Discover the Hague on foot with a local guide, and see “Escher in the Palace,” an exhibit on the works of M.C. Escher at the Royal Peace Palace
- Choose between a guided walking tour of Rotterdam including stops to taste local delicacies or a tour of the Royal Delft porcelain factory
- Enjoy an evening canal cruise in Amsterdam – the canals are decorated with festive lights



Maximum Elevation: 190 ft.



windmills; attend a private performance by the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra; and enjoy free time in Amsterdam. Join us this evening for a memorable canal cruise. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark at 9:00 AM and fly home anytime. A transfer is included from ms Grace to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Dec 13	£2,950	£3,150	£3,410	£3,570	£3,820	£3,920	£4,150
Dec 6*, 20*, 27	£3,110	£3,310	£3,570	£3,730	£3,980	£4,080	£4,310

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*Immerse in customs and traditions throughout Belgium and the Netherlands, including a visit to a Dutch wooden clog workshop.*





*Castles on the Rhine*





# Family River Cruising

*“I took my family on Castles on the Rhine and want to express what a wonderful experience it was for all of us. There were about 40 kids on the trip including my 17 year old and 8 year old. It is so hard to pick one memorable moment with the kids... the talent night, the sundeck kite flying, Dutch shoe painting in Amsterdam, docking by a small park in Germany and the tour directors taking all the kids ashore for an impromptu game of soccer. Nothing like watching all ages playing together from the sun deck.”*

Susan Robinson  
TAUCK GUEST

Tauck Bridges family river cruises are tailor-made for multi-generational families who want an easy, stress-free way to travel together. Feel at home aboard riverboats custom crafted with more spacious suites to accommodate families, unpacking just once as you travel from port to port. Cruise with experienced Tauck Directors who take care of all the day-to-day details so you're free to have fun with your family, without any of the work. Add our upfront, all-inclusive pricing, exclusive experiences and special access to famous places, plus bike rides, hikes, scavenger hunts and more, and you'll see why our family river cruises are priceless in every way.



Dürnstein

# Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure

*Medieval games, Viennese palaces, Salzburg songs and pastimes in Passau*

8 DAYS FROM £3,990 | BEGINS BUDAPEST OR VILSHOFEN | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

## 1. Arrive Budapest / ■ Embark riverboat

**Tour begins: 2:00 PM, Budapest.** A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or the Keleti train station directly to your riverboat. Hungary's capital city is divided into two sections, Buda and Pest – and a guided city sightseeing tour today introduces you to both sides. Head up to Castle Hill, overlooking the Danube on the Buda side, for a walking tour that includes Fisherman's Bastion; sites on the Pest side might include Heroes' Square and Andrassy Avenue. Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner onboard the riverboat. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Old Town Bratislava & castle games

Cross the border to Bratislava, and head outside the city to the partially restored ruins of Devin Castle, perched high above the confluence of the Morava and Danube rivers. Explore the castle and enjoy a knight tournament, medieval games, a fencing show, and more. Return to Bratislava for a fun interactive walking tour that includes a scavenger hunt through Bratislava, which harbors more than 17 centuries worth of stories to tell. Back aboard the riverboat, dinner is followed by Slovak cultural entertainment, completing one day (of many) that your family will never forget! **Meals BLD**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Put on your dancing shoes for a gala Imperial dinner at a private palace in Vienna, where the evening features performers and musicians royally attired, and the opportunity to learn how to dance the Waltz
- Go back in time to the Middle Ages as you visit a 9th-century castle in Bratislava, Slovakia, and join in games that children played in the Middle Ages
- Discover the charms of picturesque Passau on a choice of fun-filled family activities that range from a guided bicycle ride along the Inn River to a geocaching treasure hunt or a walking tour with an opportunity to learn to make marzipan
- Spend a fascinating morning at Hellbrunn Castle near Salzburg, Austria, where trick fountains and 18th-century animatronics add to the fun



Explore Budapest from both sides of the Danube on guided walking tours of Buda's Castle Hill and Heroes' Square in Pest.

### 3. ■ Catacombs & a palace evening

Arrive in Vienna this morning where a sightseeing tour views the Ringstrasse, beautiful gardens and parks, and Vienna's famed architecture. Take a fascinating tour of the catacombs beneath St. Stephen's Cathedral, once a burial ground for cardinals and royalty, among others – and enjoy a carriage

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Budapest to Vilshofen

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Budapest</b>
■ 2	Bratislava
■ 3	Vienna
■ 4	Vienna
■ 5	Dürnstein
■ 6	Salzburg
■ 7	Passau
8	<b>Disembark Vilshofen</b>

#### Vilshofen to Budapest

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Vilshofen</b>
■ 2	Passau
■ 3	Salzburg
■ 4	Dürnstein
■ 5	Vienna
■ 6	Vienna
■ 7	Bratislava
8	<b>Disembark Budapest</b>





*Our river cruise along the Danube is a wonderful mix of cultural sights, stories from the past, and outdoor adventures – and on select days, it's your choice. Enjoy a guided bicycle ride in the Austrian countryside or learn how to dance the waltz at a private palace in Vienna.*

ride. Tonight, enjoy a gala dinner with live music and dancers who show you how to waltz at a private Viennese palace, Palais Pallavicini, open for Tauck Bridges only! **Meals BLD**

#### 4. ■ Vienna and the royal life

Your day begins with a guided visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Austrian Imperial Family, the Habsburgs. Once, only the Imperial family was allowed to walk through the garden maze. Today, it's your turn to look for its hidden secrets! Your visit also includes a Marionette Theater performance. Have lunch aboard the riverboat, or spend the afternoon in Vienna. Tonight, your riverboat sails on to Dürnstein. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ Dürnstein & Danube bicycling

Explore Dürnstein this morning, known for its 13th-century abbey and 16th-century houses along twisting, narrow, cobblestone streets where you will have a choice of morning activities. Enjoy a leisurely bicycle tour\* along the Danube River and through the countryside to a local village or join our local guide for a walking tour of the medieval town. This afternoon, enjoy some time on your own, and if you wish, you have the option to hike to the hilltop ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle, for terrific vistas of the town, river and surrounding vineyards. Within the walls of this very castle, England's King Richard the Lionhearted was held as a prisoner after the Third Crusade! Spend the afternoon cruising through the valley; tonight, polish off your vocals



#### Medieval games on the Danube

Devín Castle (Hrad Devín), one of the oldest castles in Slovakia, set high on a hill overlooking the Danube just outside Bratislava. The site of a prehistoric settlement, the castle dates back centuries – and on your visit, your family will be transported back to the Middle Ages as knights and other characters of the time period demonstrate what life was like. You'll participate in Medieval games, watch performances such as swordplay or a duel – or possibly even dancing from the day – and experience, firsthand, a time and place very different from your own.



and take part in *The Sound of Music* karaoke as your family's Danube River tour continues. Tomorrow, you will see settings where the movie was made and where some of the film's songs were sung! **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Salzburg & Hellbrunn Castle

Once upon a time, there was a Prince Archbishop of Salzburg who really liked playing practical jokes and was maybe a little bit crazy. His many guests were astounded both by the Baroque beauty they found at his home, Schloss Hellbrunn (or Hellbrunn Castle), and the tricks he played on them in his "pleasure grounds" filled with gardens, fountains and gadgets that were a kind of 18th-century animatronics. Whether or not his guests found his pranks as funny as he did is another matter, but today, you'll find out for yourselves what surprises Schloss Hellbrunn has in store - and you may be as amazed by what you experience as his guests were! You'll also find some locations made famous by the movie *The Sound of Music*, including the pavilion that was the setting for the song *Sixteen Going on Seventeen*. Later, explore as you please, and join your Tauck Director for a stroll through beautiful Mirabell Gardens. Maybe you'll even find all 14 of the ancient drinking fountains scattered around the Old City and have fun trying! Tonight, your riverboat sets a course for Passau. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Geocaching or marzipan in Passau

In quintessentially Bavarian Passau, your family has a choice of activities. Take a walking tour of this pretty town with a local guide, stopping for a marzipan candy-making workshop. Or, enjoy a geocaching tour navigating coordinates to find hidden containers at different spots in town. If you wish, ride a bicycle\* along the Inn River with a local guide who leads the way. After time to explore on your own, you may want to walk to the fortress that is perched over the river with your Tauck Director for great views. Back onboard your riverboat, enjoy an evening of fun-filled farewell festivities. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Vilshofen.** Disembark ship by 9:00 AM; fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Munich Airport or Munich Hauptbahnhof train station (an approximately two-hour drive from your riverboat). Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BUDAPEST / VILSHOFEN – MS SAVOR, MS JOY

DATE	Jun 25*	Jul 2*, 2, 9					
	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£3,990	£4,310	£4,670	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
Single	£3,990	£6,035	£6,540	£6,875	£8,625	£9,440	£10,120
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,500
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,735

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



*Learn all about 17 centuries of history in Bratislava on a scavenger hunt which turns up some pretty surprising sights!*



# Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure

*Cultural traditions and medieval discoveries in four countries along the Rhine River*

8 DAYS FROM £4,150 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BASEL

## 1. ■ Arrive Amsterdam

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Station to your riverboat for the beginning of your cruise along the Rhine. Enjoy a welcome briefing, followed by a welcome reception with music and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Canal cruising and more in Amsterdam

Amsterdam, the remarkable capital of The Netherlands, is all about water; like Venice in Italy, it's dominated by a

series of canals that link its many tiny islands. Known to the Dutch as *grachten*, the city's 17th-century canals fan out in crescent-shaped rings from the northern waterfront. Start your day with a unique view of the city on a canal boat cruise through historic waterways with a local guide, painting a pair of wooden clogs along the way. Glide beneath curved bridges carrying pedestrians and cyclists, as well as trams and cars, and past the narrow former homes of merchants who stored their goods on the upper floors. See a host of 17th- and 18th-century structures, the 19th-century Centraal Station, the city flower market and more. Cruise to Cologne this afternoon and enjoy lunch onboard. **Meals BLD**



# Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a gala evening with dinner and musical entertainment in the banquet hall of Burg Satzvey, one of the best preserved medieval castles in the Rhineland, which has been owned by the same family for 300 years
- Ride the world's steepest cogwheel train down from the top of Mt. Pilatus, 7,000 feet above Lake Lucerne, for stunning panoramic views of the Alpine landscape
- In Koblenz, set off on a bicycle tour along trails winding through picturesque meadows, forests, and vineyards along the Rhine and Moselle rivers
- Tarte flambée, chocolate and French lessons – become “French for a Day” in the lovely town of Strasbourg



Go back in time to the Middle Ages during a private dinner at Burg Satzvey, a moated castle where medieval fun awaits.

