

# TAUCK



EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING



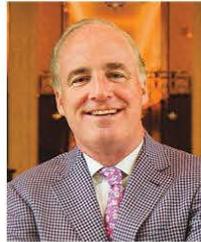
NEW FOR 2019

IMPRESSIONS FROM THE SEINE: PARIS TO NORMANDY  
AUTUMN ALONG THE RHINE: MUNICH'S OKTOBERFEST





## Quality & value make the magic at Tauck



Over our 90+ years, we have always sought to provide the very best destination experience, featuring uncommon access and unique travel experiences that bring our guests closer to the people, stories and traditions across the rivers of Europe. Over the last few years, we enhanced our signature destination experiences with more sightseeing choices on our privately guided shore excursions and added more exclusive Tauck events

and special dining experiences in unique venues. We made our journeys even more inclusive by adding unlimited complimentary beverages, from regional wines, beer and spirits to specialty coffees, along with chef-prepared meals and snacks throughout the day. Absolutely all gratuities are included as well as unlimited WiFi connectivity. We've also taken the opportunity to renovate and reimagine our riverboat fleet, reducing their overall capacity to provide more space and larger cabins for our guests, and enhanced

the second kitchen facilities to support our Bistro restaurant. Add uncompromising service from our team of onboard Tauck

Directors, and Tauck value became even stronger! This past year, the dollar has weakened considerably, which makes the value of our all-inclusive Tauck river cruises even stronger. All-inclusive value provides peace of mind as prices will not fluctuate in 2019 should the dollar weaken further. Come aboard, and discover just

how important Tauck quality and value are in ensuring an extraordinary cruise.

*Dan*

Daniel W. Mahar, CEO





# The Promise of an Inspirational Travel Experience. Because How You See Europe Matters.

## UNCOMMON ACCESS

- Tauck's unmatched destination knowledge and land expertise maximize your time ashore, connecting and inspiring
  - All-included shore excursions feature choice in many destinations – they are a well-choreographed blend of cultural sightseeing and more active choices
- Exclusive cultural experiences are an important part of every cruise, many of them private for Tauck guests only
  - Only Tauck includes exclusive dining ashore, providing a genuine taste of regional cuisine

## TRAVEL IN GOOD COMPANY

- 3 Tauck Directors and 1 Tauck Cruise Director onboard every cruise – highest director-to-guest ratio in the industry
  - Tauck Directors manage every detail for a high level of service, expertise & guest satisfaction
- Tauck's proven ability to take care of guests in the event of the unexpected on tour personifies the word "reassurance"

## SOPHISTICATED, INTIMATE ATMOSPHERE

- Tauck's Destination Fleet is custom-designed for comfort – guests enjoy a relaxed, congenial atmosphere
  - Fewer guests onboard – two ship sizes with no more than 98 or 130 guests
  - More 300 sq. ft. suites than any other ship in their class; they include two French balconies

## DISTINCTIVELY INCLUSIVE

- No options sold. Ever.
- All shore excursions are included along with virtually every river cruise expense in one up-front price
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and luggage handling included
  - Enjoy superior value and quality onboard and ashore for peace of mind travel at its best

# WHAT'S INSIDE

## The Danube

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*Tauck's #1 Best-Selling Itinerary Worldwide*

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*Vienna, romantic towns and more on a 7-night Danube cruise*

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*Expanded departures! Sold out quickly in its 2018 debut*

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*3 rivers, 5 countries – legendary cruise through Europe's heart*

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## The Rhine & Moselle

### The Romantic Rhine:

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*Great for first-time river cruisers – explores 4 countries*

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*Only 2 departures – September 2019*

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*Limited Seasonal Departures – Netherlands and Brussels*

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*Enjoy more time in Switzerland plus a Rhine cruise*

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*Expanded departures! Sold out quickly in its 2018 debut*

**The Rhine and Moselle** – 13 Days ..... ↔ ...84  
*Enchanting, magical river cruise through romantic, Old World Europe*

↔ Indicates river cruise runs in two directions – north/south or east/west

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## French Waterways – The Seine & Rhône

### **NEW!** Impressions from the Seine:

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*Historic and artistic treasures from Paris to the D-Day beaches*

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*Family highlights include D-Day beaches, Versailles, Musée du Louvre*

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# HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD MATTERS™





## Inspired by the Destination

For 90+ years, the Tauck family has had a passion for sailing – small ships and yachts on seas the world over, riverboats along great rivers and waterways, and at home, aboard many different styles of crafts on the beautiful rivers and lakes of Connecticut and New York. Once we started taking guests on European land trips in 1991, it was inevitable that we would blend our land experience with our strong passion for cruising. Our first European river cruise launched in 1992, almost ten years before riverboats became one of the “hottest” ways to travel. That first cruise meandered along the Danube, the Main and the Rhine rivers, all the way from Vienna to Köln. We knew that no “ordinary” river cruise experience would do for our guests; we wanted them to travel Europe’s rivers in the same beyond-the-ordinary Tauck style they experienced on our land trips along the continent’s back roads. So we crafted a cruise that was ahead of its time and inspired by the destinations we explore. And as your “hotel” is traveling with you, we also custom-designed our riverboats to match the experience ashore...

## Award-winning Innovation

We extensively searched to find the right company to partner with, a company that would share our values and our commitment to “do the right thing” by our guests. We found that partner in another family-owned company – Scylla. Scylla is involved in the design, construction, and outfitting of our fleet. Together, we have custom-crafted all of our riverboats, working with an amazing group of international engineers, designers and craftsmen to bring these wonderful vessels to life and transport our guests on immersive, innovative and authentic travel experiences along Europe’s great rivers and waterways. We have two sizes of ships for greater cruising flexibility, including the 2018 completion of the redesign of our 361-foot ships – *Treasures* and *Esprit* – for the utmost in spaciousness with fewer guests on board, as 70% of their cabins now measure 225 sq. ft. or larger and they accommodate no more than 98 guests. And we’re pleased to debut two new river cruises in 2019 – *Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy* and *Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich’s Oktoberfest*.





# A Trip for Everyone

Onboard Tauck riverboats, you'll find couples young and young at heart... groups of friends and groups who share interests and alma maters... solo travelers, who know they'll meet like-minded folks and experience genuine camaraderie in the friendly, casual atmosphere onboard... families with grown children celebrating special occasions in a fantastic way; and families with younger children traveling on Tauck Bridges family river cruises. From both the United States and other countries, our guests are fascinated by Europe and enjoy the arts, food, and wine. Good value, high quality, and distinctive experiences are important to them in every aspect of their river cruise.

# Top 10 reasons why river cruising appeals to discerning travelers of so many ages and interests:



**1. DISTINCTIVELY INCLUSIVE VALUE.** Shipboard accommodations and meals, shore touring, and cultural entertainment onboard and ashore are central to the concept of river cruising – all included.



**2. MORE ACTIVE THAN YOU THINK.** By day you can enjoy walking excursions or perhaps a bicycle ride. Guided sightseeing may include experiences such as hiking, food and wine tastings, cultural performances, cooking demonstrations, and more.

**3. INTIMATE TRAVEL.** Riverboats carry far fewer passengers than ocean liners, enabling guests to get to know one another during a relaxing travel experience without lines or crowds.

**4. UNPACK ONCE.** This is a big benefit of a river cruise, where guests can experience a diversity of destinations without the hassle of having to change hotels!



**5. A RELAXING CRUISE WITHOUT SEA SICKNESS.** No waves or rocking of the boat mean a stable cruise where guests can enjoy traveling on calm waterways.

**6. CHOICE OF SHORE EXCURSIONS.** Shore excursions are included on all Tauck river cruises – in many destinations you have a choice of sightseeing or an active excursion such as bicycling.

**7. DESTINATIONS OFF THE BEATEN PATH.** European waterways bring river cruisers to places less traveled, where daily life is rooted in traditions and cultures authentically rich and inviting.

**8. NONSTOP SCENIC SIGHTSEEING.** No matter where you are onboard, from all-outside cabins to public spaces with panoramic windows, shoreside views are within sight (weather permitting).



**9. DIVERSITY OF SIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES.** Riverboats take you to castles, wineries, abbeys, gourmet markets, picture-postcard villages, art centers and more, each distinctive to the destination.

**10. GOING INLAND.** River cruising is all about going inland to discover the heart of Europe from a closer perspective, with more time for in-depth exploration of your destinations and personal enjoyment.

# THE CHOICE IS YOURS!



Choice is an important part of every Tauck river cruise – because choice brings with it possibilities. And those possibilities are what travel is all about. Many days you'll have a choice of shore excursions... of where, and how to spend your free time... and you can take advantage of more active choices, like organized bicycling excursions. You'll find new and expanded fitness opportunities on Tauck's Destination Fleet including onboard stretching classes, a fitness center, massage room, putting green and more.





# Shore Excursion Choices

Whether you are returning to one of your favorite destinations or visiting for the first time, we are committed to maximizing your experience. Keeping true to our roots, we have carefully choreographed itineraries that take you everywhere from the heart of cities to the hidden gems tucked away for your eyes only. Along the way, on many days, there will be opportunities for you to personalize your journey with shore excursions that appeal to your unique interests. You may choose to spend an afternoon on a guided bicycle tour or visit an Imperial Palace. Explore a town's architecture or stretch your legs on a scenic hike. Choices are yours, and they're all included.

While some shore excursion choices can be made onboard your cruise, there are certain excursions where advanced sign-up is requested. Tauck will contact you 90 days prior to your departure date with the information you need to make your selection. So get excited... the adventure is just getting started!

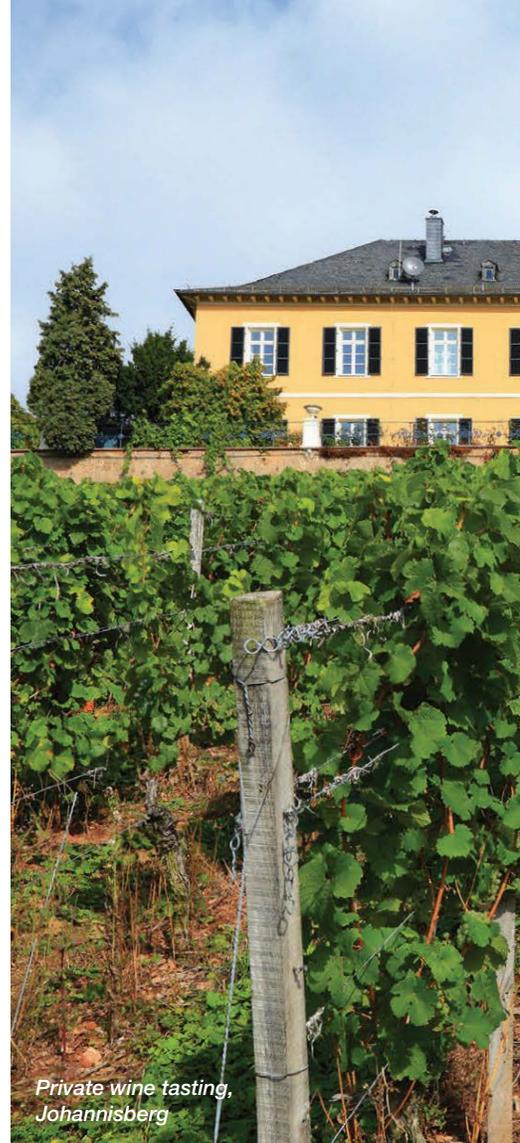


Your choices about both aboard ship and ashore... from keeping fit with a stretching class on the Sun Deck or a workout in the fitness center... to opportunities to explore as you pedal across the European countryside on a bicycle excursion with your local guide... enjoy a special visit to a royal palace... or perhaps do some wine tasting with a member of a noble family. The choice is yours.

# Uncommon Access

We have carefully choreographed our all-included shore excursions with unforgettable destination experiences not available to other travelers. Like Tauck's signature land trips, our river cruise itineraries focus on the destination to immerse you in the essence of the places we visit. Think exclusive events that sparkle with cultural treasures for Tauck guests only, from gala dinners in private palaces, castles and châteaux where royal hosts roll out the red carpet to wine tastings at private vineyards, exclusive music performances, presentations by noted local experts, culinary artisans in French markets, artists and historians in museums and workshops, and command concerts with music by Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Strauss and Beethoven in venues that inspired their genius... and promise memories that linger long after you return home.

You'll explore like an insider, share stories, learn from experts, meet artisans who teach you their secrets. Talk with the locals. Experience their lands, their daily lives, their traditions. Make cultural connections that broaden your horizons and enlighten your mind at lectures, stir your soul at music and dance presentations by local performing artists, inspire your palate at cooking demonstrations... And you'll dine off the riverboat at local restaurants... castles and palaces, trendy cafés, taverns, wineries, bierstubes, local markets... charcuteries... a ranch... and more.



*Private wine tasting,  
Johannisberg*



*Private Dinner,  
Schloss Ehreshoven*



*Dinner & Private Evening,  
Palais Pallavicini*



*Exclusive Access,  
Strahov Monastery*



*Private Dinner,  
Wieliczka Salt Mine*



*Exclusive Evening,  
Palais Ferstel*

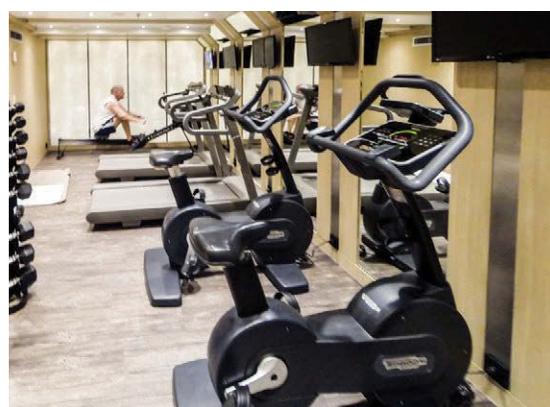
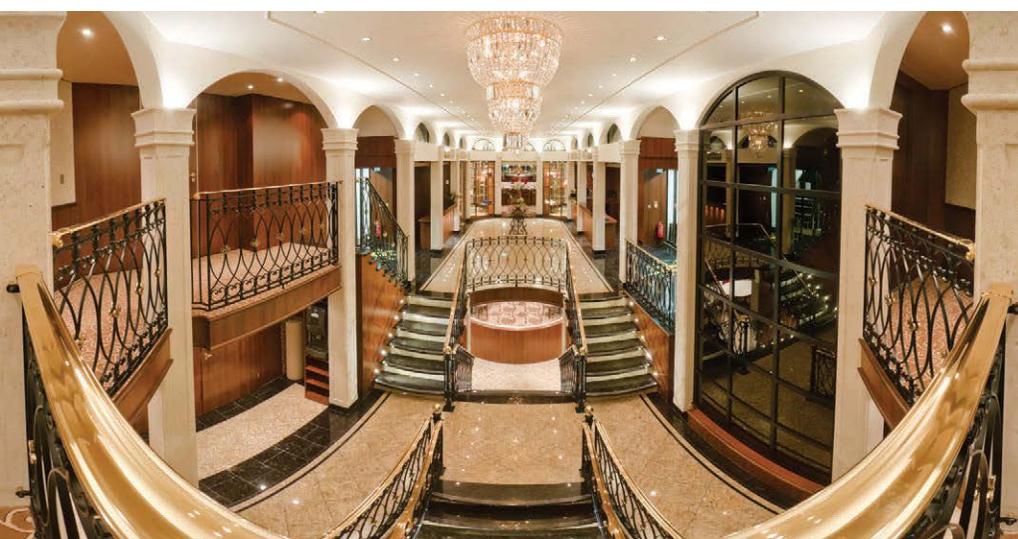


*Private Dinner,  
Duché d'Uzès*

# Sophisticated, Intimate Ambiance

Onboard our custom-designed riverboats, the ambiance is relaxed and congenial. Spacious cabins and suites... impeccable service with a smile... amenities of a top-flight hotel... gracious interior design... fine continental dining... and many other refined touches add up to a river cruising experience that's second to none.

On your riverboat, camaraderie among guests develops naturally and easily – everyone has space to relax comfortably. From our outside-facing cabins to our spacious Lounge and dining spaces, all are designed with contemporary elegance. You'll find fine brocade fabrics, real wood paneling, marble, and leather finishes crafted to maximize natural light and the wonderful views. Gather around the piano in the Lounge... stretch out on the Sun Deck as the crew arrives with your favorite drink... rejuvenate with a massage after a full day ashore... life is easy. And this is river cruising at its best.



Call your travel agent or Tauck at 800-468-2825



## Leisure, Amenities and More

- Bicycles are available for complimentary use on shore
- We have a Fitness Center on every riverboat with treadmills, stationary bicycles and mats for stretching and exercise
- Massages and other treatments are available at our onboard spa
- Relax on our Sun Deck, where you'll enjoy a 360° view of the river landscapes, a putting green, and a Jacuzzi or plunge pool (available 24 hours)
- Enjoy regionally inspired onboard entertainment, enrichment lectures, culinary demonstrations and tastings, and our onboard pianist



## Dining and Beverages

- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard your Tauck riverboat include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, tea, water and soft drinks
- Our main dining room, The Compass Rose, features fine European cuisine, open seating, and flexible dining times. Panoramic windows offer great views of the passing scenery.
- Arthur's is open for casual fare at lunch and dinner, lighter breakfasts in the morning, and all-day beverages.
- Enjoy al fresco dining on the Sun Deck and always available snacks brought to wherever you are onboard





300-sq.-ft. Suite



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## Where less is more...

Our newly renovated smaller ships carry no more than 98 guests, while our longer ships carry no more than 130 – and they feature more 300-sq.-ft. suites than any other ships in Europe. In designing both Tauck Suites and our spacious cabins, we put all the square footage inside rather than trimming the interior in order to add step-out balconies. Over 80% of our cabins have French balconies with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Your surroundings are gracious, the service has style, and the atmosphere is both easygoing and congenial – all the right ingredients to make it easy to foster new friendships throughout your river cruise. Fewer passengers means more personal attention from the captain and the crew. And attentive service – they know your name. Tauck guests don't face the hassles of crowds and long lines. Dress is comfortable, unassuming and casual. The pace is unhurried. You know instantly that you are a welcomed guest from your first moment aboard.



# Travel in Good Company.

## Tauck takes your vacation personally.

Enjoy attentive, caring service from our experienced Cruise Director, three expert Tauck Directors, and our friendly riverboat crew, making sure your accommodations are to your liking, taking you places you can't go on your own, introducing you to locals you wouldn't have a chance to otherwise meet, wining and dining you with the specialties of the region, and delighting you with extraordinary moments every day. They introduce you to must-see sights and enhance your journey with information about the region, from education and politics to art and history. On our daily shore excursions, we team up with local experts and guides who show you their towns – and talents – sharing personal insights that enrich your sightseeing experience. Our guests say our Tauck Directors surpass their every expectation – that's because our Tauck Directors truly love what they do and it shows.

Three professional Tauck Directors and one Tauck Cruise Director on every cruise ensures a high level of service, expertise, and guest satisfaction

Trustworthy professionals, they provide personalized attention and customized service onboard and ashore; they average 10 years of service with Tauck.

Flexible and spontaneous, they add special treats and delightful surprises to the day's itinerary whenever possible

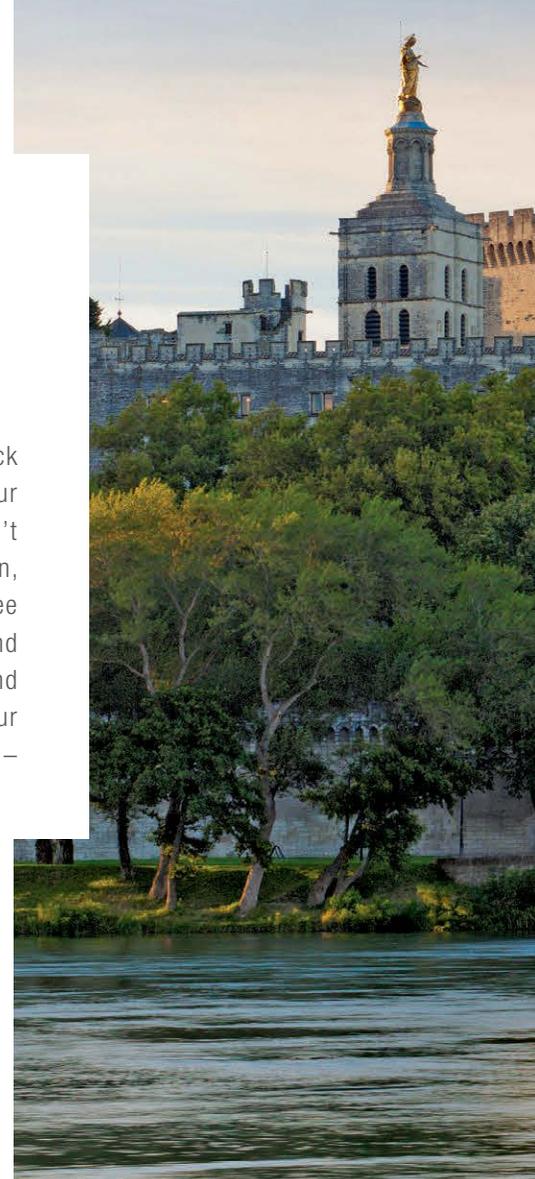
Well rounded, they have fascinating backgrounds, including teaching, photography, history, theatre, geography, politics, writing, cooking, and more

Well traveled, they are familiar with local customs and traditions and are often fluent in several languages

Fun to be with, they thrive on finding exciting ways to share their love of the places you'll explore together

Travel experts, they are always prepared with alternate plans to make the best of any unexpected situation

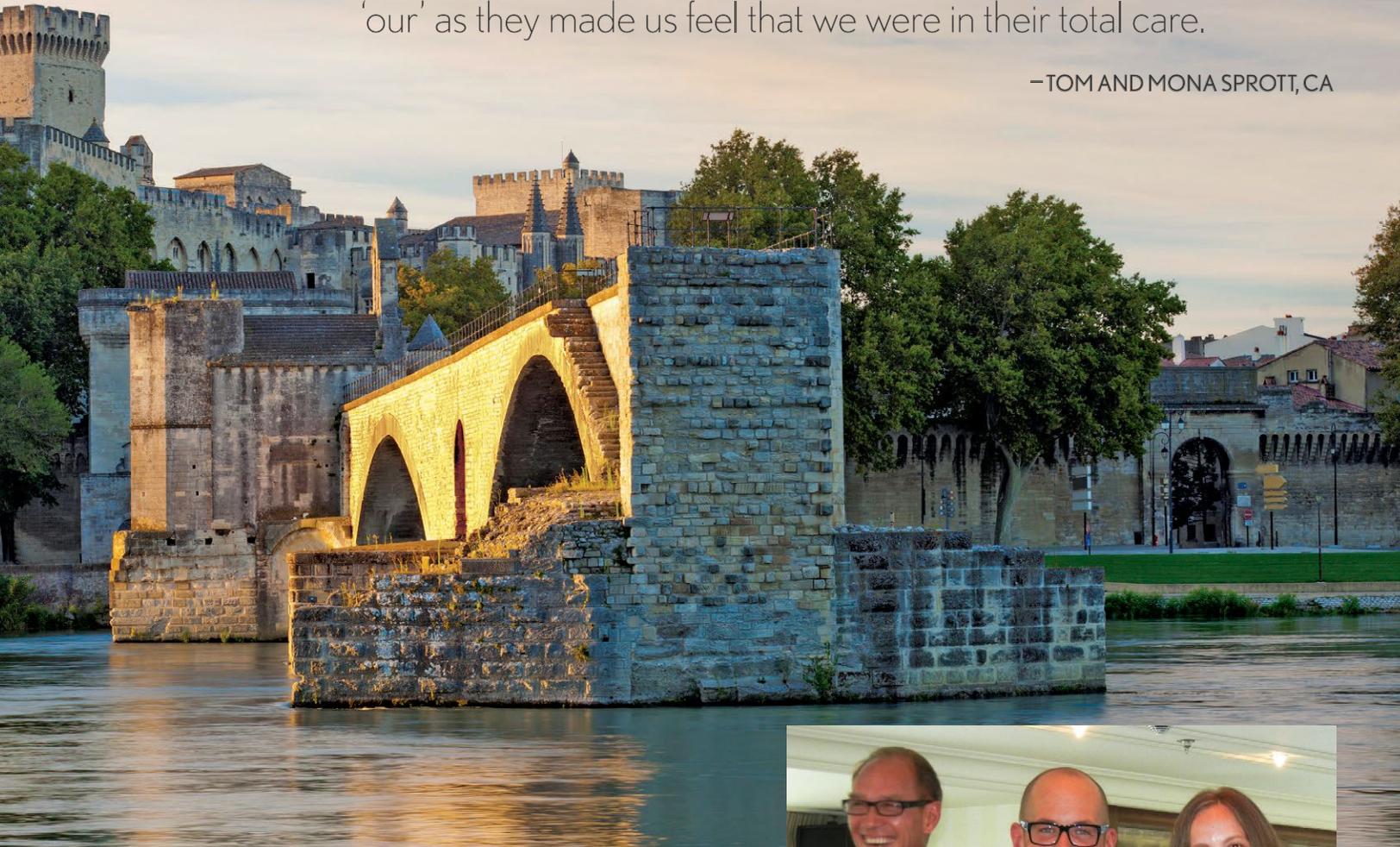
Renowned as the best in the industry, they garner rave reviews from our guests for their warmth, efficiency and knowledge



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Our Tauck Directors were just exceptional... we use the term 'our' as they made us feel that we were in their total care.

—TOM AND MONA SPROTT, CA



“ Our France cruise was certainly one of the best of the 8 or 9 Tauck trips we have enjoyed. The ship was comfortable, the food was delicious, the tours were outstanding and the captain and crew added another plus to a great journey.

—AURELE AND HENRY TIMKEN



Cesky Krumlov



Hotel Principe di Savoia



# Distinctively Inclusive

If it means a better travel experience, we include it – aboard and ashore. Exclusive cultural experiences. All shore excursions. Superb accommodations. All gratuities. Entertainment, admissions, tastings, on-tour transportation, transfers upon arrival and departure – are all covered in one upfront price. And no options are sold, ever.

Our riverboats are custom-crafted to our uncompromising high standards for comfort, spaciousness and elegance, and you can count on impeccable personal service from ship to shore, with every detail seamlessly taken care of for you. Meals are freshly prepared and regionally driven, both on the riverboat and at local restaurants. Complimentary beverages – from specialty coffee, tea, soft drinks and bottled water to house wine, beer and premium spirits – are included on the riverboats, all day, every day.

Cruising with Tauck, you'll go beyond the ordinary to discover what's extraordinary about the places you'll explore. We believe you should experience Europe as it was meant to be enjoyed – steeped in local culture, seasoned with regional traditions and flavored with fun.

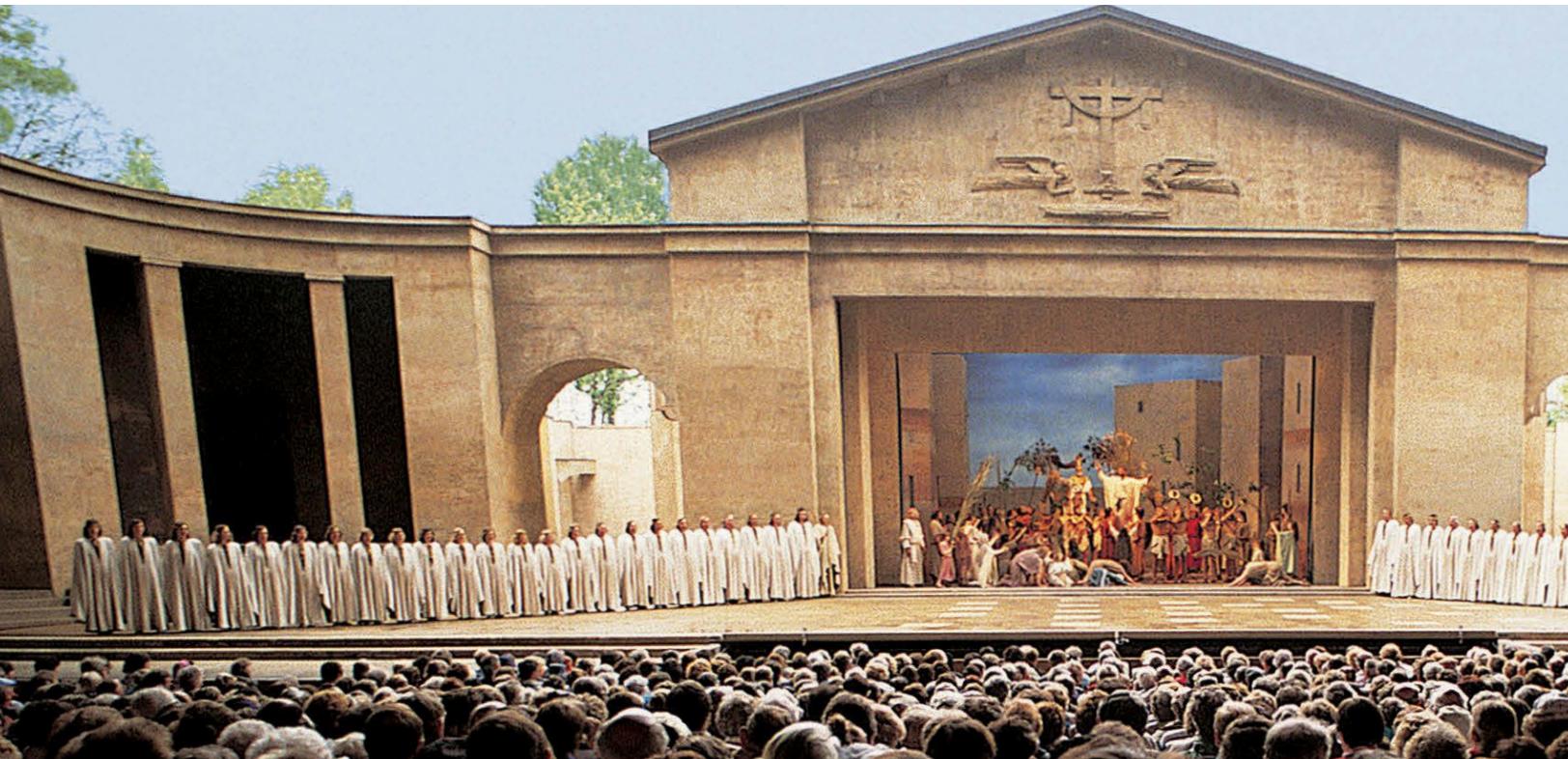


Onboard entertainment includes local dancers, singers and musicians who share regional traditions

Gala evenings ashore delight with command performances and dinners in extraordinary venues

Stay in some of the world's finest hotels such as Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan, Italy

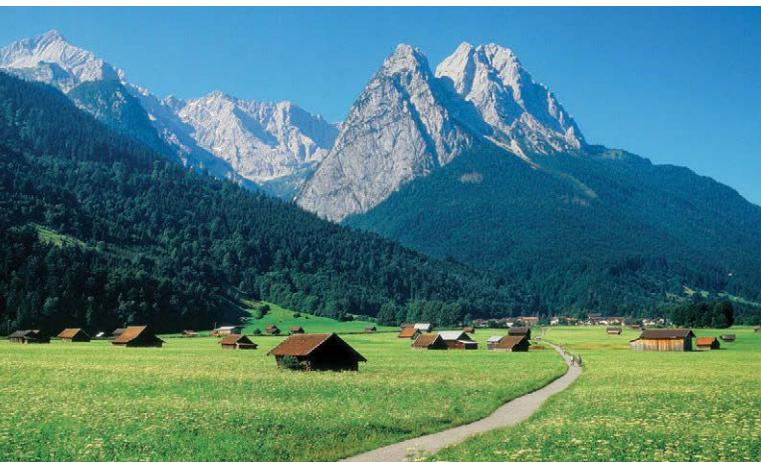
# EXPERIENCE 2020 OBERAMMERGAU



## A Once-A-Decade Event, Experienced in Tauck Style

Produced every ten years by residents of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau since the 1630s, the Passion Play (*Passionsspiele*) is a beloved highlight of every decade; on select river cruises and land journeys for 2020, Tauck's Oberammergau experience will include:

- Premier seating in the best available category at the *Passionsspiele*
- Private tours of must-see sights and attractions
- Exclusive cultural connections and more for Tauck guests only



# WITH TAUCK



## Tauck Journeys featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play

Tauck's Oberammergau experience will be featured on departures of the following European land journeys and river cruises between May and September 2020. Visit us online at [tauck.com/oberammergau](https://www.tauck.com/oberammergau) for more details... space on these special departures is filling quickly, so call *now* to reserve your Tauck 2020 Oberammergau trip risk-free!

### 2020 RIVER CRUISES

#### THE BLUE DANUBE – 13 Days / 12 Nights

*Munich, Oberammergau, Salzburg / Cesky Krumlov, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest*

##### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

Begins Munich: **May 17, 31; Jun 14, 28; Aug 9; Sep 6, 13, 27**

Begins Budapest: **May 25; Jun 1, 8, 22; Jul 6, 27; Aug 31; Sep 14, 21** **/= Sold Out!**

#### THE ROMANTIC RHINE – 11 Days / 10 Nights

*Amsterdam, Köln, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Basel, Lucerne, Oberammergau, Munich*

##### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

Begins Amsterdam: **May 20; Jun 17; Jul 15, 29; Aug 26**

Begins Munich: **May 24; Jun 21; Jul 5, 19; Aug 2, 30** **/= Sold Out!**

#### DANUBE REFLECTIONS – 11 Days / 10 Nights

*Munich, Oberammergau, Regensburg, Passau, Grein, Dürnstein, Vienna, Bratislava*

##### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

Begins Munich: **Jun 7; Aug 16; Sep 20**

Begins Vienna: **May 13; Jul 1; Sep 9**

### 2020 EUROPEAN LAND JOURNEYS

#### ROMANTIC GERMANY – 14 Days / 13 Nights

*Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Black Forest, Oberammergau, Munich, Dresden, Berlin*

##### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

**May 16, 23, 30; Jun 6, 13, 20, 27; Jul 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Sep 5, 12, 19, 26** **/= Sold Out!**

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, specially priced; specific dates apply – ask at booking.

