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2025 European River Cruising

Award-Winning River Cruise Collection





### A Message from the Tauck Family

Since 1925, our family-owned company has been committed to enhancing lives through travel.

As we approach Tauck's Centennial, we celebrate 100 years of exploration, ten decades of innovation, and innumerable moments of wonder. Our family is humbled to share this legacy with you. Thank you for placing your confidence in Tauck as you embark on journeys to new places, in new ways, and with new-found friends.

For four generations, we have endeavored to connect you with the world's most treasured places. We believe that human connection is at the heart of meaningful travel and is vitally important. It is through connection and understanding that the places we visit can be sustained for generations to come. As true today as it was in 1925, the spirit to go forth and seek immersion is ultimately about connecting as people. As a company, as an industry, and as fellow travelers, we are One Global Family, united in our mission to enhance lives and make a positive impact.

We are proud to champion ingenuity and innovation, and are pleased to share Tauck's 2025 river cruise collection with you. For over 20 years, we have had a special partnership with Scylla, a Swiss family-owned river cruise company that custom designs and builds all of Tauck's renowned, luxury riverboats. This meaningful partnership ensures you, our valued guests, enjoy an unrivalled experience on Europe's storied waterways. That is important to us, and we look forward to welcoming you aboard in our Centennial year.

From our founders' novel vision to the growth that shaped an industry; our second and third generations' collective leadership of Tauck and our fourth generations' stewardship of family values, our family will continue to remain closely involved. We will ensure that when you travel with Tauck, you connect with what matters most: great natural beauty, joy, learning, and one another. Much has changed since 1925, but that will always remain the same.

We also stand united by a common belief: that travel is a force for good. We are committed to responsible practices, respectful of destinations, and dedicated to leaving a positive impact on the communities we visit.

To our valued patrons, both old friends and new, thank you for your trust. Thank you for being an integral part of four generations of our family's journey. Here's to the future, where the world is home, and everyone is family.

With heartfelt appreciation, The Tauck Family Welcome to Tauck. We invite you to see the world as you've never seen it before. To travel the world with exclusive access, authentic local connections, insider knowledge, and unique, one-of-a-kind experiences.

We keep raising the bar to find new ways to connect you more deeply with the places you explore.

Travel beyond ordinary

### Voted #1 on Europe's Waterways



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Named to *Travel + Leisure's* "World's Best" River Cruise Lines list for 15 consecutive years

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For the past century, the Tauck family has had a passion for sailing. Once we started taking guests on our European land trips in 1991, it was inevitable that we would blend our land experience with cruising. Our first European river cruise launched in 1992, which was almost ten years before riverboats became one of the hottest ways to travel.

We knew that no ordinary river cruise experience would do. We wanted guests to travel Europe's rivers as uniquely as they experienced our land trips along the continent's back roads and crafted a cruise that was a bit ahead of its time. As your "hotel" is traveling right along with you, we needed riverboats that were custom-designed to match our experience ashore. We found our partner in Scylla, another family-owned company.

Small is truly big when you cruise with Tauck. Our custom-built riverboats are designed for fewer passengers and more personal space than comparative, same-sized riverboats. With a thoughtful use of space throughout, you'll enjoy larger, more spacious cabins, fewer crowds, and more personalized service from the moment you board.

All-included small group excursions ashore provide you with an opportunity to go local - more personalized, authentic land exploration where authentic connections create memorable moments. And your cruise is enriched by our expert Tauck Directors who travel with you throughout, joined by our handpicked local guides who share their expertise and insights.

Today, we continue to raise the bar in river cruising - and we look forward to welcoming you aboard, knowing every aspect of your cruise is taken care of.



Daniel W. Mahar, CEO

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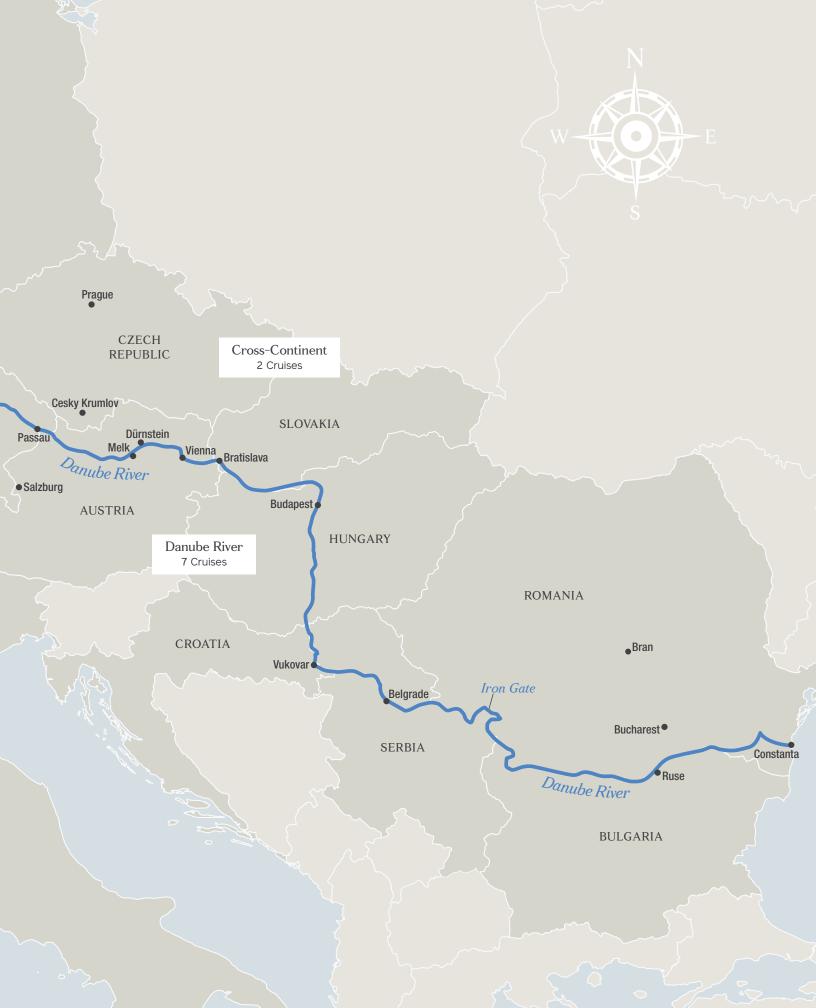
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#### **TAUCK 100**

# One Global Family

A century of gratitude begins with you, our dear guests, whose trust in Tauck across the decades has been our inspiration. Your curiosity and desire to experience our world motivates us to continue creating authentic and engaging discoveries of the world's most precious places.

We are truly grateful for the shared purpose and commitment of our global partners. Many hundreds of people come together to make each tour or cruise a reality for you, from drivers and local guides to staff on-board riverboats and cruise ships, hotel and restaurant staff and so many more.

Also greatly appreciated are our loyal travel advisors who help us realize your travel dreams. And of course, we have enormous gratitude for our team of employees across our world. Their remarkable passion, care and commitment inspires us all to keep moving forward. Together, we are one special global family.







Still family owned in our 100th year, the second, third and fourth generations of the Tauck family (top); our longstanding European river cruise partner, Scylla (middle); our employees, past and present (bottom); our patrons, whose trust and loyalty inspire us (right, guests on tour in Switzerland).





#### **TAUCK 100**

# **Driven by Innovation**

On the cusp of our next century, with 4th generation Tauck family involvement, our

#### Tour Broker License #1

Hearings are held in Washington, DC to regulate modes of transportation, and Arthur Sr. is granted Tour Broker License #1; a new "tour operator" industry becomes official

#### Opening Doors To The West

Tauck becomes one of the first land tour operators to expand West by air, not rail – and to secure accommodations at premier railroad-owned hotels within the national parks

#### **Global Expansion**

With the third generation running the business, Tauck becomes a global travel leader over the next decade, expanding to Europe, Australia, Asia, Latin America, Antarctica and Africa



1935



1962



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## 1925



#### The First Tauck Tour

Arthur Tauck Sr. creates and hosts the first fully inclusive guided tour by taking six passengers on a journey through New England in a Studebaker touring car... and a new industry is born



1958

#### **First Private Air Charter**

Arthur Jr. is convinced the future is air travel – and he takes on the entire airline industry opposing his application to charter flights to Nova Scotia. And wins... in a Supreme Court decision



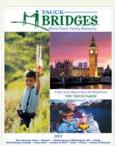
1978

#### First Heli-Hiking

Introduced by Arthur Jr. and Hans Gmoser of Canadian Mountain Holidays, heli-hiking brings summertime guests by helicopter to walk atop Western Canada's mountains – previously enjoyed only in winter values and vision remain true. With a look to the past that inspires the future, key milestones in Tauck's journey include:

#### **Tauck Bridges**

Family travel becomes the first separate brand in the company's history and introduces a new industry category as the first guided travel brand specifically designed for multi-generational families



#### **Only With Tauck**

Innovation leads the way in the 21 st century, inspiring original and unique ways to explore – including our exclusive partnership with filmmaker Ken Burns and the launch of Ken Burns American Journeys

**20II** 

#### The Future

As the next 100 years begin for our family-owned company, with involvement from multiple generations, we embrace the pioneering spirit of the past and continue to create new ways to travel for new generations



2003

1993



#### **Small Ship Cruising**

A combination of signature land touring and small ships is born in the 1990s out of the Tauck family's shared passion for sailing; from 2018-2020, the launch of the 6-vessel "Explorer Class" enables land and sea expansion to global destinations



2006

#### **Tauck River Cruising**

Our first European river cruises launch, part of what is now a fleet of exquisite, intimate riverboats providing an all-inclusive destination immersion across Europe's rivers and waterways



2016

#### Small Is Big

From smaller ships on the seas and riverboats with fewer passengers – to the introduction of small group departures on land journeys – Tauck creates new destination experiences where going small is truly big

#### **TAUCK 100**

# What's New for 2025

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Thank you for inspiring us to continually raise the bar. In our centennial year, we are excited to add new destinations, new travel experiences, and new ways to explore in some of the most exciting places on Earth that speak to the explorer in all of us.

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Wertheim, Germany Wertheim, a new destination for Tauck in 2025, is set on the confluence of the rivers Tauber and Main, see page 36







### New river cruise for 2025

Romantic Capitals: Prague to Paris, 14 days (p. 36) Our newest river cruise begins and ends with two-night stays at premier hotels in the heart of Europe's most romantic capital cities – Prague, Czech Republic, and Paris, France. Cruise four rivers, the Main, Rhine, Danube and Moselle, renowned for distinctive wine and varietals, picturesque small towns and villages, and thousands of years of European history. You'll travel through the historic Rhine-Main-Danube Canal... attend a reception and dinner at Lobkowicz Palace in Prague Castle... explore the tiny country of Luxembourg... discover redstone castles and underground tunnels...

### A classic favorite, reimagined

#### Belgium & Holland in Spring (p. 110)

We've added a day to our popular cruise in the Netherlands and Belgium to provide more time to explore, take in the beautiful scenery, and stop and smell the flowers – highlighted by a memorable visit to Keukenhof Gardens and its springtime bouquet of colorful blooms. In Rotterdam, choices include the Royal Delft Museum (including a painting workshop) or a food tour. Attend an exclusive evening with dinner and music at the Mauritshuis; cruise Amsterdam's canals, reflecting the Dutch Golden Age; see the windmills of Kinderdijk; explore Flemish treasures in Bruges; and more.

### New shore excursion choices, wellness and active choices

On our all-included shore excursions, you'll find new and expanded choices for a more personalized experience in many destinations – with more active exploration choices such as bicycling or hiking.

Keep an eye out in the coming months as we have a lot more "new" to introduce, including new land journeys in Europe and North America.

#### *Top to bottom:*

Our Tauck Exclusive evening at Lobkowicz Palace includes a private tour of the collections, reception and a gala dinner, hosted by a family insider, **see page 36** 

A visit to Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse, Netherlands, introduces "the most beautiful spring garden in the world," see page  $110\,$ 

Bicycling excursions along river cycle paths introduce you to towns and cities along the famous waterways – and picture-perfect scenery

#### **TAUCK 100**

# Supporting a Thriving World

For over five decades, we have been committed to making a positive impact – environmentally, socially and economically – in the lives of the individuals and places we visit around the globe, and in the communities where we live and work.

Tauck has invested in more than 80 national parks, monuments and other places we visit to better protect our planet and preserve these special historical and cultural destinations for generations to come. Examples include: Mesa Verde, Grand Teton National Park Foundation, National Civil Rights Museum, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Jasper National Park, and Notre Dame Cathedral.

### Preservation & Volunteerism

Going hand-in-hand with destination grants is our commitment to encourage and actively participate in volunteerism. These efforts include Tauck's on-tour national park guest volunteer program that won a "Preserve America" presidential award, and Hammer Corps, our program in which Tauck employees helped restore and preserve iconic treasures such as Mormon Row in Grand Teton National Park. Additionally, hundreds of Tauck employees have participated in annual volunteer days in places like Valley Forge and Ellis Island.

Our itineraries are woven into the very fabric of places where we travel. We partner with many family-owned businesses and businesses of all kinds, from very small to large. We create jobs and improve the economic health and vitality of destinations. Traveling with a light "footprint" enabled by smaller groups and lower guest-to-guide ratios, we are mindful about how we travel to ensure we make a positive impact.





Here are some of the ways traveling with Tauck makes an impact through tours featured in this brochure:

### Scylla, our riverboat partner

Scylla's mission is two-fold – to take care of guests and crew (through multiple programs to support their staff both on land and water) and to protect the environment. Regular hull cleaning ensures low water resistance while sailing and a cleaner-burning diesel fuel for direct emission reduction. Reusable water bottles help the environment; new water filters and systems ensure that untreated wastewater doesn't enter the rivers, and Scylla has utilized LED technology in addition to installing solar panels.

### Restoration of Dvořâk Birth House

A Tauck grant supports the restoration of the Baroque birth house of celebrated Czech composer Antonín Dvořák, adjacent to Nelahozeves Castle in the Czech Republic. This national landmark is a significant destination for music lovers and will be developed into a center for education, inspiring and nurturing young musical talent with dedicated practice and performance spaces, courses, and workshops – and diverse outreach programs that will offer new ways to appreciate and engage with Dvořák's life and music.

### The Ehreshoven Foundation

For nearly a decade, Tauck has been a supporter of The Ehreshoven Foundation through our exclusive visits to Schloss Ehreshoven on select Rhine cruises. The Ehreshoven Foundation was founded in 1923 as a monastery within the castle to support elderly and impoverished women. The mission of the foundation includes environmental efforts in the preservation of local woodlands, and sustainable forestry initiatives.



In our centennial year we will be highlighting 100 ways Tauck's family stewardship and your travels with Tauck are making an impact on our thriving world; check back to discover more at **tauck.com/impact** 







# The Tauck Difference

When you cruise with Tauck, virtually every aspect of your trip is included in one upfront price – from all shore excursions to all gratuities, with no options sold and no hidden fees. Aboard our specially designed riverboat fleet, small is truly big; with bigger cabins and more suites than other riverboats of the same size, you'll enjoy the most space per guest on Europe's rivers. When you're staying ashore, premier hotels are carefully selected to ensure you are in the best locations. We've built our business on one principle – to provide our guests with the very best travel experience possible, with an uncompromising focus on service, quality and value.

### Unique access, exclusive experiences

We want to show you the heart of Europe differently than you could see it with anyone else. On our river cruises, small is truly big – and our all-included, privately guided small group shore excursions are timed at the best time day, without crowds. Attend unique evening events, often in private venues, exclusively for Tauck guests only.

### Memorable connections

Our river cruises include travel experiences connecting you more deeply to local life in the places you explore. Exclusive behind-the-scenes, after-hours, or early-opening visits at must-see sites, private wine tastings, visits to private homes, walking tours... plus more active choices such as bicycle excursions in many destinations... all are included with Tauck. Meet local experts who share their daily lives and cultural insights, creating deeper connections for those moments that are unforgettable.

### Fully guided by the best

Our experienced Tauck Directors are by your side both onboard and ashore – passionate and knowledgeable about travel, they come from 41 countries and speak 52 languages collectively. Together with our handpicked local experts and guides, they share personal insights that enrich your cruise – and are truly the world's best travel companions.



An exclusive evening at a private palace in Vienna, with dinner and musical performances, is featured on many of our Danube cruises.









#### Top to bottom:

Memorable moments along the Danube include a private, exclusive dinner at the Akadémia Club in Budapest. Enjoy active choices on most cruises, such as bicycling – you'll get an entirely different perspective along bicycle paths.

Our Tauck Directors provide attentive, caring service from the moment you board, passionate about the places you explore.

# Small is Big, with More Advantages

### Our fleet of riverboats

Our riverboat fleet was specially designed with bigger cabins and more suites than other riverboats of the same size, including our innovative, one-of-a-kind loft cabins. All Tauck riverboats are custom-crafted to our high standards for comfort, spaciousness and elegance, promising more living space and non-stop views – 80% of our cabins have French balconies – along with impeccable personal service from ship to shore by an experienced team of Tauck Directors and a Tauck Cruise Director who seamlessly take care of every day-to-day travel detail for you.

### Crowd-free experiences

Small groups aboard our riverboats are key to Tauck River Cruising, offering more flexibility and the most space per guest on Europe's rivers. We limit the number of guests onboard from 84 or 98 on our smaller riverboats to no more than 130 aboard our larger boats so you have room to roam or relax as you like without crowds or lines. Onshore, enjoy a choice of small group excursions and exclusive Tauck experiences private for our guests only, thoughtfully timed and intimately orchestrated to enable closer, more meaningful connections to people and places that make your Tauck river cruise uniquely memorable.







# Distinctively Inclusive

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

- Unique cultural experiences exclusive to Tauck
- All meals and snacks onboard and special ones ashore, regionally inspired; complimentary beverages, including wine, spirits, beer, specialty teas and more, onboard ship
- A choice of locally guided shore excursions, all included at no additional cost
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, local guides, ship crew, and wait staff on included meals
- All on-tour transportation including airport or train transfers upon arrival and departure
- Entertainment, admission fees, tastings, and more
- Premier accommodations in the finest city center hotels and resorts on select cruises







#### Top to bottom:

Enjoy a private, exclusive Tauck dinner at family-owned Lobkowicz Palace on *The Blue Danube*, **see page 20** 

Spend three nights at elegant Fairmont Le Montreux Palace on Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels, **see page 56** 

Local Slovak dancers perform aboard your riverboat on Danube Kingdoms: Bavaria, Austria & Hungary, **see page 28** 

#### Opposite page, top to bottom:

While cruising the Danube, the top deck provides excellent al fresco panoramic views on *The Blue Danube*, **see page 20** 

Innovative loft cabins aboard our Inspiration Class ships are uniquely designed to bring in more natural light, **see page 148** 

Enjoy entertainment and relaxation in the panoramic lounge and bar onboard ms *Grace*, **see page 148** 

Wachau Valley, Austria

# The Danube, Main, Rhine & Moselle

### #1 Best-Selling Itinerary Worldwide

## The Blue Danube

Our most popular river cruise along the "river of kings" explores four capital cities – Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava, and Prague – beautiful riverscapes, such as Austria's Wachau Valley – a glimpse of the past during exclusive evenings at private palaces – and a world of inspiration.

12 DAYS FROM \$6,790 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

### Uniquely Tauck

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Budapest

- In Engelhartszell, you'll have an opportunity to visit a home to speak with local residents and learn about life in Upper Austria
- You'll have opportunities for privately guided bicycling excursions along the Danube
- In Prague, enjoy a "behind the ropes" visit to Strahov Monastery – access the general public doesn't have

#### **DAY 1**

#### Arrive Budapest and embark

*Tour begins: 5:00 PM.* 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** 

#### DAY 2

#### Budapest's landmark sites

Budapest is split into "Buda" and "Pest" by the Danube River. This morning, you have a choice in sightseeing – explore the Buda side of the city on a guided tour that includes the opulent State Opera House, Fisherman's Bastion and late-Gothic style Matthias Church (may be closed on some days due to services). Alternatively, a more active visit includes the State Opera House and the historic Castle District. Your afternoon is free to explore as you please prior to a Tauck Exclusive cocktail reception and dinner at the Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

#### A choice of sightseeing in Budapest

Begin the day with a choice of sightseeing that includes a guided visit to the Hungarian Parliament that introduces the city's turbulent 20th-century history. 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 your cruise along the Danube River, bound for Bratislava, Slovakia. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 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 the riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

#### A day well spent in Vienna

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Vienna, Austria, where our local guides join you for a choice of city sightseeing walking tours following a drive along the Ringstrasse. An afternoon and evening at leisure let you explore the city as you please, including outstanding museums, the historic Vienna Prater amusement park, and more. **Meals BLD** 

### Voyage at a glance

9 Cruise Days

#### Budapest to Prague

- 1 Arrive Budapest
- 2 Budapest

Day Destination

- 3 Budapest
- 4 Bratislava
- **5** Vienna
- 6 Vienna
- 7 Dürnstein, Wachau Valley
- 8 Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
- 9 Engelhartszell
- 10 Disembark / Prague (Check at booking for disembarkation location) Andaz Prague
- 11 Prague

Map Detail

12 Depart Prague

#### Prague to Budapest

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Prague Fairmont Golden Prague Hotel
- 2 Prague
- 3 Prague / Embark (Check at booking for embarkation location)
- 4 Engelhartszell
- 5 Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
- 6 Wachau Valley, Dürnstein
- 7 Vienna
- 8 Vienna, Bratislava
- 9 Bratislava
- ■10 Budapest
- 11 Budapest
- 12 Disembark Budapest



#### DAY 6

#### A choice in Vienna & an Imperial Evening

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, you can visit the Kunsthistorisches Museum, built in 1891 to house the art collections of the imperial family. Tonight, we invite you to attend a Tauck exclusive experience - our private Imperial Evening at opulent Palais Pallavicini, a private Baroque palace in Vienna that film buffs may have spotted in the 1940s film noir classic The Third Man - or more recently, in the streaming series The Regime. Welcome cocktails and dinner precede an unforgettable evening of musical performance celebrating the legacy of the composers who made Vienna Europe's center of music during the Habsburg era. Later this evening, cruise to medieval Dürnstein. Meals BLD

#### DAY 7

#### Dürnstein & Wachau Valley cruise

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** 

#### DAY 8

#### Salzburg sights or Cesky Krumlov

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** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### Engelhartszell and opportunity for bicycling

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, a walking tour introduces you to 18th-century Engelhartszell Abbey along with a visit to the lovely Schütz Art Museum.

#### Lobkowicz Palace

There is nothing that quite says Old World Europe like a night at the palace – and you'll do just that in Prague with a wine reception and dinner at Lobkowicz Palace, a Baroque legend in the heart of the city that is still family owned today. On a private tour, view a collection of art and original musical manuscripts reflecting six centuries of Central Europe's cultural, social, political and economic life.