### 3. ■ Historic Köln & dinner at a castle

After a full morning of cruising, arrive in Cologne (Köln) for a guided walking tour of the city, dominated by the immense, twin-spired Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), whose construction only took six hundred years! Completed in 1880, this Gothic “Dom” was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore on your own or join us for a visit to a chocolate museum, with a tasting of course! Tonight, travel to Burg Satzvey, a moated castle in Germany’s Rhineland region dating back to the 12th-century, for a grand dinner in the castle’s banquet hall that transports your family back to the Middle Ages for some medieval fun! **Meals BLD**



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Koblenz
■ 5	Heidelberg or Speyer
■ 6	Strasbourg
■ 7	Lucerne
8	<b>Disembark Basel</b>

#### Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Embark Basel</b>
■ 2	Lucerne
■ 3	Strasbourg
■ 4	Heidelberg or Speyer
■ 5	Koblenz
■ 6	Köln
■ 7	Amsterdam
8	<b>Disembark Amsterdam</b>



Explore the Dutch city of Amsterdam aboard a canal boat cruise that reveals historic bridges, gabled merchants' homes and daily life for the locals and paint wooden clogs along the way; view the immense twin-towered cathedral of Cologne (Köln), an iconic sight to see.

#### 4. ■ Koblenz & the Middle Rhine Valley

Awaken in beautiful Koblenz, set at Deutsches Eck – the “German Corner” – where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. The city’s roots go back to the Middle Ages, when its prime location made it a powerful controller of trade along these important waterways. Today you can choose to take an orientation walk of Koblenz’s Altstadt (Old Town), followed by a ride in a gondola for scenic views. Alternatively, set off on a bicycling tour\* through fields, forests and vineyards along the Rhine-Moselle (Rheinradweg) bicycle route. Rejoin the riverboat for lunch and cruise along the Middle Rhine, where 40 castles line the banks, and vineyards slope down to the river’s edge, listening to stories along the way. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ Heidelberg & castles on the Rhine

Arrive late morning in Mannheim for a choice of excursions. Travel to Heidelberg, Germany’s oldest university town, for a visit to the romantic ruins of Heidelberg Castle, perched high above the city, riding a funicular back down to town for time to explore as you wish. Or, visit the Technik Museum Speyer, introducing technological innovations from the underwater world to space. Cruise to Strasbourg. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ French for a day in Strasbourg

Today your riverboat calls on the historic city of Strasbourg, France, surrounded by the hills of southern Alsace. Renowned for its fairy-tale charm – and as the “Crossroads of Europe” for its role as home to the European Union – Strasbourg is the cultural capital of the French region of Alsace. Have some Franco-styled fun as your family becomes “French for a Day” in Strasbourg during a morning filled with learning French phrases and a chocolate tasting; learn to make tarte flambée! Return to the riverboat for lunch, or stay in Strasbourg and spend the afternoon exploring as you please. Among the treasures you’ll see here are the medieval canals, watchtowers and half-timbered houses of La Petite France, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; stately city residences; the modern buildings of the European Parliament and the 11th-century Gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg. Dinner tonight will be back aboard your riverboat. Tonight, set sail for Basel. **Meals BLD**





## 7. ■ Ascend Mt. Pilatus & explore Lucerne

Depart your riverboat this morning for an excursion to Switzerland's Lake Lucerne area and Mt. Pilatus. Travel to Kriens and board a cable car for your ascent to the summit of Mt. Pilatus. Descending aboard the world's steepest cogwheel train from the very top (Oberhaupt), nearly 7,000 feet high, is most definitely part of the fun as you travel downward at a really steep 48° angle, while taking in the views of Alpine meadows and mountain streams. Return to lovely Lucerne for some time to explore on your own; sights in this "city of lights" include Altstadt (the Old City), whose narrow cobblestone lanes lead to centuries-old buildings painted with frescoes; the Kappelbrücke (Chapel Bridge), a covered wooden footbridge dating back to the 1330s, with an octagonal water tower that was once used as a prison; picturesque squares like the Kornmarkt, Weinmarkt and Hirschenplatz; and the iconic Lion Monument, honoring the Swiss mercenaries who lost their lives during the French Revolution. You'll return to your riverboat in the historic city of Basel late afternoon. Join us for a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey home

**Tour ends: Basel.** Disembark this morning by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Euroairport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg or Basel SBB Bahnhof; guests can also transfer to Zürich Airport or Zurich Hauptbahnhof (train station). Fly home anytime. Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**



*Onboard riverboat fun means gathering together for karaoke singing, dance parties, local entertainment and more!*

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS BASEL / AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE

DATE Jul 3\*, 10, 17\*

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£4,150	£4,470	£4,830	£5,070	£5,550	£5,710	£6,110
Single	£4,150	£6,260	£6,765	£7,100	£8,885	£9,710	£10,390
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,610
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,875

### BEGINS BASEL / AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE

DATE Jun 19\*, 26

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£4,310	£4,630	£4,990	£5,230	£5,710	£5,870	£6,270
Single	£4,310	£6,485	£6,990	£7,325	£9,140	£9,980	£10,660
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,715
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,955

\*Indicates Amsterdam to Basel southbound direction

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



# Bon Voyage! France Family River Cruise

*Discover cowboys, Roman ruins, and the art of chocolate on a Provençal family adventure*

8 DAYS FROM £4,310 | BEGINS PARIS | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

## 1. Arrive Paris

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hôtel Scribe Paris Opéra.** A transfer is included from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport or Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle Station or Gare du Nord train stations to Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra. Your family's France river cruise gets off to a fabulous start from the moment you check into your luxury hotel, a historic treasure in the heart of the city that for centuries has been at the heart of Parisian society. Meet the families you'll be traveling with at a welcome reception and dinner this evening at the hotel, featuring entertainment by a mentalist that's certain to be fun for the whole family. **Meals D**

## 2. Must-see Paris sights or a bicycle tour

A tour of Parisian landmarks includes the Arc de Triomphe and many familiar sights found along the city's famed boulevards. Or, if you prefer, go on a guided bicycle tour\* along the River Seine where you'll have an opportunity to view the sights of Paris like the locals do – the open, fresh air presents them in a totally different light. View Musée D'Orsay, Tuileries Gardens, the Eiffel Tower and other areas of interest. The afternoon and evening are free for your family to discover the wonderful sights of the city as you please, with a treasure trove of museums, historic sites and fabulous boulevards to explore **Meals B**



## Uniquely Tauck

- In Avignon, choose a visit to the grand Palais des Papes, the fortress-like castle of medieval popes, or a bicycle tour that takes you past fields of sunflowers and groves of fruit trees outside the town and on Barthelasse Island
- Visit a private ranch in la Camargue, where you'll see the region's famous white horses and black bulls; enjoy a Provençal lunch with gypsy music, take a hayride to the fields; and see cowboys demonstrate games of skill and agility
- Explore the city of Arles and its landscapes that inspired the paintings of artist Vincent van Gogh – then create your own edible chocolate painting back aboard the riverboat

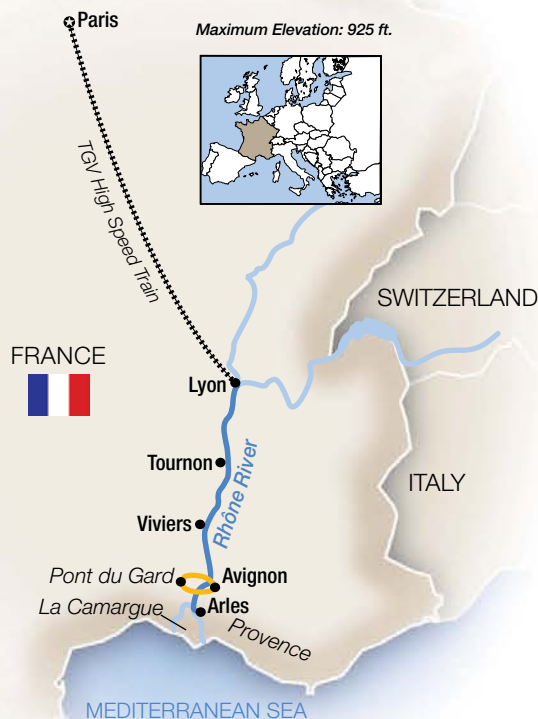


An opportunity for your family to explore France's capital city of Paris by bicycle provides memories long cherished.

### 3. ■ TGV à Lyon / Embark riverboat

Your morning includes a visit to what is often considered to be the most iconic sight in Paris, the Eiffel Tower – when the 1889 World's Fair was held in Paris, the organizers wanted a monumental portal as the entrance to the fairgrounds at

Champ de Mars; the commission went to Gustave Eiffel, a civil engineer who had designed the skeletal frame for the Statue of Liberty. Early afternoon, travel aboard a high-speed train called the *TGV* and head south to Lyon, where you'll board *ms Emerald*, your floating hotel for the next five nights. The crew makes sure that you know your way around before our welcome reception, which is followed by dinner aboard ship with some magical entertainment as you begin your cruise along the Rhône. **Meals BD**



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 5 Cruise Days

#### Paris to Lyon

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Paris</b> <i>Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra</i>
2	Paris
■ 3	Embark Riverboat Lyon
■ 4	Tournon-sur-Rhône
■ 5	Arles
■ 6	Avignon
■ 7	Viviers
8	<b>Disembark Lyon</b>



There are many different ways to learn with your family – including a wonderful day at Scook, the cooking school of an awarded chef, where a cooking demonstration is followed by a chocolate tasting at Valrhona Cité du Chocolat; and a walk in the footsteps of history in Arles.

#### 4. ■ Tournon, cooking & chocolat

Cruise to the town of Tournon-sur-Rhône for fun family discoveries ashore including an orientation tour of this ancient town on the River Rhône; a cooking class at Scook, the cooking school of Anne Sophie Pic, located next door to the Michelin-awarded restaurant Maison Pic; and a demonstration in the art of making *chocolat* at Valrhona Cité du Chocolat. The rest of the day is spent cruising. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ Cowboys & la Camargue, art in Arles

After arriving in Arles this morning, you'll get a change of scenery with a drive into the Camargue for a taste of France's "Wild West." The Camargue is a place of wild landscapes, pink flamingos flying over pink salt lakes, and

ranchland groomed by "gardians," the local cowboys who ride the region's beloved white Camargue horses. You'll see them up close at a private ranch, called a *manade*, and a hayride into the fields to see bulls, mares and foals. Enjoy a Provençal lunch, gypsy music and a daring show. Return to medieval Arles for a walking tour, once home to artist Vincent van Gogh – then create some tasty art of your own based on lovely French landscapes with a hands-on chocolate painting experience. This evening, an onboard performance by an accordionist precedes dinner. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ A papal palace and the Pont Du Gard

Today your family visits an extravagant grand palace with four mighty towers. On a guided tour of 12th-century Palais des Papes in Avignon, once a "renegade" papal palace (built



#### A day in the Camargue

This vast marshy delta has been home to free-roaming black bulls since Roman times; today the bulls are looked after by French gardians (cowboys), saddled up on white Camargue horses. It is a land of many old traditions; the gardians herd groups of black bulls on their white horses while dressed in beautiful bright printed Provençal fabrics that are made using a technique called "Indiennes." On your family's visit to a private Camargue ranch, you'll learn about the region, the cultural traditions, the horses and bulls – and enjoy a typical Provençal lunch.