#### THE ULTIMATE ALPS & DOLOMITES – 13 Days / 12 Nights

*Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Grossglockner, Bolzano, Davos, Lucerne*

##### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

**May 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5, 12, 19, 26;**

**Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27** **/= Sold Out!**

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## Peace of Mind on Europe's Rivers

Since our company's earliest days, the safety, security and comfort of our guests have always been top of mind. In 1933, Arthur Tauck Sr. felt it was important to communicate to guests that "Safety is paramount..." as he introduced the "latest constructions, improvements, and up-to-date safety devices" for peace of mind travel aboard Tauck "Hi-Way Cruisers" (motor coaches).

Today, our primary focus aboard our river cruises is still the safety, security and comfort of our guests, both on the rivers and behind the scenes. When you river cruise with Tauck, "Peace of Mind Travel" includes:

- A new onboard card key scanning system prevents unauthorized access to the interior of Tauck's riverboats, lauded by industry experts
- The expertise of four Tauck Directors, averaging 10 years of experience, on board with guests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Support by our river operations team based in Basel, Switzerland, plus our Global Response Team
- Tauck's newly built / redesigned state-of-the-art Destination Fleet

## When the Unexpected Happens on the Rivers

Unexpected experiences are part of the magic of travel. We don't often talk about the challenges that can arise during travel because seamlessly managing all the details for you – without missing a beat – is business as usual here at Tauck. And while we pride ourselves on making your Tauck river cruise memorable and worry-free in every way, there are some things that are beyond our control. Like the whims of Mother Nature, local political situations or workers' strikes, to name a few. Tauck prepares for the unexpected – see how by watching our video at [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises).

Your safety is always our first priority, followed by our goal of delivering the cultural experiences you looked forward to when you booked your river cruise. Our Global Response Team continually monitors river conditions as well as any global situations which may impact our guests. So in the rare event adverse events may necessitate a re-choreographed itinerary with alternate transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations – at no additional cost to you – your flexibility and spirit of adventure will be most appreciated and can turn temporary disappointment into fond memories that last long after you return home.





## Advantages on Flights you won't get with the Airlines

- Book your international flights with Tauck and it's fully inclusive (taxes, fuel surcharges and more) – no hidden costs
- Refundable up to 90 days before departure; full payment isn't required at booking; most direct routing available, from select US and Canadian gateways to Europe
- Significant savings on Business Class airfare to Europe
- When Tauck books your flights, you are offered our personal assistance in the event of an unexpected travel disruption
- If your plans change at the last minute, we're here to assist

## Cruise Protection that leaves your worries at Home

We take on the hassles and details of travel – all the hard work, all the planning, all the logistics – even protecting your time and money investment with our Cruise Protection Product to provide benefits and services before and while you travel. For more information, please see General Information.



# DANUBE,



Rudesheim

# RHINE & MOSELLE

Castles line the rivers of central Europe, connecting kingdoms and countries in a continuous flow of legacies, legends and lore that never fails to enchant. In the Netherlands, springtime colors and Dutch art are the draw on and off the Rhine. As the river makes its way through Germany past domed cathedrals and Old Towns medieval, fairy tales come to life in wooded forests – and bier halls. The Danube waltzes from Austria to the Black Sea, sharing the bounty of the land and vine with tales of Habsburg palaces, Hungarian rhapsodies, Bulgarian intrigues and Romanian resorts – and the Moselle makes every memory pure magic.





# THE BLUE DANUBE

**OUR MOST POPULAR RIVER CRUISE!** From Prague to Budapest, castles of all descriptions have watched over the landscape from their royal perches for hundreds of years. They remain lasting testimony to kingdoms and culture... regal, romantic and ready to welcome Tauck river cruisers – during a private dinner in Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle and an exclusive evening of Imperial entertainment and dining at a private palace in Vienna... in Baroque Salzburg and atop Castle Hill in Budapest... on a hike to Kuenringerburg Castle... and on your tour of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace or Hofburg Palace.

## 1. ARRIVE PRAGUE

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, InterContinental Prague.** A transfer is included from Prague's Vaclav Havel Airport or the Praha Hlavni Nadrazi train station to InterContinental Prague. Begin your visit to Prague with a royal welcome reception, tour and dinner at 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle, exclusive to Tauck guests. **Meals D**

## 2. PRAGUE'S CASTLE & COBBLESTONE STREETS

One of Europe's most beautiful capital cities, Prague has stories to tell around every bend. A choice of excursions today offers different perspectives of the city, including a

walking tour of the Jozefov Quarter to discover Prague's Jewish Heritage, a stroll through centuries of history that visits the Museum of Communism and myriad Old Town sights or a tour of Staré Mesto (Old Town Prague). Afternoon sightseeing takes you inside Prague's soaring cathedrals and historic architectural riches, including the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus and the Hradcany (Castle) district. Our Tauck Exclusive private tour of the grand libraries of Strahov Monastery, resplendent in design and decoration, is bound to be a highlight of your day; you'll have the opportunity to view treasures that other visitors won't see. Spend the rest of the day as you wish in the "city of a hundred spires," strolling along cobblestone streets and sampling local culinary delights. **Meals B**



Prague



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Prague to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Prague <i>InterContinental Prague</i>
2	Prague
3	Regensburg (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	Disembark Budapest, <i>The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest</i>
11	Budapest
12	Depart Budapest

#### Budapest to Prague

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Budapest <i>Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest</i>
2	Budapest
3	Embark Budapest
4	Bratislava
5	Vienna
6	Vienna
7	Dürnstein, Wachau Valley
8	Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
9	Engelhartszell
10	(Check at booking for disembarkation location) Regensburg, Prague <i>InterContinental Prague</i>
11	Prague
12	Depart Prague



Strahov Monastery



Engelhartszell

### 3. REGENSBURG / ■ EMBARK RIVERBOAT

You have a choice of activities today. Spend your morning in Prague exploring at your own pace. Or set off for Regensburg, Germany, a city on the banks of the Danube boasting more than 1,400 historic structures. Join your local guide for a walking tour of the town revealing the 12th-century Steinerne Brücke; the 15th-century Town Hall; the twin-spired Gothic St. Peter's Cathedral; the remains of the Roman wall, and more. Embark your riverboat in late afternoon and join us for a welcome reception and dinner onboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ ENGELHARTSZELL AND BICYCLING

One guest said that *The Blue Danube* was like taking a magic carpet ride through picturesque places, getting on and off in towns that just beg to be explored! Today's arrival in the small Austrian market town of Engelhartzell lets you do just that, your way. Take a walking tour with a local guide to the church of Engelhartzell Abbey, a Trappist monastery once known for its cheese, liqueurs, and beer. Or, for a peek into everyday life here, visit a local home, where you and your host share conversation and perhaps even a taste of Austrian goodies. If you like, stretch your legs with a bicycle trip\* along the Danube to the town of Aschach, where your riverboat awaits. Musicians perform onboard tonight as the ship charts a course towards Linz, Austria. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ SALZBURG, CESKY KRUMLOV OR LINZ

With your riverboat docked in Linz today, choose your preferred activity – go on a full-day excursion to Salzburg, Austria, head off to Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic,



Cesky Krumlov

or remain in Linz. A setting for *The Sound of Music*, Salzburg is enticing with Baroque architecture, painted wrought-iron signage, ornate church towers, and grand palaces. Our walking tour explores Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, and Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy time on your own to have lunch and experience the sights as you wish; Salzburg holds an important place in the cultural fabric of Austria. Alternatively, travel with us through beautiful landscapes to Cesky Krumlov, which has been called a living gallery of elegant Renaissance-era buildings. Also graced with an incredibly well-preserved medieval heritage and charming ambiance, the town has earned its coveted designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its historic importance and physical beauty. A walking tour takes you to part of Cesky Krumlov Castle; it's worth climbing the many steps to see firsthand the medieval, Renaissance and Rococo design found inside, along with the stunning views of the town below. A third option today provides an opportunity to remain in Linz for time to explore as you please on your own before returning to the riverboat for dinner and conversation. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ WACHAU VALLEY CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN

Onboard commentary enriches a leisurely cruise past lush vineyards, fairy tale castles and ancient monasteries in the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its intact medieval architecture – and the perfect scenic appetizer for your stop in the picturesque little village of Dürnstein in Austria's wine country. Take a closer look at the village's Baroque houses as you stroll down the one main street with our local guides, seeing Old Town sites that include Kremser Tor Gate, the Pillory, and the Rathaus with an optional visit to the Augustine Monastery. If you wish, go on a bicycling adventure in the Wachau Valley where picture-perfect



Austria



Salzburg

scenery rewards at every turn. Time at leisure this afternoon invites with the opportunity for an invigorating climb up centuries-old steps to the ruins of hilltop Kuenringerburg Castle – where Richard the Lionheart was once held for ransom and where you'll be rewarded with views of the river and beyond. Enjoy a wine tasting back in town before dinner aboard on your riverboat this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ THE IMPERIAL CITY OF VIENNA

Wake up in Vienna, the city of emperors who ruled Europe for centuries! Join our local guides to pursue what interests you most, choosing from a city sightseeing tour with a drive along the "Ring"; a walking tour of Vienna with a focus on the city's Jewish heritage; or a guided bicycle ride around the city. An afternoon at leisure enables you to experience the sights as you please, including outstanding museums, magnificent boulevards, the historic Vienna Prater amusement park, and more. Nothing compares to the royal treatment and pageantry you'll experience tonight at our private Imperial Evening in an opulent Viennese palace. Waltz into the palace for welcome cocktails and dinner before an unforgettable spectacle of beautiful ball gowns and a musical performance celebrating the legacy of the composers who made Vienna Europe's center of music during the Habsburg era. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ VIENNA AND A CRUISE TO SLOVAKIA

Vienna's palatial treasures star today on your choice of sightseeing tours. Opt for a guided look inside the 1,441-room Baroque inspired Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' summer residence and an Austrian cultural gem; its history spans more than 300 years and reflects

the different tastes, interests, and aspirations of successive Habsburg monarchs. Or drive to Hofburg Palace, built in the 13th century and expanded right up to the 20th century, to see the Imperial Apartments of Empress Elisabeth ("Sisi"), another amazing Habsburg abode where the president of Austria lives today. Have lunch onboard or spend the afternoon at leisure in Vienna. Your riverboat sets sail for Bratislava in neighboring Slovakia later this afternoon. After dinner onboard, a troupe of traditional Slovak dancers performs for you. **Meals BLD**



Palais Pallavicini



If you want to feel like you are on the most personalized vacation ever, travel with Tauck! This was our first river cruise and we are now definitely confirmed Tauck Travelers! The thought and special 'treats' that go into each tour is most outstanding. We're now planning our next Tauck adventure, where I know we will once again feel like royalty.

- James Lindauer, California



Budapest

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,655
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Private Imperial Evening at a palace in Vienna with a gala dinner
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Private dinner in Prague at Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Private tour of the Baroque libraries in Prague's Strahov Monastery
- Two nights each in Prague and Budapest at hotels in the heart of each city
- Choice in Vienna: Schönbrunn Palace or the Imperial Apartments at the Hofburg
- Local performing artists aboard the riverboat
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 28 meals, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges

### 9. ■ BRATISLAVA & CRUISING TO BUDAPEST

Meet our local expert when he comes onboard to share insider anecdotes about ancient Bratislava, before you head off to explore the city by foot or on a bicycle. On a walking tour of the city's cobblestoned, vehicle-free historic center, see 17 centuries of history chronicled in sites including its 13th-century Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall and St. Martin's Cathedral. Or, pedal over to the "Iron Curtain area" with a local guide who shares personal insights about life here, past and present. Back aboard ship, get ready to celebrate the end of your cruise with a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 10. DISEMBARK BUDAPEST & EXPLORE BUDA

Disembark your riverboat in Budapest this morning. Once two independent cities of Buda and Pest, Hungary's capital is filled with architecture known for its grandeur and style. Take a guided walking tour of the city's hilly Buda section this morning, visiting the Covered Market, Castle Hill, Fisherman's Bastion, and Matthias Church (may be closed on some days). Upon arrival at your hotel, have lunch and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Your hotel is ideally located on the flatter Pest side of the river, within walking distance of historic sites, shopping and local restaurants serving traditional and international cuisine. **Meals BL**

### 11. FASCINATING PEST AND A SPECIAL FAREWELL

Discover Pest this morning on a guided tour that includes patriotic Heroes' Square; fashionable Váci Utca; the Parliament building; elegant Andrassy Avenue; and a



## 12 DAYS FROM \$5,990 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

## 8-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$4,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS PRAGUE OR BUDAPEST

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS SAVOR / MS JOY**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 8, 8*, Oct 28, 28*	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Apr 15*	\$6290	\$6690	\$7140	\$7440	\$8040	\$8240	\$8740
Apr 22, 29*, Oct 21, 21*	\$6490	\$6890	\$7340	\$7640	\$8240	\$8440	\$8940
Jul 8, 15, 15*, Aug 19, 19*	\$6690	\$7090	\$7540	\$7840	\$8440	\$8640	\$9140
May 6, 13, 13*, 20, 20*, Oct 14, 14*	\$6990	\$7390	\$7840	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440
May 27, Jun 10, 17*, 24, Aug 26, Oct 7	\$7290	\$7690	\$8140	\$8440	\$9040	\$9240	\$9740
Sept 2*, 9, 16*, 23, 30, 30*	\$7590	\$7990	\$8440	\$8740	\$9340	\$9540	\$10,040

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on the Apr 8, Jun 10, Jul 15, Sep 30, and Oct 28 departures. Certain restrictions apply.

**Note:** \*Indicates Budapest to Prague westbound direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing; ask at time of booking about additional 8-Day Cruise-Only pricing. **Note:** Cruise-only departure of Jun 5 is priced from \$5990 per person.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. **Note:** Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.**

**Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Please go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for Budapest to Prague 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. Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise or about our Cruise Protection Product. Tours of May 13 and May 27 will stay at the Boscolo Hotel in Budapest.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

special visit inside the State Opera House. Your choice of sightseeing focuses on the stories and sites associated with the Hungarian Revolution or the city's Jewish heritage with a visit to Dohanyi Synagogue, schedule permitting. Or, if you wish, join a local guide for a bicycle tour of city sights. Everyone meets up for a special farewell dinner at the grand Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – for Tauck guests only. **Meals BD**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Budapest.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest to Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport or the Keleti train station. You should allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**





Auersperg Palace

# MUSICAL MAGIC ALONG THE BLUE DANUBE

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MUSICAL GIANTS... like Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, Strauss, Schubert, Bartók, Dvorák and others... as you discover their “haunts” in great cities including Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, Bratislava and Prague. Join Tauck’s “maestros” – active music scholars as well as experienced performers – on this most musical of Danube River cruises... a 12-day trip through the heart of Europe including a 7-night cruise aboard one of Tauck’s custom-designed riverboats, ms *Savor* or ms *Joy*. Visit actual homes in which these musical geniuses lived and composed... concert halls and palaces where they performed... and museums and musical institutions dedicated to their glorious works, which envelop you throughout your journey!

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Budapest to Prague

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Budapest</b> <i>Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest</i>
2	Opera House / Budapest & Liszt / Liszt Academy / Budapest Concert
■ 3	Museum of Music History / Bartók House / Gellért Hill / Embark ms <i>Joy</i> or ms <i>Savor</i> / Welcome Reception & Dinner / “Maestros” Perform
■ 4	Bratislava – Musical Tour & Opera House Visit / Onboard Entertainment
■ 5	Vienna – Schönbrunn or Haus der Musik & Mozarthaus / Opera Performance
■ 6	Auersperg Palace Orchestral Rehearsal / Exclusive Gala Evening
■ 7	Cruising / Melk Abbey Tour / Onboard Fun / Visit to Grein
■ 8	Salzburg – Mozart Tour / Mozarteum University Visit / Chamber Concert
■ 9	Passau – Walking Tour / Onboard Fun / Farewell Reception / Gala Dinner
10	Disembark Vilshofen, On to Prague / Municipal House / Old Town <i>InterContinental Prague</i>
11	Prague – Vyšehrad / Dvorák House / Nelahozeves Castle Evening
12	<b>Depart Prague</b>



**Lingering like a favorite melody**, stories – like the one about 14-year-old Mozart’s hearing a complex choral work just once before copying out the score note for note from memory – accompany you on this Danube riverboat cruise to places where Europe’s musical giants lived, composed and played. Exclusive onboard performances, workshops and more from our “maestros” – musical experts and performers who travel with you – enhance a tuneful trip packed with Tauck Exclusives!

Stroll down a Bratislava street where Liszt performed as a child. Picture Bartók in his home during a recital of his works... Mozart at his birthplace in Salzburg... Liszt in his Budapest academy... Dvorák in his childhood home in Nelahozeves... and Beethoven anywhere in Vienna – where he had 67 different addresses in 35 years – and where melodies follow you everywhere... at the Haus der Musik and Mozarthaus... in an orchestral rehearsal in Auersperg Palace... at an opera performance... and during our gala private evening at the Palais Ferstel.

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck’s private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,935
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Onboard performances, workshops & activities by Tauck’s “maestros”
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Visit to the Opera House in Bratislava with special guests
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Opportunity to sit in on an orchestra rehearsal at Vienna’s Auersperg Palace
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Gala Viennese Evening with music at the opulent Palais Ferstel in Vienna
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Music and talk with a professor at Mozarteum University in Salzburg
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Farewell evening with dinner and music at Nelahozeves Castle outside Prague
- A special Viennese opera performance, and a performance at a premier concert venue in Budapest
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits
- Airport & train transfers upon arrival and departure
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- 26 meals, select meals ashore, service charges, taxes, portorage & applicable fuel surcharges

# 12 DAYS FROM \$7,490 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS BUDAPEST

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAVOR / MS JOY

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
May 27, Aug 26, Oct 7	\$7490	\$7890	\$8340	\$8640	\$9240	\$9440	\$9940

### Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:

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! Ask at time of booking.

**Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1000 per cabin in Categories 4 and 5** on the May 27 departure. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking. **Note:** Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, 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, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability). **Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking. **Note:** 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 60 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections (included in tour price, subject to availability).

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

**Note:** Tours of May 27 & August 26 will disembark the riverboat in Straubing, Germany.



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## MEET TAUCK’S “MAESTROS”

Tauck’s “maestros” – active music scholars and performers who are passionate and knowledgeable about European classical music and the destinations you’ll visit – guide your explorations ashore and enrich your onboard experience with interactive music workshops, seminars and performances.



Dürnstein

# DANUBE REFLECTIONS

WHEN YOUR ROAD IS THE DANUBE, it's enchanting... Austria, Slovakia, and Germany are linked by peaceful river landscapes dotted with storybook castles and romantic villages surrounded by stone terraced vineyards, where making world-class wines – and tasting them! – is an art. A mountaintop abbey lavish with Baroque art and architecture is as awe-inspiring as a castle in the Czech Carpathian mountains and the palaces and museums of Imperial Vienna. As you cruise from port to port, explore the cobblestone streets and market squares in the Old Towns of Bratislava, Cesky Krumlov, Grein, Passau, and Regensburg, each offering unexpected cultural treasures and culinary pleasures around every bend. And the *pièce de résistance* – a Tauck Exclusive gala evening with music and dancing at a private palace conjures up elegant Old World Europe just for Tauck guests!

## 1. ARRIVE VIENNA / ■ EMBARK SHIP

**Tour begins: 5:15 PM, Vienna.** A transfer is included from Vienna International Airport or the Vienna Westbahnhof train station directly to your riverboat, where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome toast before dinner as your riverboat sails from Vienna to Bratislava. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ SLOVAKIA

Wake up this morning in Bratislava and disembark for a choice of activities. One possibility is to go on a guided

walking tour of the cobblestoned, vehicle-free historic center of Bratislava, Slovakia's capital city – a mix of medieval, Baroque, and modern architecture styles; visit sites that include the 13th-century Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall, St. Michael's Gate, St. Martin's Cathedral, and the Primate's Palace, where you'll view rare 17th-century British tapestries. Afterward, spend some free time exploring as you please. Your other choice today is an excursion into the countryside, lush with vineyards, for wine tasting and a visit to Cerveny Kamen Castle in the Carpathian Mountains. Dating back to the 13th century,

“The Red Stone Castle” is one of the best-preserved castles in Slovakia, filled with historical furnishings and art; during your visit, learn about the finer points of falconry at a demonstration. You’ll have lunch at a local restaurant. Later, reboard your ship for an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy local entertainment onboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 3. ■ A DAY AND NIGHT IN IMPERIAL VIENNA

Your riverboat arrives in Vienna this morning for a day of sightseeing. Begin with a tour of the city’s landmarks that reveals a metropolis shaped by centuries as the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire ruled by the Habsburg dynasty. The grandeur and scale of Vienna’s boulevards, palaces, and public gardens are unmistakably regal. Then take your choice of museum tours. You can visit the Belvedere, an opulent 18th-century palace and former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy, which today houses masterpieces from periods ranging from medieval to Art Nouveau and Modern, including works by Austrians Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele. Or check out the Kunsthistorisches (Fine Arts Museum), founded by the Habsburgs in the 19th century to exhibit their vast art collection – the museum itself is a work of art. Or visit the House of Music (Haus der Musik), a contemporary museum in a historic building, featuring interactive exhibits on the great composers – you can actually “conduct” the Vienna Philharmonic! The afternoon is free for you to pursue your own interests in this grand city. You might want to stop in at one of its famous cafés to sample the pastries. Your Tauck Director will have suggestions! Later, join us at a



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

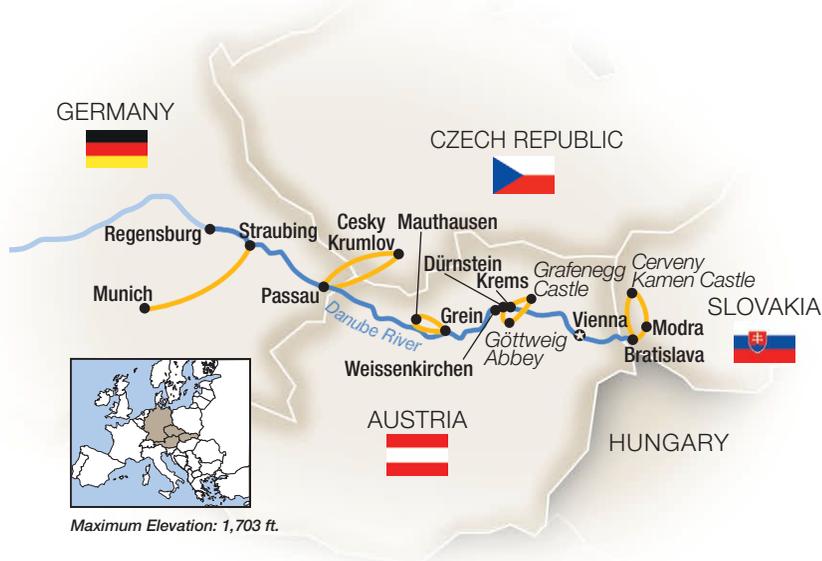
### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Vienna to Munich

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Vienna / Embark
■ 2	Bratislava or Cerveny Kamen
■ 3	Vienna
■ 4	Dürnstein, Weissenkirchen
■ 5	Grein or Mauthausen
■ 6	Passau or Cesky Krumlov
■ 7	Regensburg
■ 8	Disembark Straubing / Depart Munich

#### Munich to Vienna

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Munich / Embark Straubing
■ 2	Regensburg
■ 3	Passau or Cesky Krumlov
■ 4	Grein or Mauthausen
■ 5	Dürnstein, Weissenkirchen
■ 6	Vienna
■ 7	Bratislava or Cerveny Kamen
■ 8	Disembark Vienna





Cesky Krumlov

private palace in central Vienna for a Tauck Exclusive gala evening of dining and musical performances in elegant Imperial Viennese style. As you enjoy the sumptuous Palais Pallavicini, built in 1784, with its magnificent state rooms, you'll feel transported to another time. You might recognize the façade of the palace from another cultural reference... as the location of the apartment of Harry Lime (played by Orson Welles) in the classic film *The Third Man*. **Meals BLD**

#### 4. ■ CASTLES, ABBEYS, AND DÜRNSTEIN

This morning, your riverboat docks in Krems, where you have a choice of sightseeing excursions. One possibility is to visit the lofty, lavish monastery at Göttweig Abbey, a mountaintop Benedictine retreat with Baroque architectural features as stunning as the views; the grandiose design



Göttweig Abbey

of this abbey was intended to rival Escorial, the residence of the king of Spain. The Imperial staircase, allegorical ceiling frescoes, vast library, and collection of antiquities add up to a priceless experience. Then descend to the Tulln plain to encounter Grafenegg Castle, a 19th-century count's madly romantic vision of a medieval castle, complete with fairy tale turrets and towers, balconies, and gargoyles. Another choice this morning is to stay aboard your riverboat and sail on to the picture-perfect village of Dürnstein for a guided walking tour. You might ask yourself if Dürnstein is real or a Hollywood version of an Austrian village! Enjoy free time to explore, and if you're game, climb to the brooding ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle high above the town, where Richard the Lionheart was once held for ransom during the 12th century. A third possibility today is a challenging bicycle ride\* (not suitable for beginners) through the Wachau Valley, starting and ending in Dürnstein. Later, everyone returns to the riverboat in Dürnstein to set off on a scenic cruise through the Wachau Valley. You'll spy vineyards, castles, ancient hilltop ruins, and monasteries as you sail; this is wine country famous for its Rieslings and Grüner Veltliners, which you will sample at a Tauck Exclusive wine tasting event when you dock and stroll into the town of Weissenkirchen. Enjoy local entertainment onboard your ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ GREIN OR THE MAUTHAUSEN MEMORIAL

Spend a relaxing morning cruising and hearing your Tauck Director's commentary. Your riverboat docks in the picturesque riverside village of Grein for a choice of sightseeing – you can either explore Grein or visit the Mauthausen Memorial nearby. If you choose to discover Grein, begin with a guided walking tour of the village, which includes views of the Grein Theatre, built in 1791; it's the oldest operating theatre in Austria. You'll also see



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. High on a cliff overlooking the river, the castle is a showcase for the history and lifestyle of one of the most influential ruling families in Europe in the 19th century; Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom and Ireland belonged to the family and so did her husband, Prince Albert. You'll also have free time in the village of Grein. The other possibility today is a poignant guided visit at the museum and memorial on the site of the infamous World War II-era Mauthausen-Gusen concentration and slave labor camp complex. You'll arrive back onboard your riverboat in the late afternoon. As you savor the chef's signature dinner, your ship sails on to Passau this evening. **Meals BLD**

## A Tauck Exclusive Imperial Evening

Join us in Vienna at a magnificent private palace for a gala evening of dinner and classical performances that will sweep you off your feet! You'll experience firsthand how Europe's cultured classes of centuries past lived and were entertained.



Cerveny Kamen Castle

### 6. ■ EXPLORING PASSAU OR CESKY KRUMLOV

This morning your riverboat arrives in Passau, where you'll have a choice. Go sightseeing in this German town at the confluence of three rivers, or head to the town of Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic for exploring there. Once an ancient Roman outpost, Passau is more than 2,500 years old, a quintessential Bavarian town of pastel patrician houses, cafés, romantic cobblestone lanes, and riverfront promenades. It's great for walking; many streets are closed to traffic. If you choose to stay in Passau, your guided 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 check out the 14th-century Rathaus (Town Hall). You might want to attend a public concert on the famously massive organ

# Sip the Fruit of the Vine

The wines of Austria's fertile Wachau Valley are famous the world over – and you'll discover why when you step off your riverboat into the historic village of Weissenkirchen for a Tauck Exclusive wine tasting event. Savor the dry, refreshing Rieslings and full-bodied Grüner Veltliners that thrive in this landscape of terraced vineyards centuries old, seemingly untouched by time.



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,115
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – An Imperial Evening at a private Viennese palace with dinner and classical performances
- A choice in Vienna of world-class museums
- A wine tasting event in the village of Weissenkirchen, in Austrian wine country
- A choice of a visit to Grein or the poignant Mauthausen Memorial
- A choice of sightseeing in Passau in Germany or medieval Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals, service charges, taxes, portage, and applicable fuel surcharges

of St. Stephen's Cathedral, when available. After lunch, if you feel energetic, join your Tauck Director for a brisk walk up to the hilltop fortress. Your other possibility today is to travel to Cesky Krumlov, a well-preserved medieval town in a landscape of exceptional beauty. Your walking tour of Old Town includes Cesky Krumlov Castle, one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe, encompassing 40 buildings and palaces in medieval, Renaissance, and Rococo design styles, plus numerous courtyards and gardens. Enjoy free time in Cesky Krumlov. Return to your ship and continue cruising this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ HISTORIC INSIGHTS IN REGENSBURG

Dock in Regensburg this morning for a choice of sightseeing activities; one of Germany's most well-preserved medieval towns – and famous for its



Kunsthistorisches Museum



sausages! – Regensburg has more than 1,400 historic structures, some dating to ancient Roman times. You may choose to go on a walking tour of this major Bavarian town, including the Gothic cathedral, the market, the town hall, and 12th-century Steinerne Brücke, a medieval stone bridge spanning the Danube that’s the oldest surviving bridge of its kind in the country. You’ll also go on a guided visit to St. Emmeram Palace, the residence of the Thurn und Taxis family dynasty whose fortune began to accumulate in the 16th century and is the largest in Germany today. The palace, formerly a Benedictine abbey, remnants of which remain intact, is ornate with Baroque features and frescoes, from the throne room to the ballroom and the magnificent library; you’ll view art treasures, a weaponry collection, and fine porcelain. You can’t see it all, of course, since the family still lives here! Another choice today is a challenging walking tour of Regensburg that includes a visit to the Walhalla memorial, a massive hilltop hall of fame, where you’ll find busts and sculptures of distinguished figures from German history; the memorial was commissioned by King Ludwig I and completed in the 1840s. Your afternoon is free. Return to your riverboat for a farewell reception and toast followed by dinner as you sail to Straubing this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends Straubing, Germany.** Fly home anytime. Transfers are included from the riverboat to Munich International Airport or Munich’s main railroad station. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

### 8 DAYS FROM \$4,690 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS VIENNA OR MUNICH

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS SAVOR / JOY**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 17, Jul 10*, 24	\$4690	\$5090	\$5540	\$5840	\$6440	\$6640	\$7140
May 8*, Aug 14*	\$5390	\$5790	\$6240	\$6540	\$7140	\$7340	\$7840
Jun 5, Sep 4, 25*	\$5690	\$6090	\$6540	\$6840	\$7440	\$7640	\$8140

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on the April 17, July 24, and September 25 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Vienna to Munich direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing.

**Cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Itinerary Changes –** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Please go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for Munich 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. Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or our Cruise Protection Product.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

# BUDAPEST TO THE BLACK SEA



Bran Castle

## Budapest to Bucharest

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Budapest <i>The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest</i>
2	Budapest
3	Embark Budapest
4	Pécs / Mohács
5	Vukovar / Novi Sad
6	Belgrade
7	Cruise Kazan Narrows & Iron Gate
8	Ruse
9	Constanta, Black Sea Coast
10	Disembark Constanta / Bucharest <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
11	Bucharest
12	Depart Bucharest

## Bucharest to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Bucharest <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
2	Bucharest
3	Bucharest / Constanta Embark Constanta
4	Ruse
5	Vidin
6	Cruise Iron Gate & Kazan Narrows
7	Belgrade
8	Vukovar
9	Mohács / Pécs
10	Disembark Budapest <i>The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest</i>
11	Budapest
12	Depart Budapest





CRUISE THE DANUBE THROUGH EASTERN EUROPE... all the way to the Romanian resort towns on the Black Sea coast! Discover how East and West meet and intertwine in a mix of fascinating cultures and turbulent history. Revel in the architectural grandeur of Budapest... visit an early Christian necropolis in Pécs and “Dracula’s” castle in Transylvania... dine inside the Royal Palace in Belgrade... see Roman antiquities in Constanta, taste fine wine in Villány, and get to know little-known wonders of Bulgaria. The river reveals all – with Tauck Exclusives along the way!

