



CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE

8 day itinerary | Zurich to Amsterdam | EWXZ | December 8, 2027

Emerald Sky



7 Number of nights — River Cruise — Coach transfer

Map is a guide only

A classic journey on the Rhine promises spectacular landscapes, rich culture, and fascinating history, where world-class cities are complemented by romantic towns.

Cruise through the heart of Europe's finest cities, many of which host large traditional Christmas markets. There's nothing quite like taking a Rhine River cruise at Christmas time, as you'll be able to take advantage of the hundreds of stalls all selling ideal Christmas presents for the folks back home.

Airfare starting at just \$1,000!

CAT	Stateroom/Suite	Deck	Group Fare
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$3,333
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$3,626
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$4,298
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$4,406
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$4,509
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$4,874
SA	Owner's One Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$5,972

Pricing is per person. Included in the above group fares is a per person port charge of \$375

\$500 deposit per person holds your space.

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ENJOY THESE
PREFERRED GROUP
CRUISE ONLY FARES!**

The EmeraldEXPERIENCE

- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- Airport transfers to and from your Star-Ship
- All Meals included while onboard our Star-Ship
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks to accompany lunch & dinner on board
- Complimentary tea & coffee on board
- Complimentary water provided on board and during excursions
- A variety of onboard evening entertainment
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- An excursion almost every day
- First-class service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Earn EmeraldEXPLORER loyalty points
- All port charges and taxes
- All gratuities are included

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Day 1 Zurich – Basel

Welcome to Switzerland and the start of your Christmas cruise journey. You'll be met at the airport by a member of the Emerald Cruises team and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship in Basel, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Please book your flight to arrive into Zurich prior to 01:00 PM.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Breisach

Today, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Rhine town of Breisach. Entrenched between two countries, it's also known as the gateway to Germany's Black Forest region. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest Highlands on your way to the Hofgut Sternen complex located at the foothill of Ravenna Gorge, a place where history and tradition merge. It was here that in 1770 Marie Antoinette stopped with 52 beautifully decorated carriages on the way to her wedding to King Louis XVI.

As part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, you'll also have the chance to see the postcard-worthy Christmas market situated underneath the 131-feet-high (40-meter-high) Ravenna Viaduct. Be amazed by the magical aroma of Black Forest specialties and unique handcrafted regional products sold there.

-  Guided tour of Breisach
-  Guided visit to the Christmas Market at Ravenna Viaduct
-  Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Kehl – Strasbourg

This morning, we'll dock in Kehl, and you'll be transferred by coach across the river to Strasbourg, the storied capital of France's Alsace region. Your guided tour of Strasbourg will include the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Grande Île, the historical center of the city, known for its medieval half-timbered buildings, old tanning houses, Baroque sandstone buildings, and charming canal system. Afterwards, you'll have the opportunity to visit one of its most charming Christmas markets, where you can enjoy

traditional Alsatian Christmas treats and shop for presents and stocking-fillers.

-  Guided tour of Strasbourg and visit to the Christmas Markets
-  Baden Baden Spa Experience (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Mannheim (Heidelberg)

Your guided tour of Heidelberg's rich history includes a visit to the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, which overlooks the Rhine River and a red-roofed skyline. Some of the most successful painters of the Romantic era drew inspiration from Heidelberg Castle, including British artist William Turner, who depicted images of the ruins in several of his paintings. Afterwards, stroll down the cobbled streets of the Old Town, touching on the Church of the Holy Spirit and the oldest university in Germany.

-  Guided tour of Heidelberg

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Koblenz

Today, we'll take you into the heart of Koblenz, an ancient city pulled from the pages of a German fairy tale. Enjoy the picturesque backdrop of vineyards and snow-topped mountain ranges as your local guide takes you through open cobbled squares and down narrow streets.

-  Orientation walk of Koblenz
-  Christmas traditions in Europe lecture
-  Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Cologne - Duesseldorf

We sail towards Cologne, where you'll have the opportunity to wander the markets at your leisure, perhaps visiting the ornate stalls beneath the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cologne Cathedral, where you can drink traditional glühwein out of beautifully decorated mugs. In the afternoon, you will have the chance to visit Duesseldorf and its many Christmas markets, each having its unique name and personality – such as the Fairytale Market, the Handwerker (hand maker) Market and the Schadowmarkt where

any present wish could easily be fulfilled and more. All of that with a Christmas scent of roasted almonds and hot mulled wine floating in the air.

-  Dusseldorf city tour with Christmas Markets
-  Walking tour of Duesseldorf with Christmas Market visit
-  German Beer Experience (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Amsterdam

Board a glass-top canal boat for a tour down the Dutch capital's UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, passing historic merchant houses that reflect the bygone era of the Dutch Golden Age, a time when the Dutch empire was considered one of the most influential in the world. Throughout the city, you'll explore the delightful Christmas stalls, each surrounded by people in their finest knitwear, drinking hot mugs of mulled wine and enjoying traditional festive foods.

-  Canal cruise
-  Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)
-  Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Amsterdam

After breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow guests and Star-Ship as you are transferred to the airport, taking memories of quintessential German villages and the magic of Christmas with you.

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Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

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