A walk across the Pont du Gard in Avignon introduces you to an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge built in the first century AD.

in opposition to Rome), your imagination takes flight as you explore one of Europe's largest medieval Gothic buildings. Or, if you wish, you can join us for a bicycle ride in Avignon this morning. You'll have some time this afternoon to discover Avignon as you please, then everyone meets up to walk across the famed Pont du Gard. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Medieval Viviers, pétanque & more

This morning brings adventure to your France family river cruise with a walking tour of medieval Viviers, where you'll wind your way up through narrow, cobbled streets leading up to petite 12th-century Cathédrale Saint-Vincent. Next, try your hand at a game of *pétanque*, played by tossing a small metal boule about the size of an orange. Return to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon and evening cruising. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Lyon.** Disembark ms *Emerald* 9:00 AM in Lyon; fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to either the Lyon Airport or a Lyon train station; do not book flights before 11 am; please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

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### BEGINS PARIS - MS EMERALD

DATE Jul 2, 14

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Double	£4,310	£4,480	£4,580	£5,100	£5,500	£5,640	£5,980
Single	£4,310	£6,270	£6,420	£7,135	£8,805	£9,590	£10,160
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4,515
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,990

DATE Jun 20

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£4,470	£4,640	£4,740	£5,260	£5,660	£5,800	£6,140
Single	£4,470	£6,495	£6,640	£7,360	£9,060	£9,860	£10,430
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,625
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,070

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# Family Fun Along the Seine: Paris to Normandy

*D-Day history, a Versailles palace, Claude Monet's gardens, and a scavenger hunt in the Louvre*

8 DAYS FROM £3,990 | BEGINS PARIS | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

## 1. Arrive Paris / ■ Embark ship

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Paris.** A transfer is included from Charles de Gaulle International Airport, or Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon train stations to your riverboat. Meet your Tauck Director and the families you'll be traveling with at our welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Explore Paris your way

The historic city of Paris is at your feet today, literally! Two sightseeing choices today – get an overview of its famous landmark sites on a guided walking tour, viewing the Arc de

Triomphe and gargoyled Cathédrale Notre Dame de Paris (no inside visits on this walking tour). Or, if you wish, pedal along the Seine on a guided bicycle ride, passing by the Musée d'Orsay, the Tuileries Garden and the towering Eiffel Tower. And after lunch, you'll visit the world-famous Tower yourself! The rest of the day is free for you and your family to experience Paris as you please. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ A scavenger hunt in the Louvre

Until King Louis XIV moved his household outside of Paris to Château de Versailles in the 1700s, Musée du Louvre



## Uniquely Tauck

- On a Tauck Exclusive early-opening visit, tour Claude Monet's home and gardens in Giverny, where the landscapes he painted are just as he left them – you'll discover, firsthand, what provided his inspiration
- A local guide shares insights during a visit to D-Day sites on the Normandy coast, including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach; you'll also visit the D-Day Academy, an outdoor museum where you'll have a chance to see vintage WWII vehicles, and handle radio headsets and other artifacts
- At the riverside village of Les Andelys, you can choose between a walking tour of the scenic Norman village or a hike to the ruins of Chateau Gaillard, a cliff-top fortress that was built by Richard the Lionheart



Your family explores Paris your way – either on a guided walking tour or on a bicycle excursion along the River Seine.

### 4. ■ Monet's Giverny & Les Andelys

Traveling in France is a feast for the senses. In Paris you've already seen – and "hunted" for – some of the most famous art in the world at the Musée du Louvre. Today you'll learn a lot about the artist Claude Monet and his inspiration when you have an opportunity to visit his home and walk through his oft-painted gardens in Giverny – a Tauck exclusive early opening visit. Dock in Les Andelys this afternoon for a choice of sightseeing that features a hike up to Château Gaillard with stories about Richard the Lionheart, King of England, who built the fortified castle; or a guided walking tour of the fascinating village of Les Andelys. Dinner is back onboard your riverboat as we head

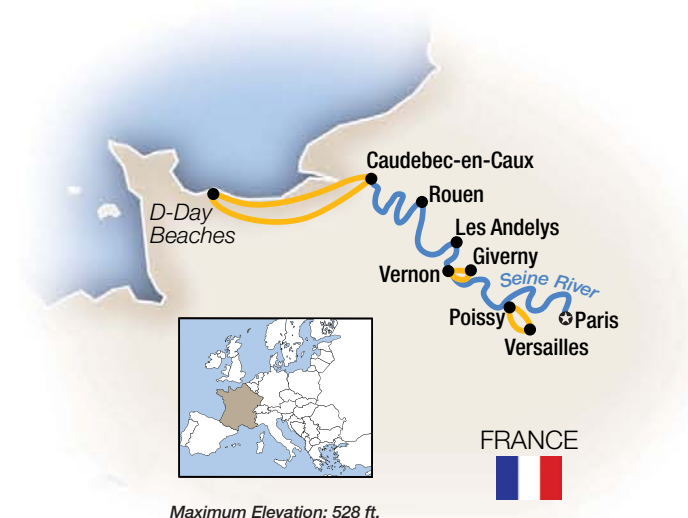
was a royal palace. But now it's an amazing treasure-filled museum – one of the largest and most-visited art museums in the world – and the perfect place for today's guided visit and a fun scavenger hunt. Follow clues to works of art renowned the world over, including Leonardo da Vinci's enigmatic *Mona Lisa*, whose mysterious smile has captivated imaginations for centuries. Following your morning scavenger hunt at Musée du Louvre you'll enjoy some free time in Paris, then embark ms *Sapphire* mid-afternoon and begin your cruise along the River Seine. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Roundtrip Paris

Day	Destination
■ 1	Embark Paris
■ 2	Paris
■ 3	Musée du Louvre
■ 4	Giverny / Les Andelys
■ 5	Normandy
■ 6	Rouen
■ 7	Versailles
8	Disembark Paris





*Art appreciation, especially with Impressionism, often begins by witnessing the subject – and on a pre-opening visit to Claude Monet's house and gardens, you'll get a new perspective. At Normandy's D-Day Academy, World War II history is told in amazing ways.*

for Caudebec for a full day at Normandy's historic D-Day beaches. **Meals BLD**

between the apple trees; and sample rations that the troops ate while serving here. Drive to Caudebec late afternoon and return to the riverboat to set sail for Rouen. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Stories of World War II in Normandy

You'll feel history all around you today as you learn about the heroes of Normandy's Allied Invasion of June 6, 1944 during up close exploration of D-Day beaches. Visit D-Day sites including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, plus a poignant stop at the hallowed American Cemetery. Following lunch, the afternoon is spent exploring one of Europe's most unique museums, the D-Day Academy; here, you'll have a hands-on opportunity to learn first-hand about World War II. You'll be able to touch World War II artifacts, from weapons to wireless radios; put on a workable wireless headset as you climb aboard a Willys jeep or Dodge Command car for a ride

## 6. ■ Remembering Rouen

Wake up in Rouen, the "museum city of a hundred spires," this morning and walk off your riverboat right into the heart of history. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Rouen grew up along the Seine and was an important city for the Romans, Vikings and Normans as far back as the 3rd century! It became the capital of Normandy in the 10th century and many buildings remain from its heyday in the Middle Ages. William the Conqueror used to hold court here. Richard the Lionheart left his heart here and Joan of Arc was burned at the stake here. Explore the sites today on a guided tour that takes you to

## Château de Versailles

It is no secret that the "Sun King," Louis XIV, was driven by a passion for extravagance and excessive luxury. His palace at Versailles, with extraordinary gardens and 2,000+ rooms is but one example... On your guided visit to Château de Versailles you'll be astounded by the lavish interiors and furnishings – and equally astounded by the sculpted gardens and grounds. It's your choice of how to explore, on the fascinating guided visit inside or a half-day bicycle excursion through the gardens, the Marie Antoinette farm and along the Grand Canal.





## Scavenger Hunt

Follow the clues to some of the world's most famous works of art on a scavenger hunt and guided visit in Musée du Louvre. Once the main royal palace in France, today it is one of the world's largest art museums as well as housing some of the world's most famous art – and your family meets its famous residents, including the *Mona Lisa*.



Rouen's Notre Dame Cathedral – painted by Claude Monet more than 30 times – Joan of Arc Square and the church where she died – you'll also embark on a photo scavenger hunt. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ The palace or gardens at Versailles

Travel today to Louis XIV's ornate palace, the Château de Versailles, where you'll have a choice of a guided visit inside the palace or a guided bicycle ride. If you choose the palace visit, be sure to take a walk in the garden – it is just as impressive as the palace, covering 1,976 acres with some 200,000 trees, 50 fountains and 210,000+ flowers. And if you choose to explore by bicycle, you'll also visit Marie Antoinette's farm, created in the style of a miniature Norman village. Bid a fond au revoir to the River Seine at a farewell reception and dinner onboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Journey Home

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### BEGINS PARIS – MS SAPPHIRE

DATE July 3, 10, 17

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£3,990	£4,190	£4,310	£4,910	£5,390	£5,550	£5,950
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Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,490
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,755

DATE June 26

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	£4,150	£4,350	£4,470	£5,070	£5,550	£5,710	£6,110
Single	£4,150	£6,095	£6,260	£7,100	£8,885	£9,710	£10,390
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,595
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,835

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# Douro Discovery: A Family River Cruise in Portugal plus Madrid

*Experience rock art, bike rides, kayaking, hiking, small riverside villages and big time fun on the Douro*

10 DAYS FROM £4,790 | BEGINS MADRID | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

## 1. Arrive Madrid

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Madrid, Spain.** A transfer is included from Madrid Airport or Atocha / Chamartin train station to Melia Palacio de los Duques. We invite you to join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. Madrid sights as you choose

Today you'll have your first choice of sightseeing. Explore a neighborhood market where you can learn about artisan foods and culinary delicacies from all over Spain; your visit

ends sweetly with churros and hot chocolate! Or go on a bicycle excursion through the city's largest park, Casa de Campo; once a royal hunting estate, the 4,000-acre park is still inhabited by deer and rabbits; it also features an amusement park and the Madrid Zoo. Take a guided tour of the Royal Palace, a stunning baroque complex with 3,400 rooms and a wealth of artwork, antiques, porcelain, silver, and historical artifacts; or peruse the masterpieces at the Museo del Prado – one of the most famous art museums on Earth – on a guided visit with a local expert. The rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to spend as you wish in Spain's storied capital city. **Meals B**



## Uniquely Tauck

- Spend two nights at a former palace in Madrid, where a choice of sightseeing fun includes a bike ride in the park or a tasting tour in a local market as well as a guided visit to famed museum Museo del Prado or the stunning Royal Palace
- Experience a closer look at life along the Douro River on a choice of bicycle rides, kayaking and guided hikes to historic winemaking villages, during a 7-night cruise aboard a custom riverboat designed for Tauck
- Discover prehistoric rock art dating back 20,000 years ago; learn how these drawings were made on an interactive visit to the Côa Valley
- Explore the city of Porto, known for producing port wine, on a tuk-tuk or a bicycle



Choose to explore sights along the Douro River on guided hikes, kayaking trips or bicycle rides through riverside towns.