## 1. ARRIVE BUDAPEST

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest.** A transfer is included from Ferenc Liszt Airport or Budapest Keleti train station to The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest, ideally located city center close to elegant Andrassy Avenue, the Danube and magnificent architectural sites. Join us tonight for a special Tauck Exclusive welcome cocktail reception and dinner with music at the Baroque-style Festetics Palace. **Meals D**

## 2. EXPLORE PEST YOUR WAY

Once separate cities located on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest were united and linked by the Chain Bridge in the mid-19th century to become Hungary’s cosmopolitan capital, Budapest. One choice today is to join a local guide for a walking tour in Pest that starts with a visit to St. Stephen’s Basilica, Budapest’s neo-Renaissance cathedral completed in 1905. Experience Pest’s mix of architectural masterpieces and historic monuments as you view City Park, patriotic Heroes’ Square with its statues of Hungarian leaders through the

ages, the Gothic-Revival Parliament building and tree-lined Andrassy Avenue. Spend time wandering through the bustling Central Market Hall, a showcase of Hungarian life from food to gifts and cafés; shopping here is a beloved Budapest tradition. Your other choice is to explore Pest on a bicycle tour\* with a local guide. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you like. If you wish, you may join your Tauck Director for a visit to a local museum. The evening is all yours to experience a taste of Budapest at night. **Meals B**

## 3. HISTORIC BUDA / ■ EMBARK RIVERBOAT

See a different side of the city today on a walking tour of Buda that celebrates centuries of history in an ornate government edifice, in a museum, and at the castle on the hill. Schedule permitting, visit the century-old Hungarian Parliament building, boasting 691 rooms, historic ceiling frescoes by noted artists, treasured crown jewels and a blend of architectural styles. Go back to the days of World War II and the Cold War at the “Hospital in the Rock,” a museum recreating underground military medical and civil

defense facilities in a former secret nuclear bunker and hospital hidden under Buda Castle. The hospital was used both during the war and the 1956 Hungarian Uprising. Walk up cobblestone streets to Castle Hill and visit 19th-century Fisherman's Bastion, offering stunning views overlooking the Danube River. Late this afternoon embark your riverboat, docked along the Danube riverfront. Meet your captain and crew at a welcome reception followed by dinner at leisure aboard ship this evening. **Meals BD**

#### 4. ■ ANTIQUITIES & MORE IN HUNGARY

Your riverboat arrives in Mohács in south central Hungary this morning, where you'll head to nearby Pécs for sightseeing. On a guided walking tour, explore the Bishop's Palace and the Christian Necropolis, a complex dating back to the 4th century that includes underground burial chambers and chapels adorned with early Christian art and frescoes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the 19th century, Pécs was famous worldwide for the Zsolnay porcelain manufactured here; if you like, visit the Zsolnay Museum for a look at its Art Nouveau stoneware, tiles, and pottery. Other possibilities include visiting the synagogue or free time. Enjoy lunch at a winery in Villány then return to Mohács this afternoon. If you wish, join your Tauck Director for a stroll through town or take out one of the complimentary bicycles we have onboard for a ride. Dinner is served onboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ CROATIAN HISTORY & ON TO SERBIA

Croatia's turbulent history takes center stage today – first with an enlightening onboard presentation about the country's past and present by a local expert, then on your

memorable excursion to the 10th-century city of Vukovar near the Serbian border. Once known for its elegant 18th-century Baroque mansions and now mostly recovered from the devastating effects of the 1990s war, the city today is a mix of old and new. Discover an authentic taste of local life when you are welcomed inside a private home to meet a family who returned to the area after years of conflict to rebuild their lives, and enjoy the homemade refreshments they'll share with you. Reboard your riverboat for lunch and cruise on this afternoon to Novi Sad, Serbia, enjoying informative commentary from your Tauck Director. This evening take an orientation walking tour of Novi Sad and enjoy some free time to explore as you please before your riverboat sails for Belgrade. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ BELGRADE SIGHTS / DINE AT THE PALACE

Your ship arrives in Belgrade, Serbia's cosmopolitan capital, for a morning of guided exploration. One possibility is a sightseeing tour including visits to Tito's Memorial, the formidable Kalemegdan Fortress, and the Cathedral of St. Sava, along with views of busy Slavija Square, the Parliament, Republic Square, City Hall, and the National Theatre and Museum. Another possibility is a guided bike tour\* through New Belgrade. Return to your ship for lunch or venture out on your own to discover regional culinary fare and wander as you wish. Tauck's shuttle will be available to bring you back to the boat in time for our onboard Serbian folkloric show and cocktail hour. Dinner is a Tauck Exclusive at the Royal Palace of Belgrade; built in the 1920s for the Yugoslavian royal family, HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Serbia and his family reside there today. Turn your clocks ahead one hour tonight as we chart a course for Bulgaria. **Meals BLD**





*King Decebalus Statue*

## 7. ■ THROUGH THE DANUBE'S IRON GATE

Spend a relaxing day aboard your riverboat, taking in the passing scenery and listening to your Tauck Director's commentary about the region. Winding lazily for much of its length, the Danube suddenly narrows into a series of high cliffs to create four steep, spectacular gorges – the Kazan Narrows and the Iron Gate of the Danube. Pass through this dramatic landscape as you cruise along the Serbian-Romanian border. Along the way, look for a monument to the 2nd-century Dacian King Decebalus, a Romanian national hero, carved into the Danube's rocky bank; it's Europe's tallest rock sculpture, completed in 2004 after a decade of work by a dozen sculptors. Savor views of the Transylvanian Alps and learn about Trajan's Bridge and the Roman influence in this region as you cruise to Bulgaria. Your riverboat passes through the last lock of the Iron Gate this evening. Dine at your leisure this evening in the Compass Rose onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ BULGARIAN ARCHITECTURE & ART

A morning of cruising takes you to the city of Ruse in Bulgaria. Enigmatic and off limits during four centuries of Ottoman Rule and decades behind the Iron Curtain, today the country is a treasure trove of natural beauty and history. Disembark after lunch in Ruse, sometimes referred to as "Little Vienna" for its Art Nouveau homes,

Austro-Hungarian architecture and lively cafés. A choice of afternoon excursions includes a guided walking tour and drive through this elegant city, rich in Belle Époque architecture and treed squares, or a hike to the Rock Churches of Ivanovo, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Featuring stunning medieval frescoes inside stony chambers carved into steep, cliffside caves, the monastic complex was inhabited by monks from the 12th century to the 17th century. The path up to the churches is rough and irregular, but the views – and frescoes – at the top of the valley are very rewarding. Back onboard your ship, enjoy cocktails and a classical performance by Bulgarian musicians, followed by dinner. Your riverboat departs this evening for Romania and will arrive in the city of Constanta tomorrow afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ ROMANIA'S BLACK SEA COAST

Spend the morning on a relaxing cruise through the Black Sea Canal enhanced by onboard commentary from your Tauck Director. Arrive in the port of Constanta on the Black Sea after lunch. Walk off the ship for a sightseeing drive and a guided walking tour of the city's Greek and Roman antiquities and Communist-era architecture; notable sights include an Art Nouveau casino and a monument to the Roman poet Ovid, exiled here in 8 AD by the Emperor Augustus. Then it's on to Mamaia, the largest seaside resort on the Black Sea, and a popular summertime

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,332
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A private visit and dinner at the Royal Palace of Belgrade
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A private evening at Festetics Palace in Budapest
- Two nights at a hotel in Budapest and two nights in Bucharest at a hotel located next to the Parliament Palace
- A visit with a family in Croatia in their private home; and a private visit to the Budapest Parliament building
- Choice of Romanian excursions: to Bran Castle in Transylvania or the palace ruins in Targoviste, dwellings of the original *Dracula*; or to Peles Castle in the Carpathian Mountains
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship including regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- 28 meals, airport and train transfers as noted, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges



destination. Have refreshments at a beachfront hotel and take the opportunity to enjoy the beach before returning to your riverboat. This evening join us for a farewell reception and dinner onboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

### 10. DISEMBARK & ON TO BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Disembark your riverboat this morning and travel to Bucharest, capital of Romania, for an introductory tour led by local guides. Landmark sites include Revolution Square and the Triumphal Arch, a small copy of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Have lunch at a popular restaurant in the Old Town, followed by a short walking tour of its cobblestone streets, antique shops, galleries, and cafés. Settle into your hotel, the JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, conveniently located next door to the massive Palace of Parliament (a.k.a. the People's Palace), built by erstwhile dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. The white marble complex, with more than one thousand rooms and four



underground levels, is the world's largest building after the Pentagon, and some parts of it are still unfinished! You'll go on a guided tour at the palace – and you may not believe your eyes as you take in this testament to Ceausescu's famed ego. **Meals BLD**

## 11. HAUNTS OF THE ORIGINAL DRACULA

You have three full-day excursion possibilities to choose from today. One takes you into the Carpathian Mountains to visit the elegant 160-room Peles Castle, a neo-Renaissance masterpiece filled with treasures of silk rugs, Murano glass, and polished marble; the castle is a summer residence of the Romanian royal family. Your other excursion choices trace the legacy of the 15th-century Romanian prince Vlad Tepes ("Vlad the Impaler"), thought to be the historical model for Bram Stoker's fictional Count Dracula character: visit Transylvania's Bran Castle, which Tepes once used as a base for military campaigns, or choose to go to Targoviste to see the ruins of Tepes' palace and its restored watchtower, including the army barracks where Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was tried and executed in 1989. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and return to Bucharest for free time as you wish. There are monuments to admire, parks to explore, boulevards to stroll and trendy cafés to try. **Meals BL**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Bucharest.** Fly home anytime. A transfer from the JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel to Bucharest Airport or Bucuresti Gara de Nord train station is included. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Constanta Casino

## 12 DAYS FROM \$6,290 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

## 8-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$5,170 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS BUDAPEST OR BUCHAREST

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MSESPRIT / TREASURES**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 2*, 12, 19* Aug 23, 30*	\$6290	\$6540	\$6690	\$7440	\$8040	\$8240	\$8740
May 14, 21* Jun 25	\$6990	\$7240	\$7390	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MSSAVOR**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Aug 5, 12*	\$6290	\$6690	\$7140	\$7440	\$8040	\$8240	\$8740

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Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

**Note:** \*Indicates Bucharest to Budapest westbound direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability. Ask at booking for additional 8-Day Cruise-Only price categories.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water & soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

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**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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. Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

See page 138 and 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

**Note:** Tours of May 21 and Jul 2 will stay at Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest nights 10 and 11.



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Berlin to Kraków

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Berlin <i>Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin</i>
2	Berlin
3	Berlin or Potsdam
4	Embark Nürnberg
5	Nürnberg or Bayreuth
6	Kelheim or Danube Gorge
7	Straubing / Deggendorf
8	Linz or Salzkammergut
9	Krems or Wachau Valley
10	Vienna
11	Disembark Vienna, Kraków <i>Sheraton Grand Kraków</i>
12	Kraków, Auschwitz
13	Zakopane or Kazimierz
14	Depart Kraków

#### Kraków to Berlin

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Kraków <i>Sheraton Grand Kraków</i>
2	Kraków, Auschwitz
3	Zakopane or Kazimierz
4	Embark Vienna
5	Vienna
6	Krems or Wachau Valley
7	Linz or Salzkammergut
8	Deggendorf / Straubing
9	Kelheim or Danube Gorge
10	Roth, Nürnberg or Bayreuth
11	Disembark Nürnberg, Berlin <i>Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin</i>
12	Berlin
13	Berlin or Potsdam
14	Depart Berlin





# ROYAL DANUBE, BERLIN AND KRAKÓW

MOMENTS IN HISTORY... shape the sights you'll see between Berlin and Kraków, from Iron Curtain curfews and Jewish heritage sites, poignant still, to picturesque Bavarian towns, rich in art, music, wine and cultural treasures. Indulge your interests your way on a choice of included shore excursions that focus on Kraków's wartime history or a nearby alpine resort... Vienna, past and present... 1,000-year-old Krems or a bicycle ride in the Wachau Valley... lovely Linz or Austrian lakes... ancient Straubing, three ways... BMWs or an abbey and the Danube Gorge... musical Bayreuth or WWII in Nürnberg... the best of Berlin or historic Potsdam... along with guided sightseeing, wine tastings, an Imperial Evening in a Viennese palace and dinner in a salt mine...

## 1. ARRIVE BERLIN

**Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Hotel Adlon Kempinski.** A transfer is included upon arrival at Berlin Tegel Airport or Berlin Central Train Station to the Hotel Adlon Kempinski, ideally located near Brandenburg Gate, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Settle in and join us for a special welcome dinner where a local expert shares a personal perspective of life behind the Iron Curtain. **Meals D**

## 2. A CHOICE OF BERLIN CITY SIGHTS

In the years since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Berlin has emerged as one of the most exciting cities in the world.

An introductory sightseeing tour this morning gives you an overview of its many charms, from architecturally rich neighborhoods, museums and manicured parks to historic monuments and memorials that line its famous avenues and riverfront promenades. Then it's your choice of excursions, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Museum Island for a museum visit or an in-depth tour of Berlin's Jewish heritage sites. Everyone meets up for lunch and a boat ride, followed by time at leisure to explore Germany's vibrant capital as you wish. Schedule permitting, you may have an opportunity to explore Berlin by bicycle\* during your stay here. Located on the tree-lined Unter den Linden Boulevard, your hotel is ideally located close to landmark attractions and cultural sites. **Meals BL**



### 3. BERLIN OR HISTORIC POTSDAM

Today you can choose to experience the area from one of three perspectives. Join us for a guided visit to the Baroque city of Potsdam, where the WWII-in-Europe-ending treaty was signed, attractively rebuilt after its wartime losses and a showcase today of beautiful gardens and grand palaces. Your second sightseeing choice is an opportunity to explore World War II history in Berlin and your third sightseeing choice is also in Berlin, with an opportunity to learn more about the unification of the split city through a tour of contrasting sights and stories. Spend the remainder of the day exploring the city as you please; with history around every corner, there are many galleries, boutiques, theatres and restaurants to discover. **Meals B**

### 4. ■ EMBARK YOUR RIVERBOAT IN NÜRNBERG

A ride aboard the fast train speeds you to Nürnberg today where your riverboat awaits. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner onboard in your choice of dining venues, from the formal Compass Rose to Arthur's intimate bistro, followed by entertainment in the piano lounge. **Meals BD**

### 5. ■ BAVARIAN BAYREUTH OR NÜRNBERG

Follow your passions today on a choice of morning sightseeing excursions. Music lovers will delight in a visit to nearby Bayreuth, once home to German composer Richard Wagner and Hungarian musician Franz Liszt. Sightseeing

here includes the lavish Baroque Margravian Opera House. Or, take a locally guided tour of Nürnberg that focuses on its role in WWII. You will have the opportunity to view the Courthouse, Zeppelin Field rally grounds (when available), and other sites associated with the war and its aftermath. Return to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon cruise as your riverboat heads towards Kelheim. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ IN KELHEIM, AN ABBEY, A GORGE OR CARS

After a morning at leisure enjoying the onboard pleasures of your riverboat, disembark in the town of Kelheim, located at the confluence of the Danube River and the Danube-Main Canal, for a choice of guided excursions. Take a walk through Bavarian Kelheim, followed by a visit to the Danube Gorge, lined by cliffs inside a nature preserve, and the Benedictine Weltenburg Abbey; the oldest monastery in Bavaria, it was founded by monks around 600 AD. Or drive into the countryside for a tour of a working BMW factory, schedule permitting; the plant's flexible assembly line handles cars from different series at the same time, with cars lifted automatically to the right height for each assembly task. You may wish to enjoy free time while we are docked in Kelheim, perhaps riding along picturesque bike paths on one of our complimentary bicycles, a great way to explore like the locals do. Enjoy cocktails and dinner at leisure onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ EXPLORING STRAUBING, YOUR WAY

An ancient settlement that dates back to 6,000 BC and is steeped with Roman roots, Straubing is the quintessential Bavarian city. It remained one of the capitals and governmental centers in "Old Bavaria" until the beginning of the last century. Explore it as you wish, choosing from a selection of themed tours that offer different perspectives of the city. Meet your riverboat in Deggendorf and continue on your cruise to Linz, Austria. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ LOVELY LINZ & THE LAKES OF AUSTRIA

Welcome to Austria, a land of great musical traditions, alpine beauty and Imperial lifestyles. Wake up this morning in Linz, inhabited since Roman times and one of Austria's leading cultural centers. Today you may choose to stay in town and join our local guides for a walking tour of Old Town. Hop aboard the historic mountain tram to Pöstlingberg for panoramic views of the countryside and time at leisure to visit the beer gardens or the pilgrimage basilica. Or spend the day in the Lake District, enjoying a boat ride and a visit to St. Wolfgang in Salzkammergut to see the famous Gothic winged altar in its 14th-century church. Have dinner onboard the riverboat at your leisure, followed by evening entertainment in the lounge. It's on



to Krems and the Wachau Valley tomorrow where you will have a choice of included shore excursions. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ KREMS AND WACHAU VALLEY WINES

Your riverboat docks in the 1,000-year-old city of Krems this morning, located at the beginning of the Wachau Valley, celebrated for its exquisite Austrian wines. Spend the morning exploring as you wish, walking through town with a local guide or pedaling through the lush vineyard-lined landscapes of the Wachau Valley on a bicycle. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Wachau Valley is nestled along the Danube between the towns of Melk and Krems and is renowned for its white wines, especially Grüner Veltliner and Riesling wines, produced in steep-terraced vineyards. Everyone gathers together for an afternoon wine tasting excursion that offers an authentic taste of the grapes grown here and reveals time-honored secrets of the Austrian winemakers. Back aboard your riverboat, it's on to the Imperial city of Vienna this afternoon, where an evening arrival offers you the opportunity to see the city aglow at night. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ VIENNA, PAST AND PRESENT

The Austrian capital of Vienna is a compact city with an abundance of important sights. Many are clustered around the Hofburg, the former Imperial Court. Farther afield you'll find palaces like Belvedere and Schönbrunn, graced by

gardens and gilded treasures. The city's historic Jewish Quarter, centered on Judenplatz, is in the heart of the city, and Vienna's contemporary center, including the new Hauptbahnhof and the university campus, is also nearby. You will have three sightseeing choices today: explore Jewish heritage sites around the Judenplatz, including the Jewish Museum Vienna; discover the city's contemporary sights; or learn about Imperial Vienna and visit Schönbrunn Palace. Spend the afternoon as you like, then join us for an exclusive royal dinner at private Palais Pallavicini with sparkling entertainment, a highlight of your cruise! **Meals BLD**



## 11. DISEMBARK IN VIENNA & DRIVE TO KRAKÓW

Disembark your riverboat in Vienna after breakfast and journey on a day's drive across the border to Kraków, Poland, for a three-night stay. Pass through the ancient kingdom of Moravia in the easternmost part of the Czech Republic en route to Kromeriz; this town is best known for its Archbishop Castle and gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive at your grand hotel in Kraków in late afternoon, ideally located on the bank of Wisla River near the historic Renaissance Wawel Castle, built in the first

### TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,837
- Three nights in Berlin and three nights in Kraków with a choice of guided sightseeing
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Gala Imperial Evening in a private Viennese palace
- Private underground dinner in Wieliczka Salt Mine outside of Kraków
- Insider lecture by a Berlin resident about life behind the Iron Curtain
- Wine tasting at a Wachau Valley vineyard
- Choice of guided sightseeing in Kelheim, Straubing and Vienna
- Visit Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains or explore Kraków's Jewish heritage with a visit to Oskar Schindler's Factory
- Guided bicycle tours in Berlin and Wachau
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Cruise Director
- 31 meals, service charges, taxes, airport & train station transfers as noted, portage & applicable fuel surcharges



half of the 16th century. Enjoy the evening at your leisure; your hotel is a short walk from the lively Market Square in the Old Town and the famous Kazimierz District, where restaurants and shops abound. **Meals BL**

## 12. KRAKÓW SIGHTS & AUSCHWITZ

Kraków reigned as the capital of Poland for nearly six centuries, its rulers residing at Wawel Castle until the court and parliament moved to Warsaw in 1609. Today Kraków is renowned for preserving its country's national identity with its prestigious university, royal castle, Gothic





cathedral and still-thriving Old Quarter. Sightseeing today includes a poignant visit with a local guide to the World War II Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial and museum, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a walking tour of medieval Kraków Old Town, the center for Poland's government from the Middle Ages through the 18th century. You will have time at leisure today to enjoy exploring the city as you wish, from museums to historic sites to culinary treats! **Meals BD**

### 13. ZAKOPANE IN THE TATRAS OR KAZIMIERZ

Nestled in the foothills of the Tatra Mountains, Zakopane was first established as a resort town at the end of the 18th century, known for helping heal tuberculosis patients; not long after, skiers flocked to the town attracted by its alpine landscapes. Today it retains its role as a busy resort town that is enjoyed year-round. You will have an opportunity to sample its charms on a full-day excursion that includes time to explore the area on your own. Or, you may wish to explore Kraków's Kazimierz District with our local guide who shares insights about Jewish history; visit Schindler's Factory, the former enamel factory of Oskar Schindler, now a museum that tells the moving story of the city from 1939 to 1945. Tonight, join us for an unforgettable farewell dinner underground at the Wieliczka Salt Mine; designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mine illustrates the development of mining techniques in Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries and is one of the city's treasured sites. Descend into the salt caverns like the miners do, arriving at an amazing dinner venue. **Meals BD**

### 14. HOMEWARD BOUND

**Tour ends: Kraków.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Sheraton Grand Kraków to Saint John Paul II International Airport Kraków-Balice or Kraków Main Train Station. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

**14 DAYS FROM \$6,990 PLUS AIRFARE**

(13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

BEGINS BERLIN OR KRAKÓW

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS SAVOR AND MS JOY**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 21*, 28	\$6990	\$7390	\$7840	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440
Jul 28*, Aug 4	\$7590	\$7990	\$8440	\$8740	\$9340	\$9540	\$10,040
Jun 9*, 16, 23*, 30, Sep 8*, 15	\$7990	\$8390	\$8840	\$9140	\$9740	\$9940	\$10,440

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on Apr 21, Jun 30 and Aug 4 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Kraków to Berlin direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**International Airfare is additional.**

**Please note: Itinerary Changes –** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Further, museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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

**Note:** Tours of Jun 9, Sep 8 & 15 will stay at the Westin Berlin nights 1, 2 and 3.

**Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.





Amsterdam

# BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM BY RIVERBOAT

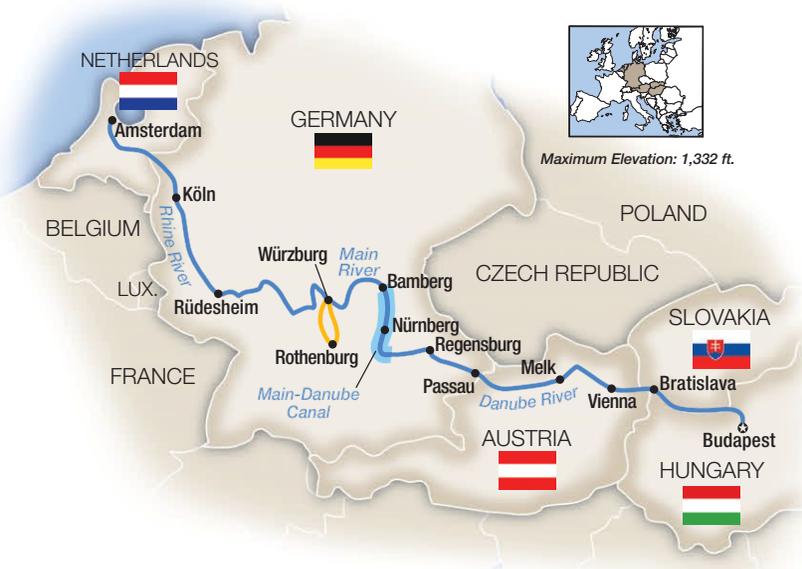
CROSS CONTINENT, THREE RIVERS, FIVE COUNTRIES... a glamorous private evening in a Viennese palace with dinner and a classical performance... wine tasting in a palace cellar in Würzburg... your Hungarian guide in Budapest who tells tales of two cities now joined as one... personal stories shared by a fascinating Slovak resident in Bratislava... an abbey in Melk chronicling 900 years of history... excellent musicians onboard ship... dining ashore at local restaurants... a private canal cruise in Amsterdam... and learning about world-famous art with an expert. It's all included, all uniquely Tauck.

## 1. ■ ARRIVE BUDAPEST

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Budapest.** Welcome to Hungary's capital city. A transfer is included from the Ferenc Liszt International Airport or Keleti train station to your riverboat; embarkation begins anytime after 4:00 PM. Enjoy a welcome briefing and dinner onboard your ship tonight, docked on the Danube in the heart of Budapest. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ BOTH SIDES OF BUDAPEST

On opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest were joined as one city in the 19th century. Explore both sides on a guided tour of architectural masterpieces and monuments. Drive along fashionable Andrássy Avenue and see Heroes' Square and the iconic Hungarian Parliament on the Pest side. Then continue to Buda's Castle Hill



Schönbrunn Palace

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 14 CRUISE DAYS

#### Budapest to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	Embark Budapest
2	Budapest
3	Bratislava / Vienna
4	Vienna
5	Melk
6	Passau
7	Regensburg
8	Nürnberg
9	Bamberg
10	Würzburg / Rothenburg
11	A Day Cruising the Main River
12	Rüdesheim
13	Köln
14	Amsterdam
15	Disembark Amsterdam

#### Amsterdam to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	Embark Amsterdam
2	Amsterdam & Nijmegen
3	Köln
4	Rüdesheim
5	A Day Cruising the Main River
6	Würzburg / Rothenburg
7	Bamberg
8	Nürnberg
9	Regensburg
10	Passau
11	Melk / Vienna
12	Vienna
13	Vienna / Bratislava
14	Budapest
15	Disembark Budapest

District for a walk to the Neo-Gothic Fisherman’s Bastion, inspiring with panoramic views, and visit Matthias Church, schedule permitting. This afternoon your riverboat cruises past picturesque landscapes as it charts a course for neighboring Slovakia, enhanced by informative onboard commentary by your Tauck Director. **Meals BLD**

### 3. CENTURIES OF HISTORY IN BRATISLAVA

An ancient city with a modern pulse, Slovakia’s capital city of Bratislava has a thriving Old Town full of life – and free of cars. Our local expert shares an insider’s view of life here before your walking tour with a local guide. Seventeen centuries of history are chronicled in its buildings, including 13th-century Old Town Hall, palaces, Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall, and St. Martin’s Cathedral, one of the largest and oldest churches in Slovakia and site of the coronations of a succession of Hungarian royals between 1563 and 1830. Your ship departs for Vienna at noon today and arrives in the city early evening. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive gala evening in Vienna’s Palais Ferstel, a 19th-century palace built in Italian Renaissance style. (Day of dinner may vary.) **Meals BLD**

### 4. AN IMPERIAL EXPERIENCE IN OLD VIENNA

You have a choice of activities today. Both choices include a sightseeing drive through the city, including the Ring Boulevard, the Opera and Parliament House, with a visit to Schönbrunn Palace or the Hofburg as you please. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Baroque-inspired 1,441-room Schönbrunn Palace was the residence of the Habsburg emperors from the 18th century to 1918 and is considered to be one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historical monuments in the country. Hofburg



Slovakia

Palace, now Austria's official presidential residence, was built in the 13th century and expanded over the centuries to become a virtual city within a city, serving as the seat of power for the Habsburg dynasty rulers. See the Sisi Museum and the Imperial Apartments during your guided tour of the palace. The remainder of the day is free for you to experience Vienna's treasures and pleasures as you wish. A stop in a café for a taste of the city's legendary Sacher-Torte is a must do! Your riverboat cruises to Dürnstein and the Wachau Valley late tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ THE WACHAU VALLEY AND MELK

Go ashore in Dürnstein this morning for a choice of activities. You can either go for a walk through the village with your Tauck Director followed, if you like, by a hike to the hilltop ruins of Kuenringerburg – the castle where Richard the Lionheart was held for ransom in 1193 – or take a guided bicycle ride\* in the lush Wachau Valley, past vineyards and quaint villages. A late morning cruise brings you to Melk for a guided visit to its magnificent Benedictine abbey. Originally a palace, the abbey has been home to black-robed monks for over 900 years and today is also home to a prestigious coed monastery school with more than 700 students. Onboard ship tonight, you'll be entertained by a talented musical trio. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ BAROQUE BEAUTIES IN PASSAU

Spend a leisurely morning cruising to Passau. Renowned for its stained glass, Baroque buildings, and church architecture, including the famed St. Stephen's Cathedral with its onion-domed towers and its 17,974-pipe organ, this city of three rivers sits at the juncture of the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers. Discover the sights your way, choosing from a guided walking tour through town or a guided bicycle ride along the Inn River. Enjoy free time ashore to explore Passau as you like before your riverboat departs for Regensburg late this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ ROYALTY IN REGENSBURG

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its historic structures spanning two millennia, Regensburg grew from a Roman encampment into a major cultural and trading center. A local guide leads a walking tour of Steinerne Brücke, a bridge in continuous service for 800 years; St. Peter's Cathedral; and the Roman wall. A guided visit inside St. Emmeram Palace, the residence of the Thurn und Taxis dynasty, reveals a gilded throne room and the cloister from the palace's days as an abbey. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Regensburg as you wish or take the opportunity to relax aboard ship. **Meals BLD**



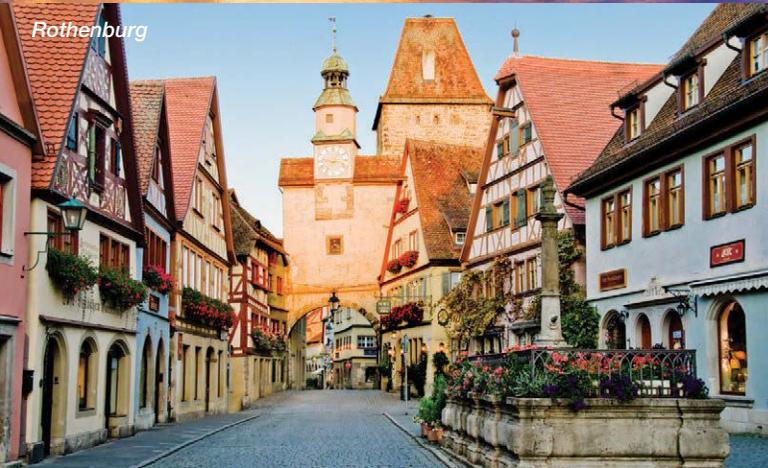
Having been with Tauck for two great land trips, we wondered how they would do with a river cruise. Answer. Typical Tauck. Great care for all of us; terrific local guides; three great tour directors to keep us on time; beautiful ship with a great crew. Of course, *Budapest to Amsterdam* provides an ideal setting. **– Tauck Traveler Review, tauck.com**

# Viennese Palais

You're invited to an exclusive Tauck evening in Vienna's Ferstel Palace, ideally located in the heart of the city and built in the 1850s in the style of the Venetian and Florentine buildings that line the Ringstrasse. Originally designed as a bank and stock exchange, it became the "palace of Imperial entrepreneurs" and economic progress and boasts elaborately decorated details, inside and out. Enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner and a musical performance that pay tribute to the noble traditions of Vienna's glory days in a luxuriously elegant ballroom setting.



Budapest



Rothenburg

## 8. ■ THE MAIN-DANUBE CANAL TO NÜRNBERG

When the Main-Danube Canal opened in the 1990s, it made navigation between the North Sea and Black Sea possible. Learn about the canal this morning en route to Nürnberg for a choice of sightseeing excursions. Tour the town and see its historic World War II sites, including the Zeppelinfeld rally grounds, and visit the Documentation Center. Or explore Nürnberg's medieval center, including its ramparts, Imperial Castle, the old city, and St. Sebaldus Church. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ THE HEIGHT OF DISCOVERY IN BAMBERG

Your riverboat arrives in Bamberg this morning, perched atop seven hills, where you have a choice of activities. Join your Tauck Director on a walking tour that includes the four-towered Romanesque cathedral and Old Town, or explore the sights on a locally guided bicycle ride. Spend the rest of the day cruising aboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ WÜRZBURG OR ROTHENBURG

Arrive in Würzburg midday for your choice of included excursions. Explore Würzburg with a local guide, visiting the palatial Residenz, where the town's prince bishops



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,212
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – A private evening at beautiful Palais Ferstel in Vienna with a gala dinner and musical performance
- In Amsterdam, a canal cruise with lunch and a guided tour of world-famous art at the Rijksmuseum
- Sightseeing choices in Nürnberg, the walled medieval town intertwined with World War II
- Choice of Vienna sightseeing – a visit to the Hofburg, home to the Imperial Apartments, or to opulent Schönbrunn Palace
- Guided sightseeing in the historic European capitals of Bratislava, Slovakia and Budapest, Hungary
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- All meals – 41, select meals in local restaurants, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges

once lived, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Or head to Rothenburg, once described as Europe's "most perfect fairy tale town," for a walking tour followed by free time. Late afternoon, everyone gets a taste of Würzburg at a wine tasting in the cellar of the Residenz. **Meals BLD**

### 11. ■ A DAY CRUISING ON YOUR RIVERBOAT

No wonder river cruising was a favored pastime of royalty through the centuries. Relax during a day's cruising along the Main, watching lush landscapes and fortified towns pass by. You might enjoy a massage, stretch out on the Sun Deck, or practice your putting! **Meals BLD**

### 12. ■ CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM

Arrive in Rüdesheim, part of the Rhine Gorge UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ride a mini train or walk to lunch in town, followed by a visit to *Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett* or free time as you like. **Meals BLD**

### 13. ■ KÖLN

Wake up in Köln, where the first thing you'll notice from onboard your riverboat is the massive twin-spired Gothic cathedral! Köln is Cologne in English, and there's a museum here devoted to scents and cologne! Your choices today include a leisurely guided tour of the city or an active walking tour, followed by free time. After lunch, sail on to the Netherlands. **Meals BLD**

### 14. ■ THE ART AND CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Amsterdam, where the day begins with a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum – looking at Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* in person is like



Budapest

meeting the artist himself, and you'll see Vermeers and other Dutch Masters as well. Have lunch as you explore the historic old city during a private boat cruise along its legendary canals. Your afternoon in Amsterdam is free. A musical performance adds the finishing touch to your last night onboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 15. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark this morning; a transfer is included from the riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station. Fly home anytime. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For guests wishing to spend more time in Amsterdam, ask at booking about extending your stay with an additional hotel night at Tauck's selected hotel. **Meals B**



Rijksmuseum

## 15 DAYS FROM \$7,590 PLUS AIRFARE

(14 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 14 Dinners)

BEGINS BUDAPEST OR AMSTERDAM

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS ESPRIT / MS TREASURES**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Jul 25, 28 Aug 8*, 11* Oct 17, Oct 20*	\$7590	\$7990	\$8240	\$9350	\$10,140	\$10,340	\$11,540
May 2*, 5*	\$7890	\$8290	\$8540	\$9650	\$10,440	\$10,640	\$11,840
Aug 22	\$7990	\$8390	\$8640	\$9750	\$10,540	\$10,740	\$11,940
May 19	\$8290	\$8690	\$8940	\$10,050	\$10,840	\$11,040	\$12,240
Oct 3*, 6	\$8390	\$8790	\$9040	\$10,150	\$10,940	\$11,140	\$12,340
May 30, Jun 2*, 13*, 16, 30* Sep 5*, 8, 19, 22*	\$8590	\$8990	\$9240	\$10,350	\$11,140	\$11,340	\$12,540

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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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6** on the May 2, Jul 28, Aug 22, and Oct 20 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Budapest direction. Single prices in Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; ask at booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

**Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. South and north itineraries are similar; for complete details please go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

**Note:** Tour of May 30 will feature evening at Palais Ferstel on night 4 instead of night 3.

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.

See page 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

# GRAND EUROPEAN CRUISE



## OUR CROSS-CONTINENT RIVER CRUISE

navigates the heart of Europe along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers, exploring medieval towns, cathedrals, palaces, and exciting capital cities – with distinctive Tauck Exclusive gala evenings and cultural experiences onshore. Immerse in regional history, cuisine, and culture on our 24-day journey combining two of our most popular river cruises, **Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat** and **Budapest to the Black Sea**. Explore nine countries along rivers that stretch from the North to the Black seas; depending on your cruise direction, enjoy a two-night stay at the *JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel* or *InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam*.

