

9 Days • 20 Meals

River Cruise

Enjoy a relaxing and inspiring cruise on Europe's longest river, the Rhine. From castles gracing the region to picturesque, historic and charming ports, you'll experience it all as you travel aboard a Scenic Space-Ship. Known to be the most luxurious river ships in Europe, enjoy 5- star all-inclusive features, Butler service, dining options and so much more!

Highlights

- 20 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
 - Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises and Tours
 - Visit four countries
 - 5-star Scenic Space-Ships, featuring Scenic Sun Lounges
 - First-class service by an English-speaking crew
 - All gratuities included
 - English-speaking Cruise Director / Tour Manager
 - Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
 - Your choice from a variety of Scenic Freechoice activities
 - Visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites
 - Personal listening device for excursions
 - 'Scenic Tailormade' devices available
 - Butler service for all guests
 - Up to five onboard dining options, from casual to fine dining
 - One Scenic Sundowner event
 - Complimentary beverages all day, every day
 - Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
 - Complimentary WiFi onboard
 - Freedom of our e-bikes – electronically assisted bicycles
 - \$45 in Mayflower Money
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Itinerary

Day 1 Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Day 2 Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Welcome to Amsterdam, a fascinating 700-year-old city of picturesque canals, world class museums, theatres and cafés, where your journey into wonder begins. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your Scenic vessel. Relax and raise your glass to the days ahead at this evening's welcome reception. Meal: D

Day 3 Amsterdam

The day begins with your choice of three Freechoice activities. Explore Amsterdam on a guided walking tour, pausing along the way to sample the Dutch delicacy, herring. OR, cruise the iconic canals that have made Amsterdam world famous. Alternatively, discover charming Volendam, with its unusual raised homes and quaint wooden church, before heading to the equally charming village of Edam. Return to the ship for your first day sailing through the Dutch countryside, passing windmills, and sailing through locks towards the Rhine River. Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 Cologne, Germany

Cruise along the Rhine River to Cologne. Founded by the Romans, the city is one of Germany's oldest and famous for its magnificent UNESCO World–Heritage listed gothic Cathedral. Your Freechoice activities include a scenic ride on the oldest cog railway in Germany and discovery of the splendid Drachenburg Castle, OR, stroll through Cologne to get up close to the filigree twin towers of the famous cathedral. Meals: B, L, D

Day 5 Koblenz, Germany

Cruise to the 2000-year-old town of Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Today's Freechoice activities include a guided tour of Koblenz OR discovering Cochem – a true medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River. Cochem will make you feel as if you're stepping straight into a fairytale as you explore this charming city on a guided tour including a visit of Reichsburg Castle. Alternatively, visit a local winery and sample some of the fine wines of this region, OR take a guided cycling tour. This evening, enjoy a 'sundowner' in a scenic location as you raise a glass to toast the end of a wonderful day. Meals: B, L, D

Day 6 Mannheim (Heidelberg), Germany

Continue upstream to the town of Mannheim, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar Rivers. From there, you have a choice of two Freechoice activities for Heidelberg: join a local guide on a historic tour of Heidelberg including a visit to the Renaissance castle. The castle ruins are among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. OR, join a guide for a stroll through the city center on an orientation tour, followed by leisure time. This evening, enjoy a private concert at a fine Baroque palace. It will be an evening of grandeur unlike any other and a chance to create memories you'll cherish for a lifetime. Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 Rastatt (Baden Baden), Germany

Famous for its Roman baths, Baden Baden is a charming town in the Black Forest. There are three options for today's Freechoice activities from the port of Rastatt. Join a local guide on a tour of this picturesque town and tour the ruins of the Roman baths that made this city famous. OR, take an active hike to the ruins of Hohanbaden Castle (also known as Altes Schloss) where you can find dungeons and climb the stairs for an incredible view of the Black Forest, Baden Baden and Rhine Valley. Alternatively, visit the Mercedes-Benz factory where you discover the 'behind the scenes' activities in building these cars. Meals: B, L, D

Day 8 Strasbourg, France

During today's port call in Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region in France, you have three options of Freechoice activities. On a guided walking tour, see La Petite France and stroll through the Old Town with its half-timbered houses and distinctive Alsatian winstubs. Alternatively, journey to Mittelbergheim in the Alsace and sample some of the best wines the region has to offer. OR, see and learn about how people lived and worked in the Black Forest region centuries ago during a visit to the Vogtsbauernhof Open Air Museum. Meals: B, L, D

Day 9 Basel, Switzerland

It's time to bid 'auf wiedersehen' to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Rhine River. After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Zurich Airport for your flight home. Flights must depart Zurich after 11:30am. Meal: B

Accommodations

Days 2-9 Aboard a Scenic Space-Ship

Map