Reboard your riverboat early afternoon, and cruise to Germany. If you wish, join us for a rigorous afternoon bicycle ride\* along the Danube to Passau (fairly strenuous, the ride is for experienced cyclists only). **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 to Prague for an exclusive visit to Strahov Monastery that takes you to places inaccessible to the general public, plus a short walk through Hradcany Castle. The remainder of the day is free. **Meals BL** 

#### **DAY 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 Lobkowicz Palace at Prague Castle, exclusive to Tauck guests; a family insider hosts the evening, which will be long remembered. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







There are so many ways to experience the River Danube, from three exclusive evenings at historic venues to sightseeing choices such as Cesky Krumlov – or a bicycling excursion.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BUDAPEST OR PRAGUE - MS SAVOR / MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 14, 25* <b>Aug</b> 10*, 17, 17*	\$6,790	\$7,190	\$7,640	\$7,940	\$8,540	\$8,740	\$9,240
Apr 2* Jun 30* Oct 19*	\$7,490	\$7,890	\$8,340	\$8,640	\$9,240	\$9,440	\$9,940
<b>Apr</b> 18* Aug 28*	\$7,790	\$8,190	\$8,640	\$8,940	\$9,540	\$9,740	\$10,240
May 22*, 25*, 29 Jun 9*, 19 Sep 2*, 4, 9, 15*, 20* Oct 6*	\$8,790	\$9,190	\$9,640	\$9,940	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,240

\*Indicates Budapest to Prague westbound direction

Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1,000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5 on the Apr 2\*; Jul 1, 25\*; Aug 10\*, 17 and 17\* departures. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit tauck.com for complete pricing.

#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

30 meals (11 Breakfasts, 9 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 & premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, tea and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,438.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Prague to Budapest 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. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

# Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest

Don't miss a beat along the enchanting riverbends of the Danube. From Hungary to Austria, Slovakia & Germany, discover storybook castles & romantic villages surrounded by stone terraced vineyards.

8 DAYS FROM \$4,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

### Uniquely Tauck

- Your choices of castle visits, from Krumlov Castle in Cesky Krumlov, Schloss Greinburg in Grein, or the ruins of Kuenringerburg, located high above the village of Dürnstein
- Enjoy an exclusive gala evening with dinner and Viennese music at Palais Pallavicini
- Immerse in Slovakia's rich history with a choice of a walking tour in its car-free capital, Bratislava, or one of the best-preserved castles in Slovakia



#### DAY 1

#### Arrive Munich & embark ship

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM.* A transfer is included from Munich International Airport directly to your riverboat. 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** 

#### **DAY 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 guintessential 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 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 as you cruise to Grein. Meals BLD

#### **DAY 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

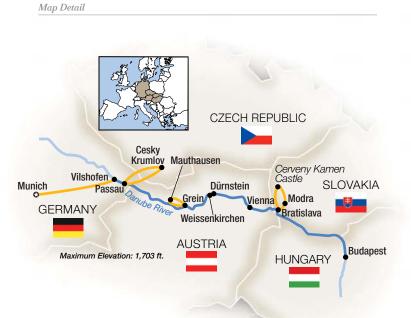
### Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Munich to Budapest

Day Destination

- Arrive Munich / Embark Vilshofen
- Passau or Cesky Krumlov
- **3** Grein or Mauthausen
- 4 Dürnstein / Wachau Valley
- **5** Vienna
- 6 Bratislava
- 7 Budapest
- 8 Disembark Budapest





#### Tauck Exclusive at Palais Pallavicini

Enjoy a gala evening of dining & musical performances at the Palais Pallavicini (built in 1784). With its ornate decor and magnificent state rooms, it will truly transport you to another time. The facade is famous as the location of Harry Lime's (Orson Welles) apartment in the film *The Third Man*.



#### Pezinok Castle

Located in the foothills of the Little Carpathians Mountains, visit Pezinok chateau, originally a Gothic castle built in the 13th century. You'll have the chance to tour inside and hear the history of this once original water castle, and see the family's glass collection.



#### Your choice in Bratislava

Historically know as Pressburg, Bratislava is the capital city of Slovakia, set along the Danube River and borders Austria and Hungary. Choose to explore this pedestrian-only, 18th-century town or head for the countryside towards the Little Carpathian mountains for wine tasting in a vineyard.

#### DAY 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 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** 

#### DAY 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. Enjoy city sightseeing with a local guide that includes a visit to hear a high-class Viennese Orchestra perform. Alternatively, after the guided tour of Vienna, visit the Imperial Treasury of Vienna at Hofburg Palace that contains a valuable collection of ecclesiastical treasures covering over a thousand years of European history. 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 evening of dining and musical performances in elegant Viennese style. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Choices in & around Bratislava

A choice of activities awaits in or near Bratislava; one is a walking tour of the cobblestoned, vehicle-free historic center; 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. 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 to this historic castle in Little Carpathian Mountains, enjoy a falconry demonstration. Prior to departing, both excursions will enjoy a rustic family-style lunch. Rejoin the ship and cruise to Budapest. Meals BLD



Exploring Budapest, you'll have an opportunity to walk the terrace of Fisherman's Bastian and see Matthias Church on Castle Hill

#### **DAY 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 as you please in this historic, and artistic, city. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Budapest, Hungary.* Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport; please allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day

#### 2025 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
Jul 27 Aug 3 Oct 28	\$4,990	\$5,390	\$5,840	\$6,140	\$6,740	\$6,940	\$7,440
<b>Aug</b> 26	\$5,690	\$6,090	\$6,540	\$6,840	\$7,440	\$7,640	\$8,140
<b>May</b> 15	\$5,890	\$6,290	\$6,740	\$7,040	\$7,640	\$7,840	\$8,340

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#### 2025 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 \$1,982.

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

## Danube Kingdoms: Bavaria, Austria & Hungary

Featuring four nights in Germany with in-depth discoveries in Munich and the Alpine countryside along with a 7-night Danube cruise, this journey enchants with a parade of castles, medieval villages, Austrian wine towns, Viennese palaces, Slovakian culture and heroic Hungarian history.

12 DAYS FROM \$6,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Salzkammergut Lake Region

### Uniquely Tauck

- A visit to Bavaria features 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
- A choice of sightseeing in Munich includes a look at its "Bavarian Royal Story" or visits to the BMW museum and WWII sites in and around Munich
- Attend a Tauck Exclusive evening in Vienna at private Palais Pallavicini, with a gala dinner and classical music performances

#### DAY 1

#### Arrive Munich

*Tour begins 5:30 PM, Hotel Bayerischer Hof.* Transfers are included upon arrival from Munich International Airport or the train station to landmark Hotel Bayerischer Hof. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

#### Royal or Contemporary Munich

A choice of sightseeing excursions today includes a guided tour of the city that includes sites associated with the royal Wittelsbach family and WWII, or you may prefer a city tour that focuses more on Munich's contemporary history - WWII, the BMW Museum, and the 1972 Olympics. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish, or join us for a poignant afternoon visit to Dachau. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 3

#### Garmisch-Partenkirchen / Zugspitze

Drive to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a popular ski area in the Wetterstein mountains, on the border between Germany and Austria. A cogwheel train takes you up 9,718 feet to the summit of Zugspitze, the top of Germany, for lunch and spectacular vistas that include glaciers, 400 mountain peaks, and views of four countries (Germany, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland, depending on the weather). Return to Partenkirchen, and dine tonight at the hotel. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Oberammergau / Bavarian Castle

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

#### **DAY 5**

#### Weltenberg Abbey / Embark ship

Depart for Weltenberg for a visit to its monastery, considered one of the most beautiful in Germany, and its brewery, founded in 1050 and thought to be the oldest in the world. Enjoy a lunch of traditional Bavarian fare, followed by a boat ride to Kelheim prior to reboarding your riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Timeless charm of Passau

Three rivers run through medieval Passau – the Danube, the IIz, 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

### Voyage at a glance

#### 7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Munich Hotel Bayerischer Hof
- 2 Munich
- 3 Garmisch-Partenkirchen Hotel Riessersee
- 4 Fussen or Oberammergau
- 5 Weltenberg Abbey / Embark
- 6 Passau
- 7 Linz and Lake District / Cesky Krumlov
- 8 Melk / Wachau Valley
- 9 Vienna / Palais Pallavicini
- 10 Bratislava
- 11 Budapest
- 12 Depart Budapest

#### Map Detail



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 a local guide 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** 

#### **DAY 7**

#### Linz, Salzkammergut or Cesky Krumlov

Drive from Linz to the lake district of Salzkammergut this morning, evoking scenes from The Sound of Music, 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." 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 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 the town'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 may choose to stay in Linz and explore at leisure. Meals BLD

#### **DAY 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 guided visit here this morning. Return to your riverboat for an afternoon cruise that winds 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. Or, if you wish, ride a bicycle along the river valley. Arrive in Dürnstein, and explore the charming medieval town on a guided walking tour; or join us for an active climb up to the clifftop ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle. A tasting this afternoon showcases local wines. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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; 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 other World War II landmarks

#### Four nights in Bavaria

From your two-night stay in Bavaria's capital city of Munich at the Bayerischer Hof hotel, built in 1841 and renowned as a Leading Hotel of the World, to two nights in the Alpine wonderland of Garmisch-Partenkirchen at the charming Hotel Riessersee, you'll enjoy more time to experience Bavaria's cultural and scenic treasures in depth with local experts and during free time to explore as you wish.

around the city and Flak Tower. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then join us this evening at Palais Pallavicini for a private gala evening with dinner, wine, music, and the pageantry of dance, exclusively for Tauck guests. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 Iron Curtain 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 make local history and personalities come alive. This evening, dine at leisure aboard your ship as it sails to Budapest, with Slovak entertainment. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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. Visit both sides of the city on a locally guided tour before exploring as you please for the remainder of the day. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner aboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Spend two nights in the heart of Munich at Hotel Bayerischer Hof; visit the hilltop Benedictine Abbey in Melk, dating to 1089, and indulge in scenic vistas of Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Wetterstein mountains on the border of Germany and Austria.

#### 2025 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 7	\$6,990	\$7,390	\$7,840	\$8,140	\$8,740	\$8,940	\$9,440
<b>Sep</b> 25 <b>Oct</b> 8	\$7,990	\$8,390	\$8,840	\$9,140	\$9,740	\$9,940	\$10,440

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

## Budapest to the Black Sea

Experience an awe-inspiring legacy of history, culture and resilience as you cruise to cities and towns in Eastern Europe from Budapest, with deeper discoveries of Romania on a three-night stay in Bucharest.

13 DAYS FROM \$7,190 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

### 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 returned to Vukovar after the 1990s "Serbian" Yugoslav war as they share personal insights about the conflict
- In Romania's capital, Bucharest, you have a choice of visits to either the National Museum of Art of Romania or the open-air Village Museum, showcasing traditional Romanian village life



# Arrive Budapest

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Ritz-Carlton Budapest. A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or 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, a special experience. Meals D

### DAY 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

#### DAY 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. After lunch and free time to explore, embark your riverboat. Join us for a welcome toast followed by dinner onboard. Meals BLD

#### DAY 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 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

#### DAY 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

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

Day Destination

#### Budapest to Bucharest

Dav Destination

- 1 Arrive Budapest Ritz-Carlton Budapest
- 2 Pest
- Buda / Embark ship 3
- Mohacs / Pécs
- Vukovar 5
- Belgrade 6
- The Iron Gates
- 8 Ruse, Bulgaria
- Constanta g
- 10 Disembark Bucharest InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest
- 11 Transylvania, Sinaia or Targoviste
- 12 Bucharest

Map Detail

13 Depart Bucharest

Bucharest to Budapest

- - Arrive Bucharest InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest
  - 2 Transylvania, Sinaia or Targoviste
  - Bucharest 3
- Constanta / Embark ship 4
- 5 Ruse
- Vidin 6
- The Iron Gates
- 8 Belgrade
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- 11 Disembark Budapest Ritz-Carlton Budapest
- 12 Budapest
- 13 Depart Budapest



# 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 a visit to Kalemegdan Fortress. Spend the afternoon exploring as you wish, before a folkloric show onboard by Serbian performers during cocktail hour. Join us tonight 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** 

#### DAY 7

# The Iron Gate, King Decebalus & scenic sights

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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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.

# Farewell Dinner at Bragadiru Palace

Named after Dumitru Marinescu Bragadiru, one of Romania's most important industrialists, 19th-century Bragadiru Palace – sumptuously decorated and architecturally resplendent – sets the stage for a Tauck Exclusive evening long remembered. Learn about the storied history of this monumental building and enjoy a private cocktail reception and gala dinner with traditional entertainment and live music.

After lunch in the Old Town, settle in to your historic hotel in the cultural heart of the city. Dinner tonight is on your own; there are many dining options to choose from at your hotel or in interesting venues located nearby. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 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. 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 at leisure and join us this evening for a Tauck Exclusive farewell reception and dinner at Bragadiru Palace, with local entertainment and live music. **Meals BD** 

## **DAY 13**

# Journey Home

*Tour ends: Bucharest.* Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest to Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport and Bucuresti Gara de Nord; allow three hours for airport check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







From an exclusive Tauck dinner at Bragadiru Palace during your three-night stay at the InterContinental Athénée Palace in Bucharest to your explorations of Novi Sad in Serbia and more, every day promises a new adventure you'll long remember.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS BUCHAREST OR BUDAPEST – MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>May</b> 30 Jun 5*	\$7,790	\$8,040	\$8,190	\$8,940	\$9,540	\$9,740	\$10,240

8-day Cruise-only from \$6,150 per person double

#### BEGINS BUCHAREST OR BUDAPEST - MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Aug</b> 1, 7*	\$7,190	\$7,590	\$8,040	\$8,340	\$8,940	\$9,140	\$9,640

8-day Cruise-only from \$5,550 per person double

\*Indicates Bucharest to Budapest westbound direction

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

30 meals (12 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 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 \$4,148.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Bucharest to Budapest day-by-day details. 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# New for 2025 Romantic Capitals: Prague to Paris

From the city of music, Prague, to the city of love, Paris, & all the fairy tale towns in between... Our journey to these romantic capitals transits some of the most picturesque sections of the Rhine and Main rivers, cruises the Moselle, and visits wine regions plus destinations off-the-beaten path.

**14 DAYS FROM \$9,790** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Prague, Czech Republic

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- Enjoy a private evening at Schlosshotel Kronberg featuring a reception and dinner
- Visit the legendary motor racing track, Nürburgring, to view race cars & learn about its history of racing
- Take a private boat ride on the Seine River in Paris to see the Eiffel Tower
- Cruise 4 main rivers in Europe; Danube, Rhine, Main, & Moselle

# Arrive in Prague

*Tour begins: 5:30 PM.* A transfer from Prague Vaclav Havel International Airport or Prague Hlavni Nadrazi train station to Fairmont Golden Prague Hotel, is included. Join us for a welcome dinner at the Lobkowicz Palace. **Meals D** 

# DAY 2

# City of a Hundred Spires

Prague is the largest city of the Czech Republic with rich history and Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architectures, nicknamed the "city of a Hundred Spires" due to the towers, turrets and steeples that paint its skyline. Learn its history with an option of culturally rich walking tours. Choose to see the Old New Synagogue, Gardens of Prague, Saint Nicholas Church, and Charles Bridge. Alternatively, take a shorter walk to see highlights of Old Town, including the Astronomical Clock (the oldest astronomical clock still in operation) and a visit to City Hall. Enjoy lunch, then join us for an underground tour of Prague, learning more about Vaclav Havel's, a former Czech statesman and playwright. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 3

# Embark ship in Prague

This morning head out on a walking tour of Old Town Regensburg to see Saint Peter's Cathedral and cross the Stone Bridge that links Old Town and Stadtamhof. You'll have free time for lunch, then it's off for Kelheim to embark your ship. Join us for a Captain's welcome dinner to mark the beginning of your cruise. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 4

# Nürnberg and unique sights

As the second largest city in Bavaria, Nürnberg is an impressive town that dates back to 1050. Walking tour choices today provide you a deeper insight into its history. First option is to join our local guide on an underground tour to explore the labyrinthine tunnels built in the 1380s. Alternatively, take a walking tour to view well-preserved landmarks such as the Imperial Castle, ornately decorated churches and the walls that line the Old Town. Enjoy lunch on the ship as your Tauck Director shares an informal presentation about your journey ahead. Join us for a Captain's signature dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 5**

## Romantic Road explorations

This morning offers many options. Choose to drive to the town of Bayreuth to see Margravial Opera House, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or visit the former home of composer and theatre director, Richard Wagner. Alternatively, visit

# Voyage at a glance

9 Cruise Days

#### Prague to Paris

Day Destination

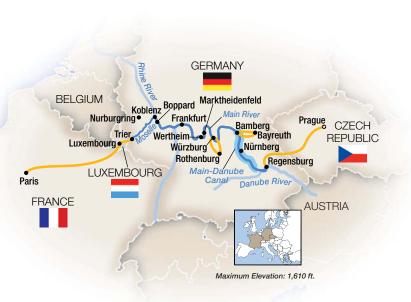
- 1 Arrive Prague Fairmont Golden Prague Hotel
- 2 Prague
- 3 Regensburg / Embark
- 4 Nürnberg
- **5** Bamberg or Bayreuth
- 6 Würzburg or Rothenburg
- **7** Wertheim or Homburg
- 8 Frankfurt
- 9 Cruise the Middle Rhine
- ■10 Cochem / Moselle River
- 11 Trier
- 12 Disembark Trier / Luxembourg / Paris L'Hotel du Collectionneur
- 13 Paris
- 14 Depart Paris

Map Detail

#### Paris to Prague

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Paris L'Hotel du Collectionneur
- 2 Paris
- 3 Luxembourg / Embark Trier
- 4 Trier
- 5 Koblenz
- 6 Cruise the Middle Rhine
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Maisel Brewery, a family-owned brewery for tastings. Explore Bayreuth before having lunch on the ship as you cruise for Bamberg. If you wish, take the short drive for a walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site town. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

# Würzburg & Rothenburg ob der Tauber

The "Romantic Road" in Germany is a 220-mile scenic byway through historic cities. Germany coined this name in the 1950s, as post-war positivity to begin travel again. Today, choose to walk one of two cities; explore lavish baroque, rococo architecture and learn about post-WWII in Würzburg, or, take the short drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber for a walking tour to see the medieval architecture and half-timbered houses. **Meals BD** 

### **DAY 7**

# Paper mill & classical piano store in Homburg

Your ship arrives near Wertheim this morning, then you're off for the short drive to Homburg to explore the historic paper mill and a unique piano store. Enjoy lunch in town, then join us this evening for dinner aboard the ship as you cruise for Frankfurt. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

# A taste of Frankfurt & a sparkling evening

Before World War II, Frankfurt had many different architectural styles, and today, some central locations have been restored to its original style. Choose to explore these quarters on walking tours; one is more active to view historic cathedrals, and learn about its role post-WWII. Alternatively, take a more leisurely walking tour ending at Old Town Square. Join us for sparkling dinner at Schlosshotel Kronberg, a luxury castle hotel built in 1893. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 9**

# Boppard & cruising the Middle Rhine

Dock in Boppard for a scenic e-bike ride to spot hidden castles and vineyards. Alternatively, drive to Nürburgring, the 13-mile motor racing track, built in the 1920s. View race cars with a local guide and learn about the history of racing. Everyone returns to the ship for dinner as you cruise the picturesque Middle Rhine heading to Cochem. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 10**

## Cochem castles

Located in Western Germany, Cochem borders Luxembourg and France. You'll have choices of walking tours. View the 11th century castle perched above the river, or remain in town to explore the old walled city with half-timbered houses decorated with flower boxes. **Meals BLD** 

# Schlosshotel Kronberg

Built in 1893 for the dowager German Empress Victoria, Schlosshotel Kronberg is a castle turned into a five-star hotel designed with original furnishings, as well as the art collection and extensive library from the empress; it's also where the move *Spencer* was filmed. Join us at Schlosshotel Kronberg for a gala private evening featuring a reception and dinner that will take you back in time.

### **DAY 11**

# Trier & farewell dinner aboard ship

This morning, choose between two guided walking tours through Trier, one is less active to learn about the city's rich Roman history or a faster pace to see more monuments and cathedrals listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Enjoy free time to explore on your own before joining us for a Captain's farewell toast and dinner aboard the ship. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 12**

# Drive to Luxembourg then train to Paris

Disembark your ship in Trier and drive to Luxembourg. Despite its size, Luxembourg is the most powerful investment management center throughout Europe. Enjoy a walking tour then lunch on your own. Afterwards, we'll hop on the train en route to the "city of love," Paris. **Meals B** 

#### **DAY 13**

# Paris & Boat Ride on Seine River

Drive to the Latin Quarter for a visit to the Cluny Museum before a private boat ride along the Seine River from Notre Dame to the Eiffel Tower. Drive through Paris for an orientation tour to see iconic masterpieces such as Arc de Triomphe and Palais Garnier. Explore Paris as you please then join us for a farewell dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD** 

# **DAY 14**

#### Journey Home

*Tour Ends: Paris, France.* A transfer from L'Hotel du Collectionneur to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Gare de Lyon Station, Charles de Gaulle Station and Gare du Nord Station is included. Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Tauck Exclusive events make a journey that visits romantic capitals all the more glamorous. Enjoy a private evening with dinner & a tour at Lobkowicz Palace at Prague Castle, as well as a private boat ride along the River Seine.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS PRAGUE OR PARIS - MS SAVOR / MS JOY

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 7*, 16	\$9,790	\$10,190	\$10,640	\$10,940	\$11,540	\$11,740	\$12,240
<b>Apr</b> 25* <b>Oct</b> 22	\$10,790	\$11,190	\$11,640	\$11,940	\$12,540	\$12,740	\$13,240
May 4 Jun 1*, 10 Sep 22* Oct 1, 13*	\$11,790	\$12,190	\$12,640	\$12,940	\$13,540	\$13,740	\$14,240

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# The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel

A favorite for first time river cruisers, follow the Rhine through four fabled countries, going Dutch in Amsterdam, dining in a castle in Germany, exploring La Petite France in Strasbourg and savoring Switzerland's Alpine gems.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,890 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner at Schloss Ehreshoven, a picture-perfect castle estate nestled at the edge of the Rhineland near Köln
- Glide through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, with onboard commentary by your Tauck Director
- Take a gondola ride to the top of Mt. Pilatus in the Swiss Alps descending by cogwheel train for a day in Lucerne or an Alsatian wine tasting excursion



# 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 aboard your riverboat this evening. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

### The art of daily life in Amsterdam

A scenic drive through Amsterdam precedes a choice of sightseeing excursions to explore as you wish. You can choose to take a boat cruise on Amsterdam's iconic grachten (canals), gliding past picturesque 17th-century canal houses, old merchant houses from the Dutch Golden Age, and charming bridges, before a guided tour at the famed Rijksmuseum to see world-famous works by the old Dutch Masters. Or, take a ferry ride to the countryside for a guided bicycle adventure steeped in nature, culture and history in North Holland, viewing polders, lush meadows, traditional farmhouses and quintessential Dutch villages along the way. Meet your riverboat in Utrecht for an afternoon and evening spent cruising to Germany. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

# A day in Köln & an exclusive dinner in the country

After a full morning of cruising and brunch onboard, arrive in Köln (Cologne) for a choice of an active or more leisurely guided walking tour that views landmark city sights including the immense twin-towered Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), whose construction took six centuries. Completed in 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 to explore on your own, enjoy a taste of royal life during a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner at Schloss Ehreshoven, located in a postcard-perfect estate setting surrounded by woodlands at the edge of the Rhineland. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

# Koblenz & the Middle Rhine Valley

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Koblenz. The city's roots go back to the days of the Romans, when its location made it a powerful one as the controller of trade along these major waterways. A choice of excursions today includes an independent clue-filled scavenger hunt with tastings at local shops and an opportunity to ride a cable car across the Rhine to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress amidst scenic views or a bicycling excursion\* along the Rhine-Lahn cycle path that follows 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 with castles, vineyards and small villages. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Amsterdam / Embark
- 2 Amsterdam or North Holland
- 3 Köln (Cologne)
- 4 Koblenz
- 5 Speyer or Heidelberg
- 6 Strasbourg / Baden-Baden
- 7 Lucerne or Alsatian wine route
  - 8 Disembark Basel







# Schloss Ehreshoven

Dine like royalty in the parkland setting of a moated 14th-century grand Baroque manor house during an exclusive reception and dinner for Tauck guests only.