Eastbound, cruise from Amsterdam's 17th-century canals and awe-inspiring museums to Köln's twin-towered cathedral... explore the fairy tale towns of Rothenburg or Würzburg (and its opulent Residenz Palace)... choose medieval or World War II-related sightseeing in Nürnberg... enjoy Regensburg's private Thurn & Taxis Palace, 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey, and a **Tauck Exclusive** gala evening in Vienna at a historic Viennese palace – with drinks, dinner, and musical entertainment. Other highlights include ancient antiquities, the magnificent cities of Buda and Pest, a **Tauck Exclusive** gala dinner at Belgrade's Royal Palace, a walking tour of Old Town Bratislava, the Rock Churches of Ivanovo, a day at Romania's Black Sea coast, and more. **You'll find the complete eastbound and westbound 24-day itineraries at [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises). For ship specifications and deck plans, please go to page 140.**

# VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

## ■ 21 CRUISE DAYS

Eastbound, Amsterdam to Bucharest

Day	Destination
■ 1	Embark ms <i>Esprit</i> or ms <i>Treasures</i> Amsterdam
■ 2	Amsterdam / Nijmegen
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Rüdesheim
■ 5	Main River Cruising
■ 6	Würzburg / Rothenburg
■ 7	Bamberg
■ 8	Nürnberg
■ 9	Regensburg
■ 10	Passau
■ 11	Melk / Vienna
■ 12	Vienna
■ 13	Bratislava
■ 14	Budapest
■ 15	Budapest
■ 16	Mohács / Pécs
■ 17	Vukovar / Novi Sad
■ 18	Belgrade
■ 19	Cruising Danube's Kazan Narrows / Iron Gate
■ 20	Ruse
■ 21	Constanta, Black Sea Coast
■ 22	Disembark Constanta / Bucharest <i>JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel</i>
■ 23	Transylvania or Sinaia or Targoviste / Bucharest
■ 24	Depart Bucharest



Belgrade's Royal Palace

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$6,544
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Gala evenings at a historic Viennese palace and Belgrade's Royal Palace
- 67 meals; gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director; airport transfers; select meals ashore; taxes; portage; unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship including regional wine, beer & premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water, and soft drinks

## 24 DAYS FROM \$13,090 PLUS AIRFARE

(23 Breakfasts, 22 Lunches & 22 Dinners)

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BUCHAREST

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - *MS ESPRIT* / *MS TREASURES*

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Jul 19*, Aug 11	\$13,090	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$17,390	\$17,790	\$19,490
May 2, Jun 30, Aug 30*	\$14,090	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$18,390	\$18,790	\$20,490
May 21*, Jun 13	\$14,790	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$19,090	\$19,490	\$21,190

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**Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 5 and 6** on the May 2 and July 19 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Bucharest to Amsterdam westbound direction. Single prices in Category 5 and above start at 60% over the double price; visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer & premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water & soft drinks.

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Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



Lucerne

“FROM ONE ENCHANTING ASPECT TO ANOTHER, IN CEASELESS PROCESSION – NEVER AN UNLOVELY ONE...” The Rhine Valley is nirvana for authors, artists and travelers of every interest. Here mountains rise abruptly from the water’s edge, ancient castles perch aloft, gentle valleys calm, age-old winelands lure, spas give respite, cathedrals inspire, plains and woods catch the eye, and a great river runs through it – connecting centuries of history and culture. Experience it your way in riverside villages, country retreats and centuries-old cities during a choice of included shore excursions.

# THE ROMANTIC RHINE: AMSTERDAM TO BASEL



## 1. ARRIVE AMSTERDAM / ■ EMBARK SHIP

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal railway station directly to your Tauck riverboat; check-in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. We invite you to join your fellow river cruisers for a discovery briefing, where you'll hear about your river travels ahead, followed by a welcome reception and dinner onboard to celebrate the start of a fantastic journey. You will be cruising aboard a riverboat custom designed by Tauck to cater to your comfort – and to provide a non-stop parade of delights that may surprise you – as you wind your way along the River Rhine to Basel, Switzerland! **Meals D**

## 2. ■ AMSTERDAM / DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE

In a city indelibly linked to water, it's fitting that your day begins with a cruise on Amsterdam's 17th-century *grachten* (canals), which fan out in crescent-shaped rings from the northern waterfront. On the drive to board your canal boat, you'll hear an orientation talk on the historic city, which at its heart feels more like a village than the compact center of a cosmopolitan city. Landmarks include Centraal Station, built at the end of the 19th century and still a place in constant motion – with people, bicycles, trams, and buses; De Waag (Weigh House), once a fortified gate that today houses a popular outdoor café; and the Mint Tower, a gate in the city wall (circa 1400) that marks the intersection of two canals, tram paths, a pedestrian-only shopping street, and the outdoor city flower market – an ever busy, ever interesting crossroads. Once aboard the canal boat, on a guided tour, you'll glide beneath curved bridges filled with pedestrians and cyclists, passing by the narrow houses of Dutch Golden Age merchants who pragmatically stored their goods on the upper floors, safe from flooding. After a guided visit to view the prized collection of art at the Rijksmuseum, home to works by Rembrandt and other Dutch Masters, drive to the old university town of Utrecht where your riverboat awaits. Have lunch onboard and enjoy insightful commentary as your riverboat charts a course through the gentle Dutch countryside en route to Köln (Cologne), Germany. A cocktail hour, Chef's Signature Dinner, and an activity in the ship's intimate lounge add to the day's fun. **Meals BLD**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Amsterdam / Embark
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Köln
■ 4	Koblenz or Cycling on the Rhine
■ 5	Speyer or Heidelberg
■ 6	Strasbourg / Baden-Baden
■ 7	Lucerne & Mt. Pilatus or Alsace Wine Route / Basel
8	Disembark Basel

#### Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Basel / Embark
■ 2	Lucerne & Mt. Pilatus or Alsace Wine Route / Basel
■ 3	Strasbourg / Baden-Baden
■ 4	Speyer or Heidelberg
■ 5	Koblenz or Cycling on the Rhine
■ 6	Köln
■ 7	Amsterdam
8	Disembark Amsterdam

### 3. ■ GERMANY AND KÖLN CATHEDRAL

After a leisurely morning of cruising and lunch onboard, arrive in Köln, once capital of a Roman province. On today's included shore excursion, take a walking tour with a local guide to discover its pedestrian-only shopping streets, sidewalk cafés and traditional beer halls as well as medieval churches, avant-garde museums, and the bustling waterfront on the River Rhine. See the immense twin-towered Kölner Dom, whose construction took a mere six centuries. Completed in 1880, this Gothic cathedral was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995, in recognition of its cultural value as "a testament to the longevity of faith." Spend the afternoon exploring Köln at your own pace, if you like, or return to the riverboat. Tonight enjoy an authentic taste of local farm-to-table fare at a forested retreat where nature is the draw and sustainability is the mission. Enjoy cocktails and dinner amidst a scenic wooded setting reflective of the places that inspired the Grimm brothers to write their classic fairy tales, still popular today. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ KOBLENZ OR CYCLING ON THE RHINE

Your riverboat arrives this morning in Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. A beautiful city whose roots go back to the Middle Ages, its strategic location made it powerful and rich as the controller of trade along these two important waterways. Explore the sights on your choice of excursions. Join your Tauck Director on an orientation walk through Koblenz's waterfront and *Altstadt* (Old Town), a mix of delightful town squares, tucked-away corners, medieval churches, palatial Baroque residences and cozy wine taverns. Or meet up with our local guide for a bicycling\* excursion on the Rhein-Lahn bicycle route – pedaling along easy riverside trails through forests, meadows and Riesling winelands, taking in views of the passing pleasure boats and freighters. Bicycling is a countrywide passion in Germany, so you're bound to see the locals riding, too. Return to your riverboat for lunch and sail on this afternoon. As you cruise through the quiet Rhine River Valley, onboard commentary informs you about the history and geography of the river. This afternoon also provides an opportunity to relax and enjoy the amenities onboard your "floating hotel." Go for a dip in the plunge pool, practice on the putting green, hit the fitness center, visit the hair salon, or curl up in a lounge chair on the Sun Deck, watching the passing scenery... perhaps with a refreshing drink in one hand and one of the snacks that are always available onboard ship in the other. Word to the wise: the hot pretzels are popular! After dinner, enjoy musical entertainment in the lounge. **Meals BLD**



Heidelberg

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While I had traveled to Germany before, there are always new things to discover. The highlight of any foreign travel is being able to eat the cuisine of the countries visited and your chef met every expectation in that regard. Your land tours were well planned and executed... and having three Tauck Directors meant we wanted for nothing in terms of information and assistance. Travel always includes something unexpected from Tauck - chocolate treats to itinerary alterations to meet local circumstances. Tauck travel is never dull!

- Susan Grosse, Wisconsin

# Forest fare

Cultural traditions are a source of pride in the countries you'll explore along the Rhine, each reflecting a diversity of tales and tastes. Sip, sample and savor an authentic menu of local delights both on and off your riverboat, including during Tauck's exclusive evening at a forested retreat outside of Köln. Learn about the region's sustainable forestry practices, before sitting down to freshly prepared farm-to-table fare amidst a wooded setting like the ones that inspired the classic Grimm's fairy tales you will hear here. Enjoy a taste of the region's acclaimed locally produced Riesling wines with your meal. *Prost!*



## 5. ■ SPEYER OR HEIDELBERG CASTLE

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise, arriving in Speyer midday. Disembark for your choice of excursions in Speyer or Heidelberg. If you choose Speyer, your explorations begin at Speyer's impressive Technik Museum – home to exhibits dedicated to every form of technology that moves, from vintage cars to a Boeing 747 jumbo jet and a German U9 submarine that you can go inside, and the Russian Buran space shuttle. Then walk to Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; you may be surprised by its use of natural glass windows, which pre-dated the use of stained glass, and its roof made entirely of stone – the first ever in Europe. Alternatively, you may spend the afternoon on an

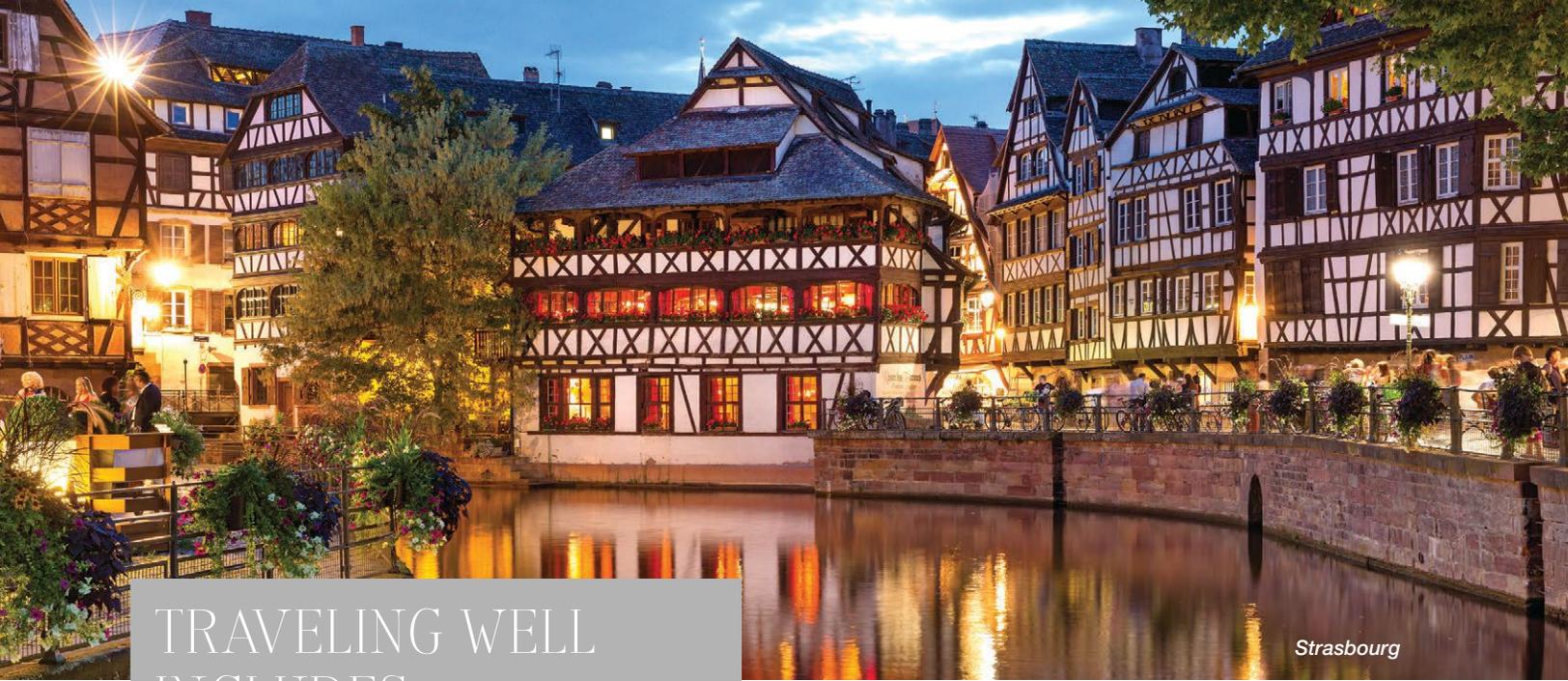
excursion to Heidelberg, where narrow lanes, shops and pubs housed in 17th-century structures in the *Altstadt* are kept lively by the cadence of student life. On the hillside above the city, you'll visit the romantic ruins of Heidelberg Castle, celebrated in writing by many, including the German poet Goethe and American writer Mark Twain, who both spent time here. Twain wrote about the striking red sandstone ruins of Schloss Heidelberg in *A Tramp Abroad*; they were a magnificent residence for Bavarian royalty from the 13th to 18th centuries. The castle is an imposing ensemble of buildings, from different architectural periods, surrounding a central courtyard; from its terrace and gardens, the sweeping views impress along with the feel of more than 600 years of history. Everyone returns to the ship in time for cocktails and dinner onboard. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ STRASBOURG / BADEN-BADEN SPA TREAT

Your ship docks on the Rhine today surrounded by the hills of southern Alsace, many checkered with vineyards. Your morning introduces you to the Alsatian cultural capital of Strasbourg, France, where centuries of being passed between German and French control is reflected in the dual languages and atmosphere of the city. Strasbourg is home to the charming canals and half-timbered houses of *La Petite France*; stately city residences; a Gothic cathedral; and plenty of *winstubs*, traditional Alsatian wine rooms. The city skyline is punctuated by the modern offices of the European Parliament and the European Court of Human Rights; along with Geneva, Strasbourg is one of



Amsterdam



Strasbourg

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,113
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A farm-to-table dinner at a forested retreat outside of Köln
- 7-night Rhine cruise visiting the Netherlands, Germany, France & Switzerland
- Scenic cruising through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- A walking tour in Koblenz or bicycling along the Rhine River and winelands
- Visit the Alsatian cultural capital of Strasbourg and a renowned Baden-Baden spa or take a walking tour of this elegant Black Forest town
- Visit Mt. Pilatus by gondola & cogwheel train or go wine tasting in the Alsatian hills
- Visit Köln, a contemporary city rich in Rhine history
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers on arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges

only two European cities with these kinds of international institutions. After a morning of sightseeing in Strasbourg, you may choose to stay in town to explore on your own; go for a bicycle excursion\* through Strasbourg with a local guide; or travel to the German spa resort town of Baden-Baden, on the edge of the Black Forest – where you can either take a walking tour and enjoy free time in this famed spa town, or choose to visit Caracalla Spa, bathing suit in hand, for a day devoted to wellness and relaxation. The spa resembles a glass temple, with facilities that include whirlpools, waterfalls, counter-current pools, massage jets and turquoise pools of warm water from natural springs. Add in a sauna complex with both hot and cold rooms (some wellness treatments at additional cost) and you'll feel re-energized at the end of your visit. Return to the ship for dinner, as your riverboat winds its way down the Rhine en route to Basel. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ MT. PILATUS OR WINE TASTING / BASEL

Welcome to Switzerland! You have two excursions to choose from today. Mountain scenery, shimmering Lake Lucerne, and forests and meadows are in store for you on an excursion to Lucerne. In this "city of lights," you'll see landmark sights: the Chapel Bridge – a covered wooden footbridge crossing the Reuss River that dates back to the 1330s, an octagonal Water Tower once used as a prison, and lovely squares, like the Kornmarkt, Weinmarkt and Hirschenplatz. In *Altstadt* Lucerne, narrow cobblestone lanes lead to town squares lined with houses painted with frescoes. Ascend to the heights of Mt. Pilatus by gondola, climbing nearly 7,000 feet from Kriens at the

edge of Lake Lucerne to the very top – *Oberhaupt*. Getting there is definitely part of the fun, as you’re completely surrounded by views of Alpine meadows, mountain streams, and flowering fields along the way. Your ride down the mountain on the world’s steepest cogwheel train is equally as thrilling. Your other excursion choice is a castle visit, wine tasting and lunch along the Alsatian wine route. Head to Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg for a tour of this mountain fortress. Originally built in the 1200s, it was burned, abandoned, and then restored to its former glory in 1899. Drive to the medieval village of Riquewihr in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards, classified among the “Most Beautiful Villages in France,” for lunch in a choice of local restaurants. Its cobblestoned streets are dotted with half-timbered winemakers’ shops and tasting rooms. Visit one of them this afternoon, descending into a 16th-century wine cellar for a tasting of locally produced Alsatian wines. The vineyards of the Alsace produce some of the most noted dry Rieslings in the world as well as highly aromatic Gewürztraminer wines. Both excursions end in Basel, where France, Germany and Switzerland meet at the River Rhine. Please join us onboard your riverboat for tonight’s farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**



Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg

## 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 or Basel SBB Railway Station. Fly home anytime. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 8 DAYS FROM \$4,690 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BASEL

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - *MS INSPIRE / MS GRACE*

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 8, Oct 19*	\$4690	\$5090	\$5540	\$5840	\$6440	\$6640	\$7140
Jul 8*	\$4990	\$5390	\$5840	\$6140	\$6740	\$6940	\$7440
Apr 29*	\$5290	\$5690	\$6140	\$6440	\$7040	\$7240	\$7740
May 13*	\$5590	\$5990	\$6440	\$6740	\$7340	\$7540	\$8040
May 24*, Jun 12*, Sep 2*, 10*	\$5890	\$6290	\$6740	\$7040	\$7640	\$7840	\$8340

### Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in

**Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on the April 8, July 8 and October 19 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Basel southbound direction. Single prices in Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, 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, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Note: Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Northbound and southbound itineraries are similar; please go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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.

**Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product. See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

### Cruise with Chef Luca Manfè on April 8, 2019!

Join MasterChef winner Luca Manfè for an exclusive departure featuring onboard demonstrations, tastings and a Signature Dinner by Chef Luca.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

NEW!



The Rhine River

# AUTUMN ALONG THE RHINE... MUNICH'S OKTOBERFEST

FALL FOLIAGE IN COLOR AND BAVARIA'S MOST COLORFUL FESTIVAL... Your riverboat spirits you along the Rhine from Amsterdam through Germany and France to Switzerland before you head to Munich for a two-night stay at a super chic hotel, perfectly located for joining in the annual fall *volksfest* known as Oktoberfest. Enjoy exploring culture and history with an added culinary and thirst-quenching twist, from a local beers and savory bites tour of Amsterdam to a craft brewery tour of Düsseldorf, an exclusive German beer-paired meal with a brew master in Old Town Heidelberg, and tastings along the vineyard-laced Alsatian wine route. All this and more, plus a thrillingly steep and spectacular cogwheel train ride down Mt. Pilatus in Switzerland!

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

### Amsterdam to Munich

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b> Embark ms <i>Inspire</i> or ms <i>Grace</i>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Düsseldorf
■ 4	Cruising the Middle Rhine and Rudesheim
■ 5	Heidelberg
■ 6	Alsace wine route
■ 7	Mt. Pilatus and Lucerne
8	Disembark Basel / Munich <b>Roomers</b>
9	Oktoberfest, Munich
10	<b>Depart Munich</b>



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,482
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Reserved seating and lunch in an exclusive Oktoberfest brewery tent in Munich
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Beer-paired German lunch in Heidelberg with a brew master
- Airport & train transfers upon arrival and departure
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors, and Tauck Cruise Director
- 23 meals, select meals ashore, service charges, taxes, portorage & applicable fuel surcharges

**Amsterdam begins to charm you** aboard a private canal boat cruise through the old city, under curving bridges and alongside houseboats. Fall even further under its spell on a “beers and bites” walking tour. Sail on to explore Düsseldorf, a center of art, fashion, and craft breweries. Then cruise the most romantic part of the Rhine, where castles stand watch, vineyards cover the hillsides, and picturesque towns line the riverbanks.

In Heidelberg, marvel at the sweep of history on a visit to Heidelberg Castle followed by a beer-paired meal in Old Town, equally marvelous. In the Alsatian countryside, blanketed with vineyards, sip white wines and soak up the French-German ambiance. A walking tour of Lucerne reveals precious paintings inside the iconic Chapel Bridge, and the poignant Lion Monument. Then it's on to breathtaking rides up and down Mt. Pilatus. Top it all off with Oktoberfest in Munich, where you'll dress in lederhosen or a dirndl for a three-course lunch in a brewery tent! Word to the wise: local breweries make especially strong beers for the festival, so pace yourself, or choose to drink *radler*, half lemonade, half beer!

Mt. Pilatus



## 10 DAYS FROM \$6,890 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS AMSTERDAM

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS INSPIRE / MS GRACE

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Sep 16, 24	\$6890	\$7290	\$7740	\$8040	\$8640	\$8840	\$9340

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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! Ask at time of booking.

**Note:** Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing and itinerary plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, 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, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability). **Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking. **Note:** 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 (included in tour price, subject to availability).

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

## Munich's Oktoberfest

There are “Oktoberfest” celebrations all over the world, but until you experience the one in Munich, where it began, you haven't really “done” the true Oktoberfest – a unique mix of beer consumption, Bavarian feasting, live brass bands, communal singing, and dancing. It all started in 1810 when a royal couple invited the citizens to their wedding festivities on the fields in front of the city. Today Munich's



Oktoberfest – always held in September – is the largest festival in the world. Tauck has reserved seats for you in the center of the action, in one of the exclusive brewery tents! Come join the party.



# BELGIUM & HOLLAND IN SPRING

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

### Brussels to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Brussels Embark Brussels
■ 2	Brussels
■ 3	Antwerp
■ 4	Ghent, Bruges
■ 5	Dordrecht, Kinderdijk, Den Haag
■ 6	Keukenhof, Haarlem
■ 7	Amsterdam
■ 8	Disembark Amsterdam

### Amsterdam to Brussels

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Amsterdam Embark Amsterdam
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Keukenhof, Den Haag
■ 4	Kinderdijk, Dordrecht
■ 5	Ghent, Bruges
■ 6	Antwerp
■ 7	Brussels
■ 8	Disembark Brussels



Maximum Elevation: 190 ft.





EVERYWHERE, A SPOT OF LOCAL COLOR... on walking tours and bicycle rides... in the seasonal pageantry of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths abloom in Keukenhof Gardens... in Kinderdijk windmills and coastal villages steeped in cultural treasures... at a Tauck Exclusive dinner in a palace museum rich with Old Dutch art masterpieces... in gabled houses dressed in maritime lore along Amsterdam's tree-lined canals... on walking tours of cobblestoned Ghent and the fairy tale streets of Bruges... during discoveries about immigrant voyages and local brew in Antwerp and sculpted monuments and chocolate in Belgium...

## 1. ■ ARRIVE BRUSSELS

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Brussels.** A transfer is included from Brussels Airport, Centraal Train Station or Brussels Midi Station to your riverboat, where embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Settle into your cabin on the riverboat and then meet your fellow river cruisers this evening at a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ HISTORIC BRUSSELS & CHOCOLATE

Morning guided sightseeing in Brussels, Belgium's capital and a key center of European trade and culture since the 13th century, takes in the Atomium, a 338-foot-tall structure resembling atoms, built for the 1958 World's Fair; Grand-Place, one of Europe's lovely city squares, boasting a Gothic town hall surrounded by Renaissance-era guildhalls; and the famous bronze fountain sculpture and symbol of Brussels known as the *Manneken Pis*; his wardrobe, consisting of hundreds of costumes, is changed several times a week. Return to your riverboat for lunch or stay in town and explore as you wish. This afternoon, join us for a visit to an artisan chocolate studio for a demonstration and a taste of Belgian chocolate. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ DISCOVER ANTWERP'S SPECIALTIES

Explore Antwerp today on an orientation tour of the city and take a guided walk through the historic center. As you stroll along the cobble streets, hearing stories and insights from your local guide, discover *Grote Markt*, the old market square, and see the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady and lavishly decorated Flemish Renaissance City Hall. Enjoy a visit to the Red Star Line Museum; the interactive exhibits in the former warehouses of the Red Star Line shipping company tell the story of the more than two million immigrants from all over Europe whose long journey to a new life in North America began here at the Red Star Line headquarters. After lunch, drive to nearby De Koninck Brewery to learn about the history and the secrets of making local beer, enjoying a tasting and some local delicacies. Enjoy insights from your Tauck Director as your riverboat cruises to Ghent. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ DISCOVERIES IN GHENT & BRUGES

Visit the historic city of Ghent this morning on a guided walking tour; the pedestrian-friendly town center feels like an outdoor museum of early Flemish architecture. One of



# Private Opening at Mauritshuis

You're the guest of honor for a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the acclaimed Mauritshuis museum in Den Haag, housed in a restored 17th-century mansion where a world class collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings includes masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer, including the iconic *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Enjoy a personal welcome from a museum official who shares insights about the art you will see here and dine to live music performed by students from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague.

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,229
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Private opening for Tauck only at the Mauritshuis in Den Haag, including a tour of the museum's world-class collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings, dinner and live music
- A visit to Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse – only open two months a year
- A guided visit at the Rijksmuseum and a scenic canal cruise in Amsterdam
- Guided sightseeing in Ghent and Bruges
- A historic walking tour of Dordrecht and a visit to the windmills of Kinderdijk
- Visits to the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp and a nearby brewery for a beer tasting
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport & train station transfers upon arrival and departure
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the richest and largest towns in Northern Europe during the Middle Ages, the cobbled streets of Ghent are lined with magnificent guild houses, *béguinages* that housed women who lived lives of prayer, Gothic churches, and historically rich museums. Enjoy time at leisure to explore as you wish before departing for the fairy tale town of Bruges. Regarded as "the Venice of the North" for its canals and quaint, tiny medieval streets, Bruges earns its reputation as one of Europe's most picturesque towns. Explore it on a walking tour after lunch, seeing such sites as the 4th-century Stadhuis (City Hall), Markt Square with its 13th-century belfry and tower, and whitewashed almshouses, before returning to your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ DORDRECHT AND THE KINDERDIJK

Dock in Dordrecht for a day of cultural discoveries. On a walking tour, discover Dordrecht's notable architecture and monuments in its medieval inner city and surrounding ring of 19th-century buildings. Drive to the nearby village of Kinderdijk, where 19 original windmills create an iconic polderscape. Or, explore the Dutch landscapes on a bicycle excursion\* with our local guide that includes the windmills of Kinderdijk. Your riverboat cruises to Rotterdam late this afternoon, where a Tauck Exclusive evening awaits in the royal city of Den Haag. Den Haag is the Dutch seat of government and home to the royal family and is renowned for its embassies, mansions, boulevards and parks. Have dinner tonight at the Mauritshuis, open for Tauck guests only. The museum is housed in a classically styled mansion built in 1640 and today is home to some of the world's most famous Dutch Golden Age paintings. Meet a museum official and view its masterpieces, seeing works by Rembrandt, Holbein the Younger and Vermeer, including Vermeer's iconic *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Enjoy music performed by students from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague during dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ THE BEAUTY OF ART AND FLOWERS

Wake up in Utrecht today for a flower-filled visit to Keukenhof Gardens in nearby Lisse, where you will discover “the most beautiful spring garden in the world.” For eight springtime weeks more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths blanket the 80-acre landscape with color and fragrance unequaled anywhere. Spend the morning here and have lunch. En route to Amsterdam, visit the town of Haarlem, known for its tulip fields, art museums and courtyard *hofjes* (almshouses). **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ THE CANAL CITY OF AMSTERDAM

Exploration of Amsterdam today includes a boat cruise along its centuries-old canals and a guided visit of the Rijksmuseum; see myriad works by Dutch Masters such as Rembrandt’s *The Night Watch* and Vermeer’s *The Milkmaid*. Enjoy farewell festivities aboard your riverboat tonight, including local music and Dutch treats. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark in Amsterdam and fly home anytime; a transfer to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. Ask at booking about additional nights in Amsterdam. **Meals B**



# 8 DAYS FROM \$3,990 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS ESPRIT, MS TREASURES**

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Apr 7*	\$4390	\$4675	\$4845	\$5590	\$6240	\$6385	\$7185
Apr 11, 14, 18*, 21*, 25, 28	\$4990	\$5275	\$5445	\$6190	\$6840	\$6985	\$7785

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS GRACE**

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Apr 2*	\$3990	\$4275	\$4445	\$5140	\$5740	\$5985	\$6785
Apr 9	\$4790	\$5075	\$5245	\$5940	\$6540	\$6785	\$7585

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6** on the April 7 and 28 departures.

**Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on the April 2 departure. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Brussels direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.



**Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.**

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. **Note:** Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Please note: Itinerary Changes** – North and south itineraries are similar; please go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Further, museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

See pages 138 and 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



# THE RHINE, SWISS ALPS & AMSTERDAM

FROM THE ALPS AND LAKES OF SWITZERLAND TO DUTCH WINDMILL COUNTRY... discover the natural and cultural splendors of four countries linked by the romantic Rhine. Meander from snow-clad Jungfrauoch – the highest spot reachable by train in Europe – to Lucerne and Basel, for a cruise through landscapes dotted by winetowns, cathedrals, and castles that inspired generations of artists and writers. Visit Colmar, in French Alsace, for a private reception at the Unterlinden Museum... explore Stuttgart's cars, Rudesheim's musical machines, and Köln... enjoy a Tauck Exclusive evening at Schloss Ehreshoven, a rustic country estate with a mission... ramble along Dordrecht's cobbled streets... and cruise the canals of Amsterdam.

## 1. ARRIVE ZURICH

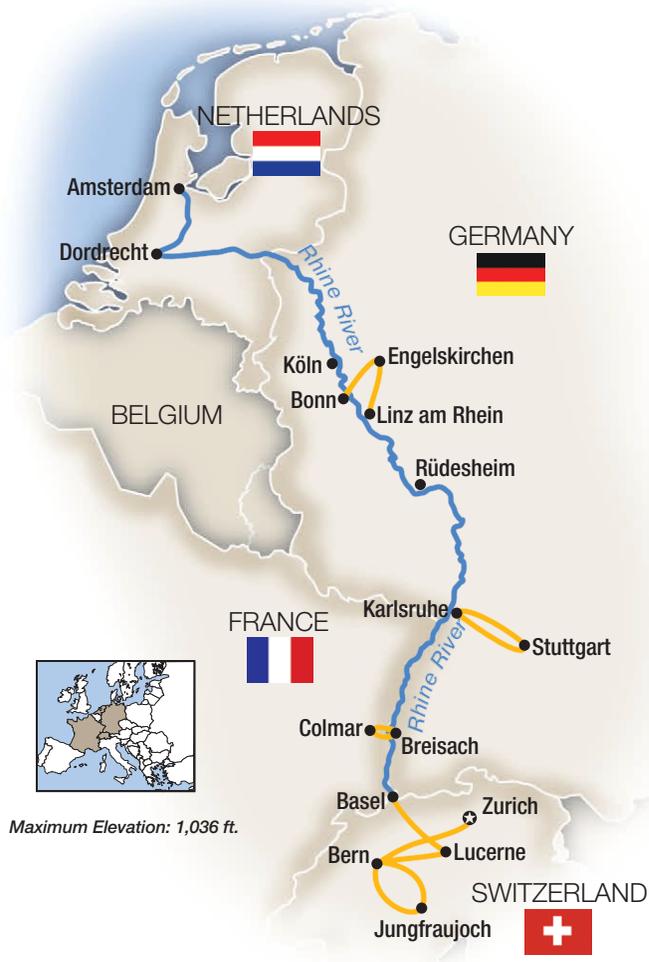
**Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Bellevue Palace Bern.** A transfer is included from Zurich Airport or Zurich Hauptbahnhof Train Station to the Bellevue Palace Bern in Bern, capital of Switzerland, surrounded by the Aar River and distant Alpine peaks. Your historic luxury hotel is a favorite of celebrities and heads of state. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. A DAY IN THE SWISS ALPS OR A DAY IN BERN

You have a choice of sightseeing adventures today. One possibility is to head for the snow-capped Alps on a full-day's excursion to Jungfrauoch, a mountain pass 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 Europe's



Lucerne



highest railway station; here you'll find a restaurant, observatory, research station, a gallery of ice sculpture, and breathtaking views of the glacier-clad Bernese Alps. Your other choice is to explore the eclectic charms of Bern on a walking tour, followed by time on your own to explore as you please. Medieval and modern architecture mix artfully in an unhurried atmosphere where sights include open-air markets and cozy underground bars; the Parliament Building; the Gothic cathedral; a one-of-a-kind bear park (in honor of the town's symbol and mascot); a house where Einstein lived and wrote his Theory of Relativity; and the Zytglogge, a 16th-century astronomical clock featuring animated figures. The evening is yours to spend as you wish; the city's vibrant nightlife includes trendy clubs and restaurants, and a grand casino. **Meals BL**

### 3. EXPLORE LUCERNE / ■ EMBARK SHIP IN BASEL

Leave Bern this morning and arrive in Lucerne, nestled beside a stunning blue lake in the Alpine foothills. The architecture of Lucerne's medieval old town (picturesque market squares, burghers' houses, spired churches, and restored ramparts) unfolds on an orientation tour which includes the 14th-century Chapel Bridge, the

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Bern to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Zurich / Bern <i>Bellevue Palace Bern</i>
2	Bern
■ 3	Lucerne / Embark Basel
■ 4	Breisach / Colmar
■ 5	Karlsruhe / Stuttgart
■ 6	Rudesheim / Linz am Rhein Engelskirchen / Bonn
■ 7	Köln
■ 8	Dordrecht / Kinderdijk
■ 9	Amsterdam
10	Disembark Amsterdam

#### Amsterdam to Bern

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Amsterdam Embark Amsterdam
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Dordrecht / Kinderdijk
■ 4	Köln / Engelskirchen
■ 5	Rudesheim
■ 6	Karlsruhe / Stuttgart
■ 7	Breisach / Colmar
8	Disembark Basel / Lucerne / Bern <i>Bellevue Palace Bern</i>
9	Bern
10	Depart Bern

oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe, and the Lion Monument, an eloquent memorial to Swiss soldiers who died in the French Revolution. Enjoy some free time, then travel to Basel to board your riverboat. Join us for a welcome reception as you sail north. **Meals BD**

#### 4. ■ COLMAR, ALSATIAN WINE CAPITAL

Wake up in Breisach, then drive to the village of Colmar, France, in Alsatian wine country. The principal industry in Colmar is food and wine, but its irresistible charm lies in its beautifully preserved medieval architecture that conjures an idyllic place out of time: colorful half-timbered houses and gardens, rambling cobbled streets, arches and alleys, sculpted fountains, and canals that wind through a corner of town called Little Venice. Aside from its winemaking heritage, Colmar is known as the hometown of Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor who created the Statue of Liberty. Visit the Unterlinden Museum, housed in a Gothic convent, where the impressive collection includes Matthias Grünewald's famous Isenheim Altarpiece; paintings, engravings and sculpture from medieval to modern (including works by Dürer and Holbein, Picasso and Léger); and a wealth of archaeological artifacts. Enjoy a private

reception in the museum, a Tauck Exclusive! Following a walking tour in town, return to your riverboat to cruise through the Upper Rhine Valley. Join your captain onboard tonight for a welcome cocktail reception followed by the chef's Signature Dinner in the Compass Rose. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ STUTTGART: FAST CARS AND WINE

Arrive in Karlsruhe this morning. If you like, go for a guided bicycle ride\* or head by coach for Stuttgart, the cradle of the automobile industry and the hometown of Porsche and Mercedes-Benz. Despite its reputation as an industrial powerhouse, the city, tucked in a valley between vineyards and forests, has a delightful small-town atmosphere and an inviting urban landscape of historic sites, lakes, parks, and gardens. After a walking tour and lunch at a local restaurant, you have a choice. One possibility is to visit the Porsche Museum (subject to Monday closings), a dazzling ultramodern showcase featuring 80 cars, from the earliest models to the present (including concept cars and prototypes), in exhibits that trace the history of the legendary car company. Your other possibility is to spend some free time in the city center, exploring its magnificent architecture, from neo-classical palaces and restored



Jungfraujoch



From the top of the Jungfrau in the Alps to Amsterdam (one of the most inviting cities of the world), Tauck lavished us with memorable excursions, breathtaking scenes and sumptuous food. At every step of the journey, our wants and needs were their only concern. GREAT TRIP! The castles along the middle Rhine... truly spectacular.

