CRUISE OF 23 DAYS / 22 NIGHTS - REF. AAS_PP

Springtime in Holland, the Romantic Rhine Valley and the Danube (port-to-port cruise)

BELGIUM - NETHERLANDS - GERMANY - FRANCE - AUSTRIA - HUNGARY

From Antwerp to Budapest, discover the Netherlands, land of the tulips, mills and cheese. Through this cruise and its excursions, we invite you to discover the authentic Holland, with many canals and cities which have been classified as UNESCO World Heritage. We'll also sail along the Rhine and we'll end our majestic trip with Vienna and Budapest. Enjoy a perfectly combined cruise between nature and culture.





HIGHLIGHTS

- 23 days to explore Holland and sail along the majestic Rhine River and all the way to the Danube
- Discover(1):
- Delightful scents and springtime colors at the Keukenhof floral gardens(2)
- Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
- Volendam, an authentic Dutch village
- Zaanse Schans, its windmills and traditional houses
- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- But also Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Melk Abbey, Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace or Budapest

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

ANTWERP

Possibility of a transfer by coach(4) from Amsterdam to Antwerp for an extra fee. Passengers are welcome to board the ship in Antwerp at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, welcome cocktail. Dinner tonight will be followed by a tour of the old city in the company of our hostess.

DAY 2

ANTWERP - ROTTERDAM or surroundings(6)

Tour of the old city in the company of our hostess. Our cruise will cross small inland seas and immense locks to reach Rotterdam in the evening. Tonight is our gala dinner and evening.

DAY 3

ROTTERDAM or surroundings(6) - AMSTERDAM or surroundings(6)

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: The Keukenhof gardens(2)(only on pre-booking before departure). We will start to cruise at the end of the afternoon to Amsterdam.

DAY 4

AMSTERDAM or surroundings(6)

In the morning, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Amsterdam by canal boat. In the afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Volendam and Zaanse Schans.

DAY 5

AMSTERDAM or surroundings(6)

Enjoy the buffet breakfast on board. Free day and lunch in Amsterdam. Take the opportunity to discover the capital of Netherlands at your own pace. Return to the ship for dinner.

DAY 6

AMSTERDAM or surroundings(6)

During the morning, discover by your own Amsterdam. In the afternoon, join us for the optional excursion proposed: DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam. You'll be able to explore and learn about all the must-see and out-of-the-way sites. The afternoon is free to do as you pleased. Retunr on board for dinner. Our ship will cruise to Nijmegen.

DAY 7

NIJMEGEN - KREFELD

Join us for the optional excursion for both packages: Visit of the Dutch Open Air Museum of Arnhem. Afterwards, we'll return on board and cruise towards Krefeld, reaching it in the evening.

DAY 8

KREFELD - COLOGNE

The morning will be spent cruising. This afternoon, join us for the optional excursion for both packages: Guided walking tour of Cologne. Sailing towards Rüdesheim.

DAY 9

RUDESHEIM(5)

The morning will be spent cruising on the romantic Rhine. Join us for the optional excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Touristic train, tasting of wines and visit of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments. DISCOVERY: Hiking through the vineyards in Rudesheim Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse, the little street famous worldwide for joyful athmosphere and Rhineland bands. During the night, sailing towards Mannheim.

DAY 10

RUDESHEIM(5) - MANNHEIM

Our ship will cruise during the morning. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Heidelberg. Tonight is our gala dinner and evening.

DAY 11

STRASBOURG

Enjoy the buffet breakfast on board before disembarking. Take advantage of free time in the city today to discover the European Capital at your own pace! (lunch not included). You'll be welcome to board again at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. We'll set sail towards Mainz.

DAY 12

MAINZ - FRANKFURT

We'll arrive in Mainz early morning. This city, the birthplace of Gutenberg, which lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Main is a perfect blend of past and present with its thousand year old cathedral. We'll tour the city with your escort before we sail on around in the morning towards Frankfurt. The afternoon, join us for the optional excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Sightseeing tour of Frankfurt, a major business hub. DISCOVERY: Frankfurt "Mainhattan" and the Main Tower: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower.