# Strasbourg

Enjoy France for a day in La Petite France, viewing canals lined with 16th-century half-timbered houses and winstubs where Alsatian beer and camaraderie await.



# Bicycle like the locals do

Enjoy a bicycling excursion outside of Amsterdam; pedal to Riesling winelands on riverside trails in Koblenz, or discover Strasbourg on a locally guided bicycle ride.

#### DAY 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, including a visit to the impressive Technik Museum, dedicated to every form of technology that moves, from vintage cars to a space shuttle, and a walk to Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its natural glass windows and roof made entirely of stone. Or embark on 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 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 dinner onboard as your riverboat charts a course towards Strasbourg, France. Meals BLD

# DAY 6

# Sights of Strasbourg & Baden-Baden

Your day begins in the Alsatian cultural capital of Strasbourg, France, home to the charming canals and half-timbered houses of La Petite France, stately city residences, a Gothic cathedral, and welcoming winstubs. After guided sightseeing, enjoy free time to explore on your own. Alternatively, explore the sights on a locally guided bicycle excursion. This afternoon, enjoy an optional visit to the German spa resort town of Baden-Baden, on the edge of the Black Forest, for a walking tour and free time. Return to the ship for the chef's signature dinner and an evening of cruising. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 7

# Lucerne & Mt. Pilatus or Alsace Wine Route

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. Or, discover a taste of local life along the Alsace Wine Route, ranking among the most famous in Europe. Founded in 1953, it meanders through the famous



Savor the stunning Alpine views atop Mt. Pilatus, traveling up to the summit by gondola and descending back down by cogwheel train.

wine growing region and is France's oldest wine trail. Wine has a long-standing tradition in Alsace and the white wines are some of the best in Europe and the world, thanks to the regional weather conditions and rich diverse soil. 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 a French Alsatian town 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 toast followed by dinner aboard ship. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day

# 2025 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
<b>Aug</b> 6, 13	\$5,890	\$6,290	\$6,740	\$7,040	\$7,640	\$7,840	\$8,340
<b>Oct</b> 29	\$6,390	\$6,790	\$7,240	\$7,540	\$8,140	\$8,340	\$8,840
<b>Apr</b> 23 <b>Oct</b> 15	\$6,690	\$7,090	\$7,540	\$7,840	\$8,440	\$8,640	\$9,140
<b>May</b> 14, 21 <b>Sep</b> 3	\$7,190	\$7,590	\$8,040	\$8,340	\$8,940	\$9,140	\$9,640

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# The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam

Spend more time basking in Alpine beauty in Switzerland, before cruising to the Netherlands. Enjoy an exclusive Alsatian wine tasting in Colmar, cruise through vineyards, villages and fairy tale castles in the Middle Rhine Valley, wave at Dutch windmills and meet Golden Age artists at the Rijksmuseum.

**10 DAYS FROM \$6,990** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3 Railway to Jungfraujoch

- Journey to the highest railway station in Europe at the Jungfraujoch by cogwheel train for amazing views of the snow-clad Bernese Alps
- Spend a private evening with dinner and a tour at Schloss Ehreshoven, a grand Baroque estate in Engelskirchen
- Enjoy panoramic views when you cruise picturesque Lake Lucerne and on an orientation walk introducing you to key Lucerne sites

# Arrive Zürich & journey to Bern

*Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Hotel Bellevue Palace.* A transfer is included from Zürich Airport or the train station (Zürich or Bern Hauptbahnhof) to the Bellevue Palace Bern, surrounded by the Aare River and distant Alpine peaks. A landmark hotel for over 150 years, the beautiful Bellevue Palace is the official guest house of the Swiss government, and welcomes with views of the Bernese Alps and a history of hospitality that continues to attract celebrities and heads of state. Join us for a welcome dinner with musical entertainment at the hotel. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

# The Jungfraujoch 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 the Jungfraujoch, 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 Jungfraujoch, 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 the Parliament Building, the house where Einstein wrote his "Theory of Relativity," and the Zytglogge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. **Meals BL** 

#### **DAY 3**

#### A day in Lucerne / Embark ship

Drive to lakeside Lucerne for a boat cruise on Lake Lucerne, followed by a brief orientation walk, and time at leisure to stroll through Lucerne's market squares, seeing burghers' houses, church spires, and the ramparts of the medieval old town. If you wish, join your Tauck Director for a fast-paced walk to the Lion Monument and medieval city walls. Drive to Basel this afternoon to embark your ship. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Colmar in the Alsatian wine country

Dock in Breisach, then drive to Colmar, France, in Alsatian wine country. View its beautifully preserved medieval architecture, half-timbered houses and gardens, cobbled streets, arches and sculpted fountains on a choice of walking tours and enjoy 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 13th-century Isenheim Altarpiece. Sail through the Upper Rhine Plain this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Zürich / Bern Hotel Bellevue Palace
- 2 Jungfraujoch or Bern
- 3 Lucerne / Embark Basel
- 4 Breisach / Colmar
- 5 Karlsruhe / Baden-Baden
- 6 Rüdesheim / Middle Rhine Valley
- 7 Köln (Cologne)
- 8 Dordrecht / Kinderdijk
- 9 Amsterdam
- 10 Disembark Amsterdam

#### Map Detail



# A day in Baden-Baden

Arrive in the city of Karlsruhe and travel to the Belle Époque spa town of Baden-Baden at the edge of the Black Forest. 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. A choice of excursions includes a locally guided walking tour, time to enjoy the Caracalla Spa or a bicycling excursion along the Rhine, with an opportunity to explore Baden-Baden. Return late afternoon to your riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

# Rüdesheim & cruise the Middle Rhine Valley

Dock in the 1,000-year-old winemaking town of Rüdesheim for a choice of excursions with free time to explore the town on your own. Choose between a visit to Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, a museum dedicated to antique self-playing musical instruments, a visit to Rudesheimer Schloss, an active hike to Niederwalddenkmal or a scenic bike ride. Spend the afternoon cruising through the beautiful landscapes of the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Explore all that is Köln

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. A choice of excursions includes a walking tour of the Old Town or a walking tour focusing on 1,700 years of the city's Jewish history. This evening, 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 it's the setting for Tauck's exclusive dinner with live entertainment. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 8**

# The Kinderdijk Windmills

Spend the morning cruising before arriving in Dordrecht, an important trading port in the Middle Ages, and embarking on an excursion to learn about the windmills of Kinderdijk (Child's Dyke); the flat landscape, crisscrossed with canals, presents the largest concentration of historic windmills in

# The Jungfraujoch

Ride a cogwheel train up to the summit of the Jungfraujoch at the top of Europe, where breathtaking views of the Swiss Alps include the mountains' longest glacier, the first UNESCO Natural Heritage Site in the Alpine region. Enjoy time at leisure to visit the Ice Palace and the Sphinx Observatory for a memorable experience in one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

The Netherlands. Explore Kinderdijk on a walking tour and a canal boat ride, or on a two-hour bicycle excursion\* along the canals. 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. Dine at leisure aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 9**

#### Amsterdam's art, canals & more

Wake up in Amsterdam for 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*. Then, board a canal boat for a cruise along the city's historic 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. Your final evening aboard the riverboat includes a shanty choir performance during a farewell reception, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Amsterdam.* Disembark and 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







From the height of Alpine beauty atop the Jungfraujoch in Switzerland to the quintessential Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk and the architectural masterpieces in Köln, prepare to be dazzled.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS ZÜRICH - MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 7 Aug 11	\$6,990	\$7,390	\$7,840	\$8,140	\$8,740	\$8,940	\$9,440
<b>Apr</b> 28 <b>Aug</b> 25 <b>Oct</b> 20	\$7,590	\$7,990	\$8,440	\$8,740	\$9,340	\$9,540	\$10,040
<b>May</b> 12 Jun 23 Sep 8, 22	\$8,590	\$8,990	\$9,440	\$9,740	\$10,340	\$10,540	\$11,040

#### BEGINS ZÜRICH – MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 25	\$7,590	\$7,840	\$7,990	\$8,740	\$9,340	\$9,540	\$10,040

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 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 \$4,377.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Go to tauck.com for Amsterdam to Basel day-by-day details. 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. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.

# The Rhine and Moselle

Enjoy a leisurely cruise from the Netherlands to Switzerland, through Germany, France & Luxembourg; get a true taste of Europe with regional specialties, folk traditions & a special dinner at a castle in Germany.

**15 DAYS FROM \$8,790** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- 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, you'll have an opportunity to visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart to see a line-up of 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



# Arrive Amsterdam / Embark riverboat

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM.* 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** 

#### **DAY 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 head to 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** 

#### DAY 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 visit Paleis Het Loo, a palace built over 300 years ago for the royal family, with a tour of the gardens. 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** 

#### DAY 4

# Day of cruising & a castle dinner

Spend the morning cruising to Köln (Cologne). 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 park. Schloss Ehreshoven is often used as a film location, but this evening it's the elegant setting for an exclusive Tauck reception and dinner with entertainment. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

## A morning in Köln

Explore historic Köln (Cologne) on your choice of excursions; take 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 and enjoy dinner onboard. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

14 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Basel

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- Arrive Amsterdam
- 2 Amsterdam
- 3 Nijmegen

Day Destination

- 4 Cruising the Rhine
- 5 Köln (Cologne)
- 6 Cochem
- **7** Luxembourg
- 8 Trier
- 9 Koblenz
- ■10 Boppard
- 11 Heidelberg
- ■12 Baden-Baden or Stuttgart
- ■13 Strasbourg

Map Detail

- ■14 Basel or Zurich
- 15 Depart Basel

#### Basel to Amsterdam

Day Destination

- Arrive Basel
- Basel or Zurich
- Strasbourg
- 4 Baden-Baden or Stuttgart
- 5 Heidelberg
- 6 Boppard
- 7 Cochem
- 8 Luxembourg
- 9 Trier
  - ■10 Cruising the Moselle
  - 11 Köln (Cologne)
  - ■12 Nijmegen
  - 13 Amsterdam
  - 14 Amsterdam
  - 15 Depart Amsterdam



# Cochem & a wine museum or Reichsburg Castle

Cruise this morning with arrival in Cochem by the afternoon. Choose to explore the town center on a walking tour, or take a 10-mile electric bike ride from Cochem to Senheim. Afterward, it's your choice of either visiting the Schlagkamp Wine Museum, including a wine tasting, or taking a guided tour of the medieval Reichsburg Castle. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

## Journey to Luxembourg

After docking, travel to Luxembourg this morning for a choice of activities. Journey to the town of Luxembourg for a walking tour of the Old Town that includes the centuries-old battlements that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, visit the American Memorial Cemetery in Hamm before exploring the underground tunnels known as *kasematten*. Enjoy cocktails and drinks aboard your ship at your leisure this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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. This afternoon, join your Tauck Director for a walk into Koblenz. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Boppard & The Lorelei

Arrive in Boppard for an orientation tour, followed by a choice to view the Middle Rhine on a four-hour bicycling excursion\* or remain on the ship to cruise along the valley. Listen to the legend of the Lorelei as you see for yourself why this beautiful part of the river is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Everyone meets in Bingen where dinner aboard ship is at leisure. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### Heidelberg or a family winery visit

This morning, choose to visit a family-owned winery right outside Heidelberg and sample wine, or enjoy a full day in Heidelberg where a tour with a local guide includes a funicular ride to the famed hilltop castle, Heidelberger Schloss, for a visit and lunch. **Meals BLD** 

# **Cruising the Moselle River**

Slower paced than its neighboring river the Rhine, but infinitely more charming, the Moselle begins in France, traverses Luxembourg and on into Germany where it slowly flows from Trier to Koblenz. The view is picturesque, from medieval villages that line the shore or hillsides lush with vineyards and castle ruins keeping eternal watch; the pace is slower and the experience... memorably enchanting.

#### **DAY 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. This evening, join us for the Chef's Signature Dinner. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 13**

#### A taste of France in Strasbourg

Wake up in Strasbourg, France, today for a walking tour of the Old Town and see the Cathedral, followed by a visit to a WWII bunker. Alternatively, take a bicycle ride to view the picturesque, half-timbered houses, and charming small streets of La Petite France with free time to explore Strasbourg on your own. Dinner is on the ship. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 14**

# Basel or Zurich

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

### **DAY 15**

#### Journey Home

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

Indicates Cruise Day







Cruising the Rhine and Moselle brings discoveries such as Trier Saint Peter's Cathedral, the oldest church in Germany, or a visit to Schlagkamp Wine Museum that rewards with a tasting of their famous Riesling.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BASEL – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 23	\$8,790	\$9,430	\$10,170	\$10,550	\$11,340	\$11,540	\$12,740
May 28 Jun 11 Sep 3 Oct 1*	\$9,490	\$10,130	\$10,870	\$11,250	\$12,040	\$12,240	\$13,440

\*Indicates Basel to Amsterdam Northbound direction

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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# Rhine Enchantment Amsterdam to Milan

Explore five countries from Switzerland to the Netherlands including three nights in the fashion capital, Milan, and a private cruise on the beautiful Lake Como. Art, cuisine & wine are enjoyed in some of the world's most picturesque landscapes, where stories unfold around you.

11 DAYS FROM \$7,790 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

# Uniquely Tauck

no di Milano

- Join us for an exclusive gala dinner with entertainment at a historic palace
- A private viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper* at the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent
- Enjoy a private boat ride on Lake Como including a lake-view lunch with time to explore Bellagio
- Explore Düsseldorf's Medienhafen on a walking tour to view modern architectural masterpieces

# Arrive Amsterdam / Embark ship

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM.* Transfers are included from Schiphol Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat. We invite you to join us this evening for a welcome reception followed by dinner onboard. **Meals D** 

#### **DAY 2**

## Amsterdam & its canals

This morning, enjoy a canal boat cruise with refreshments onboard, passing gabled merchants' houses. Next, explore Amsterdam on a locally guided walking tour of the Jordaan neighborhood that's filled with indie boutiques, cozy pubs and unique eateries. Enjoy time at leisure before sailing for Düsseldorf this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

# A choice of discoveries in Düsseldorf

After a morning of cruising and an onboard lecture from your Tauck Director, arrive 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, enjoy dinner at leisure as your ship cruises to the Middle Rhine Valley. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

# Middle Rhine Valley & a palace dinner

Today, enjoy a day of cruising 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 in Wiesbaden and join us for an Tauck Exclusive evening at a historic palace with dinner and entertainment. (Certain departure dates will have their gala evening at an alternative venue, please inquire at time of booking.) **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 5**

# **Charming Heidelberg**

Arrive in Mannheim 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, rebuilt during the 18th century; and follow

# Voyage at a glance

Milan to Amsterdam

1 Arrive Milan

2 Lake Como

Train to Basel /

Embark Basel

3 Milan

5 Basel

Alsace

Heidelberg

Düsseldorf

Amsterdam

Amsterdam

11 Depart / Disembark

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Hotel Principe di Savoia

Cruise the Middle Rhine

Day Destination

7 Cruise Days

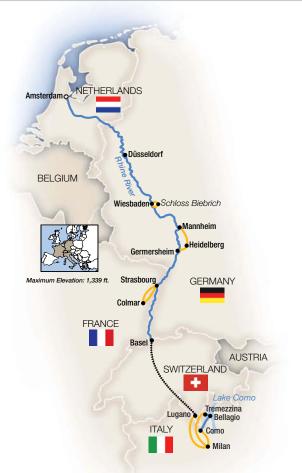
#### Amsterdam to Milan

- 1 Arrive / Embark Amsterdam
- 2 Amsterdam

Day Destination

- 3 Düsseldorf
- 4 Cruise the Middle Rhine
- 5 Heidelberg
- 6 Alsace
- 7 Basel
- 8 Disembark / Travel to Milan Hotel Principe di Savoia
- 9 Lake Como
- 10 Milan
- 11 Depart Milan

#### Map Detail



in the footsteps of Mark Twain, Goethe and the painter William Turner who was inspired by the landscapes you'll see today. Have lunch at a local restaurant, with time at leisure to experience this riverside city as you wish. Cocktails and dinner are served back aboard your riverboat, followed by evening entertainment as your cruise continues to Strasbourg, France this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

### Explore the Alsatian wine route

This morning, your riverboat arrives in historic Strasbourg, France for a choice of excursions. Choose to explore here on a guided bicycle excursion that includes Old Town and the medieval alleys, half-timbered houses dressed in sherbet colors and a grand Gothic cathedral that dates back to1439. Alternatively, drive out to the Alsace wine region and tour the town of Colmar, followed by a lunch and tasting at a local countryside winery. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 dates 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** 

#### DAY 8

# By rail through the Alps & on to Milan

After breakfast, disembark for a scenic train ride to the stunning lakeside city of Lugano, for lunch and free time to explore. This afternoon, drive across the border into Italy for arrival in Milan, a city that reigns as a world capital of fashion and design. 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). Begin your three night stay at Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan, a splended restored neoclassical hotel. **Meals B** 

# A gala evening at Schloss Biebrich

The Biebrich Palace in Wiesbaden-Biebrich, Germany is located directly on the banks of the Rhine with an extensive castle park. It was built in 1702 by Prince Georg August Samuel and served as a ducal residence for the independent Duchy of Nassau from 1816 to 1866. Tauck guests enjoy an exclusive private dinner with entertainment, and an opportunity to explore its magnificent three-wing baroque rooms.

# DAY 9

# Villas & villages of Lake Como

Drive to Tremezzina for a full day tour of the beautiful Lake Como region. Begin with a boat ride for bellissima Bellagio, taking in the mountainscape that surrounds you, followed by free time in this town known as the "Pearl of the Lake". Continue on your cruise en route to a private lunch at a restaurant on the shores of the lake. Return to Milan for a free evening to explore and dine as you please. **Meals BL** 

#### **DAY 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 Piazzo del Duomo, home to the Gothic Cathedral of Milan, il Duomo. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. 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, via Montenapoleone, via Manzoni, and Corso Venezia. Be sure to taste the traditional flavors – sipping a Campari bitter apéritif and sampling dishes like yellow risotto and ossobuco. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner this evening at your hotel. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 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 three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Cruise beyond the Rhine on your journey from Amsterdam to Basel; explore the bustling city of Amsterdam on a private boat ride through its canals, and enjoy the peaceful waters of Lake Como with panoramic views of the Alps.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

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

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 2*, 16*	\$7,790	\$8,190	\$8,640	\$8,940	\$9,540	\$9,740	\$10,240
<b>Oct</b> 22*, 26	\$7,990	\$8,390	\$8,840	\$9,140	\$9,740	\$9,940	\$10,440
<b>Aug</b> 20*	\$8,390	\$8,790	\$9,240	\$9,540	\$10,140	\$10,340	\$10,840
May 7*, 18 Sep 14 Oct 1*	\$8,790	\$9,190	\$9,640	\$9,940	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,240

#### BEGINS MILAN OR AMSTERDAM - MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 17	\$7,790	\$8,040	\$8,190	\$8,940	\$9,540	\$9,740	\$10,240
<b>Apr</b> 20* <b>Jun</b> 29*	\$8,390	\$8,640	\$8,790	\$9,540	\$10,140	\$10,340	\$10,840
<b>May</b> 4*, 8	\$8,790	\$9,040	\$9,190	\$9,940	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,240

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# Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels

Get ready to indulge in Swiss bliss in Montreux, Alsatian specialties in Strasbourg, Middle Rhine beauty, a taste of Düsseldorf, a private island castle in Gorinchem, art and ale in Antwerp and Belgian treats in Brussels.

11 DAYS FROM \$7,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Experience a taste of Swiss wine centuries in the making when you explore the historic Lavaux Vineyards aboard a mini train or on 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 Le Montreux Palace, ideally located on Lake Geneva



# Arrive Geneva / Montreux

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Fairmont Montreux Palace. A transfer is included from Geneva Airport, Geneva train station (approx. 1.5 hour drive) or Montreux train station to award-winning Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, ideally located in Montreux and nestled on the shores of Lake Geneva in Switzerland, overlooking the Alps. Opened in 1906, this historic hotel has hosted countless stars and dignitaries and continues to garner acclaim as one of the top resort hotels in Switzerland. Set amidst stunning Alpine scenery, Montreux is renowned for its annual Jazz Festival when the town comes alive, day and night, with music. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your elegant hotel. Please note that this two-week festival officially begins on July 4 in 2025, when the city literally buzzes with more travelers and loud music; if you wish to attend the festivities on the July 3 departure, you'll have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the festival starting mid-April 2025, when the program will be announced. Meals D

#### DAY 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 your leisure in Montreux. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 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. Walk to the covered market with a local guide, before experiencing a multimedia tour with a local expert who shares insights on Queen, Freddie Mercury and the time the band spent in Montreux; during your tour, you will be supplied with a small tablet to see videos and photos that are not available to the general public, and listen to the music they made here. Or,

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

Day Destination

#### Montreux to Brussels

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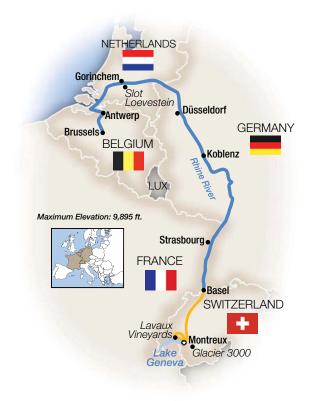
- 1 Arrive Geneva / Montreux Fairmont Le Montreux Palace
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#### **Brussels to Montreux**

Day Destination

- Arrive Brussels
- 2 Brussels / Antwerp
- Gorinchem
- 4 Düsseldorf
- 5 Middle Rhine Valley
- 6 Mannheim
- 7 Strasbourg
  - 8 Basel / Montreux Fairmont Le Montreux Palace
  - 9 Lavaux Vineyards
- 10 Glacier 3000
- 11 Depart Montreux

#### Map Detail



venture to Glacier 3000 in the Swiss Alps for an 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. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you wish. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 4

# Château Chillon / Embark ship in Basel

After breakfast, visit nearby Chillon Castle located 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. Then, 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** 

#### DAY 5

# Specialties of Strasbourg, France

Spend the morning in Strasbourg, disembarking for a choice of excursions after breakfast. Join a local guide for an epicurean-inspired walking tour of its city center, along with tastings of wine, cheese and other Alsatian specialties. Or do as the locals do and explore the sights by bicycle as your local guide leads the way. Return to your riverboat for lunch and an afternoon of onboard activities. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

# Cruise the Middle Rhine Valley

Spend a leisurely morning cruising through the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage region. 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 a self-guided, clue-filled scavenger hunt in town. Enjoy dinner and musical entertainment onboard ship. **Meals BLD** 

## DAY 7

# A taste of Düsseldorf

Wake up in Düsseldorf, known for its charming Altstadt (Old Town) and avant-garde architecture. Walk off the riverboat for a walking tour focused on the city's history, architecture and culinary traditions or a bicycling excursion along the 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. **Meals BLD** 

# Fairmont Montreux Palace

Built in 1906 on the shores of Lake Geneva in the heart of Montreux, Fairmont Le Montreux Palace is a jewel of Belle-Époque architecture, steeped in history and tradition amidst breathtaking scenic views. A favorite Swiss retreat for celebrities, musicians and dignitaries for over a century and an expansive spa designed to pamper and delight, you'll enjoy a most memorable three-night stay inside and out!