– James Prietsch, Virginia



Colmar

castles to gracious public squares and Baroque fountains, as well as its shops, galleries, cafés and wine taverns. After dinner onboard your riverboat this evening, enjoy entertainment by local performers. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ RÜDESHEIM / AN EVENING AT AN ESTATE

Near the foot of the Niederwald, surrounded by vineyards, the ruins of Ehrenfels Castle watch over the Rhine Gorge; just around the bend, you'll dock in the winemaking town of Rüdesheim, under the lofty gaze of the famous Niederwald Monument. Surrounded by vineyard-covered hills, the 1,000-year-old town charms with its winding cobblestone streets lined with storybook houses, cafés and wine taverns. Visit Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, a museum dedicated to antique self-playing musical instruments housed in a centuries-old manor house. The collection includes musical clocks, player pianos, fairground organs, self-playing violinas, and the world's largest automated doll orchestra. Stop in for refreshments at Rüdesheimer Schloss, a historic hotel and restaurant. Then return to your riverboat for a cruise on the romantic Middle Rhine. Sentinel castles, steep sloping vineyards and towering precipices like the Lorelei Rock wind past with commentary by your Tauck Director. Dock at Linz am Rhein, then drive to Engelskirchen for a visit to a neighboring estate, Schloss Ehreshoven. Built in the 14th century and later expanded in the style of a



Schloss Ehreshoven



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,553
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Visit to Jungfrauoch, high in the snow-clad Swiss Alps
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Reception at the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Dinner and entertainment at Schloss Ehreshoven
- Two nights at the Bellevue Palace Bern
- A guided visit to Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, plus a canal boat cruise or a walking & tasting tour of the Jordaan district
- A choice of a visit to the Porsche Museum or free time in Stuttgart
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 24 meals; service charges, taxes, portorage & applicable fuel surcharges

grand Baroque manor house, the estate is surrounded by a moat, landscaped gardens, and a castle park. Schloss Ehreshoven is frequently used as a film location – but this evening, it's the elegant setting for a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner with entertainment. Later, meet your riverboat in Bonn, where you'll dock overnight. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ CAPTIVATING KÖLN

Depart Bonn this morning for a short cruise to Köln (Cologne). One of Germany's oldest cities (founded in the 1st century AD), Köln was once a Roman provincial capital, and later a wealthy medieval trading port; the city was almost totally 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 that is the centerpiece of the city; visit it today, along with the nearby Roman Germanic Museum, on a city tour accompanied by a local guide. Return to your ship for lunch; this afternoon, cruise the lowlands of the Rhine en route to Dordrecht in the Netherlands. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ DORDRECHT / KINDERDIJK WINDMILLS

Today enjoy a guided walking tour of Dordrecht, a wealthy trading port in the Middle Ages, now a treasure trove of medieval and Baroque architecture and canals, and literally hundreds of historical sites and monuments; conspicuous among them is the towering 13th-century Grote Kerk (Great Church). Insights into windmills and their ubiquitous role in Dutch life await you on a visit to the village of



Köln



# 10 DAYS FROM \$5,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS ZURICH OR AMSTERDAM

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS INSPIRE / MS GRACE

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 15*, Oct 27*	\$5790	\$6190	\$6640	\$6940	\$7540	\$7740	\$8240
Apr 26, Jul 27, Aug 24	\$6190	\$6590	\$7040	\$7340	\$7940	\$8140	\$8640
May 15	\$6590	\$6990	\$7440	\$7740	\$8340	\$8540	\$9040
May 27* Jun 1, 29 Sep 1, 7, 21	\$6790	\$7190	\$7640	\$7940	\$8540	\$8740	\$9240

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on Apr 15, Jun 29, Aug 24, and Oct 27 departures. Certain restrictions apply; please ask for more details at the time of booking.



**Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.**

**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Bern direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, 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, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Itinerary Changes –** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. North and south itineraries are similar; for details, please go to our website at [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking. **Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

**Note:** Tour of Jul 27 will have dinner at an alternate location night 6.

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark the riverboat by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. Allow at least three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For information about additional hotel nights in Amsterdam, please ask at booking. **Meals B**

Kinderdijk, where the flat landscape, crisscrossed with canals, is home to the largest concentration of windmills in the country. 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. Such ingenious methods of water management have enabled the Netherlands, a country that's almost fifty percent below sea level, to exist at all, lending weight to the local saying, "God created the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland." Your day includes lunch aboard the riverboat and free time to explore the lovely cobbled streets of Dordrecht, rich with historic sites, antique shops, and art galleries. You'll dine onboard your riverboat this evening as you cruise to Amsterdam. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ART, ARCHITECTURE, CANALS & MORE

Arrive in Amsterdam this morning; an orientation tour includes a visit to the Rijksmuseum, one of the world's most respected art museums, home to masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*. Amsterdam is often called the "Venice of the North" because of its elaborate network of canals winding through a romantic historic center of cobbled streets and Dutch Renaissance architecture. You'll have a choice of boarding a canal boat for a cruise of the city from the inside (complete with a slice of Dutch apple pie), along 17th-century waterways lined with trees, gabled merchant houses and vibrant urban life... or joining a "Taste of Amsterdam" walking-and-tasting tour of the city's Jordaan district – a diverse, former working-class neighborhood that's become one of the most upscale areas of the Netherlands. Afterward, you'll have time to explore the city on your own; Amsterdam's compact urban landscape is just made for exploring. Onboard the riverboat tonight, enjoy a delightful choral performance before joining the crew for a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**



Lake Como

# RHINE ENCHANTMENT, MILAN TO AMSTERDAM

OUR BEST-SELLING NEW 2018 RIVER CRUISE... Your cruise exploring five countries begins in Milan, discovering art masterpieces and fashion... followed by a day's idyll on Lake Como, cruising, lunching on Isola Comacina, and exploring Bellagio. Then you're off to Switzerland for a choice between sightseeing in Zurich or Basel. The River Rhine carries you into Germany to vineyards, villages, castles, and cathedrals. Go wine tasting in a French Alsatian village or bicycling in the Black Forest... enjoy a Tauck Exclusive evening at a wine estate overlooking the Rhine... visit castles in Heidelberg and Rudesheim, choose a microbrewery visit in Düsseldorf or a walking tour, and glide along the canals of Amsterdam over lunch!



Amsterdam



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Milan to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Milan</b> <i>Hotel Principe di Savoia</i>
2	Milan
3	Lake Como
■ 4	Train to Basel / Embark Basel
■ 5	Zurich or Basel
■ 6	Riquewahr or Black Forest
■ 7	Heidelberg
■ 8	Rudesheim / Linz am Rhein
■ 9	Düsseldorf
■ 10	Amsterdam
11	<b>Depart Amsterdam</b>

#### Amsterdam to Milan

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Amsterdam</b>
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Düsseldorf
■ 4	Koblenz / Rudesheim
■ 5	Heidelberg
■ 6	Riquewahr or Black Forest
■ 7	Zurich or Basel
8	Disembark / Train to Milan <i>Hotel Principe di Savoia</i>
9	Milan
10	Lake Como
11	<b>Depart Milan</b>

## 1. ARRIVE MILAN

**Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Hotel Principe di Savoia.** A transfer is included from Milano Malpensa or Milano Linate airports or Milano Centrale train station to Hotel Principe di Savoia, a splendid 1920's landmark building, decorated in classic Italian and Art Deco style, centrally located on the Piazza della Repubblica. Join us for a welcome aperitif and dinner, accompanied by live classical music, at your hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. MILAN... AND "THE LAST SUPPER"

A driving, and walking, city tour prepares you to immerse in the bustling city that reigns as a world capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, Milan has been Italy's financial engine since the Industrial Revolution – and is known for its upscale food scene and shops. But all streets lead to the Gothic Cathedral of Milan, il Duomo, the third largest Catholic church in the world – and beyond magnificent. It took 500 years to finish this forest of spires and pinnacles topped by the iconic statue of the golden *Madonnina*. Steps from il Duomo, stroll through the city's premier gathering place, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, a.k.a. "the living room of Milan." This elegant shopping arcade, topped by an airy glass octagonal dome, was built as a symbol of Italian unity in the late 19th century and named after the first king of Italy. The afternoon is free. You might want to take in



with shops. Cruise over to the island of Isola Comacina for a quick tour and a six-course lunch at a family-owned trattoria, where you'll learn the story of Lake Como's only island, once the refuge of Lombardy's kings. After lunch, a boat cruise shows you more of Lake Como, which the poet William Wordsworth described as "a treasure whom the earth keeps to herself." The forested shoreline is punctuated by small towns with ancient stone bell towers and opulent villas, including those owned by luminaries such as George Clooney and others... Disembark in the town of Como and head back to Milan where the evening is free to spend as you wish. **Meals BL**

#### 4. TRAIN THROUGH THE ALPS / ■ EMBARK SHIP

After breakfast, you're headed for Basel, Switzerland by high-speed train. The rail journey takes you cross country, south to north, and is filled with spectacular scenery. From the beautiful lake districts to powerful Alpine vistas, you'll experience the very heart of Switzerland. In the late afternoon, depart the train and drive to the point of embarkation for your river cruise. Your riverboat cruises exclusively for Tauck on the Rhine River; settle into your cabin, attend a Discovery Briefing, and enjoy cocktails in the lounge before dining onboard your riverboat tonight. Flowing through six countries, the Rhine has served as an important link between southern and northern Europe since Roman times... and your cruise begins! **Meals BD**

#### 5. ■ DISCOVERING ZURICH OR BASEL

Today you have two Swiss cities to decide between. One possibility is to drive to Zurich, a world capital of banking (not to mention chocolate), for a walking tour with a local guide. Visit Bahnhofstrasse, the city's exclusive shopping boulevard, connecting lovely Lake Zurich with the main railway station. Head into Old Town to wander through Niederdorf, a pedestrian area of winding streets, lined with shops, artisan studios, and restaurants. You'll view an array of interesting old – and new – architecture as well as fountains, squares, and places of worship such as the Romanesque Protestant church Grossmünster. Enjoy a traditional Swiss lunch in a historic Guild House and hear a talk by a Swiss banker over dessert. Your other possibility for the day is to go on a walking tour in Old Town Basel with a local guide before setting off on your own. There's much to discover: the city is known for its many contemporary buildings by noted international architects, and it has the highest density of museums in the country, including the world-class Basel Art Museum. You'll work up an appetite, so make time to try a favorite local treat – honey cake. Have dinner back onboard your riverboat. Set sail tonight for an interesting day with a choice of exploring either the Black Forest in Germany or Alsace, France. **Meals BLD**

the museum at La Scala, one of the most famous opera houses in the world, where Maria Callas once sang... the great art collection of Pinacoteca di Brera... the fashion district between pedestrianized Via della Spiga, Via Montenapoleone, Via Manzoni, and Corso Venezia... or the mildly bohemian Navigli neighborhood of canal-side bars, restaurants, and shops. As you go, be sure to taste the flavors of Milan – a Campari bitter aperitif and dishes like yellow risotto, cassoeula, and ossobuco. This evening, you have reservations to see Milan's *pièce de résistance*, Leonardo da Vinci's mural *The Last Supper* in the dining hall at Santa Maria delle Grazie convent (subject to availability; day of visit may vary). This extraordinary fresco has a way of drawing the viewer in. You might just feel as if you could walk into the picture, sit down at the table, and strike up a conversation with the apostles. **Meals B**

#### 3. VILLAS AND VILLAGES OF LAKE COMO

You're off for a day's sightseeing around Lake Como, one of Italy's most beautiful lakes, in the shadow of the snowcapped Alps – a mecca for the well-heeled on holiday since ancient Roman times. Drive to tiny Tremezzina, where you'll board a boat for *bellissima* Bellagio. Your Tauck Director leads an orientation walk in this resort village, known as "the Pearl of the Lake," and you'll have a bit of free time. Take in the lake views and explore the centuries-old buildings, lanes, and cobbled stairways lined



Rudesheim

## 6. ■ EXPLORING THE BLACK FOREST OR ALSACE

Wake up docked in Breisach, where you have a choice of excursions today. One possibility is to go on a guided bicycle ride\* in the scenic Black Forest, stopping in a village on Lake Titisee for a traditional German lunch and a demonstration of the art of making Black Forest cake. Your other choice is to drive along the bucolic Alsatian wine route, through countryside where some of the world's best Rieslings are made, to Riquewihr for a walking tour of this medieval wine town. On the list of "The Most Beautiful Villages in France," Riquewihr is situated between the Vosges Mountains and the Plain of Alsace, right in the heart of vineyard country. After lunch, enjoy a tasting at one of the local wine cellars. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ HEIDELBERG AND A WINE ESTATE

Wake up in Germersheim and drive to Heidelberg for a guided visit to the splendid ruins of Heidelberg Castle, a sprawling red sandstone compound high above the city, a reminder of 600 years of history. Check out the Heidelberg Tun, the biggest wine barrel in the world (and walk on top of it). Learn about centuries of movers and shakers, and the romantic story of the Elisabeth Gate, built in 1615 as a present from Elector Frederic V to his wife Elisabeth Stuart, the daughter of King James I of England. An attentive husband, he had the triumphal arch secretly crafted in sections and put up as a whole the night before her birthday to surprise her the next morning. The sweeping views of the Neckar River Valley from the castle are unforgettable. While strolling in Old Town Heidelberg below, be sure to sample a Heidelberg Student Kiss – a special treat invented in the 19th century by a sympathetic chocolatier to give young men a way to express their affections for young women they were not allowed to

talk to! Meet your riverboat in Mannheim and spend the afternoon cruising north. You'll have time to enjoy the gym, get a massage... or curl up in a chair on the Sun Deck with a snack and your favorite drink. Arrive in Rudesheim and disembark for a Tauck Exclusive evening at a beautiful wine estate overlooking the Rhine. **Meals BLD**





## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,997
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Gala evening at a historic Rheingau wine estate
- Three nights at the Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan
- Lunch aboard a private canal boat cruise in Amsterdam; a private boat ride on Lake Como and a visit to Isola Comacina for a trattoria lunch
- A choice between a walking tour, lunch, and talk by a Swiss banker in Zurich or a walking tour in Old Town Basel
- A choice between a Black Forest bicycle ride, a German lunch and a Black Forest cake demonstration – or a wine tasting
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Cruise Director
- 25 meals, service charges, taxes, airport & train station transfers as noted, portage & applicable fuel surcharges

### 8. ■ MAGICAL RÜDESHEIM

The winemaking town of Rudesheim sits in an idyllic landscape laced with vineyards in the Rhine Gorge – a destination that often appears on the wish list of European travelers. You have two choices for exploring the sights of this storybook town today. One possibility is to visit the ancient wine town of Rudesheim am Rhein, located in the Rheingau wine region. Your other choice this morning is a guided bicycle ride (approximately an hour and a half) through town. Return to your riverboat for lunch and an afternoon's cruising through the Middle Rhine. Your Tauck Director provides commentary as you glide past sloping vineyards and rocky bluffs, sharing the stories of the Lorelei Rock and the many castles standing watch onshore. The Middle Rhine Valley, with its vast natural beauty, has inspired artists for centuries, steeped in stories of yore and legends. As one of the most important transportation routes in Europe, along with its rich cultural heritage, pristine geological landscapes such as vineyard terraces and farms, and historic small towns and villages, the entire region has been named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dock this evening in the little cobblestoned town of Linz am Rhein and go ashore with your Tauck Director for a walking tour, if you wish. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ BEER AND ARCHITECTURE IN DÜSSELDORF

Spend a leisurely morning cruising and arrive after lunch in Düsseldorf. Walk off the riverboat into town for your choice of a beer tour that visits a number of breweries to give you a taste of the varieties of dark Altbier the region is known for; or a walking tour focused on the city's history and architecture; or a bicycle ride. Düsseldorf is one of Germany's wealthiest cities, known for its charming Altstadt (Old Town) on the riverfront as well as its avant-garde architecture. During your free time, you

might visit Königsallee (“the Kö”), the city’s super high-end shopping street not far from Altstadt, rivaling Rodeo Drive and Fifth Avenue. If you’re a vintage car buff, check out the Classic Remise Düsseldorf, a center for vintage cars in a historic roundhouse for locomotives. Or, if you wish, take a walk along the lively promenade by the river. Your riverboat charts a course for the Netherlands this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

Arrive late morning in Amsterdam and disembark for an introduction to the city that dates back centuries – on a canal boat cruise, for Tauck guests only. As you float through the city’s 17th-century network of canals and enjoy a bite of lunch, you’ll pass under bridges, check out the houseboats, and see the historic buildings lining the canals. After your canal boat cruise, you’ll have the afternoon in Amsterdam to yourself for exploring as you wish. Bicycles are a common sight – locals go everywhere by bicycle, with their groceries, briefcases, and children onboard. Bicyclists have their own lanes in the streets, ride fast, and don’t always stop for pedestrians who get in their way – so a word of caution as you travel throughout the city! There are many ways to spend your free afternoon – visit one of the city’s world-class museums or take a stroll through the “Nine Streets” in the heart of the canal district, popping into unique shops and galleries, sampling cheeses or trying out Amsterdam’s famed coffee shops. Our shuttle service will take you back to the riverboat throughout the afternoon, but you can also walk back. This evening join us for a farewell reception onboard ship, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 11. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. If you would like to spend additional nights in Amsterdam, ask at booking. **Meals B**

### 11 DAYS FROM \$6,290 PLUS AIRFARE

(10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS MILAN OR AMSTERDAM

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 19 Oct 23	\$6290	\$6690	\$7140	\$7440	\$8040	\$8240	\$8740
May 3 Jul 12, Aug 9 Oct 8*, 9	\$6690	\$7090	\$7540	\$7840	\$8440	\$8640	\$9140
May 17 Jun 10*, 14, 24* Aug 19* Sep 14, 28	\$7390	\$7790	\$8240	\$8540	\$9140	\$9340	\$9840

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**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Milan southbound direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers, as well as on all included meals.

**Note:** Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Itinerary Changes –** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Further, 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.

**Ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.





The Moselle River

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 12 CRUISE DAYS

#### Amsterdam to Basel

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Amsterdam
2	Amsterdam
3	De Hoge Veluwe Nat'l Park
4	Köln
5	Cochem, Moselle Valley
6	Luxembourg, Traben-Trarbach
7	Trier
8	Boppard, Middle Rhine Valley
9	Heidelberg
10	Baden-Baden
11	Strasbourg
12	Basel or Rhine Falls
13	Depart Basel

#### Basel to Amsterdam

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Basel
2	Basel or Rhine Falls
3	Strasbourg
4	Baden-Baden
5	Heidelberg
6	Middle Rhine Valley, Boppard
7	Cochem, Moselle Valley
8	Luxembourg, Traben-Trarbach
9	Trier
10	Köln
11	De Hoge Veluwe Nat'l Park
12	Amsterdam
13	Depart Amsterdam





# THE RHINE AND MOSELLE

ENCHANTING... MAGICAL... BREATHTAKING... these words and more describe the places you'll go on our cruise along the fabulous Rhine and Moselle. Discover the magic in Amsterdam's 17th-century canals, in museums, and in parks that are naturally inspiring... during an evening at a noble estate... at a family-owned wine museum... in turreted castles, centuries old... in medieval hamlets... throughout wine country... in market squares and half-timbered houses... in a Black Forest spa resort town, brimming with Belle Époque beauty... within a petite French Old Town... and in a cultured Swiss city or at Rhine Falls, inviting with romance in an alpine setting.

## 1. ■ ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Amsterdam.** A transfer is included from Schiphol International Airport or Amsterdam Centraal Station to your riverboat. Join us for a briefing about your travels ahead and enjoy dining aboard ship. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ DUTCH TREATS

Your day in Amsterdam begins with a cruise of the city's tree-lined canals in its historic center. Constructed in the 17th century when the Netherlands was at the top of the

world in trade, science and art, the *grachten*, spanned by charming bridges, are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They proved critical to Amsterdam's growth from a fishing village on the Amstel River into one of the great European capitals. Your boat glides past the façades of multi-storied merchant homes and houseboats on the way to Museumplein, where you'll disembark for a guided visit to the renowned Rijksmuseum, home to many works by Rembrandt and other Old Dutch Masters. After lunch onboard your riverboat or in town, visit with a local family in their canal houseboat. Tonight join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner onboard your ship. **Meals BLD**

### 3. ■ DE HOGE VELUWE / KRÖLLER-MÜLLER

Overnight your riverboat arrives in Nijmegen. This morning, travel by coach to De Hoge Veluwe National Park, where you'll find woodlands, grasslands and drifting sand dunes, crisscrossed by bicycle paths, and at the park's center, a world-class collection of 19th- and 20th-century art at the Kröller-Müller Museum, including works by Vincent van Gogh and sculpture by Rodin, Moore, and Dubuffet. You have a choice between a bicycle ride\* through the park or a guided visit at the museum. Head back to your riverboat for lunch and an afternoon spent cruising to Germany with commentary by your Tauck Director. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ OLD TOWN KÖLN & DINNER AT AN ESTATE

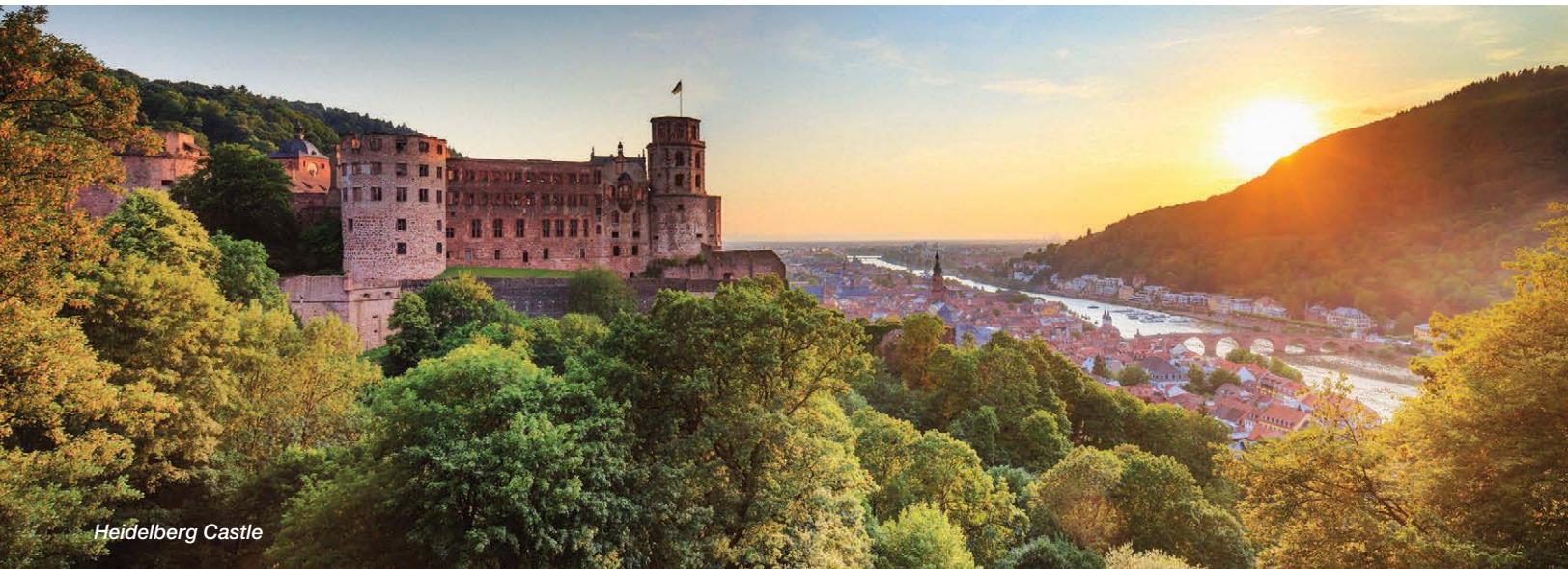
This morning, arrive in Köln; just wait until you see the skyline dominated by its twin-spired Gothic masterpiece of a cathedral! Disembark for a guided tour of Old Town that takes you through narrow cobblestone streets tightly packed with brightly colored traditional houses. Enjoy some free time. Later, cross the moat of historic Schloss Ehrenshoven for a Tauck Exclusive evening hosted by a member of its aristocratic family. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ COCHEM AND THE MOSELLE VALLEY

Start your day with an introduction from your Tauck Director to the Moselle River, where your riverboat diverges from the Rhine and cruises to the town of Cochem. Set off on a walking tour with a local guide and visit Reichsburg Castle, a turreted beauty. After free time to explore the town as you like, head to the Schlagkamp-Desoye Wine Museum for a tasting, where some 10,000 wine-related objects will initiate you into the Moselle Valley's rich heritage of viticulture and wine production. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ LUXEMBOURG AND TRABEN-TRARBACH

With your riverboat docked on the Moselle, set off for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. A local guide leads you through well-preserved Old Town, starting at Constitution Square. Go inside the Cathedral and see the Palace of the Grand Duke along with the Parliament building, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, depart for a visit to the Luxembourg American Cemetery & Memorial in Hamm, the final resting place of more than 5,000 US troops who perished during World War II. Your ship will be waiting for you in Traben-Trarbach, where you'll have a choice of



Heidelberg Castle



Best of the best... The boat was exceptional from the accommodations to the food to the staff. The excursions and sights were beautiful and enabled you to experience the local people and their culture. The staff made the trip exceptional with their anticipation of your every need. – Patrick McDermott

# Tauck Exclusive at Schloss Ehreshoven

Cross the moat for an elegant dinner and tour at the ancestral residence of a noble German family, hosted by a member of the family. For nearly a century they have dedicated their sprawling country estate to providing a home for penniless, unmarried aristocratic ladies in their golden years. Tonight, you are invited!



activities. One possibility is to go on an orientation walk with your Tauck Director through town. Or choose to take a guided bicycle ride\* along the Moselle River. Enjoy live music onboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

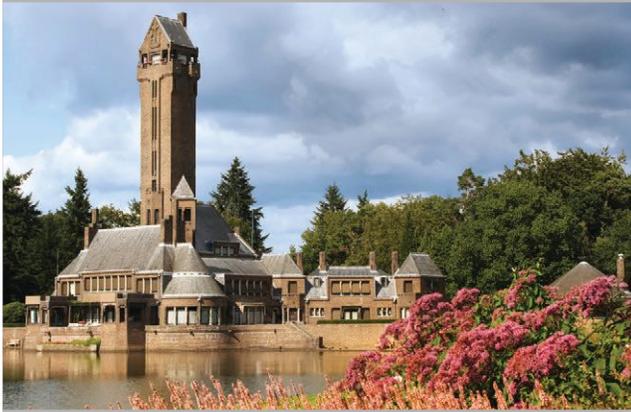
## 7. ■ A TREASURE TROVE IN ANCIENT TRIER

A morning excursion brings you to Trier, Germany's oldest town, and once a residence for several Roman emperors; reminders of that period include a 2nd-century city gate and a basilica built in 310 AD. Enjoy some free time prior to a tour with a local guide; see the town and its Marktplatz, adorned by a 16th-century fountain that features images of St. Peter, surrounded by the "virtues" of righteousness, strength, temperance and prudence. Late afternoon, continue cruising the Moselle. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ CRUISING THE RHINE

Your riverboat winds its way through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley as your Tauck Director shares the legend of the Lorelei and tales of the castles you pass along the way. Disembark in Boppard, where you have two activities to choose from. You might opt for a walk into town with your Tauck Director who gives a talk on Boppard's history, followed by free time for exploring. Or if you're feeling energetic, head out on a fabulous bicycle ride\* along the

Strasbourg



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,966
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Private evening at Schloss Ehreshoven estate in Germany, hosted by a member of its noble family
- A cruise along the canals of Amsterdam, a visit with a local family, and a Rijksmuseum visit
- Cable car to Heidelberg Schloss; a walking tour and lunch in Heidelberg's Old Town
- Wine tasting at a Moselle Valley winery museum, family-owned for 11 generations
- An excursion to the renowned Kröller-Müller Museum in De Hoge Veluwe National Park
- A walking tour of Basel or a day's excursion to Rhine Falls
- A visit to the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship including regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, bottled water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 35 meals, service charges, taxes, portage and applicable fuel surcharges

Rhine with a local guide. Continue cruising after lunch. You'll see for yourself why this beautiful part of the river has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its rich legacy of riverside castles, medieval towns and terraced vineyards – and has inspired composers, writers and artists for centuries. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ HEIDELBERG OR A WINERY VISIT

This morning you have a choice of sightseeing. One possibility is to visit a sixth-generation family-owned organic winery in Bad Dürkheim and sample the fruit of the vine – they're known for their Rieslings! You'll also have free time to explore Speyer as you like. Or you can set off first thing on a full day's excursion to the university town of Heidelberg. Take the funicular up to the city's famed hilltop castle, Heidelberger Schloss, a sprawling confection of red sandstone; during a tour you'll come across stunning views from its terraces and gardens of the Neckar, a tributary of the River Rhine. Afterward, your local guide leads you down to Kornmarktplatz to explore Old Town, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Enjoy a bit of free time in Heidelberg before boarding your riverboat this afternoon. Relax and enjoy the ship's amenities as you spend the rest of the day and evening cruising the Rhine. **Meals BLD**

### 10. ■ BADEN-BADEN IN THE BLACK FOREST

Disembark for a morning trip to the Black Forest spa town of Baden-Baden, a wealthy and cultured town enjoyed by royalty, celebrities, and health enthusiasts since ancient Roman times – and immortalized by Tolstoy in a scene in *Anna Karenina*. Explore this town of villas, stately hotels and chic boutiques on a walking tour that ends inside the Kurhaus, the town's Belle Époque casino. The afternoon is yours to spend as you wish in town or back onboard your riverboat. If you like, enjoy a soak in the mineral pools at Baden-Baden's Caracalla Spa, where the bubbling waters are said to have healing powers. **Meals BLD**



Luxembourg

## 11. ■ STRASBOURG AND LA PETITE FRANCE

Visit Strasbourg, in Alsatian France, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll see the modern headquarters of the European Parliament and go on a walking tour with a local guide in La Petite France, an enchanting corner of Old Town where the historic canals, medieval watchtowers, and half-timbered houses are truly picture-postcard perfect. At the center, visit the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg, adorned with stained glass windows from the 12th to 14th centuries and a "dancing" astronomical clock. Then take some time to explore on your own. There are winding cobblestone streets and works by Rubens and Rembrandt at Palais de Rohan to enjoy... *winstubs* to visit... and local culinary specialties like *choucroute* and *pâté de foie gras* to sample. Later back onboard your ship, enjoy an Alsatian folkloric show and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 12. ■ BASEL OR RHINE FALLS, SWISS GEMS

One of your choices this morning is to get to know the Swiss city of Basel on a tour and a guided walk in its Old Town, among the most architecturally intact in Europe. After lunch, shuttle service between your ship and Basel's Museum of Fine Arts makes it easy to continue exploring on your own. Alternatively, you can spend the day on an excursion to Old Town Schaffhausen, one of the prettiest historic town centers in Switzerland owing to its many oriel windows and lavishly painted façades. After lunch a guided boat ride takes you to spectacular Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner onboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 13. DISEMBARK SHIP / JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Basel.** Fly home anytime. Transfers to EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg or Basel SBB railway station are included upon disembarking the riverboat – no later than 9:00 AM. Please allow three hours for flight check-in and ask us about additional nights at Tauck's hotel. **Meals B**



Rhine Falls

**13 DAYS FROM \$6,390 PLUS AIRFARE**  
(12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 12 Dinners)

BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BASEL

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE**

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Apr 16*	\$6390	\$6940	\$7565	\$7980	\$8790	\$9090	\$9790
Oct 15	\$6790	\$7340	\$7965	\$8380	\$9190	\$9490	\$10,190
Jul 29*, Aug 10, 22*	\$6890	\$7440	\$8065	\$8480	\$9290	\$9590	\$10,290
May 5*, 31 Jun 19	\$7490	\$8040	\$8665	\$9080	\$9890	\$10,190	\$10,890
Sep 30*	\$7690	\$8240	\$8865	\$9280	\$10,090	\$10,390	\$11,090

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on April 16, July 29, August 10, and October 15 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Amsterdam to Basel southbound direction. Single prices in Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing and space availability.

**Cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship including regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. South and north itineraries are similar; go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. **Ask at booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



# RIVERS OF FRANCE

Inspiring with a rich procession of cultural, artistic and historic treasures, the rivers of France evoke a sense of place around every bend. In Paris, the River Seine bridges images of life past and present in the iconic sites that line its banks, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Musée d'Orsay among them. As it meanders from city to coast, it impresses with illuminating scenery immortalized by Monet, van Gogh and heroes long gone. Inland from the Saône in the north all the way south, the Rhône drinks in timeless landscapes ripe with secrets of the terroir, proudly poured by vintners skilled in their craft, and toasted by travelers who are welcomed with a feast of pleasures in villages and vineyards along the way.