### 3. ■ Salamanca & Embark your riverboat

Drive to beautiful Salamanca, a center of learning since medieval times, where a walking tour through the Old City reveals opulent Baroque, Moorish, and Gothic architecture, Romanesque cathedrals, and the enchanting courtyards of the University of Salamanca, chartered in 1218, where Cervantes went to school. Then head to the riverside village of Barca d'Alva, close to the unspoiled wilderness of Arribes del Douro Natural Park – where your riverboat awaits; the hills are rich with olive groves, vineyards, and almond orchards. Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner onboard your floating hotel. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ Castelo Rodrigo & a rock-art safari

Visit Castelo Rodrigo, a medieval hilltop village where battles were once fought against Moors and Spanish rule; the empty ruins of its 13th-century palace still stand guard over the walled town with its churches, Manueline pillory, cistern, and panoramic vistas. Return to the ship and sail to Pocinho; from there you'll set off on a rock-art safari in Vale do Côa Archaeological Park to see stunning examples of rock-art from the valley's Paleolithic era, 20,000 years ago. Unlike cave art found in other parts of Europe, the thousands of petroglyphs in the Côa region were created in the open air by the valley's earliest inhabitants; the site is accessible only in 4x4 vehicles. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Madrid to Porto

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Madrid</b> <i>Melia Palacio de los Duques</i>
2	Madrid
■ 3	Salamanca
■ 4	Castelo Rodrigo
■ 5	Pinhão
■ 6	Régua
■ 7	Guimarães
■ 8	Porto
■ 9	Porto
10	<b>Disembark Porto</b>





Explore the city of Porto where the Douro River meets the Atlantic Ocean by bicycle or tuk-tuk and visit landmark sites on a choice of excursions in Madrid including an opportunity to visit the Royal Palace, astounding with 3,400 rooms and lots of treasures.



## 5. ■ A morning cruise & tiles in Pinhão

Spend the morning cruising the Douro River Valley where mountains and shale hills carved by concentric vineyard terraces tell of a winemaking history thousands of years old. Since the 18th century, when Britain discovered that Portugal's fortified wine could travel long sea journeys without spoiling, the Douro Valley has been the premier port supplier to the world, and the oldest demarcated wine region. Sail the dramatic Valeira Gorge, where the river ran wild and treacherous before it was tamed by dams; in earlier centuries, small wooden boats called *rabelos*, heaped with barrels of wine, would negotiate rocks and shoot the rapids on their way downriver. Arrive in the idyllic, tranquil village of Pinhão, nestled at a riverbend in the valley's premier Cima Corgo region, home to prestigious port-wine estates; a walk through Pinhão includes the enchanting railroad station, built in the 1930s and covered in *azulejos*, pictorial blue tiles that illustrate the region's winemaking heritage. **Meals BLD**



Paddle a kayak on the gentle waters of the Douro near your boat as you explore the scenery surrounding Provesende.

## 6. ■ Kayaking or hiking & on to Régua

The best way to see the sights like the locals do is by foot or boat. Set off for a drive on hairpin roads to the village of Provesende, perched high on a hilltop with great views of the valley and terraced vineyards below, and hike back down on sloping dirt paths. Or kayak on the calm waters of the river near your boat, savoring the scenery as you paddle. Set sail for Peso da Régua this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Bicycling or Guimarães & a museum

Before there was a railroad, Peso da Régua was an important shipping hub where *rabelos* took on cargoes of port from the local wine estates. Roads from here reach in many directions, offering you a choice of sightseeing possibilities. Travel to *Vinho Verde* country and bicycle through the lush green valleys. Light and effervescent *Vinho Verde* is not actually green wine; depending on whom you ask, the name refers to its youth or the region it's from: a fertile, temperate land of vineyard-clad mountains and lush green valleys rich with scenic bicycle trails. Or drive to the medieval town of Guimarães for a walking tour; known as the "Cradle City," the kingdom of Portugal was born here after a momentous battle in 1128. The city center is a panorama of architectural treasures, including the ruined Castle of Guimarães, with its tempestuous history and sweeping views, the opulent Dukes of Braganza Palace, and the 13th-century São Miguel do Castelo Church. Return to the ship for lunch, then visit the Museu do Douro in Régua. Housed in a renovated 18th-century building, the museum features multimedia exhibits that tell the history of viticulture in the Douro River Valley; also on exhibit is a restored *rabelo*, one of the slender wooden vessels that used to ply the river in great numbers, carrying wine to Porto and the sea. **Meals BLD**



## 8. ■ Cruise to Porto on the Atlantic Ocean

Your riverboat winds its way through the Baixo Corgo region of the Douro Valley, past *quintas* and terraced vineyards that rise along the river. Enjoy watching the scenery from your riverboat and having fun with your family and friends, arriving in Porto, where the river meets the Atlantic Ocean, late this afternoon. Enjoy an onboard performance by a local "Tuna" ensemble – a youthful academic string band that plays traditional music – after dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ Explore Porto by tuk-tuk or bicycle

Rising on staggered hills along the river, colorful Porto beckons you to its labyrinthine streets and stairways, medieval alleys, baroque churches, fountains, and bell-towers, beaux-arts buildings, and bohemian neighborhoods. It's hard to take a bad picture in Porto, where houses are clad in painted blue tiles, street art is everywhere, and beguiling, eclectic architecture is around every corner. Ride a tuk-tuk, a three-wheeled taxi, on a tour of iconic sights including the Clérigos Belltower, a soaring baroque landmark, and 12th-century Porto Cathedral standing fortress-like on a hilltop overlooking the city; walk across the scenic Dom Luís I Bridge that spans the river and soak up the fabulous views; the bridge links Porto to the city of Vila Nova de Gaia, and you'll ride a cable car down to the Gaia waterfront. Or take a cycling tour along Porto's colorful riverfront, starting in the picturesque and lively Ribeira neighborhood, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and ending where the river meets the Atlantic. Have lunch onboard the riverboat, then enjoy free time to explore this fascinating on your own. Join us this evening back aboard ship for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**



River cruising aboard the *ms Andorinha* gives you lots of opportunities to make new friends as you discover new places.

## 10. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Porto.** Fly home anytime. Transfers are included from Tauck's riverboat to Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto train station. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

### 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS MADRID – MS ANDORINHA

DATE Jul 17

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Double	£4,790	£5,270	£6,190	£6,350	£6,750
Single	£4,790	£7,380	£8,670	£10,165	£11,480
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£5,035
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,490

DATE Jun 26

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Double	£5,030	£5,510	£6,430	£6,590	£6,990
Single	£5,030	£7,715	£9,005	£10,545	£11,885
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£5,195
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,610

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#### 2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

23 meals (9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport and train transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer, premium spirits, specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,040. **Enjoy £400 child savings for children 12 and under.**

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



# Holiday Magic: Danube Family River Cruise

*Experience the magic of the Danube in winter, with holiday festivities onboard and ashore*

8 DAYS FROM £3,590 | BEGINS MUNICH OR VIENNA

## 1. Arrive Munich / ■ Embark in Regensburg

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Regensburg or Vilshofen, Germany.** A transfer is included from Munich's Franz Josef Strauss International Airport or Munich Train Station to your riverboat, docked in Regensburg or Vilshofen and all decked out for the holidays! Join your captain onboard your riverboat for a fun welcome reception followed by dinner this evening. Set sail for Passau. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ Holiday time in Old Town Passau

Dock in Passau, a picturesque city set on three rivers. Explore the narrow lanes and squares of Old Town dressed up with holiday decorations on a choice of activities. Join our

local guide for a walking tour and a visit to a local café for a traditional sweets workshop. Or, explore Old Town as your family plays a geo-caching game with a local guide. You may also choose to go on a guided hike with a holiday theme and interactive storytelling. Enjoy karaoke in the lounge this evening, after having dinner onboard. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ Oberndorf, *Silent Night*, and Salzburg

Wake up early aboard your riverboat in Linz for your full-day excursion to Oberndorf and Salzburg. Mozart was born in Salzburg, and his family home is still there. *The Sound of Music* was set in Salzburg, and you might recognize a few locations from the movie during a guided tour this



## Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive gala evening of dinner, champagne (and juice), musical performances, and waltzing at Palais Pallavicini, a private 18th-century palace in the heart of Vienna
- Learn the art of making gingerbread and marzipan from master confectioners in Passau; you'll also have the chance to make your own marzipan candy work of art
- Discover the "Sound of Music" in Salzburg on a locally guided tour of picturesque sights you may recognize from the movie
- Go medieval in Bratislava as you play games that date back to the Middle Ages and explore 17 centuries of history on a scavenger hunt, looking for clues and surprises along the way



Learn tips of the trade from a master confectioner in Passau as you see how gingerbread and marzipan candy are made.

### 4. ■ Dürnstein & Melk or Krems

Early this morning your riverboat sails through Wachau Valley wine country before docking in Dürnstein. Disembark for your choice of shore excursions. Visit Melk Abbey on a guided tour, a sprawling Baroque edifice high on a hill overlooking the Danube. Filled with centuries of treasures, it's been a beacon of learning for generations and is still home to a secondary school today. Your family's other choice this morning is to go on a walking tour in the charming riverside Old Town of Krems, set against a striking

morning. Have lunch at a local restaurant, and then you're off on a choice of afternoon excursions. Discover the story behind one of the world's most beloved Christmas carols in Oberndorf, the town where "Silent Night" was born in 1818, and hear some stirring music. Alternatively, enjoy free time in Salzburg to explore as you please. Reboard your riverboat, and cruise overnight to Dürnstein. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Munich to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Munich / Embark Regensburg
2	Passau
3	Oberndorf / Salzburg
4	Dürnstein / Melk Abbey or Krems
5	Vienna
6	Schönbrunn Palace
7	Bratislava
8	Disembark Budapest

#### Vienna to Munich

Day	Destination
1	Embark Vienna
2	Budapest
3	Bratislava
4	Vienna
5	Dürnstein / Melk Abbey or Krems
6	Oberndorf / Salzburg
7	Passau
8	Disembark Vilshofen / Depart Munich



Maximum Elevation: 1,391ft.