#### DAY 8

# Gorinchem & a private island castle

Join a local guide for a walking tour of Gorinchem, voted "the most beautiful fortified town in the Netherlands," followed by free time to explore as you wish. Join us tonight on a private island open only to Tauck as you enjoy a, exclusive reception and dinner at 14th-century Slot Loevestein. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 9**

# A choice of activities in Antwerp

With a history dating to the Middle Ages, the port city of Antwerp was one of Europe's most important cities in the mid-16th century. Join a local guide for a walking tour of Old Town or 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. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Savor breathtaking Alpine views of Lake Geneva from your accommodations at the Fairmont Montreux Palace, an authentic taste of daily life and beer in Dusseldorf, and an unforgettable peak-to-peak walk across a bridge at Glacier 3000.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR MONTREUX - MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 3, 13*	\$7,990	\$8,390	\$8,640	\$9,750	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,940

#### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR MONTREUX - MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 5 <b>Jul</b> 27	\$7,990	\$8,630	\$9,370	\$9,750	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,940
<b>Aug</b> 17 Oct 5	\$8,390	\$9,030	\$9,770	\$10,150	\$10,940	\$11,140	\$12,340
<b>May</b> 25 Jun 8	\$8,990	\$9,630	\$10,370	\$10,750	\$11,540	\$11,740	\$12,940

\*Indicates Brussels to Montreux southbound direction.

Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

25 meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 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 \$5,186.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Go to tauck.com for Brussels to Montreux day-by-day details; north and south itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. 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. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Flidden Waterways of Flanders and Holland

Venture off the beaten path along the inland waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands where daily life unfolds in bicycle rides and guided visits in Dutch villages, culinary tastings in Belgium and Antwerp, a canal boat ride in Amsterdam and a castle dinner on a private island, Tauck only.

8 DAYS FROM \$4,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Discover the gems of Rotterdam on an architecture themed tour or a beer tasting tour at city breweries, traveling on foot and by water
- Explore the quintessentially Dutch town of Gorinchem, flower filled and waving with windmills
- 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

# 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** 

#### **DAY 2**

# Discover the best of 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 on a locally guided tour, from its Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture to the Guild Houses lining Grand-Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or join a local guide on a walking tour of city sights. 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** 

#### DAY 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 one 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 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 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. Spend the afternoon exploring as you wish; a shuttle will be available to bring you back to the riverboat. Enjoy the chef's signature dinner tonight before the ship sets sail for Bruges. Meals BLD

#### DAY 4

#### Sightseeing in Bruges & Ghent

Arrive this morning in Ghent, Belgium, for a day of Belgian delights. Drive to Bruges, renowned as one of Europe's best preserved cities, for a walking tour. Stroll down 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.

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

Day Destination

- Arrive Brussels
- 2 Brussels
- 3 Antwerp
- Ghent / Bruges
- **5** Gorinchem
- 6 Rotterdam or Leiden
- 7 Amsterdam
  - 8 Depart Amsterdam

#### Map Detail





# Slot Loevestein

Spend the evening on a private island open only for Tauck, enjoying an exclusive dinner at a 14th-century castle surrounded by a nature reserve.



# Rijksmuseum

Enjoy a guided visit to the Rijksmusem in Amsterdam, viewing world famous art works by the Old Dutch Masters, including Rembrandt, Vermeer and Jan Steen.



# Bruges

Explore the city of Bruges, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a walking tour with a local expert. Or, embark on walking tours in both Bruges and Ghent, with a local guide; Ghent's pedestrian-only historic center invites with medieval architecture and centuries-old guild halls line the harbor. Enjoy lunch as you wish before time at leisure this afternoon. If you wish, join our local guide for a bicycle ride into the beautiful Belgian countryside. Have cocktails and dinner onboard as your riverboat charts a course towards the pretty town of Gorinchem tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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 guintessential 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, before visiting Hendrick Hamel Museum and the Hidden Church. Explore as you wish this afternoon and join 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

# DAY 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 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 on an architecture-themed tour or an actively paced beer tasting tour at various city breweries, traveling on foot and by water taxi. 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 as the ship sets sail for Amsterdam. **Meals BLD** 



Discover quintessential Dutch landscapes such as windmills that drain the polders and reclaim land from the sea.

# 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 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 on a choice of excursions, including 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, followed by free time to explore as you wish. Or, join a local guide on a bicycle excursion that takes you outside of the city to Vollendam; discover how water interacts with connecting dikes, windmills and small bridges along the bike path and visit a local farm to learn about cheesemaking before returning to Amsterdam for time at leisure. Back aboard ship, enjoy a farewell toast before dinner. Meals BLD

#### DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS BRUSSELS - MS INSPIRE / MS GRACE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Aug</b> 6	\$4,990	\$5,390	\$5,840	\$6,140	\$6,740	\$6,940	\$7,440
<b>Aug</b> 27 Oct 15	\$5,790	\$6,190	\$6,640	\$6,940	\$7,540	\$7,740	\$8,240
<b>Jun</b> 4, 18	\$5,990	\$6,390	\$6,840	\$7,140	\$7,740	\$7,940	\$8,440

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#### 2025 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 \$2,190.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat

A legendary cruise along the Rhine, Main and Danube through five countries where you'll explore grand cathedrals, medieval monasteries, castles, vineyards, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

15 DAYS FROM \$8,390 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- An exclusive gala evening at Vienna's opulent Palais Pallavicini featuring dinner and live music
- 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



# 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** 

#### **DAY 2**

# The canal city of Amsterdam

Enjoy a tour of Amsterdam this morning that includes a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum to 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 before driving to Nijmegen to rejoin your riverboat. Dine at leisure onboard. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

# Modern & ancient history in Köln

After a morning of cruising, arrive in Köln (Cologne), the oldest city in Germany, where a guided walking tour of city sights takes you by the twin-spired Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), with free time to explore Cathedral Square and the Hohe Strasse pedestrian area this afternoon. Join us for dinner aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 instruments housed in a 15th-century castle in Rüdesheim. Alternatively, head out on a bicycling excursion followed by free time to explore on your own. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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 hearing lectures from your Tauck Director on the sights you will discover along the way. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

# Rothenburg or Würzburg

Arrive in Würzburg for a choice of excursions. Visit the town's 18th-century Residenz, a lavish Baroque palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site, or, drive to the fairy tale town of Rothenburg, nestled on Germany's "Romantic Road," for a walking tour, and time at leisure. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

14 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Budapest

1 Embark Amsterdam

- 2 Amsterdam
- 3 Köln

4 Rüdesheim

Day Destination

- 5 Cruise the Main River
- 6 Würzburg or Rothenburg
- 7 Bamberg
- 8 Nürnberg
- 9 Regensburg
- ■10 Passau or Salzburg
- 11 Melk / Vienna
- ■12 Vienna
- 13 Bratislava
- ■14 Budapest
- 15 Disembark Budapest

#### **Budapest to Amsterdam**

Day Destination

- Embark Budapest
- 2 Budapest
- Bratislava / Vienna
- 4 Vienna
- 5 Dürnstein / Melk
- 6 Passau or Salzburg
- 7 Regensburg
- 8 Nürnberg
- 9 Bamberg
- 10 Würzburg or Rothenburg
- 11 Cruise the Main River
- 12 Rüdesheim
- 13 Köln
- ■14 Amsterdam
- 15 Disembark Amsterdam



Map Detail

# **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). **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 cruises through the Main-Danube Canal, which links the North Sea with the Black Sea. Learn about the canal from a local expert, passing through 16 locks as you traverse the mountains. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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. A local guide will walk you by the town's 12th-century stone bridge, 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** 

#### **DAY 10**

# Passau or Salzburg

Arrive in the city of Passau, which dates back to Roman times. You have the choice of a walking tour that reveals Baroque treasures such as the town hall with its stained glass windows and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to the biggest cathedral organ in the world (inside cathedral visit may not be available on all departures); alternatively, you can take a guided bicycling excursion around the city, or go on a full-day sightseeing excursion to the Austrian city of Salzburg, birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Enjoy musical entertainment onboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 Baroque Palais Pallavicini in the heart of the city, featuring dinner in a gilded ballroom with classical music and dance performances. **Meals BLD** 

# **Cruising the Main River**

As the longest tributary of the Rhine, the Main River flows north connecting the Rhine and Danube rivers. Quaint medieval villages with ancient castles line the Main and are a true testimony to Germany's history and culture. As you cruise, enjoy a talk by your Tauck Director and marvel at the modern engineering system that's made cross-continent riverboating possible.

### **DAY 12**

# An "Imperial" day in Vienna

Enjoy learning about Vienna on a sightseeing tour of this former capital of the Habsburg Empire. Choose a tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' vast "summer residence", or a guided visit to the Sisi Museum and the Imperial Apartments inside the Hofburg. Explore the city or return to the riverboat. Dine aboard the ship tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 15**

# Journey Home

*Tour ends: Budapest. Disembark in Budapest by 9:00 AM.* A transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or Budapest Keleti Railway Station. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B** 







Ancient architectural treasures lie along the Main, Rhine, & Danube rivers on your journey. Discover Bamberg, Germany, a town laid out over 7 hills with preserved structures from the 11th to 19th centuries, & the Melk Abbey in Austria, founded in 1089.

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUDAPEST – MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Oct</b> 19	\$8,390	\$8,790	\$9,040	\$10,150	\$10,940	\$11,140	\$12,340
Jun 15 Oct 5*	\$9,590	\$9,990	\$10,240	\$11,350	\$12,140	\$12,340	\$13,540
<b>May</b> 18* <b>Sep</b> 7*, 21	\$9,790	\$10,190	\$10,440	\$11,550	\$12,340	\$12,540	\$13,740

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

41 meals (14 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 14 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 \$3,383.

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# Grand European Cruise

For 25 days – on one extraordinary river cruise along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers – you'll explore nine European countries from the Black Sea to the North Sea – and return home with a comprehensive, in-depth connection to Europe's most exciting capital cities and old-world towns.

25 DAYS FROM \$14,690 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

Vachau Valle

- Tauck Exclusive evenings include a dinner at the Royal White Palace in Belgrade, an exclusive welcome evening at Bragadiru Palace in Bucharest, and in Vienna, a private evening with dinner and classical music at a beautiful Viennese palace
- Meet a Croatian family in their home who share their insights into the 1990s war
- Enjoy more active shore excursion choices such as bicycling along the rivers

## Voyage at a glance

21 Cruise Days

#### Amsterdam to Bucharest

Day Destination

- Arrive Amsterdam
- 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 InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest
- 23 Transylvania, Sinaia or Targoviste
- 24 Bucharest
- 25 Depart Bucharest

#### Bucharest to Amsterdam

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Bucharest InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest
- 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
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- ■23 Köln
- 24 Amsterdam
- 25 Disembark Amsterdam





#### Bragadiru Palace Evening in Bucharest

Attend a Tauck Exclusive evening in the elegant ballroom of Bragadiru Palace in Bucharest, where dinner and musical entertainment highlight an extraordinary night.



#### Private Evening, Royal White Palace

Dine 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 Serbia's Crown Prince.



#### Exclusive Evening – Palais Pallavicini, Vienna

A special evening, in a gilded ballroom at a private palace in Vienna, includes a reception, silver service dinner, and a classical music performance. Navigate the heart of Europe on a continuous voyage along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers aboard ms *Treasures*, exploring medieval towns, cathedrals, palaces, and some of the world's favorite 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 the itineraries of two of our most popular river cruises, *Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat* and *Budapest to the Black Sea*.

When you travel westbound, you begin with a three-night stay at InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest, in the heart of the city center within Romania's capital city – and a spectacular welcome evening at Bragadiru Palace. Discover resort towns along Romania's Black Sea Coast and on a choice of sightseeing, visit Bran Castle – or Peles Castle – or Târgoviste Citadel, court of the "real" *Dracula*.

Cruising onward to Bulgaria, hike to the celebrated Rock Churches of Ivanovo or take a walking tour of lovely Ruse. In Serbia, attend 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. You'll have an opportunity in Croatia to speak with a family in their home, who share how their lives were rebuilt in post-war Vukovar.

In Hungary, a visit to antiquities and then a winery precede two days in Budapest exploring both sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest. A fascinating walking tour with a local guide in Bratislava, Slovakia reveals its turbulent past – and is followed by an exclusive evening at a Viennese palace. Learn about the Main-Danube Canal as you travel through it, then cruise the picturesque Upper Middle Rhine Valley and hear the legend of the Lorelei, winding your way along the Rhine to conclude your cruise in Amsterdam with a boat ride on 17th-century canals and a guided visit to the famed Rijksmuseum.

Throughout your cross-continent cruise you'll also have opportunities to delve into history at iconic sites such as the ancient Christian antiquities in Pecs; Regensburg's private Thurn und Taxis Palace; 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey; the Habsburgs' Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna; the wine town of Rüdesheim, wine tasting at the Residenz in Baroque Würzburg, and Köln in Germany; and in historic "Old Towns" along the rivers.

Please go to tauck.com for complete details.







Your 25-day travels take you to Europe's picturesque towns, such as Regensburg; to off-the-beaten-track locales such as Bran Castle in Romania; or to experience famed art by the Dutch Masters on a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUCHAREST - MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 27	\$14,690	\$15,340	\$15,740	\$17,600	\$18,990	\$19,390	\$21,090
Aug 14*	\$15,290	\$15,940	\$16,340	\$18,200	\$19,590	\$19,990	\$21,690

\*Indicates Bucharest to Amsterdam westbound direction

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

67 meals (24 Breakfasts, 21 Lunches & 22 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 USD \$5,969.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. You'll find complete day-by-day itinerary details at tauck.com; 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

Paris, River Seine

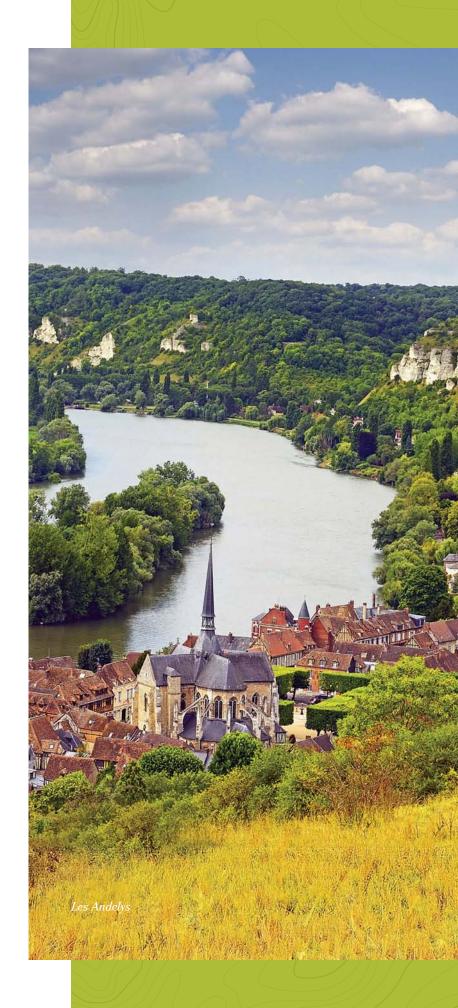
# Rivers of France

## Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy

Follow the Seine through Normandy exploring timeless stories that define Northern France – from the beaches of D-Day to travels along the Cider Route to an evening at a private château... and fabulous Paris.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,190 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Attend a private tour and evening of dinner and music at Château du Taillis
- Tauck Exclusive! Enjoy an early-opening visit to Monet's house and gardens in Giverny, where the artist's famous landscapes come to life
- Guided visits include historic Rouen, and a visit to a farm along Normandy's Cider Route
- A local expert accompanies your visit to the World War II beaches of Normandy, with special insights and stories about the June 6, 1944 historic events



#### 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** 

#### **DAY 2**

#### Sightseeing in Paris

Paris is home to charming arrondissements and instantly recognizable icons, from the Arc de Triomphe watching over the Champs-Élysées to the lamp-lit bridges spanning the beautiful waters of the River Seine. You'll have a choice of excursions this morning, including 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 visit Musée de L'Orangerie, an art gallery featuring Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings, located in the west corner of the Tuileries Garden next to the Place de la Concorde. Return to the riverboat late afternoon and spend the evening at leisure as you chart a course along the Seine for a visit to the inimitable Château de Versailles. Meals BLD

#### DAY 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

## Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- 1 Embark Paris
- 2 Paris
- 3 Versailles
- 4 Rouen / Duclair
- 5 Caudebec-en-Caux
- 6 Les Andelys / Vernon
- 7 Vernon / Giverny / Paris
- 8 Disembark Paris



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.



#### Exclusive early opening visit in Giverny

Monet's Giverny home and gardens are still very much the same as when artist Claude Monet first painted them; on a private early-opening visit – before the crowds of the day – you'll have an opportunity to explore his beloved gardens at a leisurely pace and discover your own inspiration.



#### 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. Travel Normandy's Cider Route and learn about cider-making; visit a farm and learn the secrets – and of course, enjoy a tasting.



#### Château de Versailles

A visit to Château de Versailles reveals the story of French kings and an extraordinary palace of excessive luxury, from the lavish Hall of Mirrors to the state apartments, the Gold Room or the terraced landscaped gardens; you'll have an opportunity to explore on foot or by bicycle.

#### DAY 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 Château du Taillis - a Renaissance treasure renowned for its lovely setting, stately gardens and arboretum. Meals BLD

#### DAY 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 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 vour riverboat back in Caudebec-en-Caux. Meals BLD

#### DAY 6

#### Les Andelys and 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.



When you spend a day exploring Paris, viewing landmark sites on an orientation tour makes your visit memorable.

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, enjoy entertainment in the lounge. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 and the water lily pond (perhaps you viewed the murals of Monet's water lilies during your visit to Musée de l'Orangerie). Return to the riverboat, where you can attend a painting class led by an American artist who lives in 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

#### DAY 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** 

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS PARIS - MS SAPPHIRE / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 28 <b>Aug</b> 4	\$5,190	\$5,440	\$5,590	\$6,340	\$6,940	\$7,140	\$7,640
<b>Aug</b> 22 <b>Oct</b> 27	\$5,490	\$5,740	\$5,890	\$6,640	\$7,240	\$7,440	\$7,940
<b>Apr</b> 19, 23	\$5,990	\$6,240	\$6,390	\$7,140	\$7,740	\$7,940	\$8,440
May 18, 23 Jun 17 Sep 7, 23 Oct 4	\$6,790	\$7,040	\$7,190	\$7,940	\$8,540	\$8,740	\$9,240

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#### 2025 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 \$2,506.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays; for this reason, the day-by-day itineraries may differ for certain departures – because of Versailles closings on Mondays, or special events, the order of the cruise days may be different. 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 change. Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.

## Rendezvous on the Seine

Cruise round trip from Paris and be inspired, as artists were, by the Seine landscapes. Get insights into WWII at Mémorial de Caen, the D-Day beaches and the American Cemetery. Learn about Joan of Arc at Rouen, 1,800 years of Jumièges Abbey, the importance of cider and more.

**10 DAYS FROM \$6,390** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

### Honfleur

- 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 château is an architectural showcase
- A Tauck Exclusive early-opening tour of artist Claude Monet's beloved house and gardens in Giverny includes sites that inspired his paintings
- A guided tour through 400-year-old Château de Versailles reveals centuries of history, from Louis XIV, to the 20th century and beyond

#### 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** 

#### **DAY 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 your afternoon is spent at one of the city's famed museums (details to follow) or free for you to explore as you please. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 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** 

#### DAY 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. After lunch, enjoy time to explore Rouen on your own. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 5**

#### Mémorial de Caen or seaside Honfleur

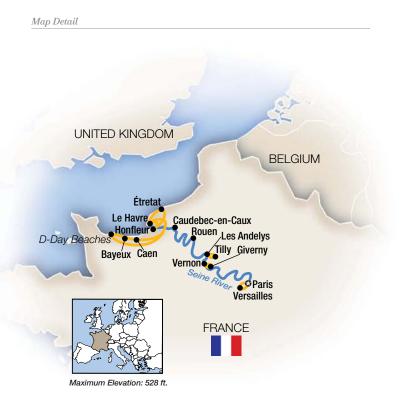
After you dock today it's your choice of included shore excursions. Drive to Caen for a guided visit of the Mémorial de Caen, a museum and war memorial commemorating

## Voyage at a glance

#### 9 Cruise Days

Day Destination

- Arrive Paris / 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
- Giverny / Paris
- 10 Disembark Paris





#### Exclusive evening at Château du Taillis

Spend an exclusive evening at a 16th-century Renaissance château that was built atop the foundation of a fortified 13th-century castle set on a park-like estate. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive night at the château – attend a private reception and dinner, complete with music.



#### Poignant visit to Normandy

A visit to the code-named beaches of D-Day is a poignant experience; accompanied by a local guide well versed in World War II history and the region, you'll gain special insights into the historic events of June 6, 1944, including a visit to the Normandy American Cemetery.



#### Exploring Paris - your choice, three ways

You'll have sightseeing choices in Paris to personalize your Parisian experience... see the city's top sights and visit Les Invalides, final resting place of Napoleon Bonaparte – take a walking tour of the historic Marais district – or take a walking tour of the fascinating islands of Paris. World War II and dedicated to peace; it is regarded as one of the best World War II museums in France. Alternatively, you can 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. Back aboard ship, a lecture by our expert about D-Day provides insights into some of the sites you'll see during tomorrow's full day of guided exploration. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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

#### **DAY 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. Depart the clifftop for a taste of Normandy cider; with over two thousand varieties of apples, Normandy



Visit Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny before it opens to the public and view the inspiration for his paintings.