NEW!

# IMPRESSIONS FROM THE SEINE: PARIS TO NORMANDY



Normandy

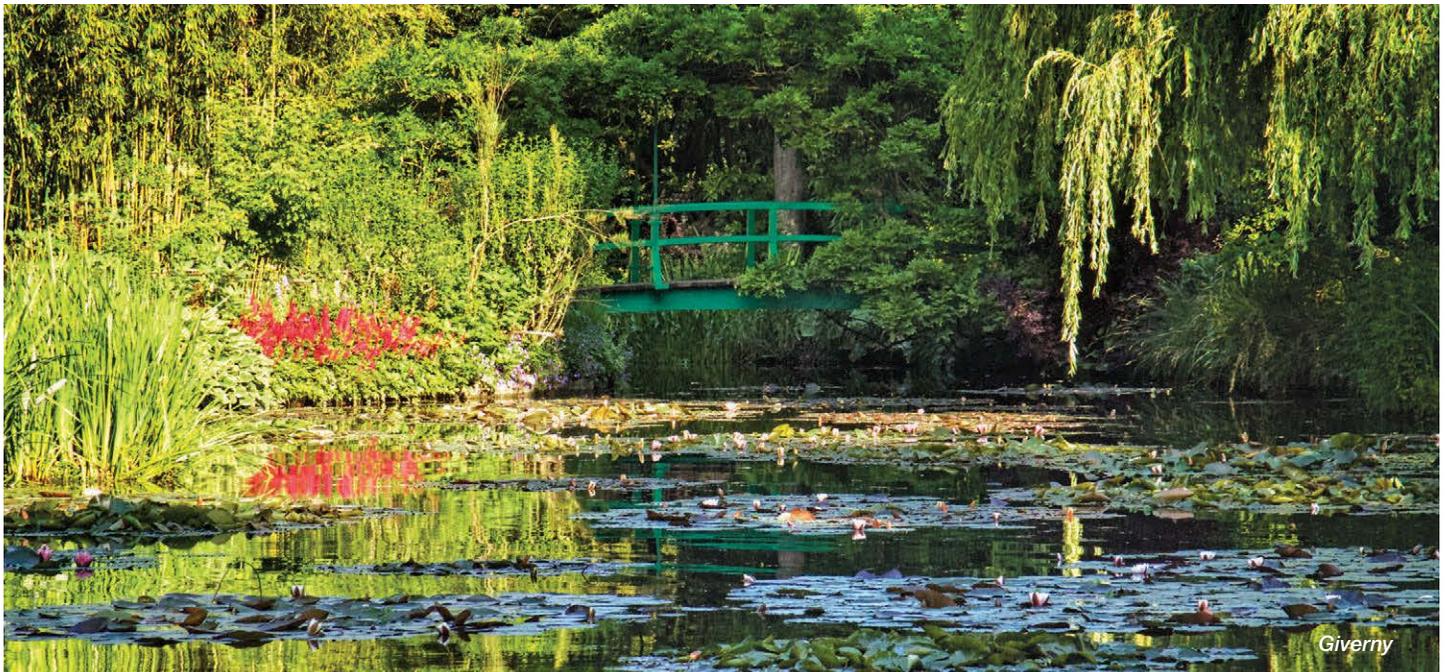
## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

### Round-trip Paris & the River Seine

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





IMPRESSIONISM SHED A NEW LIGHT ON FRENCH LANDSCAPES... giving artists the inspiration to paint a scene as it appeared in the changing light of the day, mesmerizing with a dynamic sense of movement. Experience the settings behind their work as you cruise the Seine to places immortalized in art... the medieval streets and oft-painted cathedral of Rouen... towns and villages throughout Normandy... Monet's Giverny amidst gardens that still pose with floral delights... and make your own impressions on a visit to the palace of Versailles... during an exclusive dinner at a regal château... as you sip cider and calvados at a country farm... on D-Day Beaches steeped in history and heroics... and on walking tours rich with culture.

## 1. ARRIVE PARIS / ■ EMBARK SHIP

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Paris.** A transfer is included upon arrival from Charles de Gaulle Airport or Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle or Gare du Nord railway stations directly to your Tauck riverboat; check-in time aboard ship is 4:00 PM for all guests. We invite you to join fellow river cruisers for a discovery briefing, where you'll hear about your river travels ahead, followed by a welcome reception and dinner onboard to celebrate the start of your journey. You will be cruising aboard a riverboat custom designed by Tauck to cater to your comfort as you experience life along the storied shores of the River Seine. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ SIGHTSEEING IN PARIS

*Bonjour!* Your first day in Paris begins with your choice of included morning visits to one of the city's world class museums, subject to opening times. Our local guides

will show you the highlights and masterpieces of each, sharing expert insights to enrich your tour. In the Musée du Louvre, meet *Mona Lisa* and *Venus de Milo*. View Claude Monet's larger-than-life masterworks, the *Water Lilies*, painted in the artist's garden at Giverny and on display at the Musée National de L'Orangerie, or discover French art dating from 1848 to 1914, at the Musée d'Orsay, housed in a 19th-century Beaux-Arts railway station. You may also choose to visit the Rodin Museum dedicated to the works of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin. Spend the afternoon exploring the city as you wish; home to charming arrondissements and instantly recognizable icons, from the soaring Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe watching over the glamorous Champs-Élysées to gargoyled Notre Dame cathedral and lamplit bridges spanning the River Seine, the city invites closer discovery! If you wish, join us for an excursion to Père Lachaise Cemetery, a mix between a tree-lined English park and a shrine with more than 70,000 burial plots, including those of many authors,

musicians and other celebrities; explore Parisian history through the stories of some of its notable “residents.” Dine at your leisure tonight as your riverboat charts a course along the Seine for tomorrow’s visit to Versailles. **Meals BLD**

### 3. ■ CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

It’s been imitated throughout history in different settings around the world, but nothing compares to the original Château de Versailles. Just 15 miles from the center of Paris and the epicenter of French royal power until 1789, King Louis XIV’s enormous palace epitomized the royal lifestyles in 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, bedecked with lavish Italian-style decoration, marble paneling and painted ceilings. Then head outside for a tour of the palace garden; spread across close to 2,000 acres, it is one of the biggest gardens in the world. The original landscaping took about 40 years to complete; approximately 210,000 flowers and 200,000 trees are planted in the garden every year. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the amenities of your riverboat along with picturesque scenery as you cruise along the Seine to the historic city of Rouen. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ MEMORIES OF ROUEN

Your riverboat docks in Rouen today, the historic capital of Normandy, after a leisurely morning cruise. As you cruise into the city that French poet and novelist Victor Hugo poetically called “a city of a hundred spires,” keep an eye out for the iconic bell towers that line the skyline. A medieval city steeped in history amidst half-timbered houses and storied squares, Rouen has been immortalized in paint and prose. One of its most immortalized residents is Joan of Arc who lost her fight and life here. On your guided visit with a local guide, hear tales of her triumphs and trials, walking in places where she lived and died. You may recognize the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen



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The experiences on this new river cruise highlight the culture and history along the Seine. Guests will enjoy a look at the opulent lifestyles of 18th-century France during a tour of the Château de Versailles, and see the play of light and color in Monet’s living work of art during a Tauck Exclusive early opening visit to his gardens at Giverny. 2019 also marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, making our guests’ visit to the beaches and American Cemetery all the more poignant.”

– Sara Kosyk, Product Manager

# Painted places

View masterpieces of Impressionist art at a choice of world-class museums in Paris, then cruise to the settings that inspired famous artists. See Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen, painted by Claude Monet more than 30 times to catch the changing light, and explore his home and gardens in Giverny during a private early opening visit. Your cruise culminates with an onboard painting class with a local artist who shares tips and techniques about the Impressionist works you have seen during your trip, in preparation for creating your own impressive work of art.



the moment you see it; Monet painted it more than thirty times to capture the ever-changing play of light on it during different times of the day. Even the city's astronomical clock gracing a Renaissance arch has acquired renowned acclaim for its timely efficiency since 1527. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the sights as you wish before returning to the riverboat. This evening join us for a Tauck Exclusive gala reception and dinner with music at the 16th-century Château du Taillis, a true Renaissance treasure. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ D-DAY, MARKING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The day went down in infamy 75 years ago and it is no less painful now as it was then. Today's poignant visit to the beaches of Normandy is led by a local guide knowledgeable about the day's events, the heroics and the losses of this historic Allied operation of June 6, 1944, as well as its Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. 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 your riverboat back in Caudebec-en-Caux. Dine at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ LES ANDELYS, CIDER & CALVADOS

Look up as your riverboat pulls into Les Andelys this morning to see the ruins of Château Gaillard reigning atop its hillside perch. Built by Richard the Lionheart, King of England, in 1197, it was considered the mightiest castle of its time. Exactly how did an English king lay claim to this important strategic stronghold in France? At the time,



An apple farm in Tilly



Versailles

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,226
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Dinner at 16th-century Château du Taillis in Duclair
- Choice of museum visits in Paris, choosing from the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, Rodin Museum or the Musée National de l'Orangerie (subject to opening times and days)
- A locally guided walking tour of historic Rouen, including the Cathedral painted by Monet more than 30 times and Joan of Arc Square
- Exploration of D-Day sites with a local expert, including Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery, marking its 75th anniversary in 2019
- Cider and calvados tasting at a farm in Tilly
- Early-opening visit to Monet's house and gardens and the Impressionist Museum at Giverny
- A visit to the Château Gaillard ruins in Les Andelys
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers on arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges

Richard I of England was the feudal duke of Normandy and he wanted to keep it that way. He constructed the fortress in just one year in an attempt to keep King Philip Augustus of France from invading Normandy. Richard carefully chose the site for his fortress, building it where the Seine takes a sharp curve at Les Andelys. Take a walking tour of the town and the medieval ruins above, getting a glimpse of the castle's fortifications and savoring the views of the river and town from above. Change your perspective on a drive into the countryside where apples are king. A tasting and visit at a local farm shares the bounty of the land in the form of freshly pressed cider and aged brandy, accompanied with *pâté* and *confiture*, preserved fruit. Cruise to Vernon after lunch onboard ship, arriving in time for an orientation walk of the town before dinner. The historical district boasts a gothic church, 12th century castles and a famous old mill. Tonight, get ready to kick it up a few notches when dancers come aboard to perform the Parisian Can-can after dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ PAINTED IMPRESSIONS IN GIVERNY

A Tauck Exclusive early opening visit to Monet's house and gardens in Giverny gives you the rare privilege of experiencing the beauty of the home and the changing light of day as Monet did every morning. Go inside his pink and green-shuttered house, left exactly as it was when the

artist and his family lived here, and stroll through painted gardens you may have seen in Paris on your museum visit. Flowers, planted according to their colors, are left to grow freely in the gardens and lilies bloom all summer long in the water garden where you will see the famous Japanese bridge covered with wisteria, along with smaller bridges, weeping willows and a bamboo wood. You will have time during today's visit to stop in Giverny's Impressionist museum, the Musée d'Art Américain, founded to celebrate the Impressionist aesthetic of the colony of American artists who lived in Giverny at the turn of the nineteenth century. Back aboard ship, join in a painting class led by a local artist as he shares insights, tips and techniques about the Impressionist works you have seen during the cruise, in preparation for creating your own impressive work of art. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Paris.** Disembark your riverboat this morning by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from Tauck's riverboat to Charles de Gaulle airport or the Charles de Gaulle, Gare du Lyon, or Gare du Nord train stations for your journey home. Fly home anytime. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. For guests wishing to spend more time in Paris, please ask us at booking about additional hotel nights. **Meals B**



Les Andelys

**8 DAYS FROM \$4,590 PLUS AIRFARE**  
(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS PARIS

#### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAPHIRE

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 2	\$4590	\$4800	\$4930	\$5570	\$6080	\$6250	\$6670
Oct 28	\$4890	\$5100	\$5230	\$5870	\$6380	\$6550	\$6970
Aug 12	\$5290	\$5500	\$5630	\$6270	\$6780	\$6950	\$7370
May 24, Sep 24	\$5790	\$6000	\$6130	\$6770	\$7280	\$7450	\$7870

#### Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement

**in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6** on the April 2 and October 28 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** Single prices in Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus space availability.

#### Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes

cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Note: Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Please note – northbound and southbound itineraries are similar; go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or ask at booking. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** 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.

**Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product. See page 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



Normandy American Cemetery



# SAVORING FRANCE: PARIS, LYON & PROVENCE

LA BELLE CUISINE... is just part of a banquet of inviting French delights that make this Rhône river cruise so delectable. Feast your eyes on landscapes and places that have romanced travelers for centuries... in Paris, where cafés, garden squares, architectural gems, and world-class museums feed the soul... and along the River Rhône, in ancient sun-dappled villages bathed in history and dressed in artisan finery and French fare. Savor tastings at vineyards, markets and pâtisseries, meals at cooking schools, demonstrations, and in fabled restaurants... and aboard ms *Emerald*, where wining and dining is a pleasure morning, noon, and night.

## 1. ARRIVE PARIS

**Tour begins: 6:30 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, your landmark hotel just a short walk from the Louvre. Culinary pleasures star tonight at our Parisian welcome reception and dinner at the chic brasserie, Fouquet's, since 1908 an icon for celebrity dining on the Champs-Élysées. Much has been

written about the city lights of Paris... and you'll see why after dinner, as the evening continues with an Illuminations Tour, providing glittery views of the city's nighttime lights and a beguiling ending to your first day in Paris. **Meals D**

## 2. A MOVEABLE FEAST IN PARIS

Enjoy a culinary odyssey in Paris today with a walk through the city that inspires with the fragrances and

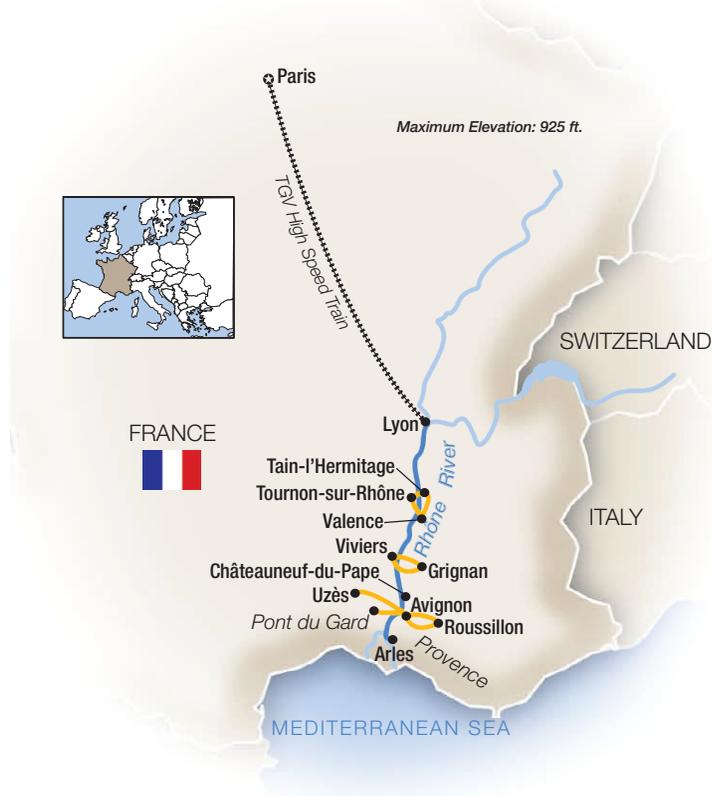


Avignon

flavors of French food, and offers tastings of local bread and macarons; a lecture on *chocolat* with, of course, a delectable tasting; and 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. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the sights, sounds and delicious scents of the city as you please. **Meals B**

### 3. TRAIN TO LYON / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Paris is yours to experience as you please this morning... perhaps visiting one of the city's lesser-known museums, or an agreeable sidewalk café for some Parisian-watching, before catching the *TGV* high-speed train and enjoying the views en route to Lyon, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. The city's founding goes back to the days of the Romans, and its reputation for silks goes back to medieval times. Today it is France's third-largest city, with an Old Town heart that's a Renaissance gem (and a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and boasting a reputation as the French gastronomic capital *au courant*. In Lyon, you'll board *ms Emerald* for your Rhône River cruise and settle into your cabin before joining us for a briefing and welcome reception followed by a welcome dinner in The Compass Rose and entertainment in the lounge. **Meals BD**



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Paris <i>InterContinental Paris Le Grand</i>
2	Paris
■ 3	<i>TGV</i> to Lyon / Embark Lyon
■ 4	Lyon
■ 5	Viviers / Grignan
■ 6	Arles
■ 7	Avignon / Uzès
■ 8	Roussillon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 9	Tain-l'Hermitage / Valence
10	Depart Lyon



Fouquet's

#### 4. ■ LYON & BEAUJOLAIS PLEASURES

Lyon is considered the “culinary capital of France,” which is quite a compliment in a country famed for its cuisine and fine vintages. 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... the list goes on. Everything is fresh and delicious, and it’s said that the best chefs in Lyon shop here! But Lyon is also a city with a venerable history, as you’ll discover when you visit the narrow streets and unique covered passageways (*traboules*) of Vieux Lyon, the old Renaissance part of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the 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, located in a region renowned for its charming ochre-yellow houses. Return to the riverboat in time for cocktails and dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

#### 5. ■ VIVIERS OR GRIGNAN & TRUFFLE TASTING

*ms Emerald* cruises this morning to Viviers, a walled city with origins in the 5th century on the right bank of the Rhône. If medieval history and authentic period architecture are your thing, Viviers is your kind of place... because it’s one of the best-preserved medieval towns that you’re likely to see in all of France. 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 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 truffle-hunting dogs unearth those precious truffles – the highly prized fungi that gourmets have called for centuries the “diamond of the kitchen” – and taste a variety of products made with this very special ingredient. Back aboard the riverboat this evening, join us for the Chef’s Signature Dinner in The Compass Rose as we sail for the city of Arles in Provence. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ ARLES & LUNCH AT A CAMARGUE RANCH

In Roman times, Arles was a key port along the Rhône, a major political capital and a center of religion with its own arch, circus, baths, and a 1st-century BC arena built for 10,000 spectators. In contrast, the Arles that Vincent van Gogh found when he relocated here from Paris in 1888 was a quiet and tranquil town bathed in hues of yellow and blue that the artist immortalized in paintings. Explore your way this morning, choosing a guided bicycle ride in the Arles’ countryside, past olive groves and Roman ruins, or join our local guide for a walking tour that includes a visit inside its still-active Roman arena. Lunch today is a

Palais des Papes

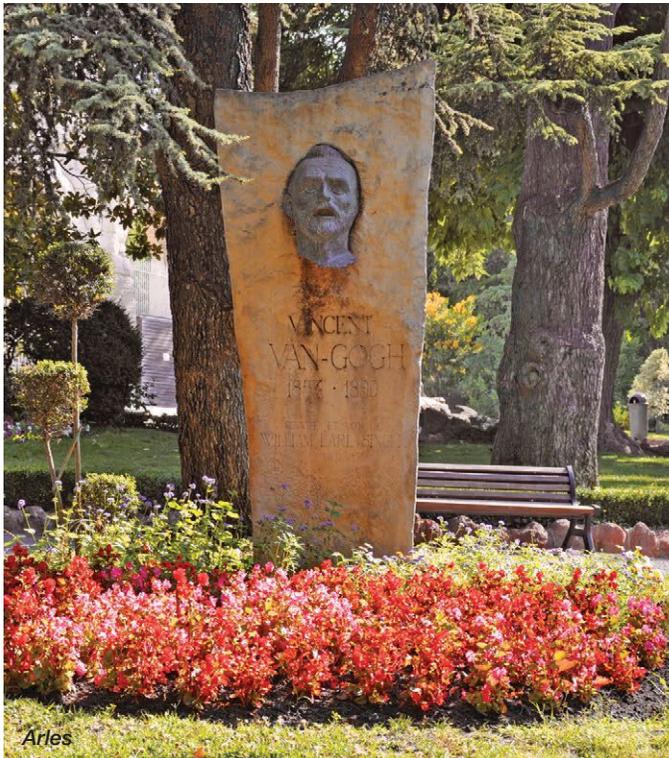


“An incredible experience. Seeing parts of France that we would never have thought of visiting. Not only was this enjoyable with all that we did but very educational. And the staff: It was like being with family members on vacation. They knew us by name and we felt valued. In fact the entire crew was great!

– Tauck Traveler Review, [tauck.com](http://tauck.com)

# La Camargue

La Camargue has been called the “Wild West” of France, a place where Europe’s only cowboys, the *gardians*, ride the small white horses that have been fixtures in its marshy, salt-rich landscapes for thousands of years. Black long-horned bulls, semi-feral and smart, roam the countryside and are often bred on sprawling ranches like the one you’ll visit here. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive look at the bonds between horse, bull, man and land as you are greeted by your hosts on horseback, treated to a lunch of Provençal farm-to-table fare, serenaded by strolling gypsy guitarists, and introduced to *gardians*, and the mares and foals that live on the ranch.

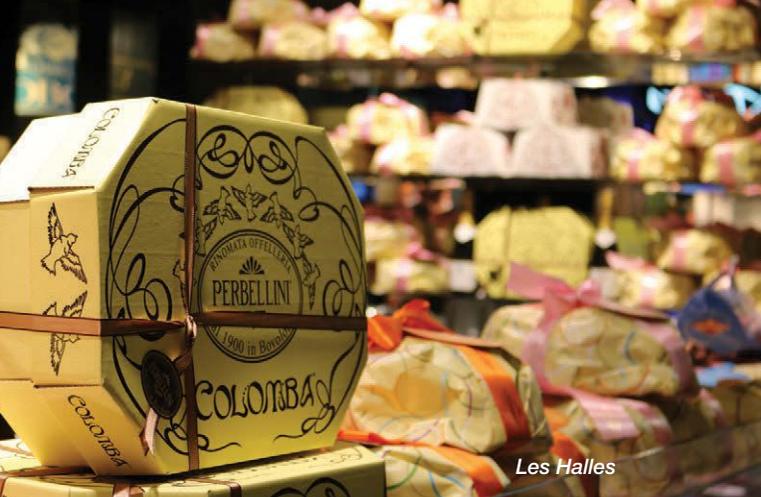


Arles

real treat, as you visit a private ranch in la Camargue for a private banquet of farm-grown Provençal specialties, a musical serenade, an opportunity to see the region’s iconic white horses, fleet-footed *gardians* (cowboys) and famous black bulls they raise here. As you cruise to Avignon this evening, try your hand at painting a chocolate art piece during an onboard demonstration before dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ AVIGNON & THE DUCHÉ D'UZÈS

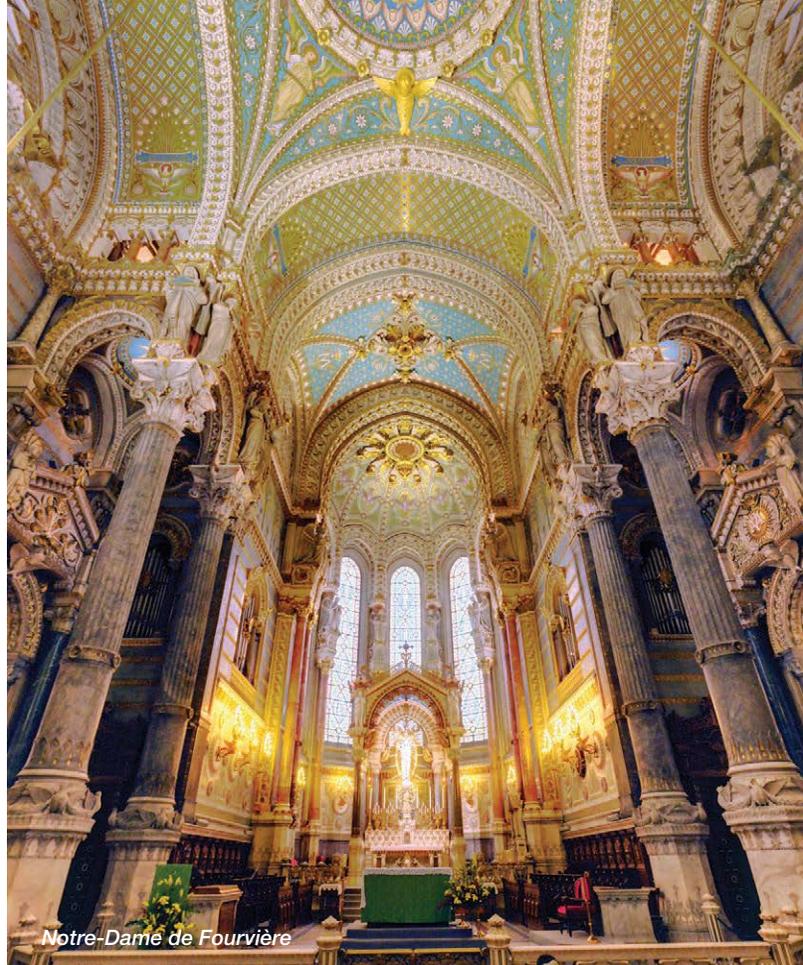
Since the 1870s, French schoolchildren have sung about dancing on the “pont” over the Rhône in Avignon, a walled medieval city that served as a papal headquarters in the 1300s. Your day includes a choice between a bicycling excursion\* amidst the pastoral landscapes of Avignon, or a walking tour of the Palais des Papes, the largest Gothic palace in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The popes who reigned here enjoyed not only their formidable lodgings but also the fruit of the vine; they are credited with cultivating the local wine industry widely recognized today by the appellation, Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Along with the 14th-century bridge mentioned in the song, this afternoon you can visit another – the Pont du Gard, a



Les Halles

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$4,227
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Evening at the 12th-century Duché d'Uzès
- Dinner at Fouquet's brasserie, followed by a city lights tour of Paris
- Private pastry class at Le Cordon Bleu Paris
- Private Beaujolais & Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine tastings; tasting of premier Lyonnaise specialties at Les Halles de Lyon
- Cooking demonstration and a wine and cheese tasting at an award-winning cooking school in Valence
- Provençal lunch with music at a private ranch in la Camargue, where white horses and black bulls are raised
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, coffee, bottled water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 23 meals, service charges, taxes, portorage & applicable fuel surcharges



Notre-Dame de Fourvière

Roman aqueduct standing 160 feet high with three sets of arches that span the River Gardon. A visit to the onsite museum will show you the secrets behind this impressive work of ancient engineering. Dress up tonight for a royal treat – and a Tauck Exclusive – at the Duché d'Uzès; a guided visit, cocktail reception and a gala dinner in this 12th-century Duke's castle reflect periods from the Middle Ages through modern times. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ ROUSSILLON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Travel into the Luberon region today, known for trees sculpted by strong-minded *mistral* winds, narrow scenic roads and tidy buildings of stone. In Roussillon, stop to discover a village with a picturesque central square and building façades distinguished by their painted shades of ochre. The town sits in the middle of one of the world's largest deposits of ochre, surrounded by richly colored cliffs and quarries. Following an orange-hued walking path, you'll see why the town's livelihood was once intricately linked to this colorful natural pigment. After lunch on the ship, drive to the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, whose residents have benefited from the proceeds of

flourishing vineyards since the 13th century. Today the life of this hillside village still centers around growing and producing wine; the vines thrive here, nestled in low hills and 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 vines to maturity. Enjoy a tasting of its revered Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines at a premier estate before returning to your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ VALENCE & TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Your riverboat docks in Tain-l'Hermitage for the final day of your Rhône River cruise. From here you'll head to Valence, a town known for its markets offering produce from the surrounding countryside – including delicacies like truffles and asparagus. It's also home to the gourmet cooking school of award-winning chef Anne-Sophie Pic, where you'll be privy to a chef's demonstration, plus a wine and cheese pairing class and tasting that feature the products crafted in the area. Your day also includes a visit to a chocolate shop in Tain-l'Hermitage and a mini train ride through its Heritage vineyards. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight onboard ship as the riverboat cruises back to Lyon. **Meals BLD**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Lyon.** Disembark ms *Emerald* in Lyon no later than 9:00 AM; fly home anytime thereafter. A transfer from the riverboat to Lyon Airport or Perrache or Part-Dieu train station is included; allow 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



**10 DAYS FROM \$5,590 PLUS AIRFARE**

(9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

**8-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$4,390 PLUS AIRFARE**

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS PARIS

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS EMERALD**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 10, Oct 23	\$5590	\$5840	\$5990	\$6740	\$7340	\$7540	\$8040
Apr 17	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Apr 24	\$6390	\$6640	\$6790	\$7540	\$8140	\$8340	\$8840
Jul 2, 14	\$6590	\$6840	\$6990	\$7740	\$8340	\$8540	\$9040
Aug 13, 20	\$6790	\$7040	\$7190	\$7940	\$8540	\$8740	\$9240
May 19, 26, Jun 2, Sep 14, 21, 28	\$6990	\$7240	\$7390	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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, 5 & 6** on the Apr 10, Jul 14, Aug 20 and Oct 23 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

**Note:** Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing; ask at time of booking about additional 8-Day Cruise-Only pricing.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer & premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water & soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.**

**Itinerary Changes –** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. 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 destination.

**Please ask at booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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.

See page 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details





## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

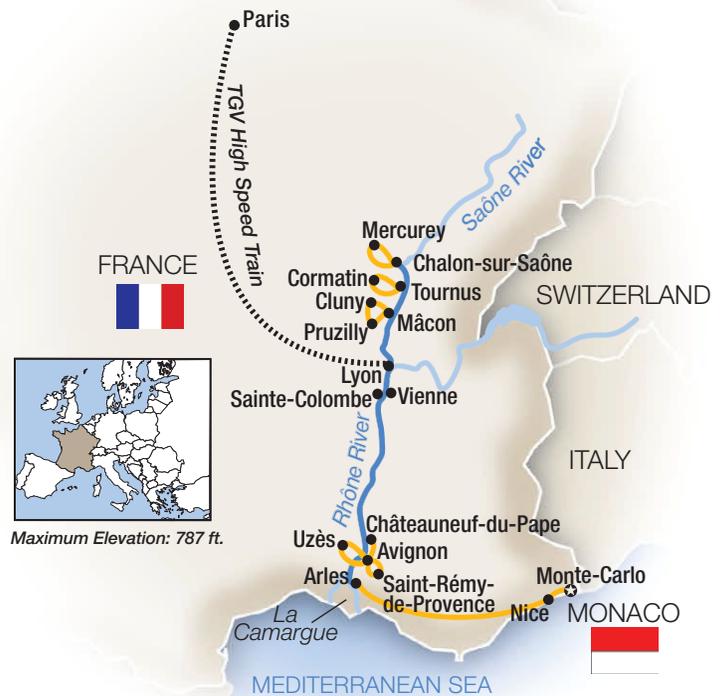
■ 9 CRUISE DAYS

### Paris to Monte-Carlo

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Paris</b> <i>InterContinental Paris Le Grand</i>
2	Paris
■ 3	TGV to Lyon / Embark Lyon
■ 4	Chalon-sur-Saône / Mercurey
■ 5	Tournus / Cormatin
■ 6	Mâcon / Cluny
■ 7	Lyon
■ 8	Sainte-Colombe / Vienne
■ 9	Avignon / Uzès
■ 10	Avignon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 11	Arles / La Camargue
12	Disembark Arles / Nice / Monte-Carlo <i>Fairmont Monte Carlo</i>
13	Monte-Carlo
14	<b>Depart Monte-Carlo</b>

### Monte-Carlo to Paris

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Monte-Carlo</b> <i>Fairmont Monte Carlo</i>
2	Monte-Carlo
■ 3	Nice / Embark Arles
■ 4	Arles / La Camargue
■ 5	Avignon / Uzès
■ 6	Avignon / Châteauneuf-du-Pape
■ 7	Sainte-Colombe / Vienne
■ 8	Mâcon / Cluny
■ 9	Chalon-sur-Saône / Mercurey
■ 10	Tournus / Cormatin
■ 11	Lyon
12	Disembark Lyon / TGV / Paris <i>InterContinental Paris Le Grand</i>
13	Paris
14	<b>Depart Paris</b>





# FRENCH ESCAPADE: MONTE-CARLO TO PARIS

IMAGINE STARTING YOUR DAY, CAFÉ AU LAIT IN HAND... in Monte-Carlo on the famous Côte d'Azur... as you cruise aboard an elegant riverboat on the Rhône with a choice of included shore excursions that immerse you in the *joie de vivre* of the places you explore... a walk through picturesque towns painted in time like van Gogh's Arles... a tour of a palace for popes in Avignon and at vineyards dedicated to their revered wines... shoreside excursions in Roman Vienne... culinary treats in Chalon-sur-Saône and Lyon... dinner at a 12th-century castle in Uzès... dressage in Cluny... wine tastings in charming countryside châteaux... ending with masterpieces of Impressionist art and cuisine during two fabulous nights in Paris.