Visit Schönbrunn Castle, boasting Imperial treasures in its 1,441 rooms, and view the Christmas Market set up in the castle courtyard; learn what it was like to live in a royal palace when you have dinner and learn how to dance the waltz at private Palais Pallavicini in Vienna.

backdrop of terraced vineyards. After lunch onboard your riverboat, enjoy some local wines at a tasting and learn about wine-making in the Wachau Valley. Your riverboat sails for Vienna this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ Discovering Imperial Vienna

Disembark for a sightseeing tour of Vienna, taking in the elegant boulevards, palaces, museums, the opera house, and other impressive buildings built during the days when today's capital city of Austria was a grand Imperial city – the home base of the Habsburg family whose Austro-Hungarian Empire ruled much of Europe. Your family can return to the riverboat for lunch or try a local restaurant or café. This afternoon is free for exploring Vienna as you please. Shuttles between your riverboat and downtown Vienna will

run throughout the afternoon. This evening, following an early dinner onboard the ship, have some family fun at the world-famous Vienna Prater amusement park featuring over 250 rides and attractions to enjoy. You'll find the Riesenrad, a giant ferris wheel (which film buffs will recognize from the 1940s film noir classic *The Third Man*); "extreme-speed" rides, merry-go-rounds and go-carts tracks; haunted houses, a fun house, and more. Please Note: To maximize your time in Vienna, we may rotate our activities on Days 5 and 6 on some departures. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ Vienna by day and night

This morning, enjoy a firsthand look at the Habsburg emperors' home life during your guided visit at Schönbrunn Palace, once their magnificent summer residence – boasting



## The story of *Silent Night*

*Silent Night* is one of the most famous Christmas carols in history. Written as a poem in 1816 by a young priest named Josef Mohr, and first performed in 1818 in a church in the Austrian village of Oberndorf to the accompaniment of a guitar because of a broken church organ, the carol has been translated into some 300 languages and was declared to be an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011. During World War I, it was said to have been sung during a spontaneous "Christmas Truce" between Allied and German soldiers on the Western Front who had been fighting each other just hours before. Hear the stories – and the song – on an excursion choice to the little town & church where *Silent Night* was born.



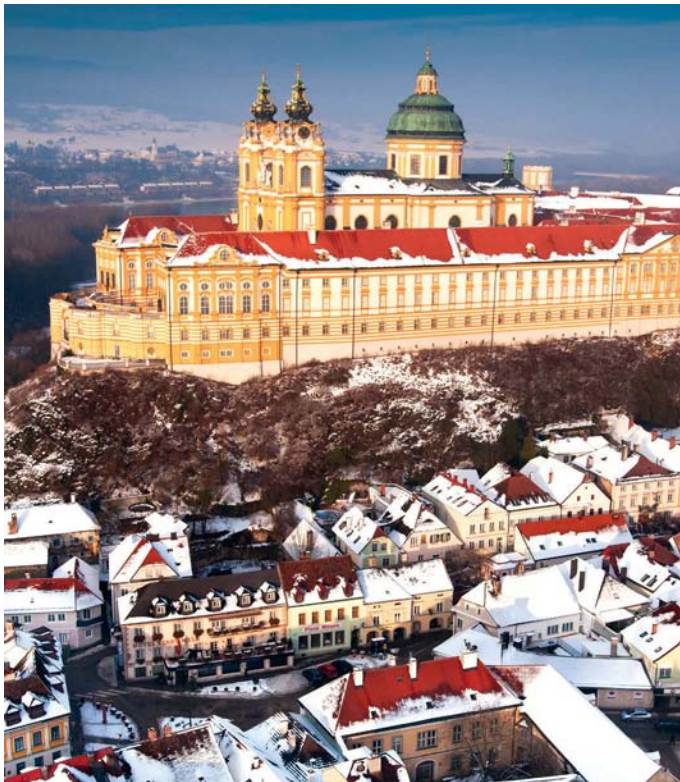
1,441 rooms and exquisite gardens. This afternoon is free for exploring Vienna as you please; shuttles between your riverboat and central Vienna run throughout the afternoon. Join us for a Tauck Exclusive evening at Palais Pallavicini, one of Vienna's few private palaces, where you'll enjoy a champagne (or juice) reception, dinner, a performance, and a waltzing lesson for a wonderful night of family fun. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ Medieval games in Old Town Bratislava

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Slovakia's capital city, Bratislava. Head to Old Town to try your hand at some medieval games and enjoy an interactive walking tour with a scavenger hunt as you look for clues in this fascinating centuries-old city. Your afternoon is free. This evening, Slovak performers entertain onboard, followed by your captain's farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. Budapest and homeward bound

Dock in Budapest this morning and disembark your riverboat for a tour of a city divided by the Danube River. Known for its stunning architecture as "the Pearl of the Danube," Budapest was once two separate cities, Buda and Pest. Your family will go on a walking tour through the castle district



Make your way up to Melk Abbey when your riverboat docks in Dürnstein for a tour of the 12th-century Benedictine abbey.

and take in the amazing views from Fisherman's Bastion. See elegant Andrassy Avenue, monumental Heroes' Square, and City Park. **Tour ends: Budapest.** A transfer is included from Kempinski Corvinus Hotel, Budapest to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or Budapest's train stations. Guests should book an afternoon flight home to be able to participate in Budapest sightseeing. Families enjoying a post-cruise stay at Kempinski Corvinus Hotel, Budapest will have an included transfer from Tauck's hotel to the airport. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2024 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS VIENNA OR MUNICH – MS JOY / MS SAVOR

**DATES** Dec 20\*, 21, 27

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Double</b>	£3,590	£3,910	£4,270	£4,510	£4,990	£5,150	£5,550
<b>Single</b>	£3,590	£5,475	£5,980	£6,315	£7,985	£8,760	£9,440
<b>Triple</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£4,075
<b>Quad</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£3,335

\*Indicates Vienna to Vilshofen westbound direction.

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**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**





Vienne, France



# The Tauck Destination Fleet

## Creating the Tauck Destination Fleet

We extensively searched to find the right company to partner with, and found that partner in Scylla – a family-run company like Tauck that shares our commitment to provide a superb guest experience. For more than 30 years, Scylla has collaborated with us in the custom-design, construction, maintenance and nautical operations of our Destination Fleet. Their award-winning innovation has helped us become ideally positioned to focus on what we do best, delivering an unparalleled travel experience on board and ashore.

## Three Ship Sizes for Cruising Flexibility

We've worked closely with an amazing group of engineers, designers and craftsmen to design our riverboats for the utmost in cruising flexibility. Our 361 ft. / 110 m. ships provide more space per guest with no more than 98 guests on board, complementing our 443 ft. / 135 m. riverboats which carry no more than 130 guests. And in 2021, we introduced a new 263 ft. / 80 m. 84-guest riverboat – ms *Andorinha* – built especially for cruising Portugal's Douro River.

- Most director-level staff on any riverboats in Europe: 1 Tauck Cruise Director, 1 Tauck Director for every 35 guests
- Unlimited free WiFi (service levels may vary)
- Unlimited complimentary beverages, including regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, tea, water and soft drinks
- The most 300-sq.-ft. Tauck Suites aboard any riverboats in Europe; loft cabins on 135 m. ships
- Pillow-top mattresses, 400-thread-count bed linens, luxury toiletries, in-room movies
- Two indoor dining venues *The Compass Rose* and *Arthur's*, featuring casual fare; al fresco dining on the Sun Deck; flexible dining times; vegetarian meals; and always available snacks
- Fitness Center / massages and putting green available on our 110 m. & 135 m. ships; plunge pool or hot tub on the Sun Deck
- Regionally inspired onboard entertainment, enrichment lectures, culinary demos and tastings, complimentary bicycles for use on shore (varies by ship)
- Together with our partners, we are dedicated to ensuring that local regulations, staff training, cleaning procedures, enhanced sterilization, and more, are in place



## *ms Inspire, Savor, Joy & Grace*

Tauck's 443-ft. (135-m.) riverboats – *ms Inspire*, *ms Savor*, *ms Joy* and *ms Grace* – are elegant reflections of the high standards that are consistent across Tauck's Destination Fleet, and carry on our tradition of providing more space per guest on Europe's rivers. With a maximum of 130 Tauck guests, these longer ships transport fewer passengers than most riverboats of comparable size in Europe. Of a 67 cabin total, we offer 22 Tauck Suites (300 square feet / 27.87 square meters) – the most of any riverboat on any European river. Guest amenities in these lush suites include separate seating areas, roomy walk-in closets and spacious bathrooms. All of our 443-ft. ships feature eight innovative loft cabins extending from the first to the second decks, affording more natural light and views of the passing scenery.

### Ship Specifications

**Built:** 2014 – 2016

**Renovated:** 2020 (*ms Savor & Inspire*)  
2023 (*ms Grace & Joy*)

**Registry:** Swiss

**Length:** 443 ft. / 135 m.

**Width:** 37 ft. / 11.4 m.

**Draft:** 4 ft. / 1.2 m.

**Maximum Number of Guests:** 130

**Number of Guest Cabins:** 67

**Crew Members:** 39

**Number of Decks:** 3 plus a Sun Deck

**Air Conditioning:** Yes (European standard AC)

**Elevator:** Yes – services all decks except the Sun Deck

**Internet:** Service levels may vary





Panorama Lounge – a great place to meet & a window to the world



From the moment you board, warm welcomes await

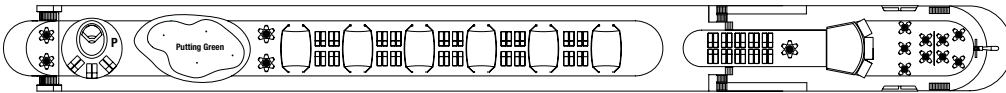


Dining alternatives include Arthur's on the Diamond Deck

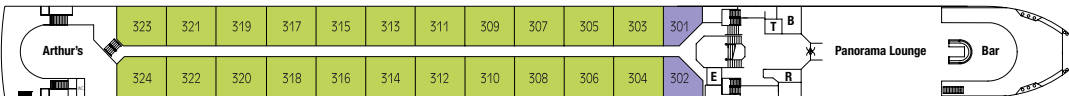


Category 5 boasts spacious cabins (190 - 225 sq. ft.)

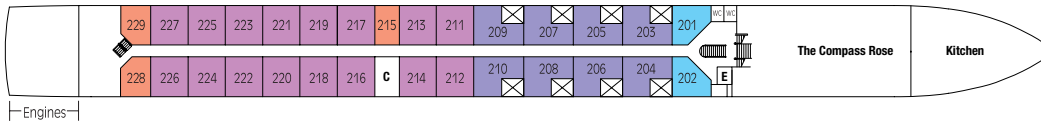
### Sun Deck



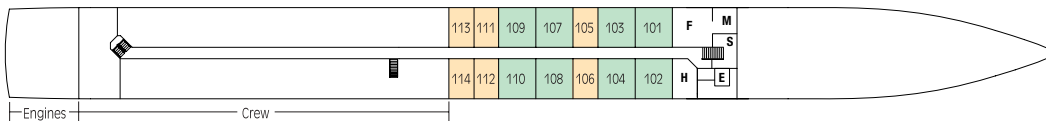
### Diamond Deck



### Ruby Deck



### Emerald Deck



## Deck Plans

- **Category 1**  
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 2**  
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 3**  
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 4**  
(190 sq. ft.)
- **Category 5**  
(190-225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 6**  
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 7\***  
(300 sq. ft.)  
*(three-guest capacity suites with a pull-out sleeping couch)*

- B = Boutique
- C = Closet for Storage
- E = Elevator
- F = Fitness Center
- H = Hair Salon
- P = Plunge Pool
- M = Massage
- R = Reception Desk
- S = Spa (on Inspire & Savor only)
- T = Tack Desk



## *ms Emerald, Sapphire, Esprit & Treasures*

Our four 361-ft. (110-m.) riverboats boast a deck plan optimized to offer you the utmost in spaciousness. More than two-thirds of their cabins measure 225 square feet (20-m.) or larger and accommodate no more than 98 guests; other similar-sized riverboats average about 160 guests. Amenities inside our 300-square-foot (27-m) Tauck Suites include roomy walk-in closets, large bathrooms with separate showers and rainfall shower heads, and two French balconies with sliding floor-to-ceiling windows, these four 110-meter riverboats are as cozy as they are spacious. In addition to the main dining room, The Compass Rose, the ship also features Arthur's, a second dining venue offering casual fare; leisure facilities include a fitness center and a whirlpool on the Sun Deck.

