

Jewels of the Rhine & Glacier Express



Tour Name: Jewels of the Rhine & Glacier Express

Tour Code: ESAZ

Days: 11

Day 1

Sun, 10 May

Amsterdam (D)

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to your innovative Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will welcome your arrival.

Day 2

Mon, 11 May

Amsterdam (B,L,D)

This morning, discover the charm of Alkmaar, a picturesque Dutch town just a short distance from Amsterdam. Explore its historic center, lined with charming canals and medieval buildings. Alkmaar is famous for its centuries-old cheese market where traditional cheesemakers showcase their craft and engage in lively auctions. Immerse yourself in the local culture in this typical charming town. Alternatively, embark on a bike tour through the Dutch countryside.

In the afternoon enjoy sailing on the Rhine River, perhaps grab a drink on the Sun Deck and watching the passing scenery before joining the welcome dinner.

Included Excursion

Excursion to Alkmaar

EmeraldACTIVE

Guided bike tour to Waterland

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Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Day 3 Tue, 12 May	<p>Duesseldorf - Cologne (B,L,D)</p> <p>Join a walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city renowned for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the picturesque Rhine River, admire the stunning architecture, and discover hidden gems off the beaten path. Later this day we will arrive in Cologne, famous for its Gothic Cathedral. This afternoon you can immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and experience the unique charm of the city.</p> <p>Included Excursion Walking tour of Duesseldorf</p> <p>Included Excursion Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town</p> <p>DiscoverMORE Cologne beer experience (extra expense)</p>
Day 4 Wed, 13 May	<p>Koblenz (B,L,D)</p> <p>Immerse yourself in fairy tale-like surroundings today as we cruise to Koblenz, a town with a postcard-worthy backdrop of vineyards and mountain ranges. Your included walking tour of this Roman town will unveil the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady, the point at which two of Europe's great rivers meet at the German Corner.</p> <p>Enjoy sailing through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge this afternoon. Here, romantic castles sit atop tree-covered canyons and half-timbered medieval villages appear suspended in time.</p> <p>Included Excursion Walking tour of Koblenz</p> <p>DiscoverMORE Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)</p>
Day 5 Thu, 14 May	<p>Germersheim (B,L,D)</p> <p>This morning, you will discover Heidelberg. The idyllic UNESCO City of Literature has inspired the likes of Mark Twain and famed British artist William Turner. A guided tour of the town will unveil its rich history, starting at the Renaissance ruins of Heidelberg Castle, where the carefully curated gardens host serene water features, sculptures and colourful flowerbeds. If you are feeling more active, you can also join a hike that will give you fantastic views over Heidelberg. And tonight, our EmeraldPLUS invites you to join a magical private concert in a historical venue.</p> <p>Included Excursion Guided tour of Heidelberg</p> <p>EmeraldACTIVE Active hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg</p> <p>EmeraldPLUS Private Evening Concert on the Rhine</p>
Day 6 Fri, 15 May	<p>Kehl – Strasbourg (B,L,D)</p> <p>This morning, you'll dock in Kehl to be transferred by coach to the picturesque town of Strasbourg, where a medieval past is yours to discover among cobbled squares surrounded by half-timbered houses. During your included excursion, you will have the opportunity to discover the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg and embark on a journey through the typical flavours of this region.</p> <p>Included Excursion Flavours of Alsace</p> <p>DiscoverMORE Baden Baden Spa experience (extra expense)</p>
Day 7 Sat, 16 May	<p>Breisach - Freiburg (B,L,D)</p> <p>Today, as part of your incredible EmeraldPLUS programme, you will visit the city of Freiburg. Considered the 'Capital of the Black Forest', Freiburg has lovely sights that will amaze you. As part of your visit, you will also have the opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. If you're feeling more active, you can choose to pedal your way through Breisach on a guided bike tour.</p> <p>EmeraldPLUS Guided tour of Freiburg with tasting</p> <p>EmeraldACTIVE Guided bike tour in Breisach</p> <p>DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)</p>

Day 8
Sun, 17 May

Basel – Zermatt (B)

Welcome to Switzerland and the quaint Rhine-side town of Basel. After breakfast, you will be transferred by coach to mountain resort village of Zermatt, including a two-night stay.

Day 9
Mon, 18 May

Zermatt (B)

Zermatt lies at the foot of the Matterhorn, which could be described of one of the world's most famous mountains. This picturesque village entrenched on the Swiss Alps is also a sustainable destination for being car-free zone, and for having its original character preserved. Enjoy a guided walking tour in this elegant village. In the afternoon, enjoy free time or take part on the DiscoverMORE tour cog rail journey from Zermatt to the 3089-metre-high Gornergrat mountain summit.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Zermatt

DiscoverMORE

Visit to Gornergrat Matterhorn (extra expense)

Day 10
Tue, 19 May

Zermatt –Zurich (B)

This morning, you will experience the highlight of this tour, which is the rail journey through the Swiss Alps, know as the Glacier Express. Sit back and relax while contemplating at the amazing views of the Alps. When you arrive at the station, you will be taken by coach to Zurich for your overnight stay.

Day 11
Wed, 20 May

Zurich (B)

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport, taking with you cherished memories of the Rhine and Swiss mountain landscapes.

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