## 1. ARRIVE MONTE-CARLO, MONACO

**Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Fairmont Monte Carlo.** A transfer is included from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, the Nice Ville Train Station (TGV) or the Nice Riquier Train Station to the Fairmont Monte Carlo, approximately a 45-minute drive that follows the coast of southern France to Monaco. Your hotel is nestled along the glamorous Monte-Carlo waterfront, where yachts navigate the Mediterranean and beachgoers bask in the sun. Join us for a welcome dinner overlooking the seaport at your hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. HITTING THE JACKPOT IN MONTE-CARLO

Few places are as sophisticated as Monte-Carlo, a favorite gilded playground for jet setters and celebrities from around the world. Here mega-yachts anchor in the harbor, an amazing fleet of cars – think Porsches, Lamborghinis and Ferraris à la James Bond – parks in front of the opulent casino, and the fairy-tale legacy of Princess Grace, Prince Rainier and the Grimaldi family, who have ruled the Principality of Monaco for over 700 years, lives on today. Explore Vieux Monaco, viewing the cathedral, the Place

du Palais and winding medieval streets on a morning orientation tour, followed by time to explore on your own. If you wish, join us for a drive along the Mediterranean coast, seeing villages tucked into cliffside hideaways and villas nestled in the lush country landscapes. Spend the evening exploring more of Monte-Carlo on your own tonight. **Meals B**

### 3. CHARMS OF NICE / ■ EMBARK IN ARLES

Drive from Monte-Carlo to Nice this morning. The capital of the French Riviera, Nice entices with gracious Belle Époque mansions, pastel-painted squares, a palm-lined seaside promenade, medieval lanes bustling with history, and sidewalk bistros that tempt with regional culinary specialties. Get your bearings on a walking tour before discovering the charms of Nice as you wish. After lunch on your own, continue on to Arles, where Tauck's riverboat, ms *Emerald*, celebrates your arrival with the captain's welcome reception, followed by dinner. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ VAN GOGH'S ARLES & LA CAMARGUE

Wake up in Arles and enjoy your choice of activities. Take a bicycle ride\* out into the country or walk into town with a local guide. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage



Site, the town dates back to the 7th century BC. Explore the Roman arena, built in 1st century BC and still in use today. Artist Vincent van Gogh created some of his finest works in Arles; pass by the café where he painted *Café Terrace at Night*, the hospital where he recuperated from his self-inflicted ear injury and other settings you may recognize from his works. Enjoy time to wander through town before taking an excursion to the Camargue region, famous for fleur de sel (sea salt), black bulls and pretty white horses. An owner-hosted Provençal lunch with entertainment at a private ranch is made even more memorable when you meet local *gardians* (cowboys), and have an opportunity to perhaps see mares with their foals or glimpse black bulls grazing in the fields. Chart a course for Avignon tonight, arriving after dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ PAPAL AVIGNON & A DUKE'S CASTLE

Papal fervor put the walled city of Avignon on the map some 700 years ago when safety-seeking pontiffs reigned here in the 14th century. Evidence of their rule comes to life during a guided tour of the impregnable Palais des Papes; part fortress, part showplace, it is the largest Gothic palace in the world. A walk through its 20 medieval



rooms reveals 14th-century hunting frescoes and painted floor tiles, richly decorated ceilings adorned with murals and grand banquet halls and chapels steeped in papal history. Dress up tonight for a royal treat at the Duché d'Uzès – exclusive to Tauck guests; a guided visit, cocktail reception and a gala dinner in this 12th-century Duke's castle reveal myriad influences from the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the 17th century, and modern times. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ SAINT RÉMY & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Join us for an excursion to the ancient city of Saint Rémy de Provence, whose picturesque setting is immortalized in more than 150 of van Gogh's paintings. After lunch, we've arranged 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 reveals secrets of the *terroir* as you sample estate-crafted red and white wines, along with savory *gougères*, a treat that is traditionally served at tastings. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ VIENNE SIGHTSEEING OR BICYCLING

Dock in Sainte-Colombe for a choice of shore excursions today. Cross the bridge to nearby Vienne for a guided walking tour that includes impressive Roman ruins, like the virtually intact Temple of Augustus and Livia and the 13,000-seat Theater cut into the hillside, that chronicle

Vienne's importance as a springboard for Julius Caesar's conquest of Gaul during the 1st century. As an alternative, you may choose to join us for a guided bicycle tour along the river as you pedal along the Rhône with a local guide, before returning to the riverboat. Spend the rest of the day enjoying a leisurely cruise to Mâcon; onboard activities this afternoon include an informative lecture. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ CLUNY ABBEY & A RIDING SCHOOL

After breakfast, drive to Cluny for a walking tour of the town. Visit Cluny Abbey, once one of the most significant Benedictine monasteries in Europe, and the Haras National equestrian center where a dressage demonstration with a skilled horse and rider will be a highlight of your visit. Lunch today is served at Château Pruzilly set in the heart of the Beaujolais and Burgundy wine region. Return to Mâcon where your riverboat cruise continues to Chalon-sur-Saône for a late evening arrival. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE & WINE TASTING

Get ready to see picture-perfect sights today not just because this Burgundy town is known as the birthplace of photography, thanks to native son Nicéphore Niépce, but because Chalon-sur-Saône is also home to striking Romanesque churches, quaint half-timbered houses and painted doorways colored with French flair. Taste your way through town as you sample local culinary offerings at a



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- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$5,320
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - A visit and gala dinner at the 12th-century Duché d'Uzès
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - An excursion to a private ranch in la Camargue to meet the family and local *gardians*, dine on a Provençal lunch, and see the white horses and black bulls found here
- Dinner in Paris at Fouquet's, a landmark brasserie on the Champs-Élysées
- Vineyard visits and wine tastings in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Mercurey
- Visit to Château de Cormatin in Burgundy; tasting tour in Chalon-sur-Saône
- Visits to Avignon's Palais des Papes, Cluny Abbey, and the Haras National equestrian
- Choice of art museum visits in Paris
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- 32 meals, airport transfers as noted, service charges, taxes, portorage & fuel surcharges



bakery, an artisan chocolate boutique and a mustard shop. A choice of shore excursions this afternoon includes a wine tasting with the owners at a private vineyard on a grand family estate in Rully or a walking tour of Beaune with a visit to the Hospices de Beaune, founded in 1443 as a hospital for the poor. Return to your riverboat for cocktails and dinner as it departs for Tournus this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 10. ■ CHÂTEAU DE CORMATIN IN BURGUNDY

Huddled below one of the most beautiful Romanesque churches in all of Europe on the banks of the river Saône, Tournus is also the perfect place to anchor our riverboat for a drive through the landscapes of southern Burgundy to the 17th-century Château de Cormatin. A noble symbol of prestige and power with towers, turrets and a drawbridge over a wide moat, this castle was built to impress. After your tour of its famous "gilded rooms" and pleasure garden, we think you'll agree. It's back to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon cruise to Lyon. **Meals BLD**

### 11. ■ A DAY IN LYON, WHERE FOOD IS KING

A full day in Lyon includes guided visits to the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, "the hill that prays" high above the city, and medieval Vieux Lyon below. Wander through secret passageways and see the 19th-century astronomical clock at the Cathédrale Saint-Jean-Baptiste. Enjoy lunch onboard the ship or explore more of Lyon, perhaps visiting the silk museum or the Musée des Beaux Arts. **Meals BLD**

### 12. A FAST TRAIN TO PARIS

Disembark your riverboat this morning after breakfast, then it's all aboard the high-speed TGV for a fast trip in first



Lyon



Paris

class to Paris. Enjoy an overview of landmark sites on an orientation tour of the city, before arriving at your hotel late afternoon – it is just a few minutes walk from the Musée du Louvre, the Place Vendôme and the Palais Garnier. The remainder of the day is free for you to experience the glamour of Paris as you like. **Meals B**

### 13. MUSEUMS & A FAREWELL AT FOUQUET'S

You have a choice of museum visits in Paris this morning, subject to opening times and days. You may elect to view the priceless art inside the famous Musée du Louvre, home to da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, the Hellenistic *Winged Victory*, the beautiful *Venus de Milo* and others. Or perhaps you're interested in viewing the impressive works exhibited at the Musée Jacquemart-André, a stunning museum in Paris' 8th arrondissement created from the former private mansion of 19th-century husband-and-wife art collectors Édouard André and Nélie Jacquemart – he, a member of a wealthy banking family and she, a renowned society painter – to display the art masterpieces they acquired during their lives together. The collection includes works by Canaletto, Rembrandt, Hals, Gainsborough, Bernini, Botticelli and many others. After a free afternoon to experience the city as you wish, join us for a farewell dinner at the celebrity brasserie Fouquet's, on the Champs-Élysées, popular with guests since it first opened in 1899. **Meals BD**

### 14. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Paris.** Fly home anytime. A transfer from InterContinental Paris Le Grand to Charles de Gaulle Airport or the Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle or Gare du Nord train stations is included; please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

**14 DAYS FROM \$7,290 PLUS AIRFARE**

(13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

**10-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$5,590 PLUS AIRFARE**

(9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS MONTE-CARLO

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MSEMERALD**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
May 1*, July 26*, Aug 4, Oct 14	\$7290	\$7540	\$7690	\$8440	\$9040	\$9240	\$9740
May 10, Oct 5*	\$7690	\$7940	\$8090	\$8840	\$9440	\$9640	\$10,140
June 9*, 18, Aug 27*, Sep 5	\$7990	\$8240	\$8390	\$9140	\$9740	\$9940	\$10,440

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**in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6** on the May 1, Jul 26, Aug 4 and Oct 14 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** \*Indicates Paris to Monte-Carlo southbound direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for complete pricing; ask at time of booking about additional 10-Day Cruise-Only pricing.

**Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes** cruise fare, most meals, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, including regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

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Les Andelys



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

### Paris & the River Seine

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Paris Embark Paris
2	Paris
■ 3	Versailles
■ 4	Rouen
■ 5	Le Havre, Caen or Honfleur
■ 6	D-Day Beaches
■ 7	Caudebec-en-Caux
■ 8	Les Andelys, Vernon
■ 9	Vernon Paris
10	Disembark Paris



# RENDEZVOUS ON THE SEINE

LIKE A MONET PAINTING... the French landscapes you'll explore from aboard your riverboat will impress with color and charms that change with the light and the lay of the land... in Normandy, seaside villages pose in picturesque images... farms flirt with fresh fruit and apples, pressed to perfection in brandies and ciders that please the palate... beaches memorialize the sands of time... riverside châteaux and monumental ruins speak volumes about days past... The gardens at Giverny bloom with Impressionist inspirations... the Château at Versailles dazzles... and Paris romances with art and architecture immortally loved... Experience Monet's house and gardens before the morning crowds, and view the treasures of the Louvre on a private after-hours tour.

## 1. 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 and make yourself at home, then join us for cocktails, canapés, dinner and entertainment aboard ship. *Bienvenue!* **Meals D**

## 2. ■ PARISIAN LANDMARKS & MUSEUM TREASURES

Your first full day in Paris promises to delight with a choice of sightseeing options. Join us for an orientation tour of city landmarks with a stop at Les Invalides, the military museum complex and site of Napoleon's Tomb. Alternatively, take a guided walking tour of the Marais

district, known as "Old Paris" for its winding cobblestone streets, captivating historic architecture, cafés, gardens, and galleries; Marais is also famous for its large Jewish population, a lively enclave of synagogues, delicatessens, and specialty shops. Or take a guided walking tour through Île de la Cité (where Notre-Dame is located) and Île Saint-Louis – islands in the city center that harbor its oldest, most picturesque riverside neighborhoods. This afternoon spend time exploring on your own, then join us this evening for a Tauck Exclusive – a private after-hours guided tour of the Musée du Louvre, schedule permitting. Housed in a former royal palace, the Louvre astounds with an incomparable collection of old masters, sculptures and antiquities, including the *Mona Lisa*, the *Venus de Milo*, the *Winged Victory* and other masterpieces included in its collection of 35,000+ works of art. **Meals BL**

### 3. ■ PALACE LIFE IN VERSAILLES

Château de Versailles is unequalled in its display of regal splendor and privilege as you will see during your visit here. Louis XIV (the Sun King) built this “country home” to escape the confines of the Louvre and Paris in 1682, and made it large enough to house all of his courtiers and servants – it was eventually expanded to include 2,300 rooms; he also built the town of Versailles while he was at it. Prepare to be dazzled when your guide takes you inside the palatial estate 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. If you wish, enjoy some free time or join your Tauck Director for a tour of the chateau’s gardens. The gardens are a monumental counterpart to the palace in design and décor, a showcase of magnificent bronze statues, patterned flower beds, lakes, fountains and architectural gems, from a marble colonnade to two smaller palaces. Meet your riverboat and sail for Rouen, home to Joan of Arc memorial sites. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ HISTORIC MONUMENTS IN ROUEN

Enjoy informative insights about the history and sights you’ll see today as we spend the morning cruising to Rouen. Victor Hugo called Rouen “the city of a hundred spires,” and while the ravages of war destroyed many of the steeped buildings he was referring to, those that still

stand today are rich with historical associations. A guided city tour this afternoon shows you 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 when she was burnt at the stake. After time at leisure to explore on your own, drive outside of the city into the French countryside where you’ll have the opportunity to experience life in Normandy – a private reception with dinner and music at historic Château du Taillis, an Italian Renaissance-style treasure dating back to the 16th century, awaits for Tauck guests only. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ CAEN MEMORIAL OR SEASIDE HONFLEUR

Dock in Le Havre today for a choice of included shore excursions. Drive to nearby Caen for a locally guided visit to the Mémorial de Caen, a museum and war memorial commemorating World War II and dedicated to peace; it is regarded as one of the best World War II museums in France – and visit Bayeux to see the Bayeux Tapestry. Alternatively, travel to Honfleur for an orientation tour and time at leisure for lunch, stopping to see the stunning white Cliffs of Étretat. The first Impressionist artists, including Claude Monet, Charles-François Daubigny and Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, developed their painting style in Honfleur, one of the most charming fishing ports in all of Normandy. 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. Back aboard ship, a lecture by our expert about D-Day, one of the most dramatic and somber dates in history, provides insights into the sites you will see tomorrow during a full day of guided exploration. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ SANDS OF TIME AT D-DAY BEACHES

2019 marks the 75th 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, bordered at each end by large rocky cliffs, and the American Cemetery, located on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach, eternal resting place for some 9,300 American World War II soldiers. After lunch, return to the riverboat and continue your River Seine cruise; enjoy cocktails before dining onboard at leisure. **Meals BLD**



Jumièges Abbey



Monet's Gardens at Giverny

## 7. ■ MORNING AT LEISURE & JUMIÈGES ABBEY

Spend the morning at leisure before your riverboat arrives in Caudebec-en-Caux. Schedule permitting, join your Tauck Director for a casual walk into town. Have lunch onboard before taking a scenic 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.” Return to ms *Sapphire* late afternoon in Caudebec-en-Caux and cruise to Les Andelys, strategically located on a bend of the Seine. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ CHÂTEAU GAILLARD & A SIP OF CIDER

Taking full advantage of its hilltop perch overlooking the river, the Château Gaillard is the crowning centerpiece of Les Andelys. Built in 1197 by Richard the Lionheart, King of England, during a power play with France’s King Philip II, Château Gaillard was lauded as the strongest castle of its time. It earned this designation for its innovative military-style concentric construction that was designed

to confound invaders and for its use of machicolations, holes in the flooring that enabled castle occupants to drop stones or other heavy objects on attackers at the base of a defensive wall. The limestone castle consisted of three enclosures separated by dry moats, with a keep in the inner enclosure. Unlike other castles of its time which took a decade or more to build, Château Gaillard was completed in just two years by some 6,000 laborers



Les Invalides, Paris



Normandy

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Early access for a tour of Impressionist artist Claude Monet’s house and amazing gardens at Giverny
- Tauck’s private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,677
- Private after-hours visit to the Louvre on select departures
- Guided visit inside the gilded Château de Versailles
- Private Tauck dinner at a Normandy château with musical entertainment
- Visit to the D-Day Beaches and American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach
- Cider and Calvados tasting at a local farm
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Cruise Director
- 24 meals, service charges, taxes, airport & train station transfers as noted, portorage & applicable fuel surcharges



under the watchful, and often impatient, eyes of its king. What remains today evokes images of how this medieval castle looked and operated at its height of power, with the riverside views affording you the same vantage point coveted by its royal inhabitants. *Pommes*, apples in English, play an important part in the history of Normandy, with apple orchards taking root in Roman times. While the first cider was said to have been distilled in 1553, before that the Norman apple was used in poultices, ointments and cosmetics (hence the term “pommade”). With over two thousand varieties of apples, Normandy is naturally proud of its cider and of its Calvados. Visit a local farm for a taste of fresh-pressed apple cider, brandy and *pâté en route* back to your riverboat. Have lunch onboard while we cruise to Vernon for a late afternoon arrival. You will have time to join your Tauck Director for an orientation walk before cocktails and dinner aboard ship. Tonight, enjoy a special music and dance performance in the lounge. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ MONET’S HOME & GARDENS AT GIVERNY

It’s awash in pink and green, adorned in wisterias, azaleas and water lilies, and basked in dappled sunlight that is reminiscent of the works of its famous 43-year resident, painter Claude Monet. Giverny invites discovery today on a Tauck Exclusive early-opening visit that shows you the artist’s home as he lived it and painted it. His pink stucco house gives the impression that his family of 10 still lives there; its rooms showcase his private furnishings and his collection of Japanese prints adorn



Château de Versailles

walls throughout. Outside, you'll find easels displaying works-in-progress in his garden studios, including replicas of the immense water lily paintings that hang in Paris at the Musée de l'Orangerie, and the gardens that inspired them. If perchance you are not a gardener, viewing these floral wonderlands in person might plant the seeds for you to become one! You will have time to walk pathways bordered with nasturtiums, hollyhocks, hybrid lilies or snapdragons, depending on the season's blooms, and go through the tunnel that leads to the Water Garden and the oft-painted Japanese Bridge. You may want to pose for a photo or a quick sketch during your visit, perhaps painting your own impressionist work from it when you return home. See a collection of Monet's paintings and learn more about the art movement he inspired during a leisurely visit to the Musée des Impressionnismes in Giverny before lunch at a local riverside restaurant inspired by the architecture of Marie Antoinette's hamlet at Versailles. Your riverboat heads back along the River Seine, bound once more for Paris. Celebrate your last night aboard *ms Sapphire* at the captain's farewell reception, which is followed by dinner, and arrive in Paris during the evening. **Meals BLD**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Paris.** Disembark your riverboat after breakfast this morning. 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 a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 10 DAYS FROM \$5,290 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

### BEGINS PARIS

#### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAPPHIRE

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 9	\$5290	\$5540	\$5690	\$6440	\$7040	\$7240	\$7740
Oct 19	\$5790	\$6040	\$6190	\$6940	\$7540	\$7740	\$8240
Apr 27	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Aug 3	\$6290	\$6540	\$6690	\$7440	\$8040	\$8240	\$8740
May 6	\$6490	\$6740	\$6890	\$7640	\$8240	\$8440	\$8940
Jun 18, Oct 1	\$6690	\$6940	\$7090	\$7840	\$8440	\$8640	\$9140
May 31	\$6890	\$7140	\$7290	\$8040	\$8640	\$8840	\$9340
Aug 28, Sep 6	\$6990	\$7240	\$7390	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440

#### Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement

**in Category 1:** 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 \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 & 6** on Apr 9, Aug 3 and Oct 19 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at booking.

**Note:** Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes

cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability).

**Note:** Tours departing Apr 9, Jun 18, and Oct 1 will have a choice of museum visits on day 2 instead of the after-hours visit to the Louvre due to the museum's schedule.

**Please note: Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Further, museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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.

**Please ask at time of booking** about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

See page 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



# CRUISING THE SEINE PLUS PARIS & LONDON

RIVERBOATING ON THE SEINE IS MARVELOUS... winding through medieval towns, tasting Normandy cuisine, finding the deep essence of Calvados, discovering the picturesque haunts of Impressionist painters, dining at a château in Vernon, exploring Coeur de Lion's fortress ruins at Les Andelys, walking in Monet's garden at Giverny, visiting van Gogh's muse in Auvers-sur-Oise and experiencing treasured Parisian landmarks, steeped in history, culture and art. Enriching your 9-night riverboat cruise – two nights in London at the esteemed grande dame of the city, The Savoy, where you'll meet Winston Churchill's granddaughter, and return home with tales of adventures that become more exciting with each retelling.

## 1. ARRIVE LONDON

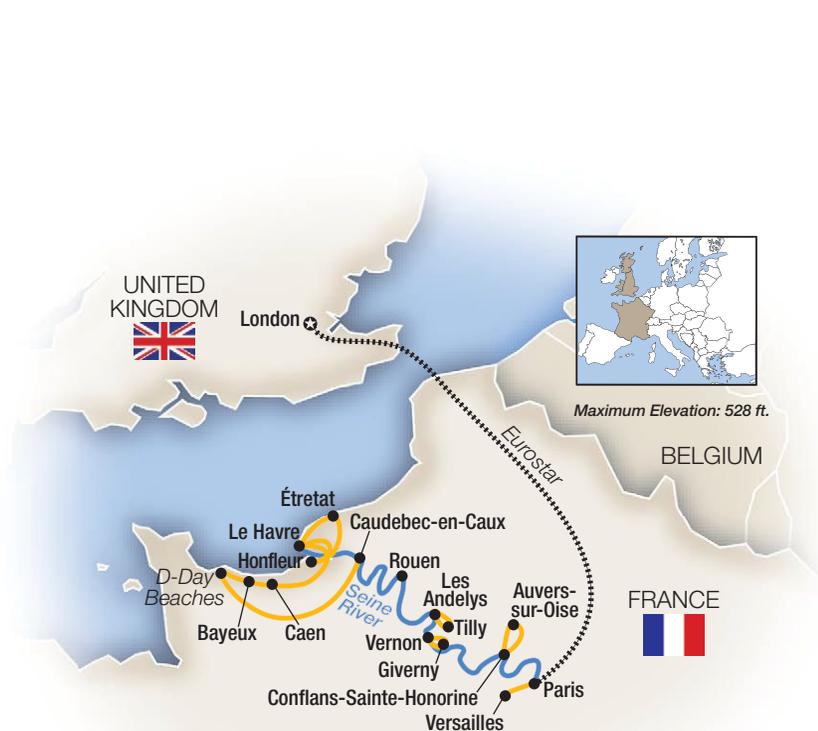
**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Savoy.** A transfer is included from Heathrow Airport or Gatwick Airport or London's Waterloo or St. Pancras train stations to Tauck's landmark hotel, The Savoy, often called "London's most famous hotel." The hotel has welcomed celebrities and heads of state since it first opened its doors as the first truly high-end hotel in the city in 1889. Join us at the hotel's Simpson's-in-the-Strand restaurant tonight for a Tauck Exclusive welcome reception and dinner featuring a presentation by author Celia Sandys, the granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill. **Meals D**

## 2. LONDON REVEALED

Spend the day exploring London. Enjoy an orientation tour of iconic city sights on a drive through the city this morning, seeing landmarks like Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace, before heading off on your own to discover the places you have traveled here to see. Your hotel is ideally located on The Strand in the heart of the West End theatre district and is close to the bustling Covent Garden district, Trafalgar Square, the London Eye and more. Restaurants and pubs abound for a variety of dining options. **Meals B**



Paris



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.

FRANCE



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 9 CRUISE DAYS

### London to Paris

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive London</b> <i>The Savoy</i>
2	London
■ 3	London / <b>Embark Paris</b>
■ 4	Paris
■ 5	Paris
■ 6	Conflans-Sainte-Honorine / Auvers-sur-Oise
■ 7	Vernon / Giverny
■ 8	Rouen
■ 9	Le Havre / Étretat / Honfleur
■ 10	D-Day Beaches
■ 11	Les Andelys
12	<b>Disembark Paris /</b> Journey home



Les Andelys

### 3. UNDER THE CHANNEL TO FRANCE / ■ EMBARK

Depart London for passage to France via *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 for a welcome reception and dinner aboard your riverboat, followed by musical entertainment in the ship's lounge. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ CHOICE OF MUSÉES IN PARIS

A local guide shares insights on the architecture and history of Paris on an orientation drive through the city this morning as you pass its landmark sites, including the Arc de Triomphe, Grand Palais, Place de la Concorde, the Opera House, the Eiffel Tower and the Jardin des Tuileries. Then it's your choice of museum visits (subject to opening times and days) – visit the famed Musée du Louvre, where *Mona Lisa* has been smiling for centuries; the Musée d'Orsay, housed in a Beaux-Arts railway terminal; or Les Invalides, home to Napoleon's Tomb and the Musée de

l'Armée, for a look at events surrounding World Wars I and II. Have lunch aboard ship or stay ashore to experience more of the city as you wish. Enjoy an onboard chocolate demonstration and wine tasting late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ VISIT VERSAILLES OR MONTMARTRE

Depending on your interests, visit the opulent Château de Versailles or the Parisian hilltop village of Montmartre this morning. In Versailles, go inside the palace, viewing the gilded Hall of Mirrors and the King's Apartments, before taking a walk through the palace garden, one of the largest in the world. If Montmartre is on your must-see list, today you'll have the opportunity to hear insights from a local guide as you stroll the winding cobblestone lanes through the village on the hill. See street artists capturing daily life and visit majestic Sacré Coeur, reigning over the city with panoramic views. Enjoy cocktails with your fellow shipmates aboard your riverboat and have dinner at your leisure. Dock in Conflans-St-Honorine tonight. **Meals BLD**



London

## Presentation by Celia Sandys

Gain insights into one of the most influential figures in British history, Sir Winston Churchill, at a presentation by his granddaughter, internationally recognized author, speaker and television presenter Celia Sandys. She will be sharing family stories during dinner at Simpson's-in-the-Strand restaurant when you are in London.





## Visit the Musée du Louvre After Hours

The world's most visited museum, the Musée du Louvre houses 35,000 works of art, dating from prehistoric days to contemporary times. Eight million people flock here each year excited to see masterpieces like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, a resident since 1797; the *Winged Victory*, dating to 190 BC; the Greek goddess *Venus de Milo*; and other priceless paintings and sculptures too numerous to list. Imagine viewing them without crowds, on an after-hours visit reserved exclusively for Tauck, where you are free to linger longer, making memories that last lifetimes. You can on select departures of this cruise: May 13, September 13 and October 8, 2019. Ask for details at booking.

### 6. ■ VAN GOGH IN AUVERS-SUR-OISE

Disembark for a drive to Auvers-sur-Oise this morning, where the artist Vincent van Gogh spent his last days. You may recognize scenes from his artwork during your walking tour of the town – he painted close to 70 canvases during his brief time there – before visiting his room #5 at the Auberge Ravoux, not rented since his death in 1890. Your riverboat departs for Vernon this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ MONET'S HOME & GARDENS IN GIVERNY

Drive to Giverny this morning for Tauck's Exclusive early-opening visit to Claude Monet's house and brightly colored gardens, where you'll feel like you've entered one of his painted landscapes. Go inside his pink and green shuttered farmhouse, left as it was when the artist and his family were living here. Then step outside where Claude Monet revolutionized painting in the 1870s by setting up his easel outdoors, and painting scenes exactly as he saw them. Stroll through the floral scenes that defined the grounds of his beloved home, complete with a Japanese garden and a pond full of floating lilies. Over the years, Monet painted this setting at different times of day and year, exploring

different color schemes. You will have time to visit the nearby Musée des Impressionismes, housing temporary exhibits of Impressionist art, at your leisure. Drive back to Vernon for lunch onboard your riverboat and free time to explore the medieval town on your own. Should you opt for an active adventure after your visit to Giverny, join your Tauck Director for a bicycle ride around Vernon. This afternoon, learn more about the Impressionist artists and their work during an onboard art lecture. A very special evening awaits you at 17th-century Château de Bizy, inspired by the palace at Versailles, where you are among the guests of honor at a Tauck Exclusive reception and gala dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ MEDIEVAL ROUEN, CITY OF JOAN OF ARC

This morning, sail to Rouen, described by novelist Victor Hugo as "the city of a hundred bell towers." Home to a treasure trove of immortalized sites, from the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen, painted by Monet more than 30 different times, to poignant places where Joan of Arc was tried and burned at the stake here in 1431, this medieval city is steeped in history. A walking tour with a local guide amidst its half-timbered houses and storied squares includes the oft-painted cathedral, the Astronomical Clock



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$4,471
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Private dinner with musical entertainment at Château de Bizy
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Presentation by Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Early opening visit to Impressionist painter Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny
- Two nights in London at The Savoy, one of the world's most prestigious hotels with guided sightseeing and free time to explore
- A choice of guided excursions to Étretat and Honfleur or a visit to Caen Memorial & Bayeux
- Visit to D-Day Beaches, including Omaha Beach, Pointe-du-Hoc and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial
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(*Le Gros Horloge*) that sits on a Renaissance arch, keeping accurate time since 1527, and more. Enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Meet up in your riverboat's lounge tonight as local dancers come aboard and kick it up a notch with a distinctively French Cancon show! **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ SEASIDE ÉTRETAT OR CAEN MEMORIAL

Dock in Le Havre this morning for a choice of sightseeing excursions. Explore Étretat and see its famous sculpted cliffs and visit seaside Honfleur or visit the Caen Memorial and Bayeux. Return to the riverboat this afternoon for an onboard D-Day lecture and time at leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 10. ■ HISTORIC NORMANDY BEACHES

Travel to the beaches of Normandy, where the D-Day landings occurred 75 years ago on June 6, 1944. Explore its poignant sites with a local expert who shares insights about WWII and the battles that were fought here. Visit Omaha Beach; the largest of all five beaches at six miles wide, it was the most intensely fought after beach on D-Day. Today it is dotted with the remains of German bunkers. See the 100-foot high cliffs at Pointe-du-Hoc, where US rangers, using ropes and ladders, scaled the steep bomb-cratered terrain to capture the German's defense fortifications at the top of the cliff. Pause at the American Cemetery and Memorial, overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, where some 9,300 troops were laid to rest. After lunch ashore, return to your riverboat for an evening at leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 11. ■ THE FORTRESS OF COEUR-DE-LION

Wake up in Les Andelys located on one of the most beautiful bends on the River Seine. Step back in time to the 12th century when Richard the Lionheart, Duke of Normandy, constructed a medieval fortress atop the cliffs

here. Join a local guide for a walking tour that includes the imposing ruins of Château Gaillard, built in 1198, and the village below. The village was founded at the end of the 12th century to accommodate workers, shopkeepers, craftsmen and innkeepers useful for the construction of the fortress. Then it's off to the countryside for a visit to a farm in Tilly for a tasting tour of the apples they grow there. With an abundance of farms and apple orchards, Normandy is not known as a wine-producing region, but it does produce large amounts of apple cider, which locals often drink with meals. 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* (preserved fruit) before returning to your riverboat for a cruise to Paris. Enjoy our farewell festivities aboard ship tonight as we celebrate the cultural discoveries and friendships made on this enchanting riverboat cruise. **Meals BLD**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

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BEGINS LONDON

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Jun 7	\$7990	\$8240	\$8390	\$9140	\$9740	\$9940	\$10,440
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Strasbourg, France

# CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE RHINE

## 1. ■ CHRISTMASTIME IN BASEL

**Cruise begins: 4:00 PM, Basel, Switzerland.** Transfers are included from EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg to your riverboat; embarkation begins at 4:00 PM. Enjoy our onboard welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ LUCERNE & MOUNT PILATUS

Drive to the picturesque lakeside town of Lucerne today, nestled in the Alpine foothills, where an orientation tour and lunch offers a delightful taste of daily life here. Its medieval charms play out in colorful market squares, burghers' houses, spired churches and restored ramparts. If you wish, ride a gondola to the top of Mount Pilatus for scenic views. Return to your riverboat in late afternoon and enjoy a tree trimming party after dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ STRASBOURG SPARKLES WITH TRADITION

Learn about Alsatian storytelling and local specialties with your guide onboard ship before your walking tour of Strasbourg's Old Town center. The dozen themed Christmas Markets, fanning out from the Cathédrale de Notre-Dame, include the original *Christkindelsmärik*, the Bredele Market, and the Kingdom of the Wine Growers.

Explore Strasbourg on your own, returning to your ship on one of the shuttles running most of the afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ GOOD CHEER IN BADEN-BADEN

Christmastime in the Black Forest has a magic all its own, as you'll see during your excursion to Baden-Baden. This famed spa town is fragrant with the tempting aromas of *glühwein* and gingerbread as you browse the labyrinth of stalls in its Christmas Market. Enjoy free time before returning to your riverboat this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ HEIDELBERG'S HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

You're off for a full-day excursion to Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town. Tour the ruins of Heidelberger Schloß and ride the funicular down to the town below for a walking tour of the Old Town square and the Christmas Markets. Savor a traditional German lunch with award-winning local beer at Brauhaus Vetter. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ ROMANTIC RÜDESHEIM

Cruise the Rhine to the winemaking town of Rudesheim for a stroll through the Christmas Market and a visit to Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett, a collection of mechanical

# TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$1,712
- Visits to Christmas Markets in Aachen, Rudesheim, Heidelberg, Baden-Baden, and Strasbourg, plus walking tours of towns with local guides
- Visits to Old Town Heidelberg and its castle; Alsatian storytelling in Strasbourg; cookie-baking demonstration and Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett visit in Rudesheim
- Traditional European Christmas dinner
- 20 meals; unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship; gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Cruise Director; service charges, taxes, portage, airport transfers & applicable fuel surcharges

musical instruments displayed in a 16th-century castle! A cookie-baking demonstration shares the time-honored secrets of holiday treats like lebkuchen, before free time to explore as you wish. Dine aboard your riverboat tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ KÖLN OR A TASTE OF AACHEN

Your ship arrives in Köln, where you have a choice of a guided tour of Old Town – with its Christmas Market adjacent to the Gothic, twin-spired cathedral – or an excursion to the Aachen Christmas Market. Join us for our farewell reception followed by dinner onboard. **Meals BLD**

## 8. HOMEWARD BOUND

**Your Christmas Markets cruise ends in Köln, Germany.**

Transfers are provided from your riverboat to Köln / Bonn Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

# 8 DAYS FROM \$3,190 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

**BEGINS BASEL Northbound – Basel to Köln**  
Dec 1, 8, 15

**BEGINS KÖLN (COLOGNE) Southbound – Köln to Basel**  
Dec 1, 8, 15

## CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

**MS GRACE / INSPIRE – Dec 15, 15\***

	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
<b>Double</b>	\$3190	\$3440	\$3760	\$3960	\$4280	\$4400	\$4690
<b>Single</b>	\$3190	\$4816	\$5264	\$5544	\$6848	\$7480	\$7973

**MS GRACE / INSPIRE – Dec 1, 1\*, 8, 8\***

	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
<b>Double</b>	\$3390	\$3640	\$3960	\$4160	\$4480	\$4600	\$4890
<b>Single</b>	\$3390	\$5096	\$5544	\$5824	\$7168	\$7820	\$8313

Triples available in Category 7 only, priced from \$4,220 per person.

Visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Cruise price per person includes** cruise fare, all meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.

**International Airfare is additional.** Ask about special rates on international air from the US and Canada.

**Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Museums and attractions subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays.