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; if you wish, join your Tauck Director for a walk in this historic town. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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. You'll find easels displaying works-in-progress in his garden studio, with time to walk pathways – without crowds – bordered seasonal blooms, and go through the tunnel that leads to the Water Garden and the oft-painted Japanese Bridge. Celebrate your final night along the Seine at the captain's farewell reception, which is followed by dinner, as you return to Paris. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Journey Home

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

Indicates Cruise Day

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS PARIS - MS SAPPHIRE / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 1 Jul 26 Aug 13	\$6,390	\$6,675	\$6,845	\$7,590	\$8,240	\$8,385	\$9,185
<b>Apr</b> 10 <b>Jul</b> 10 <b>Aug</b> 20	\$6,590	\$6,875	\$7,045	\$7,790	\$8,440	\$8,585	\$9,385
<b>Apr</b> 26 <b>Jun</b> 24 <b>Aug</b> 29 <b>Oct</b> 11, 18	\$7,190	\$7,475	\$7,645	\$8,390	\$9,040	\$9,185	\$9,985
<b>May</b> 5, 9, 30 <b>Jun</b> 3 <b>Sep</b> 7, 16, 30	\$7,790	\$8,075	\$8,245	\$8,990	\$9,640	\$9,785	\$10,585

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

26 meals (9 Breakfasts, 8 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 \$3,067.

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## Cruising the Seine, plus Paris & London

A tale of two cities and a 9-day river cruise on the Seine that winds through medieval towns and ports, experiencing stories of the past while connecting with life in the present.

12 DAYS FROM \$7,790 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Attend a private evening at Château du Taillis, including a tour, dinner and music – and have cocktails at historic Château de Bizy
- Enjoy an early-opening visit to artist Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny
- Normandy boasts over 50 varieties of apples enjoy a tasting tour at a farm along with a tasting of apple cider and Calvados, a brandy
- Spend two nights in the heart of London including an after-hours visit to the Churchill War Rooms



#### 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 3

#### Under the Channel to France / Embark

Depart London for passage to France via the *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, which is docked in Paris for the next two nights. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 4

#### The magnificent sights of Paris

A local guide shares insights on the architecture and history of Paris on a morning orientation tour, including sights such as 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** 

#### **DAY 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

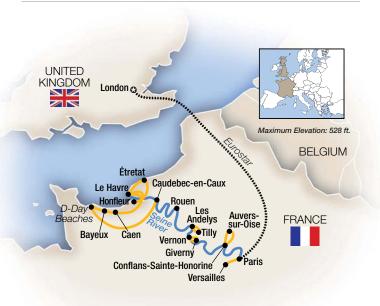
## Voyage at a glance

#### 9 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive London Rosewood London
- 2 London
- 3 London / Embark Paris
- 4 Paris
- 5 Paris / Versailles
- 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 Disembark Paris / Journey Home

#### Map Detail



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** 

#### DAY 6

#### Vincent van Gogh in Auvers-sur-Oise

Disembark for a drive to Auvers-sur-Oise, where the artist Vincent van Gogh spent his last days, for 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** 

#### DAY 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 as if you have 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. Return to Vernon for time to explore; if you wish, you can join your Tauck Director for a bicycle ride on a scenic path from Vernon to Giverny. We invite you to join us for a late afternoon cocktail reception at Château de Bizy, "the Versailles of Normandy" that was once home to Louis XV, prior to returning to your riverboat for the Chef's Signature dinner this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### Seaside Étretat or Caen Memorial

You'll have a choice of sightseeing excursions this morning. 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

#### After-hours - Churchill War Rooms

Your after-hours visit, when the crowds depart, provides the opportunity to step back in time and immerse in one of London's most significant sites. You'll explore both the Cabinet War Rooms and the award-winning Churchill Museum for behind-thescenes insights into how the British Government directed World War II – and into the man who directed the British government.

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** 

#### **DAY 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. See the cliffs at Pointe-du-Hoc, where US rangers, using ropes and ladders, scaled the steep terrain to capture German fortifications, and visit Omaha Beach. Pause at the American Cemetery and Memorial, overlooking Omaha Beach, and return to the riverboat for time at leisure. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### Chateau Gaillard and a sip of cider

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. In Tilly, visit a farm for a tasting tour of the apples grown 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 spirited Calvados, served with locally made pâté and confiture before your return sailing to Paris. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







In addition to the special evening at the Churchill War Rooms, highlights of your 12-day cruise include a poignant visit to the American Cemetery and Memorial in Normandy, and a unique walking tour in Auvers-sur-Oise focusing on Vincent van Gogh.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS LONDON - MS SAPPHIRE / MS ESPRIT

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 3 Jul 1, 17 Aug 2,9	\$7,790	\$8,075	\$8,245	\$8,990	\$9,640	\$9,785	\$10,585
<b>Apr</b> 12	\$8,190	\$8,475	\$8,645	\$9,390	\$10,040	\$10,185	\$10,985
<b>Apr</b> 28 <b>Aug</b> 27 <b>Oct</b> 18	\$8,790	\$9,075	\$9,245	\$9,990	\$10,640	\$10,785	\$11,585
May 12, 23 Jun 6 Sep 12, 23 Oct 7	\$9,490	\$9,775	\$9,945	\$10,690	\$11,340	\$11,485	\$12,285

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#### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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 \$5,588.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays; on select departures cruise day order may be different. 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 selections. Certain exceptions may apply (advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

## Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence

Discover the soul of Southern France – food, art, & wine – taking in all its delights along the Rhône River. Enjoy the birthplace of culinary art at the iconic institute, Le Cordon Bleu, a special evening with dinner at Fouquet's, and Provençal delights at a private ranch in The Camargue.

**10 DAYS FROM \$6,790** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Val d'Oingt France

- Enjoy an exclusive reception and gala dinner in the 12th-century Duché d'Uzès
- Celebrate Parisian cuisine flair with dinner at Fouquet's brasserie and a private pastry class at Le Cordon Bleu Paris
- Private wine tastings along the Rhône, the Beaujolais and Châteauneuf-du-Pape regions
- Visit a world famous food market, with an opportunity to visit a truffle farm with a tasting

#### 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. Culinary pleasures star tonight at our welcome reception and dinner at Fouquet's brasserie, famous for celebrity dining since 1908. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 3

#### Train to Lyon / Embark ship

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

#### DAY 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. But Lyon is also a city with a venerable history, as you'll discover on a sightseeing tour of Vieux Lyon, the old Renaissance section, 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** 

#### **DAY 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. 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

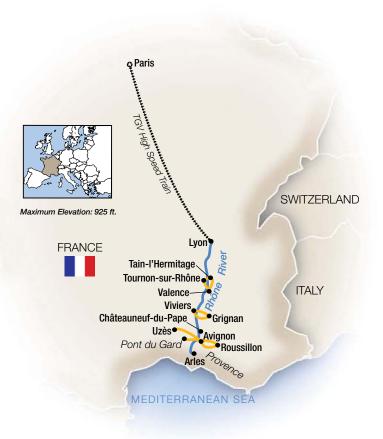
## Voyage at a glance

#### 7 Cruise Days

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Paris InterContinental Paris Le Grand
- 2 Paris
- 3 TGV to Lyon / Embark Lyon
- 4 Lyon
- **5** Viviers or Grignan
- 6 Arles / The Camargue
- 7 Avignon / Uzès
- 8 Roussillon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
- 9 Tain-l'Hermitage
- 10 Disembark Lyon







#### Private lunch at The Camargue

It begins with a horseback welcome, continues with a farm-fresh feast of locally produced Provençal fare and a heartfelt guitar serenade, and culminates in a display of skill by Provençal cowboys (known as gardians) that will have your heart racing at every turn.



#### Welcome dinner at Fouquet's in Paris

"A legendary address, an iconic culinary signature," Brasserie Fouquet's is the perfect setting for your first evening in Paris. Located on the Champs-Élysées. an evening of upscale gastronomy awaits at our welcome reception and dinner.



#### Gala evening at Duché d'Uzès

Expect to be wined and dined at a grand château that architecturally chronicles its long history. Your special evening will include a tour of the grounds, a reception and dinner in this fabulous 12th-century château, a historical landmark in the Rhône wine region. a lively game of *pétanque* (a form of *boules*, and a popular outdoor game shared among friends) with the locals. Or, drive to Grignan 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. Back aboard the riverboat, begin your cruise to Provence. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Arles & lunch at a ranch in The Camargue

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. 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 The Camargue includes farm-grown Provençal specialties and a musical serenade. As you cruise to Avignon, try your hand at painting a chocolate art piece. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Avignon & an evening at Duché d'Uzès

Your day in Avignon includes a few options. Enjoy a bicycling excursion\* amidst the pastoral landscapes outside of Avignon; take a walking tour of the fortress-like Palais des Papes, the largest Gothic palace in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; visit the historic district in Avignon to learn about and tour the Jewish provence; or tour Avignon on a mini train ride. Everyone gets to visit the Pont du Gard bridge, 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 - a Tauck Exclusive – at the Duché d'Uzès; a cocktail reception and a gala dinner in this 12th-century castle reveal aristocratic life from the Middle Ages through modern times. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 facades 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



Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive wine tasting with a sommelier at a private vineyard in the renowned Châteauneuf-du-Pape region.

vines to maturity. Taste some of the village's revered Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines at a premier wine estate before the Captain's signature dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 9

#### Tain-l'Hermitage

Dock in Tain-I'Hermitage in Côte du Rhône wine country. Your excursions choices today include a ride on a mini train through the vineyards with wine and cheese tastings. Alternatively, choose to take a mini train ride with a chocolate truffle class, or hike in Tain-I'Hermitage to learn about the history of wine in this region. This evening, we invite you to join us for a farewell reception and dinner aboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Lyon.* A transfer from your riverboat to Lyon Airport or Perrache or Part-Dieu train station is included. Please allow a minimum of three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### **BEGINS PARIS – MS EMERALD**

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 1 Jul 9 Aug 8, 15	\$6,790	\$7,040	\$7,190	\$7,940	\$8,540	\$8,740	\$9,240
<b>Apr</b> 26 Jun 27 Oct 1∕I, 1∕8	\$7,290	\$7,540	\$7,690	\$8,440	\$9,040	\$9,240	\$9,740
<b>May</b> 3, 28 <b>Sep</b> 9, 16	\$7,990	\$8,240	\$8,390	\$9,140	\$9,740	\$9,940	\$10,440

#### Sold Out /

8-day Cruise-only \$5,390 per person double

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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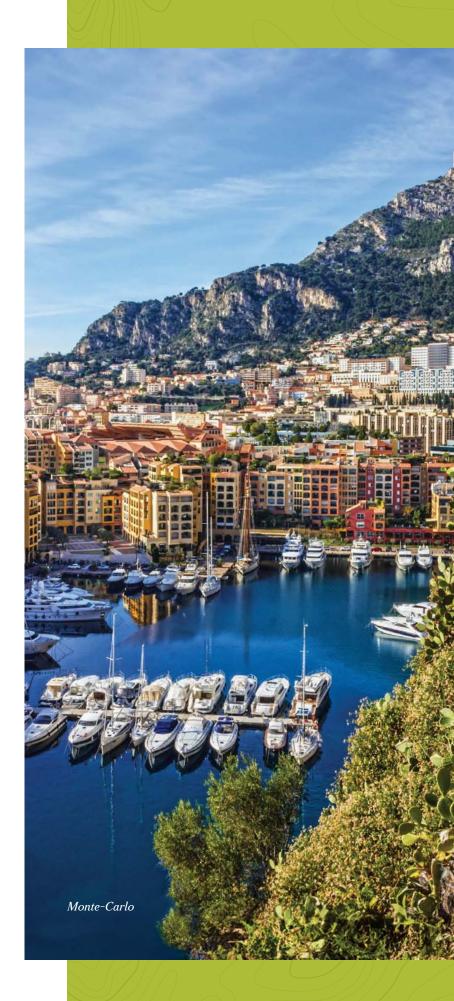
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## French Escapade: Paris to The Riviera

Experience the glamour of Paris, life along the Rhône and the storied charms of the French Riviera, with exclusive visits to a castle, a private ranch and vineyards along the way.

14 DAYS FROM \$8,590 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Attend an exclusive, private evening with a private tour, dinner and cocktails at Duché d'Uzès
- Taste daily life in Chalon-Sur-Saône on a walking tour that samples sweet and savory local specialties or enjoy 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 and black bulls, where local cowboys (gardians) demonstrate their many skills



#### Arrive Paris

*Tour begins: 6:30 PM, InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel or Hotel du Collectionneur.* A transfer from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Gare de Lyon Station, Charles de Gaulle Station or Gare du Nord Station to Tauck's premier hotel in the heart of the city, is included. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening at the landmark Brasserie Fouquet's on the Champs-Élysées. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

#### Paris sightseeing

Drive by the iconic sights of Paris on an orientation tour this morning that includes the Arc de Triomphe, Grand Palais, Place de la Concorde, Opera Garnier, the Eiffel Tower, and the Jardin des Tuileries, enjoying expert insights from your local guides along the way. Schedule and availability permitting, visit the Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay or one of Paris' other great museums before free time. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 3

#### TGV train to Lyon & Embark your riverboat

Enjoy a morning at leisure before boarding the high-speed TGV train to Lyon, where you'll embark your riverboat in late afternoon. After a safety briefing by your ship captain and crew, join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Chalon-sur-Saône or Rully & Beaune

Dock in Chalon-sur-Sâone this morning and drive to the walled city of Beaune for a locally guided walking tour. Visit the Hospices de Beaune (Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune), founded in 1443 as a hospital for the poor, viewing its turrets and multicolored tile roof on the outside and seeing the barrel-vaulted Grande Salle, the murals in the St-Hughes Room; its 18th-century pharmacy; and the multi-paneled painting of *The Last Judgement* by a 15th-century Flemish painter, inside. This afternoon you have a choice of wine tasting at a vineyard in Rully, Burgundy, or a walking tour of Chalon-sur-Saône that includes tastings at local culinary shops. Dine at your leisure aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 5**

#### Château de Cormatin in Burgundy

Disembark ship 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 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** 

## Voyage at a glance

9 Cruise Days

#### Paris to Cannes

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Paris InterContinental Paris – Le Grand
- 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 *Hôtel Martinez*
- 13 French Riviera
- 14 Depart Cannes



## Arrive Cannes Hôtel Martinez Paris

Cannes to Paris

Day Destination

- 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 to Paris InterContinental Paris – Le Grand
  - 13 Paris
  - 14 Depart Paris



#### Cluny Abbey

Arrive in Mâcon on the Saône River this morning for guided exploration in Cluny. During the reign of Charlemagne, monastic influences inspired a revival in art, education and culture; learn more on a visit to Cluny Abbey. Return to the riverboat for lunch an afternoon cruise to Lyon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Fourvière Hill and the historic Catholic Basilica, overlooking the city with views of ancient Roman theaters that are still in use today. Take a walking tour through Vieux Lyon, before lunch onboard ship. The riverboat departs for Vienne in late afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### A choice in Roman Vienne

Conquered by the Romans and transformed into a Roman colony in 47 BC under Julius Caesar, Vienne is a treasure trove of ancient sites. View the Corinthian columns of the Temple of Augustus and Livia, the Pyramid and Roman ruins on a walking tour with a local guide, and ride a small train to Mont Pipet to see the little temple and an ancient 13,000-seat theatre that dates back to the first century and still hosts events today. Alternatively, embark on a guided bicycle tour following part of the ViaRhôna cycling path system along the River Rhône. Return to the riverboat for lunch and continue on your cruise to Avignon. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### Avignon & a gala dinner in Uzès

A choice of sightseeing in Avignon includes a walking tour and visit inside the Palais des Papes; a walking tour of historic Avignon and the Jewish Provence with a visit to the Synagogue, services permitting; or a mini-train tour around the city. After a free afternoon to enjoy as you wish, join us for a night at the Duché d'Uzès, a medieval castle dating back to the 11th century for a Tauck Exclusive evening with a cocktail reception and gala dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 at a private vineyard with a sommelier who introduces you to locally produced Côtes du Rhône wines. Your riverboat leaves for Arles in late afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### **Explore the French Riviera**

Enjoy a taste of life on the French Riviera during a two-night stay at Tauck's hand-selected premier hotel, ideally located and inviting with personal discoveries of the glamorous Côte d'Azur. Experience the gems of Nice, Monaco and Monte-Carlo on a choice of walking tours and indulge in the beauty of the Mediterranean during a breathtaking oceanfront drive.

#### **DAY 11**

#### Arles & country life in the Camargue

Explore Arles today on a choice of a walking tour of its medieval streets with a visit to a Roman amphitheater, completed in 90 AD, or a challenging, two-hour bicycling excursion\* in the countryside. Then it's off to la Camargue, France's "Wild West," for a private Provençal lunch and cowboy demonstration at a working ranch. Enjoy music by an accordionist onboard ship late this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 12

#### Aix-en-Provence and on to the Côte d'Azur

Disembark ship in Arles, and drive to Aix-en-Provence for a guided walking tour and free time for lunch. Continue to the Côte d'Azur, stopping en route at the Rhone American Cemetery. Enjoy the evening as you wish. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 13

#### The French Riviera

A choice of sightseeing excursions includes walking tours of Nice, Monaco, and Monte-Carlo, plus a scenic drive along the Mediterranean. Or, journey to Grasse, one of the world's premier centers for the perfume industry, for a visit to a flower domaine (farm) where perfume is made. Return to your hotel for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 14**

#### Homeward bound

*Tour ends: Cannes or Nice.* Fly home anytime. A transfer from Tauck's premier hotel to the Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, Nice Ville Train Station or Nice Riquier Train Station is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Spend two nights on the French Riviera after cruising the River Rhône – where a guided bicycle ride in the walled city of Avignon and an exclusive private dinner for Tauck guests only at a medieval 11th- century castle, Duché d'Uzès, add to the fun.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS PARIS OR CANNES / NICE - MS EMERALD

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 21* Nov 3	\$8,590	\$8,875	\$9,045	\$9,790	\$10,440	\$10,585	\$11,385
Apr 8* Aug 22*	\$8,890	\$9,175	\$9,345	\$10,090	\$10,740	\$10,885	\$11,685
<b>Oct</b> 25*	\$9,190	\$9,475	\$9,645	\$10,390	\$11,040	\$11,185	\$11,985
May 10* Jun 4* Sep 23*	\$9,790	\$10,075	\$10,245	\$10,990	\$11,640	\$11,785	\$12,585

10-day Cruise-only from \$6,490 per person double

\*Indicates Paris to Cannes southbound direction.

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

Experience a taste of the good life on the French Riviera in the south of France, in medieval towns along the Rhône River, on private visits to a ranch in Provence and a castle in Uzès, at wine tastings in Burgundy and Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and during a two night stay in Switzerland.

**14 DAYS FROM \$8,390** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

## Uniquely Tauck

Chamonix

- Travel to Chamonix-Mont-Blanc for a cog wheel train ride up a mountain or explore Geneva on a walking tour and visit the medieval village of Yvoire
- Visit a private ranch in the Camargue for a lunch of Provençal specialties and a cowboy demonstration
- Attend an exclusive Tauck evening at Duché d'Uzès featuring a private tour, dinner and cocktails
- Experience wine tasting in Burgundy or enjoy a walking tour with tastings in Chalon-Sur-Saône

#### Welcome to the French Riviera

*Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Hôtel Martinez / Fairmont Monte Carlo.* A transfer is included upon arrival from the Nice Cote d'Azur International Airport, and Cannes Train Station to Hôtel Martinez or Fairmont Monte Carlo (on select departures). Join us for a reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

#### Life along the French Riviera

Explore Nice on a walking tour, followed by a scenic drive along the coast to Monte-Carlo where your explorations continue. Alternatively, visit a flower domain in Grasse, one of the world's premiere centers for the perfume industry, and embark on a walking tour of hilltop Saint Paul de Vence, dating to the 13th century. Return to Cannes where your evening is free to enjoy as you wish. **Meals B** 

#### DAY 3

#### Aix-en-Provence & embark ship in Arles

Travel to Aix-en-Provence this morning, viewing the illuminated landscapes that inspired artists Vincent van Gogh and Paul Cézanne. See oft-painted Mont Ste-Victoire before a locally guided walking tour of the fountained city. Continue on to Arles, where your riverboat awaits. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Arles & the cowboys of the Camargue

A choice of excursions today includes a walking tour of medieval Arles or a challenging, two-hour bicycling excursion in the countryside. Visit a private ranch in La Camargue for a lunch of farm-grown Provençal fare, a musical serenade, and a chance to see the region's iconic white horses, fleet-footed gardians (cowboys) and famous black bulls. Enjoy dinner onboard as your riverboat sets off for Avignon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

#### Avignon & a gala dinner in Uzès

Explore Avignon on a walking tour of the walled town with a visit to the Palais des Papes; a tour of the city's Jewish heritage sites, dating to the 13th century; or a mini train ride around the city. Spend the afternoon as you wish before a Tauck Exclusive gala evening at Duchy d'Uzès, a Renaissance wonder with a 16th-century façade and lavish ducal apartments, with a cocktail reception and self-guided tour of castle rooms, dinner and musical entertainment. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Avignon, St. Remy & Chateauneuf du Pape

Begin the day with an excursion to Saint-Remy-de-Provence, where a guided walking tour reveals insights about the Roman city of Glanum, and van Gogh's stay at

## Voyage at a glance

#### 9 Cruise Days

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Cannes Hôtel Martinez / Fairmont Monte Carlo
- 2 Nice / Monaco
- 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 InterContinental Gèneve
- 13 Geneva / Chamonix
- 14 Depart Geneva



Saint-Paul Asylum. Return to the ship for lunch, followed by an afternoon wine tasting at one of the select vineyards permitted to produce Châteauneuf-du-Pape – literally "the New Castle of the Pope" – the most famous of the Côtes du Rhône wines; your host shares secrets of the terroir as you sample estate-crafted red and white wines from a region that's been producing wine for more than 2,500 years! The boat sets off for Tain L'Hermitage this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Explore the vineyards of Tain L'Hermitage

Arrive in the heart of Cote du Rhône wine country this morning, where you'll have a choice of two sightseeing excursions. Visit a local orchard (with tastings) and ride a mini-train through the Tain L'Hermitage heritage vineyards. Or, go on a fascinating 2.5 mile hike through the heritage vineyards of Tain L'Hermitage where you'll learn about the history of the region's wine. Your riverboat charts a course for Mâcon this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Mâcon & Cluny

Disembark the riverboat in Mâcon on the Saône River this morning for a visit to Cluny and a tour of its Benedictine Abbey. Founded in 910, it was the largest Christian building in the world until the construction of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. After free time to explore Cluny on your own, reboard your riverboat and cruise to Chalon-sur-Saône. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### Chalon-sur-Saône & beyond

Dock in Chalon-sur-Sâone in the heart of southern Burgundy for excursions that promise an authentic taste of life here. 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, considered one of the best-preserved examples of 15th-century French architecture. This afternoon you have a choice of wine tasting at a vineyard in Burgundy or a walking tour that stops for tastings of local specialties in Chalon-sur-Saône. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Château de Cormatin

Wake up in Tournus this morning for a day of exploration steeped in history. Drive through a landscape of vineyards, orchards, red-tiled farmhouses, medieval cathedrals, and historic country estates, stopping for a visit to 17th-century Château de Cormatin. Its moated castle, drawbridge, turrets, gilded rooms and pleasure garden transport you back in time as you explore them today. Enjoy the remainder of the day cruising aboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

#### Alpine magic in Switzerland

Enjoy a choice of excursions to the French Alps during your two-night stay in Geneva. Ride a cable car the top of Aiguille du Midi for breathtaking views of the Alps and Chamonix. Or, board a cog wheel train in Chamonix valley along the forested slopes of Mont Blanc to Mer de Glace where views of a glacier, the valley that it carved out, and the jagged snow covered mountain tops that feed the glaciers await.