### Ship Specifications

**Built:** 2006 – 2011

**Refurbished:** 2017, 2018

**Registry:** Swiss

**Length:** 361 ft. / 110 m.

**Width:** 37 ft. / 11.4 m.

**Draft:** 4 ft. / 1.2 m.

**Maximum Number of Guests:** 98

**No. of Guest Cabins:** 49

**Crew Members:** 36

**Number of Decks:** 3 plus a Sun Deck

**Air Conditioning:** Yes (European standard AC)

**Elevator:** Yes – between the Ruby and Diamond decks; stairs (12 steps) between the other decks

**Internet:** Service levels may vary





Enjoy international and regional cuisine in the Compass Rose



For the golfer – the Putting Green on the Sun Deck

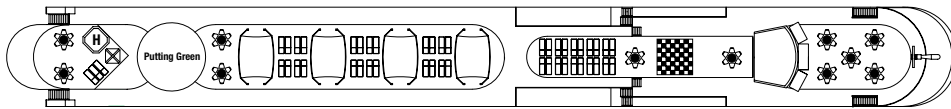


Floor-to-ceiling French balconies, Category 6 cabins (225 sq. ft.)

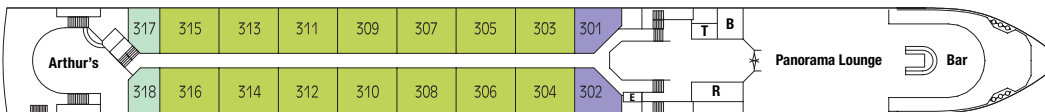


Panorama Lounge – perfect for unwinding after a day ashore

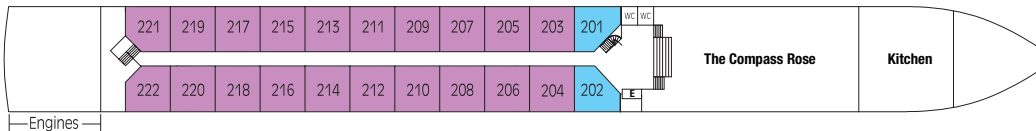
### Sun Deck



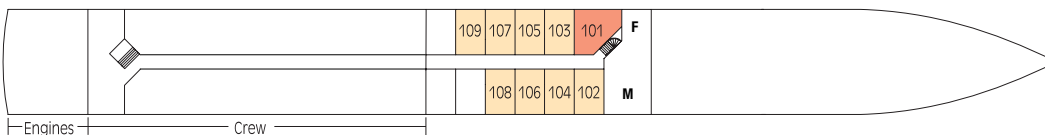
### Diamond Deck



### Ruby Deck



### Emerald Deck



## Deck Plans

- **Category 1**  
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 2**  
(183 sq. ft.)
- **Category 3**  
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 4**  
(183 sq. ft.)
- **Category 5**  
(183 sq. ft.)
- **Category 6**  
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 7\***  
(300 sq. ft.)  
*(three-guest capacity suites with a pull-out sleeping couch)*

- B = Boutique
- E = Elevator
- F = Fitness Center
- H = Hot Tub
- M = Massage
- R = Reception Desk
- T = Tauck Desk



## *ms Andorinha*

Purpose-built by our long-time partner Scylla for cruising to historic quintas and villages along the golden Douro River with Tauck, you'll find that *ms Andorinha* – named for a little swallow that serves as a symbol of home, family, love and loyalty in Portugal – more than lives up to its name. *ms Andorinha* debuted in 2021, offering spacious accommodations for just 84 guests with twelve 300-sq.-ft. (27-m.) Tauck Suites and more 225-sq.-ft. (20.9-m) cabins, maximizing the onboard experience in every way. Aboard the riverboat, amenities include a small pool atop the Sun Deck where you'll have a spectacular vantage point for the Douro's lush landscapes (many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites) and dining venues that are custom-designed. Experience the Douro aboard a riverboat that is truly inspired by the destination.

### Ship Specifications

**Built:** 2020

**Registry:** Swiss

**Length:** 263 ft. / 80 m.

**Width:** 38 ft. / 11.45 m.

**Draft:** 5 ft. / 1.5 m.

**Maximum Number of guests:** 84

**No. of Guest Cabins:** 42

**Crew Members:** 36

**Number of Decks:** 3 plus a Sun Deck

**Air Conditioning:** Yes (European standard AC)

**Elevator:** Yes

**Internet:** Service levels may vary





Dine in the Compass Rose, often featuring regional specialities



Category 3 cabin (225 sq. ft.) – spacious and comfortable

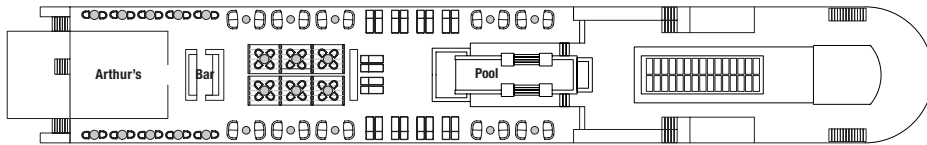


Enjoy conversation and refreshments in the Panorama Lounge



The Sun Deck boasts an infinity-style heated pool and bar

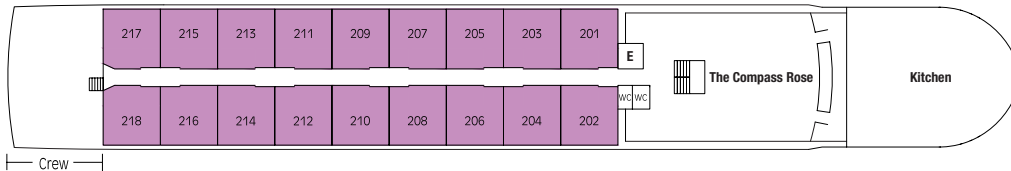
### Sun Deck



### Diamond Deck



### Ruby Deck



### Emerald Deck



## Deck Plans

- **Category 1**  
(150 sq. ft.)
- **Category 2**  
(200 sq. ft.)
- **Category 3**  
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 4**  
(225 sq. ft.)
- **Category 5\***  
(300 sq. ft.)  
*(three-guest capacity suites  
with a pull-out sleeping couch)*

E = Elevator

R = Reception Desk

T = Tack Desk

# General Information and Booking Conditions

## *Expectations Versus Reality*

*As a family of travellers, we've learned that every journey starts with a preconceived image of what to expect. Inevitably, this image changes as we experience the real thing. If the actual experience exceeds our expectations, we feel joy. If it falls short, we feel disappointment. For example, hotel accommodations vary significantly around the world in terms of room size, location and service levels. And no matter how hard we try to meet the highest standards, we will all have a favourite and least favourite experience on any trip.*

*Behind every tour or cruise, there are literally hundreds of people we depend upon to help deliver on your expectations. Should one or two of them fall short, or there is an unexpected change to the itinerary, we hope you will not allow an isolated situation to upset your vacation.*

*So much of the joy of travel is to experience the unexpected. We hope you share that philosophy.*

*-The Tauck Family*

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Tauck holidays are operated by Tauck Inc. ("Tauck"), who is the supplier of the Tauck tour element of your holiday and with whom you will contract for the provision of the Tauck part of your holiday, on these Booking Conditions. These are the Booking Conditions of Tauck Inc. ("We," "Us," "Our," "Tauck") for when we sell Tauck packages in the United Kingdom.

Tauck holidays are made available in the UK through our appointed agent, Landtours Ltd. Any bookings made for a Tauck holiday will be subject to Tauck's Booking Conditions. You can find all of the terms and conditions that will apply to your booking on our UK-dedicated website, at: [www.tauck.co.uk/terms-and-conditions](http://www.tauck.co.uk/terms-and-conditions). Those terms and conditions, together with the information relating to your specific trip that you wish to book that is included in this brochure and on [www.tauck.co.uk](http://www.tauck.co.uk), together with any other information confirmed to you at the time of booking, will form part of our contract with you.

## Booking Conditions

Please read these Booking Conditions carefully. They include important information you will need to know before you book a Tauck holiday with Us, and contain information about the Tauck holiday you have booked through our UK agent. These Booking Conditions are subject to change and the applicable terms will be confirmed to you at the time of booking.

## Terms of the Contract

Tauck's inclusive tours are organised by Tauck and offered for sale in the United Kingdom by our authorised agents. This is so that our agents for arranging the sale of the Tauck holidays in the UK ensure that Tauck holidays are sold in a way that is compliant with the laws in England and Wales regarding the sale of package holidays (which are explained further in these Conditions). Tauck contracts with you for the sale of the Tauck part of the holiday, as the principal supplier, in accordance with these Booking Conditions. Although all of the information contained in the Tauck brochure

has been described in accordance with the latest information available at the time of printing, Tauck reserves the right to make changes, though any change will be notified to you before you make a Tauck booking. Land arrangements and Carriage by Sea or River for your Tauck holiday purchased with us expressly incorporate our conditions of carriage into these Booking Conditions. The Contract with Tauck for your Tauck holiday is concluded when our UK agent issues a confirmation invoice to you for the Tauck holiday. Full payment of the balance shown on the confirmation invoice is required no later than 60 days prior to departure (120 days for River Cruise, Small Ship and Event bookings), in accordance with Clause 3 of these Booking Conditions. Failure to pay in full by this time may result in cancellation of your holiday and forfeit of your deposit.

## Inclusive Prices

Prices are per person in British Pounds. Prices include: all accommodations (see below); airport transfers and land transportation as detailed in tour itinerary; basic internet where available in hotel rooms and ship cabins; entertainment and special dinners as arranged by Tauck; sightseeing; standard luggage handling (see below); services of Tauck Directors, and local guides. Meals are included as specified. All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room servers and local guides are included. On-tour airfare is included in the tour cost when flights are part of the trip, as indicated on the tour itinerary. Tauck Director and driver gratuities are included for cruises and Bridges family trips. Onboard our ships, limited complimentary beverages including regional wine, beer, premium spirits, coffee, tea, water and soft drinks.

**On-Tour Flights:** All on-tour flights integral to the published itinerary are included. Incremental optional flight-seeing excursions that augment a guest experience while visiting a specific destination may be purchased through us at the time of booking or while on tour.