DAY 13

MILTENBERG - WERTHEIM

We'll stop off in Miltenberg early this morning. Join us to discover this peaceful town with its market place lined with half-timbered houses, its fine main street, hotel Reisen and old Town Hall. We'll have lunch on board before continuing on to Wertheim. Enjoy some free time to discover the town on your own before returning to the ship for dinner.

DAY 14

WERTHEIM - WURZBURG

We'll cruise towards Karlstadt. In the afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit Wurzburg on the right bank of the Main, which is famous for its baroque palace, former residence of the prince-bishops. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to Wurzburg where we will join it late afternoon. We'll then cruise to Kitzingen. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 15

SCHWEINFURT - Rothenburg(1) - BAMBERG

Early this morning we'll start cruising along the Main to reach Schweinfurt. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour to Rothenburg, a magnificent walled town set up high on the hills over the river, with its narrow streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses and craftsmen's workshops. It is indeed one of the most beautiful towns on the Romantic Road. Return on board and sailing towards Bamberg.

DAY 16

BAMBERG - NURNBERG - MUHLAUSEN

This morning will be spent cruising on the Rhine-Main-Danube canal, which was opened on 25th September 1992. We'll have lunch on board before arriving in Nurnberg early afternoon. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Nuremberg We'll enjoy a panoramic visit of the monuments found outside of the city's medieval walls before arriving in the Marktplatz. On foot, you'll see the gorgeous Schöner Brunnen and the Frauenkirche. During our tour, we'll stop and taste one of the local specialties, Lebkuchen, the city's famous gingerbread. We'll return to the ship during the afternoon and sail on to reach Muhlhausen in the evening. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 17

REGENSBURG

This morning will be spent cruising to Kelheim. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Regensburg, which is the fourth biggest town in Bavaria and also a major industrial hub - with major firms such as BMW, Siemens and Triumph. The historic centre of the city has kept all its original charm with souvenirs of over 20 centuries. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to join us in Regensburg.

DAY 18

PASSAU

This morning will be spent cruising towards Passau. Enjoy some free time to visit the town on your own. Its baroque buildings and narrow romantic streets are unforgettable. Return to ship and sail on through the attractive region of Engelhartszell. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 19

MELK - DURNSTEIN - VIENNA

The morning will be spent cruising to reach Melk early in the morning, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of the abbey of Melk (only on pre-booking before departure), perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. It is the symbol of Austrian baroque at its finest. We'll return to the ship at the end of the morning and sail on to Dürnstein, arriving there for lunch around noon. Enjoy some free time to explore this picturesque village, and its baroque church, which is the most famous in the Wachau region thanks to the legend of King Richard the Lion Heart. We'll return on board in the afternoon before sailing on to Vienna. Putting in for the night in Vienna. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Tour of the illuminated sights of the city by night.

DAY 20

VIENNA

Join us for the optional excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Visit to the palace of Schöbrunn with its magnificent park (only on pre-booking before departure). DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes. Tour of the Konzerthaus concert hall(3). Enjoy a free afternoon to tour this magnificent city on your own. We'll then cruise towards Esztergom, passing Bratislava on the way. Tonight is our dinner and gala evening on board.

DAY 21

ESZTERGOM - BUDAPEST

Enjoy some free time to visit Esztergom on your own, the former capital of Hungary, under the reign of the Arpad kings. Today, it is still a prominent town and the seat of the Hungarian archbishops. Esztergom is decidedly full of treasures with its neo-classical basilica and former Royal palace. We'll set sail once again around noon. Enjoy lunch on board before arriving in Budapest midafternoon. The Hungarian capital which lies along the banks of the Danube, also known as the "pearl of the Danube" is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before returning to the ship for dinner. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Budapest "by night".