#### **DAY 11**

#### Lyon, where food is king

Spend the day in Lyon, culinary capital of France and inviting with historic splendors. Drive to the hilltop district of Fouvière for a view-filled visit to the Basilica of Notre-Damede-Fourvière before a tour of medieval Vieux Lyon and free time to explore the sights as you please. Enjoy entertainment tonight after dinner onboard. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

#### Disembark in Lyon & on to Annecy and Geneva

Disembark ship in Lyon for a journey to Switzerland today. Stop en route in the lakeside town of Annecy, France, for a walking tour along cobbled streets, past winding canals and pastel-colored houses. After free time to explore, travel to Geneva for a two-night stay. **Meals B** 

#### **DAY 13**

#### Day of choice in Geneva or Chamonix

A choice of excursions today includes a walking tour of Geneva and a visit to the medieval lakeside village of Yvoire, France. Alternatively, travel to Chamonix-Mont-Blanc for a cable car ride to the top of Aiguille du Midi for breathtaking views of the Alps, followed by time at leisure in Chamonix, or a scenic cog train ride up the forested slopes of the Mont Blanc massif to the viewing point of the famous glacier called Mer de Glace ("Sea of Ice"). Return to Geneva late afternoon and join us for a farewell dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 14**

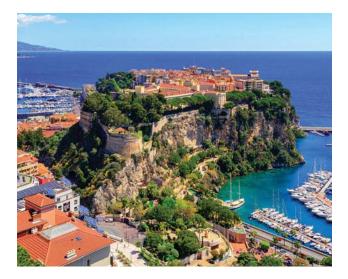
#### Homeward bound

*Tour ends: 8:00 AM Geneva.* Fly home anytime. A transfer from InterContinental Genève to Geneva Airport or Gare de Genève is included. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Prepare to be wowed by the breathtaking Alpine views from the Mont Blanc range, Provençal landscapes where cowboys ride at a private ranch in la Camargue, and panoramic vistas of the Mediterranean along the French Riviera during a visit to Monaco.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

**BEGINS CANNES – MS EMERALD** 

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Jul</b> 30	\$8,390	\$8,640	\$8,790	\$9,540	\$10,140	\$10,340	\$10,840
Apr 17 May 19 Jun 13 Aug 31 Oct 2	\$8,990	\$9,240	\$9,390	\$10,140	\$10,740	\$10,940	\$11,440

10-day Cruise-only from \$6,390 per person double

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#### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

32 meals (13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 11 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 \$5,442.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to holidays and day-by-day itineraries may differ for certain departures; order of the cruise days may be different. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 



# The Douro

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## Villages & Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley

A taste of Portugal that's never crossed your palate; discover the bohemian heart of the city that gave Port wine its name, with visits to lush vineyards and riverside villages.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,890 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- An exclusive reception and private dinner at a family-owned winery, where you'll learn the Douro Valley's age-old Port winemaking process
- Pedal through the Vinho Verde wine country on a bicycle tour, where Portugal's celebrated "Green Wine" (fresh, light wine) is produced
- Visit Mateus Palace, a Baroque palace in Régua, or a winemaking estate (quinta) with an exclusive Port cocktail-making workshop



#### Arrive Porto

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Porto.* A transfer is included from Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station to your riverboat. Join us for a welcome reception with dinner and onboard entertainment **Meals D** 

#### **DAY 2**

#### Porto & the Douro Valley

Situated in northwest Portugal where the Douro meets the Atlantic Ocean, Porto has been known 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, Barogue 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 choice of sightseeing 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 ending in Vila Nova de Gaia with a view overlooking Porto.

Return to your riverboat 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 terrain is perfect for Portugal's indigenous wine grapes, whose hardy roots can go down 30 feet or more in search of water. 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 without spoiling, the Douro Valley has been the only supplier of true Port, the oldest demarcated wine region on Earth. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 3

#### Peso da Régua & 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 viniculture 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).

## Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- Arrive Porto / Embark ship
- 2 Porto
- 3 Peso da Régua / Pinhão
- 4 Cruise the Douro
- 5 Pocinho
- 6 Pinhão / Peso da Régua
- 7 Guimaraes or Vinho Verde Region
  - 8 Disembark Porto



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** 

#### DAY 4

#### Along the Douro to Vega de Terrón

The Douro River Valley and its unique landscapes of terraced mountains, villages, and wine estates unfold before you today as you spend a full day 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. In late afternoon, arrive in Vega de Terrón (Salamanca), 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** 

#### DAY 5

#### Castle ruins & Paleolithic art

After breakfast, you'll travel to 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 enjoy the cruise back to Pinhão. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. Cruise 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** 

#### Quinta do Portal

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

#### DAY 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 (recommended for experienced cyclists) 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 your ship this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Porto.* A transfer is included from your riverboat to Porto's Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport or Porto Campanhã train station. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Enjoy classic Tauck shore excursions like a private vineyard tour in the Cima Corgo region, a guided tour to Fundação da Casa de Mateus in Vila Real to view this 18th-century home, and a bike ride along the Douro, through the Vinho Verde Region.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### **BEGINS PORTO – MS ANDORINHA**

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
<b>Jul</b> 4 <b>Aug</b> 8	\$5,890	\$6,490	\$7,640	\$7,840	\$8,340
<b>Apr</b> 11 <b>Aug</b> 29	\$6,590	\$7,190	\$8,340	\$8,540	\$9,040
May 2, 23 Jun 13 Sep 19 Oct 10	\$6,990	\$7,590	\$8,740	\$8,940	\$9,440

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 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 \$1,633.

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. 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 our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.** 

## Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid

Cruise along the "river of gold" in the heart of one of the world's oldest and most beautiful wine regions, enjoying timeless traditions. Visit white-painted quinta estates for wine tastings and discover cultural treasures in Lisbon & Madrid, from art and architecture to tapas and fado.

12 DAYS FROM \$7,790 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Pinhão, Portugal

- Savor the cuisine of renowned Portuguese chef Rui Paula at his celebrated restaurant DOC
- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive private welcome dinner at Lisbon's Palacio de Queluz, a royal residence
- Take a hike through lush vineyards en route to Pinhão, gateway to *quintas* of the Douro Valley
- Excursion choices include Arouca Geopark to walk the world's largest pedestrian suspension bridge

# Arrive Lisbon

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM.* A transfer is included from Lisbon International Airport or Lisbon Oriente or Santa Apolonia train stations to your hotel, Intercontinental Lisbon. Join us for a royal welcome dinner at the lovely 18th-century Palacio de Queluz. **Meals D** 

# DAY 2

# Explore Lisbon or visit Sintra & Cascais

You have a choice of sightseeing excursions today. Explore Portugal's capital city on a locally guided tour to view landmarks such as Eduardo VII Park, the Monument to the Discoveries and Jerónimos Monastery. Or, drive to Sintra to visit its National Palace, and continue to the seaside town of Cascais for lunch as you please. Spend the rest of the day exploring Lisbon on your own. **Meals B** 

### DAY 3

# Coimbra / arrive Porto and embark

Drive to Coimbra this morning, 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 in 1537, where its caped students evoke images of Harry Potter's Hogwarts School. Learn about student life, past and present, and university traditions still in play today. Continue to Porto, where your ship is docked on the Douro river awaiting your arrival. **Meals BD** 

### DAY 4

### **Pleasures of Porto**

Culturally rich and historically charming, Porto is a diverse and delightful city, revealing a fascinating portrait of art and architecture, wine and food, and stunning waterfront views. Explore the city by land, river and air on locally guided sightseeing excursions. Or, head out on a tour with a local expert who shares insights about Porto's historic wine trade, with a tasting at a port wine cellar in Gaia. Enjoy dinner and local entertainment onboard. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 5**

# Guimarães, Vinho Verde, or Arouca Geopark

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 tasting tour and lunch at a terraced *quinta* (vineyard) in the Vinho Verde region, where they specialize in "green wines" uniquely produced here. Alternatively, drive to Arouca for a very active excursion at Arouca Geopark to hike the largest pedestrian suspension bridge in the world. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

### Lisbon to Madrid

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Lisbon Intercontinental Lisbon
- 2 Lisbon or Sintra / Cascais
- 3 Coimbra / Embark Porto
- 4 Porto
- 5 Guimarães or Arouca
- 6 Peso da Régua
- 7 Pinhão
- 8 Pocinho
  - 9 Barca d'Alva
  - 10 Disembark ship The Westin Palace, Madrid
  - 11 Madrid

Map Detail

12 Depart Madrid

#### Madrid to Lisbon

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Madrid The Westin Palace, Madrid
- 2 Madrid
- 3 Embark ship
- 4 Barca de Alva
- 5 Pinhão
- 6 Peso da Régua
- 7 Guimarães / Amarante
- 8 Vinho Verde / Arouca
- 9 Porto
- 10 Disembark Porto / Lisbon Intercontinental Lisbon
- 11 Lisbon or Sintra / Cascais
- 12 Depart Lisbon



# 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 in Peso da Régua. Visit a local *quinta* for a guided vineyard walk and cocktail making session to learn how to make port cocktails. Or, join us for an active bicycle ride on the Tamega Eco-Track through Vinho Verde country, a great option for experienced cyclists. Cruise to Folgosa this afternoon where dinner entices with a special culinary experience at DOC ("Degustar Ousar Comunicar," translated to "Taste, Dare, Communicate"), savoring gourmet cuisine by Portuguese chef Rui Paula, with Douro's famous wines. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 7**

## Picturesque Pinhão

Enjoy a choice of shore excursions today. 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** 

### DAY 8

## A legacy of wine making

Today you'll cruise through landscapes steeped in 2,000 years of history, enjoying a leisurely day along the Douro river that takes you through the heart of port wine country. Disembark in Pocinho for a choice of excursions that includes a tour, presentation and tasting at a wine estate in a local village. Your included activities in Pocinho rotate between this afternoon and tomorrow morning, with an opportunity to experience them all. Join us for the Chef's Signature dinner onboard the riverboat. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 9**

# Rock art in Côa Valley

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; return to the riverboat as your cruise takes you from Portugal to Spain. **Meals BLD** 

# **Exploring Madrid**

On a two-night stay in the heart of Madrid you'll glean insights when you explore landmark sites with local guides, including the 18th-century Royal Palace of Madrid (official residence of the royal family) and Museo del Prado. Spain's capital city is known for its plazas and grand boulevards, and on a city orientation tour you'll view iconic architecture such as Plaza de Cibeles (right) and Cybele Palace, symbols of the city.

### **DAY 10**

# Historic Salamanca & on to Madrid

Disembark the ship this morning and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Salamanca for 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 to explore before continuing to Madrid for a two-night stay. You can sample neighborhood tapas bars right outside your hotel. **Meals B** 

### **DAY 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 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

### **DAY 12**

### Journey Home

*Tour ends: 8:00 AM, 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** 







New discoveries... spend two nights in the heart of Madrid and explore past and present; in Gaia, you'll experience the complex taste of port wine on a visit to a wine cellar; and a reception and dinner at Palacio de Queluz reveals old-world grandeur.

## 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS LISBON OR MADRID - MS ANDORINHA

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Mar 26 Jul 9, 23, 30* Aug 13, 20*	\$7,790	\$8,390	\$9,540	\$9,740	\$10,240
<b>Apr</b> 2* <b>Nov</b> 5*	\$8,290	\$8,890	\$10,040	\$10,240	\$10,740
<b>Apr</b> 16 <b>Jun</b> 18 <b>Oct</b> 22*, 29	\$8,790	\$9,390	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,240
Apr 23* May 7, 14*, 28 Jun 4* Sep 3, 10*, 24 Oct 1*, 15	\$9,390	\$9,990	\$11,140	\$11,340	\$11,840

\*Indicates Madrid to Lisbon westbound direction

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# Holiday & Seasonal Cruises

# Belgium & Holland in Spring

Discover beauty all along the Rhine... A kaleidoscope of colors paint the landscapes from Amsterdam to Brussels, with tulips & canals, to fairy tale streets & whimsical windmills.

9 DAYS FROM \$5,790 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Attend a private evening at the Mauritshuis in Den Haag, with a guided tour of the museum's world-class collection including the *Girl with the Pearl Earring* by Johannes Vermeer
- Visit Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse to walk among the tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths that are on display for only two months a year
- Cruise the Canal Ring (Grachtengordel) in Amsterdam, a charming 17th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site
- In Brussels, discover the secrets of making Belgian chocolate during a private demonstration at an award-winning chocolatier, with a tasting



### Arrive Brussels

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Brussels.* A transfer is included from Brussels Airport to your riverboat, where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Settle in before meeting your fellow travellers at a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner. **Meals D** 

### **DAY 2**

# **Exploring Brussels**

Start your morning with a choice of excursions. Head out on a guided sightseeing tour in Brussels, the capital of Belgium and a key center of European trade, to visit the Grand-Place, one of Europe's loveliest city squares, boasting a Gothic town hall surrounded by Renaissance-era guildhalls. Alternatively, take an Art Nouveau tour in Brussels that includes sightseeing the Horta house museum. This afternoon, join a demonstration by a local chocolatier or enjoy additional time to explore Brussels. Return to your ship and cruise to Antwerp this evening. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 3

### Discover Antwerp's specialties

Antwerp is Belgium's second largest city and is the capital of the province of Flanders (also known as the Low Countries), where Dutch is the official language. Take an orientation tour of the city and a guided walk through the historic center, Grote Markt, known for its restored merchants' houses. After lunch aboard the ship, you'll have free time to explore more of Antwerp on a choice of excursions. One option offers you a visit to the Red Star Line Museum, sharing the stories of over two million passengers who traveled to America on Red Star Line ships. Or, take a brewery tour to some of Antwerp's local pubs for tastings of a variety of beers. Tonight, your riverboat sets off for Ghent. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

## Bruges & Flemish treasures in Ghent

Arrive in Bruges this morning for a walking tour along the cobblestone streets and medieval buildings. After lunch, choose to stay in Bruges to explore on your own or visit Ghent for a walk around with a guide in this fairy tale-like town where painter Jan Van Eyck captured life in the city during its heyday in the 15th century. You'll have an opportunity to hike up the stairs of the medieval bell tower, rewarding with wonderful panoramic views. Be sure to try the local specialty, Ghent noses, a traditional raspberry candy sold at stands on the street – or a warm waffle with sugar or honey. Return to the boat for dinner, as you cruise for the Netherlands this evening. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

8 Cruise Days

### Brussels to Amsterdam

Day Destination

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Amsterdam to Brussels

Amsterdam

Keukenhof

Rotterdam

Dordrecht

Antwerp

Brussels

Brussels

Bruges & Ghent

Disembark / Depart

Arrive / Embark Amsterdam

- Arrive / Embark Brussels
- 2 Brussels

Day Destination

- 3 Antwerp
- 4 Bruges & Ghent
- 5 Dordrecht
- 6 Rotterdam
- 7 Keukenhof
- 8 Amsterdam
- 9 Disembark / Depart Amsterdam

#### Map Detail



# Dordrecht, Kinderdijk's windmills & Den Haag

This morning, arrive in the historic city of Dordecht which borders five rivers in the South Holland province of the Netherlands. Take the short drive to Kinderdijk - where 19 original 18th-century windmills are preserved today as a UNESCO World Heritage Site - for a choice of excursions. Choose to take a bicycling excursion through this village, or explore by foot on a walking tour to see the many historic windmills and learn how they work, both inside and out. Return to Dordrecht this afternoon for lunch aboard the ship and an afternoon walking tour that reveals 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 to Rotterdam, where you'll disembark and drive to the royal city of Den Haag to the Dutch (The Hague) for a private sparkling Tauck Exclusive evening featuring dinner, live music and a tour showcasing Dutch Golden Age paintings at the Mauritshuis, including the Girl with the Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer. Meals BLD

### DAY 6

## Rotterdam - the "Gateway to Europe"

Arrive in Rotterdam, the second-largest city in the Netherlands and a centuries-old seaport that's among the largest and busiest in the world. After most of its historic center was obliterated during World War II, the city rose from the ashes to become the thriving commercial and transportation center it is today; renowned for its cutting-edge architecture and vibrant cultural life, 21st-century Rotterdam has been called the "Gateway to Europe." You can explore Rotterdam's stunning 21st-century Markthal (Markethall) and its contemporary culinary culture on your food-focused walking tour. Alternatively, visit The Roval Delft museum where generations of craftsmen and women have been making Delft Blue pottery by hand since 1653 for a painting workshop with master tile painters. Lunch is in town, followed by an afternoon to explore Rotterdam, Meals BLD

### **DAY 7**

### Magical Keukenhof Gardens

You're off this morning for a flower-filled visit to Keukenhof Gardens in nearby Lisse, "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 see and smell springtime in all its glory. Your visit here offers you a choice; explore the illustrious gardens on foot; the other takes you on a bike ride around the gardens finishing with time to walk the gardens (Note: bike ride does not take place in the gardens.) Spend the morning here and have lunch. Return to your ship and cruise to Amsterdam, enjoying the picturesque scenery that lines the river. **Meals BLD** 

# "The Garden of Europe"

Keukenhof translates to "kitchen garden," and is one of the largest flower parks in the world, covering 79 acres of Lisse in the Netherlands. For eight spring weeks every year, more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths blanket the landscape with color and fragrance. You'll have an opportunity to visit and walk these pathways to appreciate it in all its colorful glory.

### DAY 8

# Amazing Amsterdam

Awaken on your riverboat in Amsterdam - a blend of historic and contemporary styles, from its medieval core to the rich cosmopolitan life of a 21st-century European metropolis. After breakfast, explore this city on a choice of excursions. Take a canal boat cruise through the network of 17th-century canals that offers a refreshing perspective of the Netherlands' capital city. Amsterdam boasts more canals than Venice, and more museums per kilometer than any other European capital. One of the most famous is the Rijksmuseum – filled with myriad works by the Dutch Masters, including Rembrandt's The Night Watch and Vermeer's The Milkmaid – which you'll visit following your canal cruise. Your other option is a full-day excursion to the Dutch countryside, complete with a guided tour of a family-owned and operated tulip farm, followed by a visit to a historic vegetable auction house. Return to your riverboat for a farewell reception and dinner. Meals BLD

### DAY 9

### Journey Home

*Tour ends: 9:00 AM, Amsterdam.* A transfer is included from the riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station; all guests must disembark the ship by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime; allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Discover masterpieces along your journey through Holland and Belgium; including the gardens of Keukenhof, the The Royal Delft museum to see handmade pottery & before your exclusive dinner at the Mauritshuis, view the famed "Girl with the Pearl Earring."

# 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS TREASURES

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 4*	\$5,790	\$6,040	\$6,190	\$6,940	\$7,540	\$7,740	\$8,240
<b>Apr</b> 12	\$6,390	\$6,640	\$6,790	\$7,540	\$8,140	\$8,340	\$8,840

### BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS GRACE / MS JOY / MS INSPIRE

DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
<b>Apr</b> 1, 4	\$5,790	\$6,190	\$6,640	\$6,940	\$7,540	\$7,740	\$8,240
<b>May</b> 3, 6	\$5,990	\$6,390	\$6,840	\$7,140	\$7,740	\$7,940	\$8,440
<b>Apr</b> 9*, 12*, 15, 17, 20, 25*, 28*	\$6,390	\$6,790	\$7,240	\$7,540	\$8,140	\$8,340	\$8,840

\*Indicates Amsterdam to Brussels Southbound direction.

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### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! Solo travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1,000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5 on Apr 1 and Apr 4 departures on ms Grace and ms Joy, and Category 4, 5 and 6 on Apr 4 departure on ms Treasure. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit tauck.com for complete pricing.

### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

22 meals (8 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 8 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 \$2,505.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Amsterdam to Brussels day-by-day details; north and south 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. **Go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest

Discover heritage & beauty along the Rhine River, visiting the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. Celebrate the worlds largest "folk festival" in Munich at Oktoberfest with prime seating, and dressed in your very own fitted dirndl and lederhosen for the occasion. Prost!

**10 DAYS FROM \$8,190** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3 Oktoberfest in Munich

- Experience the original and largest Oktoberfest celebration in the world in Munich, with reserved seats in an exclusive Oktoberfest festival hall
- Discover Amsterdam on a private canal boat cruise accompanied by a local guide
- Visit Heidelberg Castle with a guide, riding a funicular back into the Old Town for a beer-pairing lunch at an award-winning brewery where you'll meet the brew master and dine on regional fare

# 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 ship briefing, join us for a shanty choir performance and welcome reception followed by dinner aboard your riverboat. **Meals D** 

### DAY 2

### A taste of Amsterdam

Enjoy a privately 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 where your riverboat awaits. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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 have free time in town; possibilities include 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 aboard. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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 historic towns line the riverbanks, seemingly unchanged by time. Dock in Rüdesheim for a brief walk around then enjoy entertainment onboard your ship this evening as you cruise to Mannheim for a morning arrival. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 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 private beer-pairing lunch of local dishes at an award-winning brewery where you'll meet the brew master. Return to ship for dinner. **Meals BLD** 

# Voyage at a glance

#### 7 Cruise Days

#### Day Destination

- Arrive Amsterdam
- Amsterdam
- 3 Düsseldorf
- 4 Rüdesheim / Cruise the Middle Rhine
- 5 Heidelberg
- 6 Strasbourg
- 7 Lucerne
  - 8 Disembark Basel / Munich Hotel Bayerischer Hof or Andaz Munich Schwabinger Tor
  - 9 Munich
  - 10 Depart Munich

### Map Detail





Oktoberfest is celebrated all over the world and is the world's largest "Volksfest" (German for "people's festival"), featuring beer and a traveling carnival. The festivities first began on October 12, 1810 in Munich, when the future King Ludwig got married and invited the entire city to celebrate his new wife; they included a large feast and horse races. Despite its name, Oktoberfest actually starts mid-September and runs 16 days until the first Sunday in October.

Your time in Munich for Oktoberfest will be an experience of a lifetime. Before the festival, you'll be fitted in your very own dirndls and leiderhosen to wear for the occasion. Tauck has reserved seats for you in the center of the action in one of the city's most exclusive brewery tents. Enjoy a three-course lunch, traditional Bavarian live music, and a specialty beer brewed just for the occasion. Word to the wise: the local breweries make an especially strong beer for Oktoberfest, so pace yourself, or try a radler (half lemonade, half beer). Prost!