**Hotel & Ship Accommodations:** Tauck's per-person price is based on double occupancy. Hotel rooms with two beds are usually reserved for doubles. The price for rooms / cabins occupied by one person is higher than those when two or more people share the cost of a room. Triples usually have two beds plus a rollaway cot (not recommended for comfort).

**Luggage Handling and Restrictions:** Normal luggage handling is included in the tour cost. Due to space restrictions on on-tour-transportation, we ask that you please limit your checked luggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 23 kg. Allowances and restrictions for checked and carry-on luggage vary across airlines, so we urge you to verify your airline's current number of items, size and weight limits to avoid overage fees, which can be expensive. Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by your airline.

## Not Included in Price

The tour price does not include your airfare and related taxes and fees to the tour departure point and from the tour ending point. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before or after your trip on a space available basis upon request. These hotel charges will be added to your tour cost. Personal Expenses such as phone calls, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, laundry, airline excess luggage charges (as noted above) and other optional incidental extras are not included. Tauck Director and driver gratuities are not included and are voluntary, with the exception of Bridges family trips and cruises.



## Luggage Responsibility

Although every effort is made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible for loss or damaged luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and ground transportation handling. It is important to have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities.

## Vaccinations

Please check with a travel medical specialist or local health department for specific recommendations and / or requirements for immunizations. Please note that because there is no way to eliminate all possible risks while traveling with Tauck, we cannot assume liability in the unlikely event you contract Covid. For the latest Covid travel requirements, please visit [tauck.co.uk/travelconfidently](http://tauck.co.uk/travelconfidently).

## Itinerary Changes and Price Flexibility

Tauck makes every effort to operate all holidays as published. Tauck reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Please refer to Clause 6 for further information.

## Photography and Video on Tour

Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and/or video taken by fellow guests, your Tauck Director or professional photographers for use in print, internet and other promotional purposes. If you prefer that your image not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Tauck Director.

## 1. Your Holiday Contract

**1.1 Booking Procedure and Deposit:** In order to make a booking, please contact your ABTA Travel Agency or Landtours directly. A booking will exist as soon as you are issued with a confirmation invoice from your booking agent.

**1.2** All monies you pay to the travel agent are held by him on behalf of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to Us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at the time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by him, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to Us. The holiday arrangements shown in the brochure are flexible – if you wish to extend your stay pre- or post- tour, upgrade your flights or make any other arrangements, please put full details in writing at the of time booking with your booking agent.

**Tour Only Arrangements:** If you book arrangements with Tauck that do not include flights, your arrangements will be protected by the UK-based booking agent by way of a bond with ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our insolvency, your tour can't be provided, you will receive your money back or, if your tour has started, arrangements will be made for you to be able to continue as planned (please see Clause 2 of these Booking Conditions for further details).

**Payment Due Dates and Amounts:** To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each cruise or tour booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or space is automatically released. Some travel arrangements (for example, flight tickets purchased specifically with

certain airlines) may not be refundable or transferable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request may incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that particular part of the holiday arrangements (as further detailed in Clause 5.1). Deposits are taken at the time of booking to reflect the costs incurred in getting your travel arrangements in place for you, which may include the total cost of your airfares, together with the following standard deposits for Tauck holidays:

- £200 per person – Most North America land tours; Costa Rica land tours; *Mystical Peru*
- £300 per person – *Grand Canadian Rockies; Spirit of the Desert; Vancouver & the Rockies by Rocky Mountaineer; Best of Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer; Salt Lake City to Denver by Rocky Mountaineer*
- £350 per person – Europe land tours; Africa safaris; Most Asia Land Tours; Australia/NZ land tours
- £400 per person – Most Latin America land tours; *Manitoba: Polar Bear Adventure*
- £600 per person – *A Portrait of India*
- £650 per person – European River Cruises
- £750 per person – Most Small Ship Cruises
- £1000 per person – Antarctica and Japan Cruises

The amount of deposit payable in respect of your Tauck holiday will be confirmed to you at the time of your booking.

**Cancelling Within 10 Days of Initial Deposit:** Within the first 10 days after you place your initial deposit, you may cancel your reservation for any reason with no cancellation fees.

Final Payment is due as specified on the invoice. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Final Documents will be sent electronically at least 3 weeks prior to tour departure. They include joining instructions, hotel lists, a reading list, clothing suggestions, trip itinerary, and other pertinent information.

**\*Force Majeure:** means any unusual, unforeseeable or extraordinary circumstances beyond our control, including (but not limited to) an act of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorism, riot, accident, natural or nuclear disaster, outbreak of disease, industrial dispute, fire, adverse or severe weather conditions or other event or circumstance beyond our control that contributes to or results in cancellation rates above our historical cancellation rates in the absence of such event or occurrence.

**1.3 Cancellation Fees:** Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering costs and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply, as per Clause 6 below.

### Land Tours

- 60 days or more before departure: Loss of deposit, per person
- 59–8 days before departure: 25% of tour cost
- 7 days or less before departure: 50% of tour cost

### River Cruise, Small Ship and Events

- 120 days or more before departure: Loss of deposit, per person
- 119–60 days before departure: 50% of tour cost
- 59–1 day before departure: 100% of tour cost

Time of cancellation will be when notice from you is received in our UK-based agent's offices as detailed above in accordance with Clause 5.1.

**1.4** When you make a booking with Us, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these Booking Conditions. Bookings are made through our UK-based agent and a binding contract (on you and each member of your party) for a Tauck holiday will exist between us as soon as our confirmation invoice is issued to you. This contract is made on the terms of these Booking Conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. You may however, choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you wish to do so.

**1.5** All travel arrangements which we provide or which are sold on our behalf are not an offer by Us to sell any travel arrangements, but an invitation to you to make an offer to Us or to the suppliers of the arrangements. We are free to accept that offer on our own behalf when we are entering into the contract for the travel arrangements with you under Clause 1.3, or to reject it.

## 2. Your Financial Protection

**Customer Protection:** Our UK-based agents comply with the bonding requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority and provide full financial protection for the package holidays that we sell in the UK. For flight based holidays, this is through the Air Travel Organiser's Licence (details of which are available from the UK-based agent with whom you book). When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, protection of your monies paid to our UK-based agent will be provided by way of a bond.

## 3. Your Holiday Price

**3.1** We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the holidays quoted by Us. You will be advised of the current price of the holiday that you wish to book before your contract is confirmed.

**3.2** When you make your booking with Us for a package under Clause 1, you must pay a deposit in accordance with Clause 1.2. Full details to be advised at the time of booking. The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid no later than 60 days prior to departure date on tours by land and no later than 120 days prior to departure date on river cruise, small ship and event tours, or earlier if required by our suppliers and notified to you at the time of booking. If the deposit and/or balance are not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time we shall retain your deposit.

**3.3** The price of your travel arrangements is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges. We regret that no credit or refund is possible for any unused services provided in the cost of your holiday. If you decide to alter your travel arrangements whilst abroad, this is your own responsibility and we are not responsible for any extras or difficulties that may arise with onward travel and as a result of such alterations. No credit or refund is possible for any lost, mislaid, stolen or destroyed documents which could be the subject of a claim on your insurance.

## 4. If You Change Your Booking

**4.1** If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued to you for a package holiday provided by Us, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes but it

may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be in writing from the person who made the booking. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £25, and any further cost we incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact Us as soon as possible.

**Note:** Certain travel arrangements (e.g. Apex Tickets) may not be changeable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

## 5. If You Cancel Your Holiday

**5.1** You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements with Us for a package holiday at any time by serving written notification from the person who made the booking or your travel agent on your behalf must be received at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation charges up to the maximum shown in Clause 1 above.

**Note:** If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

## 6. If We Change or Cancel Your Holiday

**6.1** When you book a package holiday with Us, we may need to make changes to your travel arrangements, although this is unlikely. We do plan the arrangements many months in advance and occasionally we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 8 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If we are unable to provide the booked travel arrangements, you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard or higher from Us, if available. If it is necessary to cancel your travel arrangements, we will pay to you compensation as set out in this clause. Any changes to the actual airline after you have received your tickets will be notified to you as soon as possible and in all cases at check-in or at the boarding gate. Such a change is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. If we make a major change to your holiday, we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from Us if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling your booked holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. In all cases, except where the major change arises due to reasons of force majeure, we will pay compensation as detailed in the chart below. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of a Force Majeure event (as defined in Clause 1.2.)



Period before departure	Where we make a major change, which is accepted	Where we cancel a Tauck holiday, or a major change is made which is not accepted
60+ days	Nil	Nil, deposit refund only
59-30 days	£15	£15 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1
29-7 days	£20	£30 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1
6 days - day of departure	£30	£30 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1

## 7. If You Have A Complaint

**7.1** When you have booked a package holiday with Us, we will deal with any complaints you may have in accordance with this Clause 7.1. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform the Tauck representative on tour immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department, giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist Us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you. If you fail to follow this simple procedure we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were on your Tauck tour or cruise and this may affect your rights under this contract.

## 8. Our Liability to You

**8.1** When you have booked a package holiday with Us directly and if the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by Us or our suppliers, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, as detailed further below. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall.

Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

- (a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract; and
- (b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the

Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions.

Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from Us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from Us is set out in Clause 5. If any payments to you are due from Us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. In the unlikely event of your flight services being subjected to lengthy delay, arrangements for meals, overnight accommodation, etc., should be met by your airline. Conditions of carriage applicable to the relevant airline for your booking are available on request.

**8.2** Please note that the order of events on itineraries is subject to alteration due to local circumstances, unscheduled closures etc. However, every effort will be made to include all elements of the programme during the tour or cruise dates or a suitable alternative which will be notified to you.

**8.3** Our Responsibility and International Conventions – Tauck accepts responsibility for ensuring that all elements of your holiday are as described in the brochure and are of a reasonable standard. Local laws and regulations of the relevant country will be relevant in assessing performance of the services included in the Tauck holiday. In the event of a complaint by a Guest, this Contract will be regarded as having been performed if local laws and regulations relating to those services have been satisfied, even if the laws of England and Wales have not been met. If you and/or any other person included in your booking suffers injury, death or loss of or damage to property as a result of the non-performance or improper performance of any service which Tauck is contractually obliged to provide, then Tauck's liability, if any, to pay compensation shall be governed by the international conventions which govern such services. This limitation applies whether or not any particular international convention has been signed or ratified by the UK; or as any particular convention may be applicable by the operation of UK Law. Examples of applicable conventions are the Athens Convention adopted at Athens on 13th day of December 1974 and the Protocol thereto adopted as of November 1976 (herein after referred to as the 'Athens Convention') or where applicable from 1st January 2013 EU Regulation 392/2009, relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea and the Warsaw Convention 1929 (whether as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955 or the Montreal Protocol 1999 or otherwise) and the Montreal Convention 1999 relating to the international carriage of passengers and their luggage by air. The Montreal Convention may be found at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/263/contents/made>.

## 9. Prompt Assistance in Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

## 10. Passport, Visa and Immigration Requirements

Your travel agent can provide general information about the passport and visa requirements for your holiday, but your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. Any information supplied by Us on these or related matters (such as climate, when to travel, clothing, baggage, personal items etc.) is given as general guidance and in good faith but we do not accept liability for any decisions made on the basis of the information supplied.