DAY 22

BUDAPEST

Enjoy a day on your own, or join us on an optional excursions for both packages: Guided tour of Budapest. This afternoon, enjoy some free time or join us on optional excursions: visit of the Széchenyi Baths (Advance booking required) (7) (not included in the packages) or Budapest Market Halls (not included in the packages). After dinner, enjoy a free evening or join us on an excursion for both packages: traditional folk evening in Budapest.

DAY 23

BUDAPEST

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

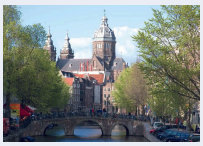
Excursions

Optional excursions (25)



KEUKENHOF

1 day Classic MATIN



Amsterdam by canal boat

1 day Classic MATIN



VOLENDAM - ZAANSE-SCHANS

4h Classic PM



Amsterdam by bike

1 day Discovery MATIN



Visit of the Dutch Open Air Museum of Arnhem

1 day Classic MATIN



VISIT OF COLOGNE

2h Classic PM



HIKKING RUDESHEIM

3h30 Discovery PM



EXCURSION IN RUDESHEIM - TOURISTIC TRAIN - WINE TASTING - MUSIC MUSEUM

2h30 Classic PM



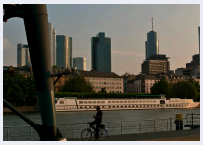
VISIT OF HEIDELBERG AND ITS CASTLE

4h30 Classic PM



VISIT OF FRANCFORT

3h Classic PM



FRANCFORT- MAINHATTAN AND UP TO THE MAIN TOWER

3h Discovery PM



WURZBURG GUIDED TOUR

3h30 Classic PM



ROTHENBURG GUIDED TOUR

5h15 Classic PM



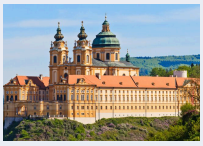
NUREMBERG GUIDED TOUR

4h Classic PM



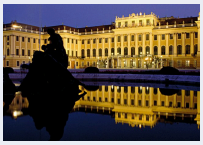
REGENSBURG GUIDED TOUR

4h15 Classic PM



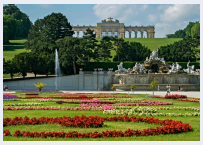
MELK ABBEY AND TOWN

1h45 Classic MATIN



VIENNA BY NIGHT

2h Classic SOIR



VIENNA GUIDED TOUR AND SCHONBRUNN PALACE

4h Classic MATIN



Vienna, the art of living in the Viennese style

3h30 Discovery MATIN



BUDAPEST BY NIGHT

2h Classic PM



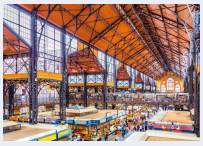
BUDAPEST GUIDED TOUR

4h Classic MATIN



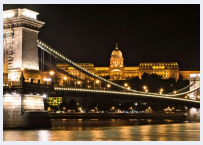
VISIT OF SZECHENYI BATHS

4h Discovery PM



BUDAPEST MARKET HALL

2h30 Discovery PM



BUDAPEST FOLK EVENING

2h Classic SOIR



EXCURSIONS PACKAGE

1 day Classic

Our price includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first day to breakfast on the final day (except for lunch on D5 and D11) - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. (1) Optional excursions. (2) Keukenhof garden will be open from late March to early May. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof Flower Park. Opening dates not yet known. (3) The tour of the Konzerthaus might be replaced by a tour of the Musikverein or the opera if it is booked for shows or not available. (4) Transfer on request at an additional charge, contact us. (5) Depending on mooring availabilities, the stopover in Rüdesheim may be preceded by a stopover in Bingen ; the schedule of excursions may be modified. (6) The Ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to these cities. (7) Children under 14 are not allowed at the Széchenyi Baths. For your comfort, please bring swimsuits, sandals, swimming caps and towels (mandatory and not included) for bathing. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - lunch on D5 and D11 - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.