### DAY 6

# Exploring France's Alsace countryside

Your riverboat arrives in Strasbourg, France, the picturesque Alsatian countryside blanketed with vineyards and dotted with historic wine villages. 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, then join us for the chef's signature dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 7

# Mt. Pilatus & Lucerne

Dock in Basel for a day in Switzerland. A drive brings you to the base of Mt. Pilatus for a gondola ride to the summit. Enjoy the panoramic views then take the world's steepest cogwheel train ride down the mountain, a thrilling experience through stunning scenery. It's off to the lakeside city of Lucerne for an orientation walk that reveals the Renaissance paintings inside the iconic covered Chapel Bridge and the poignant Lion Monument. Join us for a farewell toast before dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 8

# Disembark Basel / Lake Constance & Munich

Disembark your boat for a drive through Switzerland to Germany en route to the legendary city of Munich; spend time near Lake Constance en route. Upon arrival in Munich, you'll be fitted in your hotel for proper trachten; dirndl for the ladies and lederhosen for the gents, so you will be authentically ready for the Oktoberfest festivities the next day. Enjoy time to explore Munich as you please. **Meals B** 

# DAY 9

# The original Oktoberfest

This morning, get dressed in your Bavarian attire for a full Oktoberfest experience. There are similar celebrations all over the world but Munich is where it all began – a truly unique mix of beer consumption, Bavarian feasting, live brass bands, communal singing, and dancing. Enjoy prime seating at an exclusive brewery tent for a three-course lunch; a shuttle will take you back to your hotel after lunch – or stay and enjoy the festival until evening. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 10**

# Journey Home

*Tour ends: 9:00 AM, Munich.* A transfer is included to Munich Airport from Hotel Bayerischer Hof or Andaz Munich Schwabinger Tor. Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Autumn is a beautiful season to visit Europe, with less crowds and cooler air; taste regional wines in the Alsace countryside, enjoy a privately guided cruise through Amsterdam's canals, and discover Heidelberg Castle with a local guide.

### 2025 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
<b>Sep</b> 17, 24	\$8,190	\$8,590	\$9,040	\$9,340	\$9,940	\$10,140	\$10,640

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### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport 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 \$3,366.

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. 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

Seasonal charms of Switzerland, France and Germany dazzle on our Rhine river cruise. Join the holiday cheer aboard your ship, and onshore, exploring the magic along the Rhine.

8 DAYS FROM \$3,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

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



# Full of joy & cheer

On a Tauck river cruise during the holidays, the spirit of the season comes alive from the moment you step aboard your ship, or take your first sip of glühwein – and your shore explorations discover all of the magic. Marvel at the glistening Lake Lucerne as you ascend Mt. Pilatus via gondola; discover a winter fairy tale in the famous Black Forest spa town of Baden-Baden, listen to holiday traditions in Strasbourg, home to the oldest Christmas Market in France, enjoy live musicians aboard your ship, *ms inspire*, and decorate her Christmas tree alongside your fellow travelers.

Düsseldorf to Basel

Rüdesheim

Heidelberg

Strasbourg

8 Depart Basel

Baden-Baden

Lucerne or Basel

Arrive Düsseldorf

Dav Destination

1 Arriv
 2 Köln

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# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Basel to Düsseldorf

Day Destination

1	Arrive Basel
2	Lucerne or Basel

- 3 Strasbourg
- 4 Baden-Baden
- 5 Heidelberg
- 6 Rüdesheim
- 7 Köln
- 8 Depart Düsseldorf
- Map Detail



# 2025 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
<b>Dec</b> 14*	\$3,990	\$4,240	\$4,560	\$4,760	\$5,080	\$5,200	\$5,490
<b>Nov</b> 30*, <b>Dec</b> 7, 21	\$4,190	\$4,440	\$4,760	\$4,960	\$5,280	\$5,400	\$5,690

\*Indicates Düsseldorf to Basel Southbound direction

Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### TRIPLES AND SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

Triples available in Category 7 only, priced from \$4,941. On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit tauck.com for complete pricing.

### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 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 \$1,536.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Düsseldorf to Basel day-by-day details; north and south itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. **Note: Dec 21 departures will have some alternate arrangements due to Christmas market closures in some cities.** 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 



Ascend 6,982 ft. to one of several peaks on Mount Pilatus via gondola to bask in breathtaking views of Switzerland's lakeside "city of lights," Lucerne, even more stunning in the holiday season.

# Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with yuletide events on and off your riverboat. Discover 700-year old holiday traditions at the Christmas Markets in Germany and Austria, with visits to Vienna, Salzburg, Passau, Regensburg and Nürnberg, with exclusive Tauck events along the way.

8 DAYS FROM \$3,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

# Uniquely Tauck

Salzburg, At

- Attend an exclusive Christmas lunch and 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

# Holiday time along the Danube...

Enjoy the holiday season aboard a Tauck riverboat on the Danube. From Vienna, cozy up with a warm mug of glühwein as you cruise by twinkling town lights that line the river; decorate your ship's Christmas tree with your fellow travelers and enjoy seasonal treats as you do; wake up where Mozart created musical magic in his hometown in Salzburg and see its Baroque town center dressed in its holiday best. In Nürnberg, visit one of the world's favorite Christmas Markets - take a medieval walking tour with a visit to the Christmas Market - or learn about the city and World War II. Towns along the Danube dazzle at Christmastime.

# Voyage at a glance

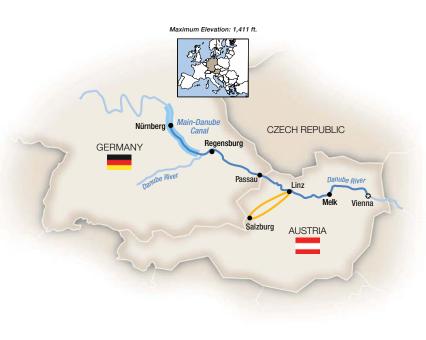
7 Cruise Days

Vienna to Nürnberg	Nürnberg to Vienna
Day Destination	Day Destination
1 Arrive Vienna	1 Arrive Nürnberg
2 Vienna	2 Nürnberg
3 Melk	3 Regensburg
4 Salzburg	4 Passau
■ 5 Passau	5 Salzburg
6 Regensburg	6 Melk
7 Nürnberg	<b>7</b> Vienna
8 Disembark / Depart	8 Disembark / Dep

Disembark / Depart Nürnberg

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- rnberg gensburg
- ssau
- zburg
- elk
- nna
- Disembark / Depart Vienna

#### Map Detail



# 2025 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
<b>Dec</b> 14, 14*	\$3,990	\$4,240	\$4,560	\$4,760	\$5,080	\$5,200	\$5,490
<b>Nov</b> 30, 30* <b>Dec</b> 7, 7*	\$4,190	\$4,440	\$4,760	\$4,960	\$5,280	\$5,400	\$5,690

\*Indicates Vienna to Nürnberg westbound direction

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### TRIPLES AND SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport 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 \$1.632.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Nürnberg to Vienna 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. Itinerary is subject to change. Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.



The Regensburg Christmas Market is considered one of the most beautiful in Germany. Sample all sorts of delicacies here, from the famed sausages to roast chestnuts and gingerbread.

# Yuletide Spirit: Brussels to Amsterdam

Enjoy the festive season aboard a Tauck riverboat decorated with seasonal delights, cruising along ribboned waterscapes & storybook villages dressed with twinkling lights.

8 DAYS FROM \$3,990 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- 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
- An evening canal cruise in Amsterdam is special as the canals are decorated with festive lights



# A yuletide season you won't soon forget

Sip glühwein aboard your riverboat & enjoy a private canal cruise through the Amsterdam Light Festival. Indulge in the sweet taste of stroopwafels & authentic cheese in Gouda. Walk the enchanting cobblestone squares in Brussels lit up with holiday cheer, & the footsteps of Flemish painter Peter Paul Rubens to see the inspiration behind his landscape masterpieces in Antwerp. The holidays spent cruising the waterways of Holland & Belgium illuminate with a season of cheer in eight days, discovering holiday traditions centuries old ashore & festive specialties aboard your ship.

# Voyage at a glance

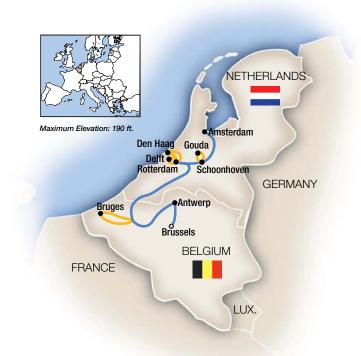
7 Cruise Days

### Brussels to Amsterdam

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive / Embark Brussels
- 2 Brussels
- 3 Antwerp
- 4 Bruges
- 5 Rotterdam or Delft
- 6 Gouda
- 7 Amsterdam
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Amsterdam
- Map Detail

- Amsterdam to Brussels
  Day Destination
- Arrive / Embark Amsterdam
- 2 Amsterdam
- Gouda
- 4 Rotterdam or Delft
- **5** Bruges
- 6 Antwerp
- **7** Brussels
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Brussels



# 2025 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
<b>Dec</b> 13	\$3,990	\$4,240	\$4,560	\$4,760	\$5,080	\$5,200	\$5,490
<b>Dec</b> 6*, 20*, 27	\$4,190	\$4,440	\$4,760	\$4,960	\$5,280	\$5,400	\$5,690

\*Indicates Amsterdam to Brussels Southbound direction

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### TRIPLES AND SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Düsseldorf to Basel day-by-day details; north and south itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. **Note: Dec 27 departures will have some alternate arrangements due to Christmas market closures in some cities.** 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 



Your stop in the Dutch city of Gouda is filled with sweet and savory specialties, from the creamy cheese it was named after to the iconic waffle sandwich stuffed with syrup, the stroopwafel.



Tauck Bridges Family River Cruises

# Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure

Experience the Danube with actionpacked shore excursions designed for everyone in the family; play medieval games in Slovakia, take a bicycle ride along the Danube, make marzipan with a chef, see sites where "The Sound of Music" was filmed in Salzburg, and more.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,190 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 St. Stephen's Basilica

# Uniquely Tauck

• Enjoy an Imperial evening at a private palace in Vienna, featuring performers and musicians, and a demonstration on how to Waltz

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- Visit a 9th-century castle in Bratislava, Slovakia, to learn about life in the Middle Ages
- Discover picturesque Passau on a choice of activities; a guided bicycle ride with a geocaching treasure hunt or a walking tour with an opportunity to learn to make marzipan

### Arrive Budapest & embark riverboat

*Tour begins: Budapest.* A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or Keleti train station directly to your riverboat (depending on your arrival time, please ask at booking). 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. **Meals D** 

### **DAY 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 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 an interactive walking tour that includes a scavenger hunt through the town. Dinner is on the boat followed by Slovak cultural entertainment. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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 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** 

### DAY 4

### Vienna & 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 but today, it's your turn to look for its hidden secrets, followed by a Marionette Theater performance. Have lunch aboard the riverboat, or spend the afternoon in Vienna. Tonight, sail to Dürnstein. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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.

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Budapest to Vilshofen

- 1 Arrive / Embark Budapest
- 2 Bratislava
- 3 Vienna

Day Destination

- 4 Vienna
- 5 Dürnstein & Wachau Valley
- 6 Salzburg
- 7 Passau
- 8 Disembark / Depart Vilshofen

#### Map Detail



#### Vilshofen to Budapest

Day Destination

- Arrive / Embark Vilshofen
- 2 Passau
- 3 Salzburg
- 4 Dürnstein & Wachau Valley
- 5 Vienna
- 6 Vienna
- 7 Bratislava
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Budapest



# Medieval games at Devin castle

Discover the vivid medieval history and what life was like in the 5th-century when you visit Devin Castle in Slovakia. The whole family will have a chance to play games and watch a knight tournament and fencing show.



# Explore more with bicycle tours

In Wachau, Austria, enjoy a bike ride between Dürnstein and Krems cruising through vineyards and along the Danube river. Then in Passau, if you choose, take a more challenging bike ride along the Inn River.



# Tauck Exclusive at Palais Pallavicini

Enjoy a traditional private Baroque gala evening at Palais Pallavicini in the heart of Vienna, with welcome drinks followed by a special dinner and extraordinary Viennese entertainment in a grand ballroom. This afternoon, enjoy time on your own, and if you wish, take a hike to the hilltop ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle, for 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 and take part in *The Sound of Music* karaoke to prepare for tomorrow's sightseeing in locales where the movie was made and several songs performed. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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 eccentric. 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 discover what surprises Schloss Hellbrunn had in store. You'll also explore 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. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 7

# "Geocaching" scavenger hunt or a marzipan class

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** 

# DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Enjoy a marzipan workshop in Passau with a chef to make & taste this sweet treat. In Salzburg, expect the unexpected at Hellbrunn Castle, a place of ultimate entertainment. Your chefs onboard the ship are always prepared with delicious cuisine & warm smiles.

### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BUDAPEST / VILSHOFEN - MS SAVOR

DATE Jun 18, 25\* Jul 2, 9\*

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,190	\$5,590	\$6,040	\$6,340	\$6,940	\$7,140	\$7,640
Single	\$5,190	\$7,826	\$8,456	\$8,876	\$11,104	\$12,138	\$12,988
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,760
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4,770

\*Indicates Budapest to Vilshofen Westbound direction

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Vilshofen to Budapest 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. Children under 18 must be booked in a cabin with at least one adult. 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 our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure

Discover cultural traditions and medieval worlds with your family on a journey through four countries along the Rhine River.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,690 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- Enjoy a private evening with dinner and musical entertainment at Burg Satzvey, one of the best preserved medieval castles in the Rhineland
- Ride the world's steepest cogwheel train from the top of Mt. Pilatus, 7,000 feet above Lake Lucerne
- Set off on a bicycle tour in Koblenz through picturesque meadows and forests along the Rhine & Moselle rivers
- Learn how to make delicacies of the French with a tarte flambé (translates to "pie baked in flames") class and chocolate tasting in Strasbourg



# 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** 

### **DAY 2**

### Canal cruising & more in Amsterdam

Amsterdam, the remarkable capital of The Netherlands, is all about its waterways, dominated by a series of canals that link its many tiny islands. Start your day with a canal boat cruise with a local guide, gliding beneath curved bridges carrying pedestrians and cyclists, as well as trams and cars. See a host of 17th- and 18th-century structures, the 19th-century Centraal Station, the city flower market and more. Enjoy free time in Amsterdam before boarding the ship again for an ice cream social and clog-painting class as you cruise to Köln this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 3

### Historic Köln & dinner at a rustic 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 took six hundred years. Completed in 1880, this Gothic "Dom" was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. Upon docking, join us for a walking tour with a virtual reality experience that transports you to life in the 1920s. Tonight, travel to Burg Satzvey, a moated castle in Germany's Rhineland region dating back to the 12th-century, for a dinner in the banquet hall that will take your family back to the Middle Ages for some medieval fun. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

## Koblenz & the Middle Rhine Valley

Awaken in beautiful Koblenz for a choice of excursions. Today, choose to take an orientation walk of Koblenz's Altstadt (Old Town) set at Deutsches Eck – the "German Corner" – where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. The city dates back to the Middle Ages, when its prime location made it a powerful controller of trade along these important waterways. 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 scenic 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** 

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

Day Destination

#### Amsterdam to Basel

- 1 Embark Amsterdam
- 2 Amsterdam
- 3 Köln
- 4 Koblenz
- 5 Heidelberg or Speyer
- 6 Strasbourg
- 7 Lucerne
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Basel

#### Map Detail



### Basel to Amsterdam

Day Destination

- Embark Basel
- 2 Lucerne
- 3 Strasbourg
- 4 Heidelberg or Speyer
- 5 Rüdesheim
- 6 Köln
- 7 Amsterdam
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Amsterdam



# Activities at Burg Satzvey castle

When you visit Burg Satzvey water castle in the Rhineland region, your family will have the opportunity to experience what medieval life was like, including a lesson on how to shoot a bow and arrow.



# Cogwheel railway from Mount Pilatus

Descend 6,983 ft. from the peak of Mt. Pilatus to the city of Lucerne on the steepest cogwheel railway in the world. Bask in the marvelous views of Lake Lucerne and the city as you travel back into town.



# French for a Day

Located on the border of Germany, Strasbourg, France blends the cultures of both countries. You'll get to taste these unique flavors with a guided tour of the city with chocolate tastings and a tarte flambé making class.

### DAY 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 this evening. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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, and learn to make tarte flambée, a style of pizza. Return to the riverboat for lunch, or stay in Strasbourg to explore 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 as you cruise for Basel. Meals BLD

# DAY 7

# Ascend Mt. Pilatus & explore Lucerne

This morning you'll head to Switzerland's Lake Lucerne area and ascend nearly 7,000 ft. to Mount Pilatus via cable car. Bask in the beautiful views overlooking the city and lake before descending via the world's steepest cogwheel train. Return to Lucerne for free time to explore this "city of lights" and a special Swiss folklore show with tastings of cheese fondue. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner back aboard your ship. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 8

# Journey Home

*Tour ends: Basel.* Disembark 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 Zürich Hauptbahnhof (train station). Fly home anytime. Allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Explorations on and off your riverboat excite from every angle; bike ride along the Rhine, enjoy a canal cruise to see the narrow homes in Amsterdam, and view the landmark castle in Heidelberg that towers over the Neckar river.

### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS BASEL / AMSTERDAM - MS GRACE

DATES Jul 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,690	\$6,090	\$6,540	\$6,840	\$7,440	\$7,640	\$8,140
Single	\$5,690	\$8,526	\$9,156	\$9,576	\$11,904	\$12,998	\$13,838
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,093
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,095

### BEGINS BASEL / AMSTERDAM - MS GRACE

### DATE Jun 25\*

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,890	\$6,290	\$6,740	\$7,040	\$7,640	\$7,840	\$8,340
Single	\$5,890	\$8,806	\$9,436	\$9,856	\$12,224	\$13,328	\$14,178
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,227
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,195

\*Indicates Amsterdam to Basel southbound direction

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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# Family Fun Along the Seine: Paris to Normandy

Make history come to life along the River Seine with your family, and experience Paris like the locals. See Monet's paintings without the crowds, honor the heroes of D-Day in Normandy, discover Joan of Arc in Rouen and embark on royal escapades at Versailles.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,490 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

# Uniquely Tauck

Les Andelys

- On two Tauck Exclusive early-opening visits, learn about the art of Claude Monet, viewing his paintings at the Musée Marmottan Monet in Paris and exploring his home and gardens in Giverny
- A local guide shares insights during a visit to D-Day sites on the Normandy coast, including Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach; and D-Day Academy
- Explore Les Andelys on a walking tour or hike up to Château Gaillard, built by Richard the Lionheart

### Arrive Paris & embark riverboat

*Tour begins: 4:00 PM.* A transfer is included upon arrival from Charles de Gaulle International Airport, or Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon train stations to your riverboat. Join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals D** 

### **DAY 2**

## A fun-filled day in Paris

Learn more about the landmark sights of Paris today as you drive through the city in a classic Citroen car, experience a virtual journey through time from the 1100s to the great fire of 2019 at the historic Notre-Dame Cathedral, and explore the city's Latin Quarter on a locally guided walking tour. Prepare to be amazed by an entertaining performance onboard your riverboat tonight during dinner **Meals BD** 

### **DAY 3**

# Musée Marmottan Monet & bicyling or a spy walk

Wake up for a private early morning visit to the incredible Musée Marmottan Monet before it opens to the public; located in a 19th-century mansion, it is home to world's largest collection of art by Claude Monet. Then your family is off for an adventure of their choosing, including a guided bicycle ride along the River Seine or a walking tour and spy game in hilltop Montmartre, where cobbled streets, the stunning white Sacré-Couer Basilica, colorful street artists and corner bistros await your discovery. Everyone will then enjoy time at leisure in Montmartre before returning to the riverboat for dinner and cruising to Vernon. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

## Monet's Giverny & Les Andelys

Disembark ship in Vernon this morning and drive to Giverny. You saw the artist Claude Monet's work in Paris' Musée Marmottan, now you'll learn a lot about the artist himself on an early opening exclusive visit to his family home and oft-painted gardens in Giverny, viewing them with Tauck Bridges families only. Return to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon cruise to Les Andelys. A choice of sightseeing here includes a hike up to Château Gaillard to hear 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 onboard tonight as your riverboat heads to Caudebec for a full day at Normandy's historic and always poignant D-Day beaches. **Meals BLD** 

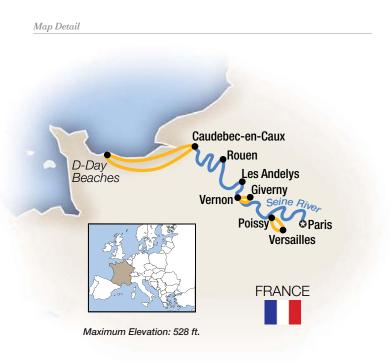
# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Round trip Paris

Day Destination

- Arrive / Embark Paris
- 2 Paris
- 3 Paris
- 4 Giverny / Les Andelys
- 5 Normandy
- 6 Rouen
- 7 Versailles
  - 8 Disembark / Depart Paris





# A Virtual Reality Experience at Notre-Dame

During your tour of France, you'll visit the grand plaza in front of Notre-Dame Cathedral and get suited with virtual reality goggles that will transport you through an incredibly fun historical journey through the cathedral.



# Visit D-Day Beaches, Invasion of Normandy

Operation D-Day brought together land, sea and air forces of the allied armies in what became known as the largest amphibious invasion in military history; visit the beaches for a poignant experience.



# A Photo Hunt in Rouen

Explore the town of Rouen on a walking tour to see the cathedral Monet loved to paint and historic sites made famous by Joan of Arc, taking pictures along the way.

### DAY 5

# Stories of World War II in Normandy

Learn about the heroes of Normandy's Allied Invasion of June 6, 1944, honoring its 80th anniversary this year. Visit D-Day sites including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, plus a poignant stop at the hallowed American Cemetery. Following lunch at a local restaurant, explore one of Europe's most unique museums, the D-Day Academy; here, you'll have a hands-on opportunity to learn 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 between the apple trees; and sample rations the troops ate. Have dinner as your riverboat cruises to Rouen. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 6

# Remembering Rouen

Wake up in Rouen, the "museum city of a hundred spires," and walk off your riverboat right into the heart of history. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Rouen 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. Richard the Lionheart left his heart here and Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Explore the sites today on a guided photo-inspired walking tour that takes you to Rouen's Notre Dame Cathedral, painted by Claude Monet more than 30 times, Joan of Arc Square and the church where she died. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 7

# The palace or gardens at Versailles

Dock in Poissy, France, this morning. After brunch onboard ship, drive to Louis XIV's ornate palace the Château de Versailles, where you'll have a choice of excursions. Join a local guide for a visit inside the palace to see its fully-restored rooms, including the sumptuous royal apartments, the soaring Grand Chapel with its breathtaking vaulted ceiling and golden pipe organ, and the dazzling Hall of Mirrors. Or choose a guided bicycle adventure through the palace gardens and along the Grand Canal, with an opportunity to see Marie Antoinette's farm, created in the style of a miniature Norman village. Join us for a festive farewell dinner aboard your riverboat tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 8

### Journey Home

*Tour ends: 9:00 AM, Paris.* A transfer is included from your boat to Charles de Gaulle International Airport or Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon train stations. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







The past comes to life on a pre-opening tour at Claude Monet's home in Giverny – on a visit to the D-Day Academy, where your family has a chance to learn about World War II artifacts – and when you spend a day exploring the best of Paris.

### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS PARIS - MS SAPPHIRE OR MS ESPRIT

**DATE** July 3, 12, 19

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,490	\$5,740	\$5,890	\$6,640	\$7,240	\$7,440	\$7,940
Single	\$5,490	\$8,036	8,246	\$9,296	\$11,584	\$12,648	\$13,498
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,943
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4,945

### DATE June 12, 19, 26

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,890	\$6,140	\$6,290	\$7,040	\$7,640	\$7,840	\$8,340
Single	\$5,890	\$8,596	\$8,806	\$9,856	\$12,224	\$13,328	\$14,178
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,210
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,145

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# Bon Voyage! France Family River Cruise

Spend two nights in Paris and five nights aboard your floating hotel on the River Rhône as your family experiences a taste of southern France on a cruise that bridges cultures and generations.

8 DAYS FROM \$5,590 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

- In Avignon, choose a visit to the grand Palais des Papes, the fortress-like castle of medieval popes, or a bicycle tour in the countryside
- Visit a private ranch in The Camargue for a Provençal lunch with gypsy music and a hayride; see cowboys demonstrate their skill and agility
- Explore Arles and the landscapes that inspired art by Vincent van Gogh, then create your own edible chocolate painting back aboard the riverboat



# Discover southern France with your family

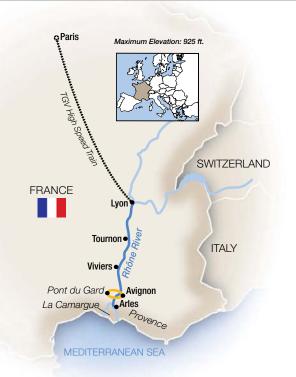
Every generation will experience *joie de vivre* on our family Rhône river cruise, beginning with two nights in Paris that are highlighted by a visit to Musée Marmottan Monet – before it opens to the public. Board a fast train to Lyon, where your cruise begins; enjoy amazing experiences such as exploring by mini train, hiking in vineyards, or making chocolate truffles in Tain L'Hermitage. Have lunch at a private Provençal ranch and meet French cowboys. Tour Palais des Papes or bicycle in Avignon's countryside, play *petanque* with locals in Viviers, paint chocolate art, and so much more.

# Voyage at a glance

### 5 Cruise Days

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Paris Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra
- 2 Paris
- 3 TGV to Lyon / Embark ship
- 4 Tain L'Hermitage
- **5** Arles / The Camargue
- 6 Avignon / Pont du Gard
- 7 Viviers
- 10 Disembark Lyon and fly home
- Map Detail



### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### BEGINS PARIS - MS EMERALD

DATE Jul 4, 16

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,590	\$5,800	\$5,930	\$6,570	\$7,080	\$7,250	\$7,670
Single	\$5,590	\$8,120	\$8,302	\$9,198	\$11,328	\$12,325	\$13,039
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,780
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,085

### DATE Jun 22

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$5,990	\$6,200	\$6,330	\$6,970	\$7,480	\$7,650	\$8,070
Single	\$5,990	\$8,680	\$8,862	\$9,758	\$11,968	\$13,005	\$13,719
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,047
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,285

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### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

17 meals (7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 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 \$3,237. **Enjoy \$500 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. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. Certain exceptions may apply (advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Douro Discovery: A Family River Cruise in Portugal plus Madrid

An authentic taste of life in regions steeped in culture, cuisine, & art. Indulge in Spanish delights at a food market in Madrid & bicycle through the city's largest park. Explore prehistoric rock art on a 4x4 safari in Portugal & kayak on the Douro River. Enjoy adventures for the whole family.

**10 DAYS FROM \$6,490** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Porto, Portuga

- Spend two nights at a former palace in Madrid, with sightseeing choices that include a bicycle ride in the park or a market tour – and a guided visit to Museo del Prado or the stunning Royal Palace
- 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 riverside Porto, known for producing port wine, on a tuk-tuk tour or a bicycle ride

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 2

#### Madrid sights as you choose

Morning sightseeing choices include a visit to a neighborhood market to learn about artisan foods from all over Spain, complete with churros and hot chocolate. Or, 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, and includes an amusement park and Madrid Zoo. Afternoon choices include a guided tour of the Royal Palace, stunning with 3,400 rooms and a wealth of artwork, antiques, porcelain, silver, and historical artifacts; or a guided visit with a local expert to view the masterpieces at Museo del Prado, one of the world's most renowned art museums. The rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore Spain's capital city. **Meals B** 

#### **DAY 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. As we cruise westward on the Douro, join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Pocinho & 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 panoramic vistas. Return to the ship and sail to Pocinho; travel to 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, 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

Day Destination

Arrive Madrid Melia Palacio de los Duques

- 2 Madrid
- **3** Salamanca / Embark Vega de Terron
- 4 Pocinho
- 5 Pinhão
- 6 Peso da Régua
- 7 Amarante or Guimaraes
- 8 Porto
- 9 Porto
- 10 Disembark Porto / Fly home

Map Detail





Cruising along the Douro with your family on a Tauck riverboat cruise presents opportunities to make lifelong friends and memories.

#### A morning cruise & tiles in Pinhão

Spend the morning cruising the Douro River Valley where mountains and 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, before arriving 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 that's covered in azulejos, pictorial blue tiles that illustrate the region's winemaking heritage. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Kayaking or hiking in Provesende & 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** 

#### DAY 7

#### Bicycling or Guimãraes & a museum

Today offers a choice of excursions. Travel to Vinho Verde country and bicycle through the lush green valleys. 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 viniculture in the Douro River Valley. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Cruise to Porto

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 an onboard performance by a local "Tuna" ensemble – a youthful academic string band that plays traditional music – after dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### Your Madrid home

Palacio de los Duques Gran Meliá, your hotel in Madrid, is located on its main street, between Plaza de Oriente and Gran Vía. Inspired by the works of Sevillian artist, Diego Velázquez, it is a 19th-century palace converted into a hotel. The location is unbeatable; the hotel boasts a historic garden, outdoor rooftop pool, exclusive restaurants, a wellness center and more to enjoy during your stay.

#### **DAY 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. Porto is painted with signature blue tiled homes and eclectic architecture on every corner. Ride a tuk-tuk, a three-wheeled taxi, to see 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 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 city on your own. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner. Meals BLD

#### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Enjoy more active ways to discover the Douro with your family, with opportunities for bicycle rides along the river to see the Vinho Verde wine country and local villages, or via a kayaking adventure on the Douro River.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### BEGINS MADRID - MS ANDORINHA

DATE Jul 16

	CAT 1 CAT 2		CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	
Double	\$6,490	\$7,090	\$8,240	\$8,440	\$8,940	
Single	\$6,490	\$6,490 \$9,926		\$13,504	\$15,198	
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,627	
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,860	

#### DATE Jun 25

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Double	\$6,790	\$7,390	\$8,540	\$8,740	\$9,240
Single	\$6,790	\$10,346	\$11,956	\$13,984	\$15,708
Triple	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,827
Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,010

#### Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers!

#### 2025 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 \$2,654 Enjoy \$500 child savings for children 12 and under.

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

# Holiday Magic: Danube Family River Cruise

A season of magical moments await along the Danube on a Tauck holiday river cruise with your family that will be memorable for years to come.

8 DAYS FROM \$4,590 Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

### Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive gala evening & dinner at Palais Pallavicini in the heart of Vienna
- Learn the art of making gingerbread & marzipan from master confectioners in Passau
- Discover sights from the movie *The Sound of Music* in Salzburg on a locally guided tour
- Go on a scavenger hunt & play medieval games in Bratislava to explore centuries of history



#### Festive joy for the whole family

Enjoy a one-week exploration of time-honored holiday traditions along the Danube River. Taste traditional sweets at a café in Passau, or head out on a guided holiday-themed hike with interactive storytelling. Hear sweet melodies from Mozart in his hometown of Salzburg and view locales where The Sound of Music was filmed. You'll have a thrilling evening with the whole family at the world-famous Vienna Prater amusement park; spend a day as royalty during a visit to Schönbrunn Palace; attend a Tauck Exclusive private evening at Palais Pallavicini in Vienna... Every day is memorable!

## Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days

#### Munich to Budapest

Day Destination

Vienna to Munich Day Destination

- Arrive Munich / Embark Regensburg
- 2 Passau
- 3 Salzburg
- Dürnstein / Melk or Krems
- Vienna 5
- 6 Schönbrunn Palace
- 7 Bratislava
- 8 Disembark Budapest, Hungary

- Arrive / Embark Vienna
- Budapest 2
- Bratislava
- Vienna - 6
- Dürnstein / Melk or Krems **5**
- Salzburg
- Passau
- 8 Disembark Vilshofen / Depart Munich

Map Detail



Maximum Elevation: 1,391ft.

#### 2025 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS VIENNA OR MUNICH - MS JOY / MS SAVOR

DATES Dec 21\*, 22, 28

	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Double	\$4,590	\$4,990	\$5,440	\$5,740	\$6,340	\$6,540	\$7,040
Single	\$4,590	\$6,986	\$7,616	\$8,036	\$10,144	\$11,118	\$11,968
Triple Quad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,160
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4,220

\*Indicates Vienna to Vilshofen westbound direction.

Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

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#### 2025 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 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 \$2,221. Enjoy \$500 child savings for children 12 and under.

International Airfare is additional: call Tauck for special rates. Go to tauck.com for Vienna to Munich 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. Itinerary is subject to change. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Plan and Activity / Pace details.

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Christmas festivities aboard your Tauck riverboat are sure to bring a smile to the whole family. Enjoy fun activities such as holiday karaoke, themed dinners, and special gifts for everyone to take home.



# Tauck's Destination Fleet

# 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. Leisure facilities include a putting green and a whirlpool on the Sun Deck and a fitness center.

#### Ship Specifications

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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: WiFi available, service levels may vary



There's no better way to begin a day than a morning coffee on the deck as your riverboat cruises to your next port.



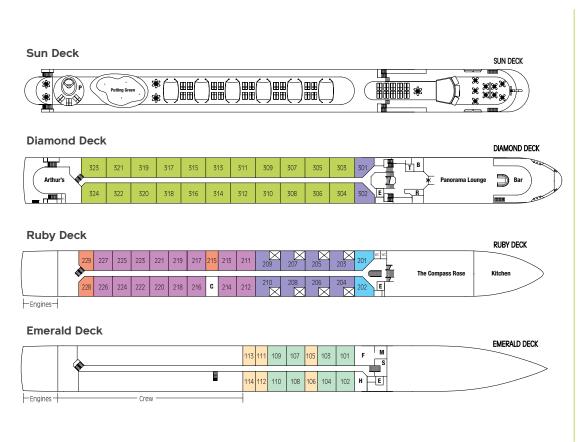
The Panorama Lounge, with its windows to the world, provides a great spot to meet and relax throughout the day.



The lobby is the central hub of the riverboat, highlighted by a grand staircase atrium.



Category 3 two-story loft cabins are unique on the rivers, featuring a raised seating area and window.





**Deck Plans** 

- 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 = Tauck 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 or larger and accommodate no more than 98 guests; other similar-sized riverboats average about 160 guests. Amenities inside our 300-square-foot 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 whirlpool and a putting green on the Sun Deck and a fitness center.

#### **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: 37 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: WiFi available, service levels may vary



The Panorama Lounge and Bar is a perfect place to meet after a day exploring ashore.



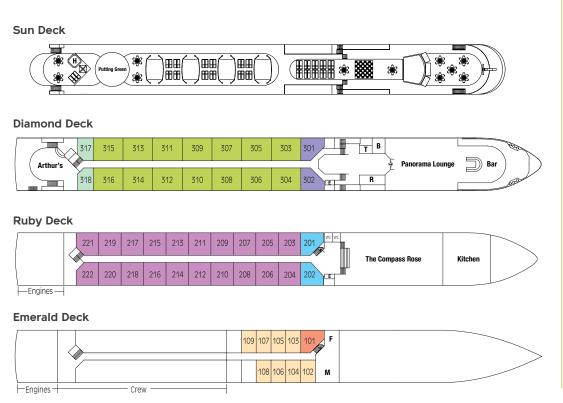
If you wish, you there's alternative casual dining at Arthur's, offering lighter fare throughout the day.



The lobby is one of focal points onboard, with warm welcomes from the moment you board until you depart.



Category 6 cabins, at 225 sq. ft., feature a private French balcony and floor to ceiling windows.





- 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. Tauck Suites and more 225-sq.-ft. cabins, maximizing the onboard experience in every way. Aboard the riverboat, amenities include a small pool atop the Sun Deck as well as an outdoor bar and restaurant where you'll have a spectacular vantage point for the Douro's lush landscapes (many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites). 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: WiFi available, service levels may vary



Dining in the Compass Rose is memorable, and the cuisine often features regional specialties.



Category 5 cabins (300 sq. ft.) feature a pull-out sleeper sofa, floor to ceiling windows and French balconies.

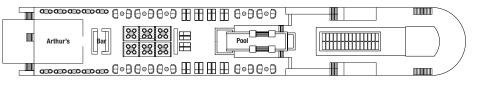


The Panorama Lounge is aptly named with its large, expansive windows and comfortable seating.



An infinity-style heated swimming pool on the Sun Deck is the perfect place to unwind.

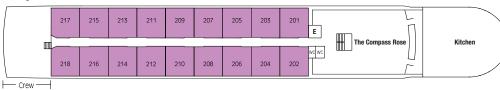




#### **Diamond Deck**



#### Ruby Deck



#### Emerald Deck





- E = Elevator
- R = Reception Desk
- T = Tauck Desk

# **General Information**

#### Expectations Versus Reality

As a family of travelers, 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 favorite and least favorite 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

This brochure is designed to provide you with an honest description of what to expect on your tour or cruise. The Introduction Pages and the General Information (on these pages) are very important for you to understand. This information, in addition to other documents we will provide when you book with us, including our *Travel Terms and Conditions* and *Journey Confirmation*, form the basis of our agreement with you. These documents include important legal obligations and should be read with care.

#### **Inclusive Prices**

2025 prices are per person in US dollars. Prices include: all accommodations (see below); airport transfers and land transportation as detailed in the tour itinerary; basic internet where available in hotel rooms and aboard ships (service levels not guaranteed); entertainment and special dinners as arranged by Tauck; shore excursions and sightseeing; standard luggage handling; services of ship crew 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 Tauck Bridges family trips.

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 (not recommended for comfort). Aboard ships, triples may not be available or may include a sofa or upper berth.

Luggage Handling & 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 50 lbs. Allowances and restrictions for checked and carryon 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 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.

#### 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. See Tauck's "Guest or Cruise Protection."

#### Before You Go

Itinerary Changes & Price Flexibility: Tauck will make every effort to operate all tours as published. Tauck reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports, hotels, and / or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to guests. Any added expense will be covered by Tauck. Although not expected, prices in this brochure may be modified due to errors or unexpected factors not anticipated at the time of printing.

**Transportation Security:** The Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers to provide their name, date of birth and gender when making all airline reservations. Travelers must provide their passport number and date of birth as they appear on their passport or government-issued ID to Tauck at time of booking for all cruises. Tauck must provide this information to the cruise operator before departure or you may be denied boarding.

**Passports and Visas:** For international travel, US citizens require a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your return flight date. Non-US citizens should contact their booking agent or appropriate consulate for information on all required documents.

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 become ill on tour.

**Health and Safety:** Please consult your physician for pre-departure health advice. Tauck regrets that it cannot provide special assistance for walking, wheel-chairs, motorized scooters, dining or other personal needs. Guests needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters.

Tauck reserves the right to terminate the journey of any person who has a health condition that creates a hazard to other guests, is abusive of others or whose behavior is disruptive. Tauck will make no refund and will accept no liability for persons who must leave the trip.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests and travel advisors 90 days prior to departure for shore excursion selections when applicable (included in the price but subject to availability). Shore excursion selections can be made 90 days before departure directly on My Account at tauck.com.

Photography and Video on Tour: Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and / or video taken on tour 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, notify your Tauck Director at the start of your tour.

#### Airline Reservation Services

International airfare may be purchased through Tauck for travel originating in the United States, Canada and Australia. By using Tauck's air services, you agree that Tauck, in purchasing, selling or otherwise arranging air transportation, is acting only as your agent with air carriers, who are independent contractors. Tauck is not liable or responsible for any accident, death, personal injury, illness, property damage, delay or other loss or expense of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of any act of God, or any actions or omissions (including any failure to provide services) or default of, any carrier. Your airline ticket purchased through Tauck constitutes a contract between yourself and the airline. Tauck is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to: seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes, missed connections, cancellations, claims for a refund or reimbursement of airline ticket fees, or any other loss or expense incurred by you for any reason whatsoever. Tauck must handle ticketing for Tauck's special fares, which are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed until reserved. Special fares cannot be combined with any other promotional offer. Tauck's air services must be purchased in conjunction with a Tauck tour. Electronic ticket numbers will be provided with final documents. Should you cancel or change your flights before or after departure, all airline cancellation and change fees will apply. It is the guest's responsibility to confirm all departures 24 hours in advance and to be aware of any changes by the carrier.



#### How to Make a Reservation

See your travel advisor, or call Tauck at 800-468-2825 to make a reservation.

**Payment Due Dates and Amount:** To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each tour booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or your space is automatically released.

\$900 per person - European river cruises

Final Payment is due to Tauck 120 days before departure for river cruises. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

**Personal Travel Documents:** Approximately 60 days before departure, and after receipt of final payment, your travel documents will be sent electronically; they will include electronic airline ticket numbers (when applicable), joining instructions, hotel lists, a reading list, clothing suggestions, trip itinerary, and other pertinent information.

**Extreme Circumstances:** In the event of an act of God, war (declared or undeclared), terrorism, accident, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, pandemic, quarantine, decisions by governments, or other similar event or circumstance beyond Tauck's control. Tauck reserves the right to issue a credit to you in lieu of a money-back refund, applicable to a future Tauck journey.

#### TAUCK Cruise Protection

Under Tauck's *Cruise Protection* plan, you will receive the following:

**Cancellation Fee Waiver:** Should you have to cancel your trip for any reason, Tauck's Cancellation Fee Waiver reduces the regular cancellation fees outlined herein, provided we are notified of cancellation before your trip departs. Certain terms and restrictions apply.

**Travel Insurance Benefits:** Underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. Should you have to cancel your trip due to illness, injury, death or other covered reasons, any cancellation or airline penalties not refunded by Tauck under the Cancellation Fee Waiver may be reimbursable under Trip Cancellation. This Protection also provides benefits for:

- *Trip Interruption* If you have to interrupt your tour for covered reasons, the plan provides reimbursement to catch up to your tour or return home.
- *Travel Delay* Provides reimbursement for missed, prepaid Tauck travel arrangements if you are delayed by a common carrier, natural disaster, unannounced strike, or other reasons as cited in the certificate.
- Medical Expense Reimburses covered medical expenses incurred in the event you become injured or sick during your trip.

- Baggage / Personal Effects Protection Provides reimbursement in the event your luggage or personal effects are lost, stolen, damaged or delayed during your trip.
- Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services -Provided by Carefree Travel Assistance 24-hour emergency telephone assistance hotline for medical and travel-related problems.

Costs of Tauck's *Cruise Protection* are as follows: **\$659 per person** – Tauck Bridges family river cruises **\$799 per person** – European river cruises

Tauck's optional *Cruise Protection* must be requested at time of booking and the fee must be included in initial payment. Fees are based on costs as of July 2023 and are subject to change. The amount of any refund shall be reduced by any recoveries obtained by you from any third parties. Travel agent commissions are not covered under these plans.

The protection plans discussed above provide insurance coverage that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home and automobile policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurance agent. Should you choose to travel without *Cruise Protection*, or other adequate travel protection coverage, we will not be liable to you for any loss that such travel protection would have covered.

#### If You Have to Cancel

**Cancellation Fees:** Regardless of reason, cancellations of confirmed bookings result in costly penalties and fees from hotels, ship operators and other travel providers. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply:

With Cruise Protection - Guests choosing to purchase Tauck's Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties as follows:

- 120 days or more before departure: Loss of *Cruise Protection* fee per person
- 119–60 days before departure: Loss of 25% of cost of tour per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee
- 59–1 day before departure: Loss of 50% of cost of cruise per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee

Without Cruise Protection - Guests choosing not to purchase Tauck's Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties as follows:

- 120 days or more before departure: Loss of deposit, per person
- 119–60 days before departure: Loss of 50% of tour cost, not including air (if applicable) per person
- 59–1 day before departure: Loss of 100% of tour cost, not including air (if applicable) per person

Time of cancellation is when notice is received by Tauck.

In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, Tauck reserves the right to amend the *Protection* plans and cancellation terms outlined herein.

**Tour Interruption Fees:** If you have to interrupt your tour en route, you may be entitled to a refund for the unused land portion if it exceeds 24 hours; certain restrictions apply. Such refunds are based upon the number of overnights missed less a fee of \$40 per person per day for unused transportation and other fixed expenses.

**Partial Room Cancellation:** A person who cancels or leaves a tour while a roommate remains constitutes a cancellation of one type of accommodation and rebooking of another type of accommodation. The price charged to the remaining person is the new, higher price for the new accommodation.

#### Before You Book

Before booking your tour or cruise, please be advised that many contain active experiences and may include touring in areas where modern amenities, like US-standard air conditioning, are not available. To access touring locations, you may need to walk considerable distances and stand on uneven terrain like cobblestones. Travelers must be in good health; consult your physician for pre-departure advice.

#### Activity & Pace Levels

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
- 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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# River Cruising Calendar 2025

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	The Blue Danube	20	12
& Moselle	Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest	24	8
	Danube Kingdoms: Bavaria, Austria & Hungary	28	12
	Budapest to the Black Sea	32	13
	NEW Romantic Capitals: Prague to Paris	36	14
ain	The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel	40	8
Σ	The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam	44	10
hine	The Rhine and Moselle	48	15
ц В	Rhine Enchantment, Amsterdam to Milan	52	11
nbe	Rhine Connoisseur: Montreux to Brussels	56	11
Dan	Hidden Waterways of Flanders and Holland	60	8
_	Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat	64	15
	Grand European Cruise	68	25
eine & Rhône	Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy	74	8
	Rendezvous on the Seine	78	10
	Cruising the Seine, plus Paris & London	82	12
	Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence	86	10
	French Escapade: Paris to The Riviera	90	14
0)	La Belle Vie: The Rhône, Geneva & The Riviera	94	14
lro	Villages & Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley	100	8
Dol	Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid	104	12
	Belgium & Holland in Spring	110	9
Jal	Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest	114	10
ISOL	Christmas Markets Along the Rhine	118	8
Sei	Christmas Markets Along the Danube	120	8
	Yuletide Spirit: Brussels to Amsterdam	122	8
	Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure	126	8
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## *New for 2025*

#### Romantic Capitals: Prague to Paris - 14 days

Our newest river cruise begins and ends with two-night stays in two of the world's most romantic capital cities. Cruise the picturesque Rhine, Main and Moselle, explore the country of Luxembourg, attend exclusive evenings in castles, and discover the heart of Europe.



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