The passport, visa and health requirements at the time of booking can be viewed on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website ([www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)). It is your responsibility to ensure that you and all members of your party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents, and in compliance with any other immigration requirements, before you travel. If you or any member of your party is not a British Citizen or holds a non-British Passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the embassy or consulate of the country(ies) to or through. Neither we, nor the principal(s) or supplier(s), accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.

**Passports / Visas:** British passengers should carry a full British Passport, valid for at least 6 months after the end of your holiday. Other nationalities should also carry a full passport. Visas may be required for some ports of call. Please check with your travel agent. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid and appropriate travel documentation including passports and visas for each person travelling with you for eligibility to travel to all destinations on your tour. In addition to immigration and customs requirements, the U.S. Government and others place restrictions on the carriage of persons whose names appear on Government watch lists or who are deemed legally ineligible to travel. It is your sole responsibility to ensure your legal eligibility to travel. You are advised to check with the appropriate Government authority to determine the necessary documents and travel eligibility requirements. If you or anyone travelling with you become ineligible to travel for any reason, or are travelling without proper documentation, then you will not be allowed to travel. Under no circumstances shall Tauck be liable for any costs, damages or expenses whatsoever incurred by you or anyone else as a result of such denial of boarding. International Cruise Regulations: Travellers must provide their passport number and date of birth to Tauck at the time of booking for all cruises or you may be denied boarding.

## 11. Excursions

Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of your air package holiday provided by Us. For any excursion or other tour that you book, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with Us. We are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the operator.

## 12. Your Information

Once you have confirmed your details (and those of your party) with Us, we will proceed to confirm the booking with Us. Please check that all names, dates and timings are correct on receipt of all documents and advise Us of any errors immediately. Any changes to these details will incur the charges stated above. Please ensure that the names given are the same as in the relevant passport. Save as expressly set out in these Booking Conditions, only the necessary booking information that you provide to Us will be passed on to the relevant suppliers of your travel

arrangements or other persons necessary for the provision of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to Us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary and religious requirements. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you are travelling to the United States, the US Customs and Border Protection will receive this information for the purposes of preventing and combating terrorism and other transnational serious crimes. If you travel outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. Tauck may contact you following your Tauck holiday with details of other holidays / tours provided by Tauck that may be of interest to you. We will keep your contact details for this purpose, unless you inform us that you do not wish to receive such approaches in future. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons for the purposes set out in this Clause 12 (and our Privacy Policy, which is available upon request) for you and those persons included in your booking.

## 13. Insurance and Health Requirements

**13.1** We require you as a condition of your contract with Us for a package holiday that we are supplying to you, for you to have in place relevant travel insurance protection, including coverage minimums that may be required by destinations. Travel insurance is your entire responsibility and an essential pre-requisite to booking a holiday with Us. You must ensure that you (and all members of your party) have sufficient travel insurance in place to cover you, together with your personal property, at all times and for all potential risks. You must ensure that your insurance covers you for the full duration of your holiday including, but not limited to, medical expenses, injury, death, repatriation, cancellation and curtailment, and in respect of any sports or activities that you may wish to do whilst on your holiday. You must also ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities included in your holiday. Evidence of sufficient cover will need to be provided at time of booking. If you do not have holiday insurance cover at the time of booking, you may personally be liable for cancellation charges. For all clients arranging their own insurance, we must receive full details of the insurance company, policy number and 24-hour emergency contact number. It is imperative that you familiarise yourself with the details and conditions of your policy and that you notify your insurance company of any pre-existing medical condition. Failure to do so can invalidate the insurance cover.

**13.2 Health Requirements and Insurance:** You represent and warrant that you and everyone travelling with you are physically and otherwise fit to travel. The tour visits many destinations in a number of countries, often with difficult terrain, water crossings or in developing countries where facilities available to guests in those countries may not be sufficient if you (or anyone in your group) is not able to walk without assistance or accompaniment. There may also be restrictions (due to the types of tours that you may contemplate joining) on the equipment or additional aides that you (or a member of your group) may wish to bring with you for your comfort or ease if you are not able to walk or manoeuvre without assistance or accompaniment. You therefore need to check with our booking agent at the time of booking to see whether the proposed tour that you and your group wish to join are appropriate for you and all members of your group. Our booking agent may ask you to go through various questions to check whether travelling on the proposed tour or cruise is possible for you and all members of your group, and may make suggestions for how the tour



or cruise could be taken with certain adjustments (if required), or whether a different tour may need to be offered to you, in order to fit with any requirements that you or any member of your group may need to have in place in terms of assistance or accompaniment to be able to enjoy their holiday. Regretfully, we cannot provide individual assistance to a guest for walking, dining or other personal needs.

You are solely responsible for checking (on your own behalf and on behalf of all those in your group) with your (or the group member's) doctor as to which vaccination (including from any specific illness or exposure to animals) or medication are recommended or required for those countries for those travelling and for any assistance that may be required.

We, or our booking agent, cannot accept any responsibility for your failure to comply with the necessary medical, passport or visa requirements.

All passengers must have adequate insurance cover against cancellation, illness, repatriation loss of luggage etc. You should advise your booking agent of the name of your own insurer for the insurance policy that you have taken out that will provide you with adequate insurance cover.

## 14. Documentation

All documents (e.g. invoices/tickets/Insurance policies) that require to be posted will be sent to you by First Class post. Once documents leave our offices we will not be responsible for their loss unless such loss is due to our negligence. If tickets or other documents need to be reissued all costs must be paid by you. You can ask for delivery by other means subject to the charges stated below.

Please ensure that all your travel, passport, visa and insurance documents are in order and that you arrive in plenty of time for checking in at the airport. It may be necessary to reconfirm your flight with the airline prior to departure. Please ask Us for details at least 72 hours before your outbound flight. You should take a note of any reference number or contact name when reconfirming. If you fail to reconfirm you may be refused permission to board the aircraft and you are unlikely to receive any refund.

## 15. Reasonable Behaviour

When you book accommodation through Us, you accept responsibility for the proper conduct of all members of your party during your stay. We reserve the right at any time to terminate the stay of any party member(s) whose behaviour is such, in the reasonable opinion of the accommodation provider or Us, to cause or to be likely to cause danger, upset, harassment or distress to anyone else or damage to other persons or to property. No refund will be given in the event of you, or any member or your party, being requested to leave accommodation in such circumstances.

Furthermore, we shall be under no obligation whatsoever to pay compensation to you or any member of your party, or meet any costs or expenses (including but not limited to alternative accommodation) you, or any member of your party, may occur as a result of your stay being terminated due to reasons under this Clause 15.

If you, or any member of your party, cause damage to the accommodation in which you are staying or to any property of suppliers of tours, excursions or other elements of your holiday arrangements, you must fully reimburse the accommodation provider or relevant supplier concerned for the cost of the damage before the end of your holiday (if the cost has been established by then), or as soon as it has been established if later. You must also indemnify Us for the full amount of any claim (including all legal costs) made against Us by the

accommodation provider or any relevant supplier or third party as a result of such damage caused.

We reserve the right to ask you to pay a breakages deposit in respect of any travel arrangements booked with Us where our suppliers request breakages deposits are payable and we will notify you of details of such breakages deposits at the time of your booking. If you do not pay any required breakages deposit, then we reserve the right to refuse to take your booking, although we will endeavour to agree alternative arrangements with you, which will be confirmed at the time of booking and included in your contract for the booking made by you. If we have agreed with you that the breakages deposit will be made by taking details of your credit/debit card for the agreed sum and will only be payable if breakages are caused by you, or a member of your party, and we are required to make payment to the supplier for any such breakages, then you authorise Us to take such agreed payment sum. We will notify you in writing if we are required to take such payments.

## 16. Minors

If you are not 18 years old, you are considered at law to be a minor and we will therefore require your parent(s)/guardian to sign a Form of Consent relating to your booking at the time of booking and pay a breakages deposit (on the balance due date) as per the Form of Consent. A Form of Consent can be obtained from Us upon request.

If you are 18 years old or over, then you will be required to sign the Booking Form on your own behalf (and on behalf of the people listed in your party) and you agree to the terms of these Booking Conditions on your own behalf (and on behalf of the members of your party).

Please note that in accordance with Air Navigation Orders in order to qualify for infant status, a child must be under 2 years of age on the date of its return flight.

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## Activity & Pace Levels

Activity & pace icons on all of our trips give you a better idea of physical activity level – higher numbers mean more active journeys.

### Activity

- 1: Walking/standing for up to one hour at a time, stairs and level ground
- 2: Walking/standing for one to two miles at a time, uneven steps & cobblestones
- 3: Active hiking, biking & walking for two to three miles, up hills & uneven terrain
- 4: Active walking, hiking, biking & sea kayaking with distances of 3+ miles for up to 3 hours at a time

### Pace

- 1: Generally easy – with time to rest and relax
- 2: Moderate – with some early morning starts
- 3: Often robust – long days, active sightseeing, early starts, evening activities, significant travel times
- 4: Consistently robust – very full and active days, extended travel times, and may include use of different modes of local transport

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# 2024 River Cruising Calendar



	JOURNEY	PAGE #	# OF DAYS
Danube, Main, Rhine & Moselle	The Blue Danube	22	12
	<b>NEW</b> Danube Kingdoms: Bavaria, Austria & Hungary	26	12
	Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube	30	12
	Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest	34	8
	Budapest to the Black Sea	38	13
	Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat	42	15
	Grand European Cruise	46	25
	<b>NEW</b> Three Rivers: Rhine, Main & Danube	50	10
	<b>NEW</b> Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels	54	11
	<b>NEW</b> Hidden Waterways of Flanders and Holland	58	8
	Belgium & Holland in Spring	62	8
	Cruising the Dutch Waterways	66	8
	The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel	70	8
	Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest	74	10
Rhine Enchantment, Amsterdam to Milan	78	11	
The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam	82	10	
The Rhine and Moselle	86	15	
Seine & Rhône	Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy	92	8
	<b>NEW</b> River Seine: Châteaux, Impressionism & Normandy	96	8
	Rendezvous on the Seine	98	10
	Cruising the Seine, plus Paris & London	102	12
	Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence	106	10
	French Escapade: Paris to The Riviera	110	14
<b>NEW</b> La Belle Vie: The Rhône, Geneva & The Riviera	114	14	
Douro	Villages & Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley	118	8
	Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid	122	12
Holiday	Christmas Markets Along the Rhine	128	8
	Christmas Markets Along the Danube	130	8
	Yuletide Spirit: Brussels to Amsterdam	132	8
Family Cruises	Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure	136	8
	Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure	140	8
	Bon Voyage! France Family River Cruise	144	8
	Family Fun Along the Seine: Paris to Normandy	148	8
	Douro Discovery: A Family River Cruise in Portugal plus Madrid	152	10
	Holiday Magic: Danube Family River Cruise	156	8



DEPARTURE MONTHS

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