**All nights are spent cruising aboard ms Grace or ms Inspire.**

Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise and our Cruise Protection Product. See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



# VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

## ■ 8 CRUISE DAYS

### Köln to Basel

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Köln
■ 2	Köln / Aachen
■ 3	Rudesheim
■ 4	Heidelberg
■ 5	Baden-Baden
■ 6	Strasbourg
■ 7	Lucerne / Mount Pilatus
8	Depart Basel

### Basel to Köln

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Basel
■ 2	Lucerne / Mount Pilatus
■ 3	Strasbourg
■ 4	Baden-Baden
■ 5	Heidelberg
■ 6	Rudesheim
■ 7	Köln / Aachen
8	Depart Köln



# CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE DANUBE

## 1. ■ ARRIVE VIENNA / EMBARK RIVERBOAT

**Cruise begins: 4:00 PM, Vienna, Austria.** A transfer is included from Vienna International Airport to your ship. Join us for our welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ VERY MERRY IN MAGICAL VIENNA

Discover Vienna's grand Imperial architecture on your way to a guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and time in the palace's Christmas Market. Enjoy an exclusive lunch and a performance by a children's choir at a private palace, followed by free time; complimentary shuttles run back and forth between the city and your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ MELK ABBEY AT CHRISTMASTIME

Enjoy a guided visit to Melk Abbey, seeing its church and library, where medieval manuscripts are housed. En route to Linz, enjoy a musical performance aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ 'TIS THE SEASON IN MOZART'S SALZBURG

Today you have a choice of activities. One possibility is to spend the day enjoying Linz as you like. Your other choice

is a full-day excursion to Mozart's hometown of Salzburg, where the Baroque town center is dressed up in its holiday best. After exploring Old Town and the Christmas Market, have lunch at Stiftskeller St. Peter, one of Europe's oldest restaurants, located at historic St. Peter's Abbey. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ SCENTS OF THE SEASON IN PASSAU

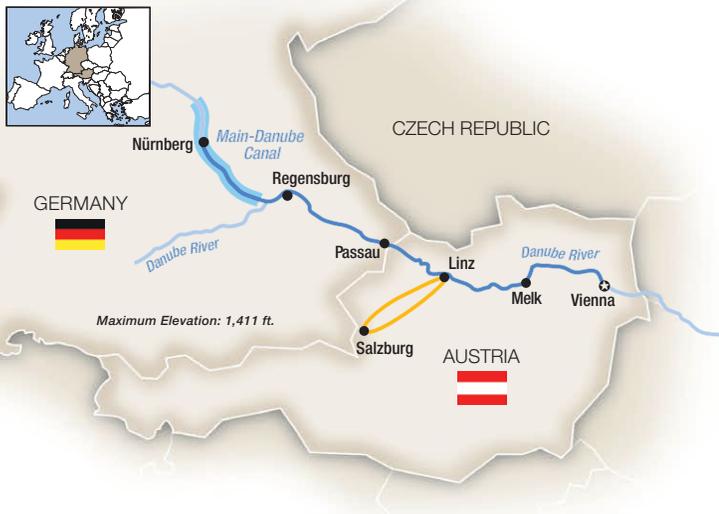
Four generations of the Simon family have perfected the art of making gingerbread, and show you how it's done during a demonstration at their café in Passau. After a guided walking tour of Old Town ending at the Christmas Market, spend a free afternoon exploring as you please. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ REGENSBURG'S PRIVATE PALACE MARKET

Start the day with a guided walking tour of Old Town Regensburg, one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities, including its 12th-century bridge and St. Peter's Cathedral. Then you're off to the Palace of St. Emmeram, home of the Thurn und Taxis family, for a private tour inside. Browse the special private Christmas Market in the courtyard and palace park, aglow with cheer. Rumor has it that Her Highness Princess Gloria and her family often come out of the palace to join in the fun! **Meals BLD**

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$1,716
- Guided visits to Christmas Markets in Vienna, Salzburg, Passau, Regensburg, and Nürnberg; locally guided walking tours of market towns
- Christmas lunch and a children's choir performance at Palais Pallavicini in Vienna; lunch at Stiftskeller St. Peter in Salzburg; guided visit to Baroque Melk Abbey in Austria; private tour of Thurn und Taxis Palace and a visit to its private Christmas Market
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- 20 meals, airport transfers, service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### 8 CRUISE DAYS

#### Vienna to Nürnberg

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Vienna
2	Vienna
3	Melk
4	Linz / Salzburg
5	Passau
6	Regensburg
7	Nürnberg
8	Depart Nürnberg

#### Nürnberg to Vienna

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Nürnberg
2	Nürnberg
3	Regensburg
4	Passau
5	Linz / Salzburg
6	Melk
7	Vienna
8	Depart Vienna

## 7. HOLIDAY MAGIC IN NÜRNBERG

Your choice of sightseeing in Nürnberg includes a walking tour of the city to see the Imperial Castle, the old City Hall, and the house of the artist Albrecht Dürer. Or explore sites associated with World War II, including the Zeppelinfeld rally grounds, and visit the Documentation Center. Then it's on to its Christmas Market for time at leisure. Join us for our farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Nürnberg.** Fly home anytime. Transfers are provided from *ms Savor* or *ms Joy* to Nürnberg Airport; Allow up to three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 8 DAYS FROM \$3,190 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS NÜRNBERG **Eastbound – Nürnberg to Vienna**  
Dec 1, 8, 15

BEGINS VIENNA **Westbound – Vienna to Nürnberg**  
Dec 1\*, 8\*, 15\*

### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

MS JOY / SAVOR – Dec 15, 15\*

	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Double	\$3190	\$3440	\$3760	\$3960	\$4280	\$4400	\$4690
Single	\$3190	\$4816	\$5264	\$5544	\$6848	\$7480	\$7973

MS JOY / SAVOR – Dec 1, 1\*, 8, 8\*

	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Double	\$3390	\$3640	\$3960	\$4160	\$4480	\$4600	\$4890
Single	\$3390	\$5096	\$5544	\$5824	\$7168	\$7820	\$8313

Triples available in Category 7 only, priced from \$4,220 per person. For complete itinerary, pricing and up-to-the-minute space availability, go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises).

**Cruise price per person includes** cruise fare, all meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship including regional wine, beer and premium spirits, gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers and on all included meals.

**International Airfare is additional.** Ask about special rates on international air from the US and Canada.

**Itinerary Changes** – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Museums and attractions subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays.

**All nights are spent cruising aboard *ms Joy* or *ms Savor*.**

Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise and our Cruise Protection Product. See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.

## NEW! SPECIAL FAMILY HOLIDAY CRUISES IN 2019!

Make the holidays even more magical for your family by joining Tauck Bridges on our special 8-day Christmas Market family cruises along the Danube. Two departures only, December 22 and 23, 2019. Stay tuned for more details in June!

# FAMILY RIVER CRUISES



# A GREAT WAY TO TRAVEL AT ANY AGE

Calling all grandparents, parents, teens, and kids! Come aboard, unpack once, and we do the rest. You'll love the family activities we have lined up for you every day on our Tauck Bridges river cruises – along with the \$500 savings for children 12 and under.



## Hands-On Experiences Ashore

Our family trips combine cultural activities and exclusive experiences ashore with “sight-doing” that’s fun for every age and generation. In Normandy, get a real feel for history with a hands-on experience of World War II battle gear. A scavenger hunt at the Louvre Museum in Paris brings the art to life. In Vienna, bake strudel in a palace and learn to waltz in another palace! Your family will play medieval games at a Slovak castle, go on guided bicycle rides, play local games like *pétanque*, take cooking classes, hike to castle ruins, and much more!

## Onboard Fun

There's always something fun to do onboard a Tauck riverboat, and it's the best place to socialize! Meet local dancers, musicians, and artists who come aboard to demonstrate their talents. Make local treats with chefs and savor tastings, from crêpes in France to pastries in Austria. Enjoy the putting green, hot tub or plunge pool on the Sun Deck, or the fitness center. Language lessons, song and dance fests, and group games fill your evenings with family fun and new friendships.



## 5 Unforgettable Cruises

**Four family summer cruises and a NEW winter holiday cruise!** Our most popular and award-winning cruise spans four countries along the Danube from Hungary to Germany. Or cruise the castle-dotted Rhine from Switzerland to the Netherlands. In France, choose from two fun-filled cruises on the Seine or Rhône rivers, both with two nights in Paris. Or sail aboard our newest eight-day Danube cruise, to enjoy the magic of Vienna's Christmas Markets and other festive activities, departing December 22 and 23. Look for details soon!



Giverny

# FAMILY FUN ALONG THE SEINE: PARIS TO NORMANDY

## 1. ARRIVE PARIS / ■ EMBARK SHIP

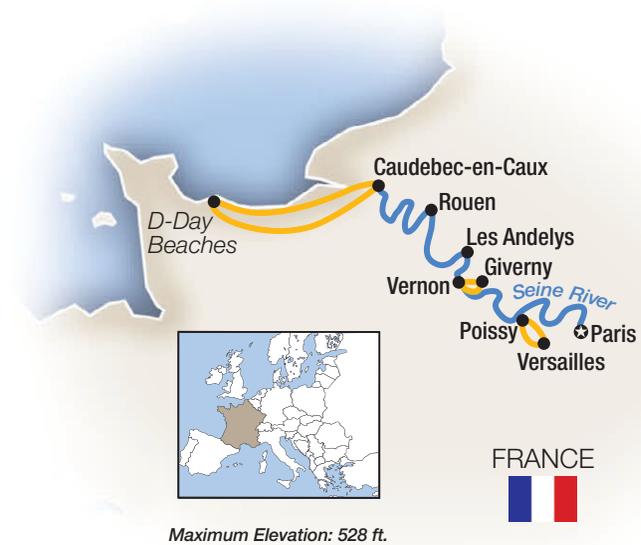
**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Paris.** A transfer is included from Charles de Gaulle International Airport, or Gare du Nord or Gare de Lyon train stations to your riverboat. Meet your Tauck Director and the families you'll be traveling with at our welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ A DAY IN PARIS

Your family has a choice of ways to discover Paris. One possibility is a guided tour of landmark sites, including the Arc de Triomphe (check out the inventive way drivers navigate around the arch!); the Champs-Élysées; and gargoyle-adorned Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris. Or go on a guided bicycle ride\* along the Seine, passing the Musée d'Orsay and the Tuileries Garden. Everybody meets up for lunch at the Eiffel Tower. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ LOUVRE SCAVENGER HUNT

The Louvre Museum was once a royal palace... but now it's an amazing treasure-filled *musée* and the perfect place for today's guided visit and art-inspired scavenger hunt. After free time for exploring a Parisian neighborhood and enjoying lunch as your family pleases, it's all aboard your riverboat. You sail for Vernon this afternoon. **Meals BD**



Maximum Elevation: 528 ft.

## 4. ■ MONET'S GIVERNY & LES ANDELYS

Visit artist Claude Monet's pink house and gardens in Giverny early, before they open to the general public. If you wish, visit the Impressionist Museum (subject to availability) before heading to Les Andelys. Here you'll have a choice of hiking up to Château Gaillard and listening to stories about Richard the Lionheart, who built the fortified castle, or taking a guided walking tour in the village of Les Andelys. **Meals BLD**



## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,314
- Two nights in Paris, a choice of guided bicycle tour or driving tour and a scavenger hunt in the Louvre
- Poignant insights at Normandy's D-Day Beaches and hands-on discoveries of WWII battle gear
- A guided, inside tour of Château de Versailles or exploration by bicycle of the palace gardens including Marie Antoinette's farm
- 19 meals, airport transfers as noted, all gratuities to Tauck Directors, guides & drivers, service charges, admission fees, taxes & portage

### 5. ■ STORIES OF WORLD WAR II IN NORMANDY

This morning, arrive in Caudebec-en-Caux and set out for D-Day sites including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, and pause at the American Cemetery. Following lunch, visit the D-Day Academy, where you'll experience a hands-on opportunity to touch World War II artifacts, from wireless radios to weapons, and receive a feel for the era. Rejoin your riverboat and sail on to Rouen tonight. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ REMEMBERING ROUEN

Wake up in Rouen, the "museum city of a hundred spires"; explore the city on a photo scavenger hunt and guided tour that take you to Rouen's Notre-Dame Cathedral, Joan of Arc Square, and the church where she died. If you wish, visit Panorama XXL this afternoon to see a multi-media exhibit about Rouen's rich history. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ THE PALACE OR GARDENS AT VERSAILLES

Your choices today include a glimpse of what life was like inside Louis XIV's Palace of Versailles on a guided visit or to head outside for a bicycle ride\* around the gardens that includes Marie Antoinette's farm, created in the style of a miniature Norman village. Join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner aboard your riverboat. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Paris.** Disembark the riverboat this morning in Paris. Transfers are included from where your riverboat is docked to Charles de Gaulle International Airport as well as Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon train stations; you should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 8 DAYS FROM \$4,990 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS PARIS

Jun 27 Jul 4, 11, 18

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### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAPHIRE

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
Category 1	\$4990	\$4990	N/A	N/A
Category 2	\$5240	\$7336	N/A	N/A
Category 3	\$5390	\$7546	N/A	N/A
Category 4	\$6140	\$8596	N/A	N/A
Category 5	\$6740	\$10,784	N/A	N/A
Category 6	\$6940	\$11,798	N/A	N/A
Category 7	\$7440	\$12,648	\$5630	\$5120

#### \$500 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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!

**Note:** Children under 18 must be booked in a cabin with at least one adult. Accommodations for families of 3 or 4 in Categories 1 through 6 consist of two adjacent, but not connecting, double cabins. Triple and quadruple accommodations in Category 7 consist of a double-bedded suite featuring a full-sized pull-out sofa; these are not available for more than three adults over the age of 18 sharing a cabin.

**Cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes:** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability). Departure tax is not included and is additional.

**Recommended age:** 8+

**Note:** 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 Changes:** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. See General Information for details on our Cruise Protection Product or ask at booking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

See page 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



**Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.**



# BON VOYAGE! FRANCE FAMILY RIVER CRUISE

## 1. ARRIVE PARIS

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel.** A transfer is included from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport or the Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle, or Gare du Nord train stations to Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel. Join us for a welcome dinner this evening with entertainment by a noted mentalist. **Meals D**

## 2. MUST-SEE PARIS SIGHTS OR A BICYCLE TOUR

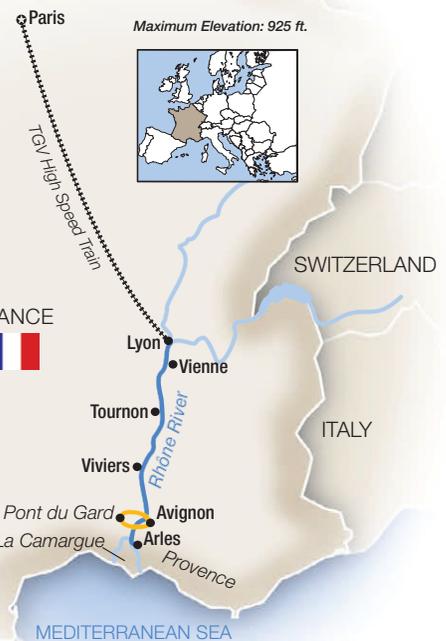
Your family fun in legendary Paris begins with a city sightseeing tour that includes views of the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, famed Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris and more. Or, if you wish, go on a guided bicycle tour\* along the banks of the River Seine past Paris landmark sites. Enjoy fabulous views from the Eiffel Tower's second floor and lunch; the remainder of the day is free in Paris. **Meals BL**

## 3. ■ LOUVRE SCAVENGER HUNT / TGV À LYON

Today's guided tour and scavenger hunt inside the Musée du Louvre are fun ways to discover its many art treasures, including the *Mona Lisa*. Then it's all aboard the high-speed TGV for a rail ride to the French culinary capital of Lyon, where ms *Emerald* awaits to whisk you off on your cruise along the Rhône. Meet the crew at tonight's welcome reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

## 4. ■ TOURNON, COOKING & CHOCOLAT

Arrive in Tournon-sur-Rhône this morning for an orientation tour of this ancient town; attend a cooking class at the cooking school Scook, affiliated with the Michelin-awarded restaurant Maison Pic; and see a demonstration in the art of making *chocolat* at Valrhona Cité du Chocolat. **Meals BLD**





## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,380
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Visit to a family-owned ranch in la Camargue for a hayride & lunch
- In Paris, a scavenger hunt in the Louvre, bicycling along the Seine & lunch at the Eiffel Tower
- Unlimited complimentary beverages including regional wine, beer & premium spirits included on ship
- Gratuities to Tauck Directors & Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, drivers and local guides
- 18 meals, select meals ashore, service charges, airport transfers, taxes & portorage

### 5. ■ WILD CAMARGUE & ART IN ARLES

After the riverboat docks in the Provençal city of Arles, set off to visit a family-owned private ranch in la Camargue for a hayride, a glimpse of some bulls and horses, a traditional Provençal lunch, and gypsy music. Return to Arles for a guided walking tour that brings to life places depicted in works by Dutch Impressionist Vincent van Gogh. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ A PAPAL PALACE / THE PONT DU GARD

Your family visits an extravagant grand palace with four mighty towers today when you take a guided tour of Avignon's Palais des Papes, built for the popes who ruled here in the 14th century. Or, if you wish, join us for a bicycle ride\* in Avignon this morning. Enjoy free time to explore, then travel to the famed Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct, for a walk and some refreshments. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ MEDIEVAL VIVIERS, PÉTANQUE & MORE

In the medieval town of Viviers, wind your way up narrow, cobbled streets and passageways to the petite 12th-century Cathédrale Saint-Vincent. Next, try your hand at a game of *pétanque*, a local favorite played by tossing a small metal *boule*. Weather permitting, enjoy a barbecue lunch on the riverboat and an afternoon of cruising. Join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Lyon.** Disembark ms *Emerald* in Lyon; fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to either the Lyon Airport or a Lyon train station; please allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

**8 DAYS FROM \$4,990 PLUS AIRFARE**  
(7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

### BEGINS PARIS

Jun 27 Jul 9, 21

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### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON – MSEMERALD

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
Category 1	\$4990	\$4990	N/A	N/A
Category 2	\$5200	\$7280	N/A	N/A
Category 3	\$5330	\$7462	N/A	N/A
Category 4	\$5970	\$8358	N/A	N/A
Category 5	\$6480	\$10,368	N/A	N/A
Category 6	\$6650	\$11,305	N/A	N/A
Category 7	\$7070	\$12,019	\$5380	\$4930

#### \$500 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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!

**Note:** Children under 18 must be booked in a cabin with at least one adult. Accommodations for families of 3 or 4 in Categories 1 through 6 consist of two adjacent, but not connecting, double cabins. Triple and quadruple accommodations in Category 7 consist of a double-bedded suite featuring a full-sized pull-out sofa; these are not available for more than three adults over the age of 18 sharing a cabin.

**Cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes:** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability). Departure tax is not included and is additional.

**Recommended age:** 8+

**Note:** For activities marked with an asterisk (\*) in day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. **Itinerary Changes:** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. See General Information for details on our Cruise Protection Product or ask at booking.

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Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



Danube Bicycling

# BLUE DANUBE: FAMILY RIVERBOAT ADVENTURE

## 1. ARRIVE BUDAPEST / ■ EMBARK RIVERBOAT

**Tour begins: 2:00 PM, Budapest.** A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport or the Keleti train station directly to *ms Joy*, *ms Savor*, or *ms Treasures*. A guided city tour includes Heroes' Square in Pest and Fisherman's Bastion on the Buda side of the Danube. Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ OLD TOWN BRATISLAVA & CASTLE GAMES

Spend the morning cruising to Bratislava, a city with 1,700 years' worth of stories to tell. At 9th-century Devin Castle, step back in time and try some medieval games. Discover facts about Bratislava's history on a scavenger hunt in the city. Enjoy traditional Slovak dancing tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ ROYAL LIFE & A FERRIS WHEEL IN VIENNA

A guided visit to Schönbrunn Palace, where Queen Marie Antoinette of France grew up, includes a fun-filled visit in the palace gardens, when you head for Labyrinthikon, with a maze dating back to 1698. Next up is free time for you and your family to explore Austria's capital city as you please. After an early dinner onboard, visit the famous Prater amusement park, one of the oldest in the world and home to the giant Riesenrad ferris wheel. **Meals BLD**



## 4. ■ CATACOMBS & A VIENNESE PALACE

Start the day with a carriage ride and a tour of the catacombs beneath St. Stephen's Cathedral, followed by more free time. Tonight dress up for dinner during an Imperial Evening at a private Viennese palace where musicians and dancers perform; they'll even teach you to waltz! Your riverboat sails on to Dürnstein tonight. **Meals BLD**

## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,236
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A gala Imperial Evening in a private Vienna palace featuring dinner, music & more
- Bicycling along the Danube, castle games in Slovakia, and marzipan making, geocaching or cycling in Passau
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship
- Gratuities to Tauck Directors & Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, drivers and local guides
- 20 meals, select meals ashore, airport & train transfers as noted, service charges, taxes & portage

### 5. ■ DÜRNSTEIN & DANUBE BICYCLING

Walk off the boat in Dürnstein today. Grab a bicycle – we keep them onboard – for a leisurely bicycle ride\* along the river. Or, join our guides for a walking tour of Dürnstein; if you wish, hike up to the ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle. Enjoy musical entertainment onboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ SALZBURG & HELLBRUNN CASTLE

Dock in Linz for a full-day excursion to Salzburg and Hellbrunn Castle; a private tour of the castle includes trick fountains, grottoes, statues, and water-driven animatronics! Discover the real-life setting of *The Sound of Music* on a walking tour of Salzburg that includes Mirabell Gardens. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ GEOCACHING OR MARZIPAN IN PASSAU

Choose a walking tour of Passau that includes marzipan making, a locally guided geocaching tour of the city or a bike ride\* along the Inn River. Back onboard your riverboat, join us for an evening of farewell festivities. **Meals BLD**

### 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Vilshofen or Deggendorf.** Disembark ship; fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Munich Airport or Munich Hauptbahnhof train station (approx. two hours); allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

**Recommended age:** 8+

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** 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 Changes:** Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. See General Information for details on our Cruise Protection Product or ask at booking.

See pages 138 and 140 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

## 8 DAYS FROM \$4,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS BUDAPEST OR VILSHOFEN

Jul 11\*, 18

For up-to-the-minute space availability, go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises)

### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS TREASURES

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
Category 1	\$4990	\$4990	N/A	N/A
Category 2	\$5240	\$7336	N/A	N/A
Category 3	\$5390	\$7546	N/A	N/A
Category 4	\$6140	\$8596	N/A	N/A
Category 5	\$6740	\$10,784	N/A	N/A
Category 6	\$6940	\$11,798	N/A	N/A
Category 7	\$7440	\$12,648	\$5630	\$4720

### BEGINS VILSHOFEN

Jul 31

For up-to-the-minute space availability, go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises)

### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MSSAVOR

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
Category 1	\$4790	\$4790	N/A	N/A
Category 2	\$5190	\$7266	N/A	N/A
Category 3	\$5640	\$7896	N/A	N/A
Category 4	\$5940	\$8316	N/A	N/A
Category 5	\$6540	\$10,464	N/A	N/A
Category 6	\$6740	\$11,458	N/A	N/A
Category 7	\$7240	\$12,308	\$5500	\$4620

### BEGINS BUDAPEST

Jul 3\*, 24\*

For up-to-the-minute space availability, go to [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises)

### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS JOY / MSSAVOR

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
Category 1	\$4990	\$4990	N/A	N/A
Category 2	\$5390	\$7546	N/A	N/A
Category 3	\$5840	\$8176	N/A	N/A
Category 4	\$6140	\$8596	N/A	N/A
Category 5	\$6740	\$10,784	N/A	N/A
Category 6	\$6940	\$11,798	N/A	N/A
Category 7	\$7440	\$12,648	\$5630	\$4720

#### \$500 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

**Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:** 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!

**Note:** \*Indicates Budapest to Vilshofen direction.

**Note:** Children under 18 must be booked in a cabin with at least one adult. Accommodations for families of 3 or 4 in Categories 1 through 6 consist of two adjacent, but not connecting, double cabins. Triple and quadruple accommodations in Category 7 consist of a suite featuring a pillow top queen-sized bed (with optional twin-bed capacity) and a full-sized pull-out couch. Please note that Category 7 suites accommodate a maximum of three adults over the age of 18.

**Cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes:** cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US (subject to availability). Departure tax is not included and is additional.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



# CASTLES ON THE RHINE: FAMILY RIVERBOAT ADVENTURE

## 1. ARRIVE BASEL / ■ EMBARK RIVERBOAT

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, ms *Grace* or ms *Inspire*.** A transfer is included from Euroairport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg or Bahnhof Basel SBB to your riverboat. Join us for a welcome reception this evening. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ MT. PILATUS AND LUCERNE

Board the world's steepest cogwheel train for a 7,000-ft. ascent of Mt. Pilatus at a 48° angle! Descend to explore Lucerne as you wish, then meet up for Swiss fun – fondue and a folklore show – then return to the riverboat. **Meals BD**

## 3. ■ FRENCH FOR A DAY IN STRASBOURG

Strasbourg is the cultural capital of the French region of Alsace, so fittingly your family becomes “French for a Day” with a morning of learning French phrases, French songs, and a chocolate tasting! Return to the riverboat or explore Strasbourg as you please. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ SPEYER OR HEIDELBERG, YOUR CHOICE

This morning, your family can choose to spend time in Speyer, a medieval German town, or you can head off on a morning excursion to Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town, with a visit to Heidelberg Castle. **Meals BLD**





## TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,123
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Private dinner and evening at a castle, Burg Satzvey
- A ride on the world's steepest cogwheel train & bicycling along the Rhine & Moselle rivers
- Unlimited complimentary beverages including regional wine, beer & premium spirits included on ship
- Gratuities to Tauck Directors & Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, drivers and local guides
- 19 meals, select meals ashore, airport & train transfers, service charges, taxes & portage

### 5. ■ EXCLUSIVE, PRIVATE EVENING AT A CASTLE

Arrive in medieval Koblenz where you'll have a choice of a walking tour of Old Town with a local guide or a bicycling tour\* along the Rhine-Moselle bicycle route. This evening you'll travel to Burg Satzvey, a moated castle dating back to the 12th century, for a grand dinner and evening in the castle's banquet hall; your family is transported back to the Middle Ages for some medieval fun! Rejoin the riverboat in Köln tonight. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ KÖLN... A CATHEDRAL & CARNIVAL NIGHT

Explore Köln on a walking tour of the city, dominated by the immense, twin-spired Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral). The riverboat departs Köln midday; cruise the Rhine for the rest of the day and learn about the colorful traditions of "Carnival"; have fun preparing costumes for a "Carnival Night" celebration after dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ VAN GOGH & CANALS IN AMSTERDAM

Visit the Van Gogh Museum, dedicated to the works of the great 19th-century Dutch Impressionist, before a canal boat cruise introduces you to Amsterdam – the Netherlands's capital and historic city of canals – as you hop on and off to explore the sights with your local guide. Later enjoy time to explore as you please. Onboard tonight, enjoy a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Amsterdam.** Disembark your riverboat this morning by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Station. Fly home anytime. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 8 DAYS FROM \$4,990 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS BASEL OR AMSTERDAM

Jul 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22, 22\* Aug 5\*

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### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON – MS GRACE / MS INSPIRE

	Double	Single	Triple	Quad
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**Note:** \*Indicates southbound Amsterdam to Basel direction.

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See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.



Go to page 147 for activity and pace level details.



# The Tauck Destination Fleet

**Inspired by the Destination** When we launched our river cruises in the 1990s, we realized that no “ordinary” river cruise experience would do for our guests; we wanted them to travel Europe’s rivers in the same beyond-the-ordinary Tauck style they experienced on our land trips. So we crafted a cruise that was ahead of its time, inspired by the destinations we explore. And we needed to custom-design our riverboats to match not only the river, but the experience ashore...

**Creating the Tauck Destination Fleet** We extensively searched to find the right company to partner with, and found that partner in Scylla – a family-run company like ours that shares our commitment to providing a superb guest experience. Scylla collaborates with us in the custom-design, construction, maintenance and nautical operations of our Destination Fleet. Their award-winning innovation has helped us become ideally positioned to focus on what we do best – delivering an unparalleled destination experience onboard and ashore.

**Two Sizes of Ships for Cruising Flexibility** With Scylla, we’ve worked with an amazing group of international engineers, designers and craftsmen to custom-craft – and in some cases redesign – our riverboats. For 2018, we completed the redesign of our 361-foot ships – ms *Emerald*, *Sapphire*, *Treasures* and *Esprit* – with a new deck plan providing more space per guest with no more than 98 guests onboard. These redesigned ships complement our 443-foot riverboats, which carry no more than 130 guests, for the utmost in cruising flexibility.



- The most director-level staff on any riverboats in Europe:  
1 Tauck Cruise Director and 3 Tauck Directors
- Unlimited free WiFi (service levels may vary)
- Unlimited complimentary beverages, including regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, tea, water and soft drinks
- The most 300-sq.-ft. Tauck Suites aboard any riverboats in Europe
- Pillow-top mattresses, 400-thread-count bed linens, luxury toiletries, in-room movies, and stocked minibar
- Two indoor dining venues – our main dining room, The Compass Rose, and Arthur's, featuring casual fare; al fresco dining on the Sun Deck; flexible dining times; vegetarian meals; and always available snacks
- Fitness Center; massages available; yoga; putting green; plunge pool or Jacuzzi on the Sun Deck
- Regionally inspired onboard entertainment, enrichment lectures, culinary demos and tastings, bicycles for complimentary use ashore



*From our sparkling lobby (above) to our casual dining venue, Arthur's (below), public spaces throughout your riverboat reflect elegance and comfort*



## FEATURED ON THESE 2019 RIVER CRUISES:

- *The Blue Danube* (p. 26)
- *Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube* (p. 32)
- *Danube Reflections* (p. 34)
- *Budapest to the Black Sea* (p. 40)
- *Royal Danube, Berlin & Kraków* (p. 46)
- *The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel* (p. 60)
- *Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest* (p. 66)
- *Belgium & Holland in Spring* (p. 68)
- *The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam* (p. 72)
- *Rhine Enchantment, Milan to Amsterdam* (p. 78)
- *The Rhine and Moselle* (p. 84)
- *Christmas Markets Along the Rhine* (p. 122)
- *Christmas Markets Along the Danube* (p. 124)
- *Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure* (p. 132)
- *Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure* (p. 134)

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

**Built:** 2014 - 2016

**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

**Tauck Director Staff:** 4

**Number of Decks:** 3 plus a Sun Deck

**Fully air conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** Yes - services all decks except the Sun Deck

**Internet:** Service levels may vary



*Tauck Suite (Cat. 7) – 300 sq. ft., with two French balconies*



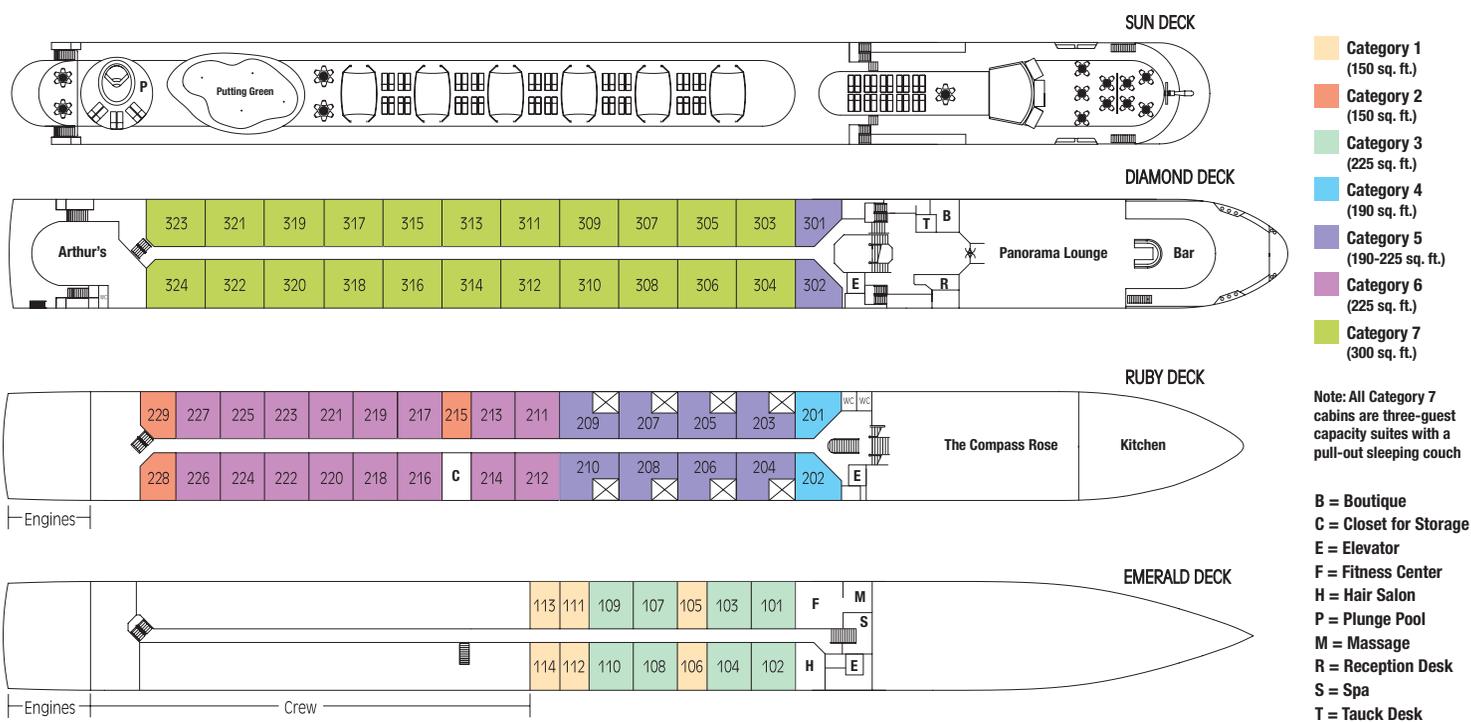
*Loft Cabin (Cat. 3) – 225 sq. ft., for natural light on lower deck*



*Spacious baths in Cat. 3, 5, 6 & 7 feature rainfall shower heads*



# MS INSPIRE, SAVOR, JOY & GRACE



## TAUCK'S 443-FOOT (135-METER) RIVERBOATS –

ms *Inspire*, ms *Savor*, ms *Joy* and ms *Grace* – continue to maintain the consistently high standards of luxury reflected by Tauck's Destination Fleet, as well as carry on our tradition of providing more space per guest on Europe's rivers. In 2019, ms *Inspire* and ms *Grace* will operate on the Rhine, while ms *Savor* and ms *Joy* cruise along the Danube. With a maximum of 130 Tauck guests, these longer ships (443 feet or 135 meters) transport

fewer passengers than most riverboats of comparable size in Europe. Of a total of 67 cabins, we offer 22 Tauck Suites (300 square feet) – 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. And all four of our 443-foot ships feature eight innovative loft cabins extending from the first to the second decks, affording more natural light and views of the passing scenery.



Throughout your cruise, enjoy passing riverscapes from the Sun Deck (above) and Compass Rose dining room (below)



## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

**Built:** 2006 - 2008

**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:** 36 **Tauck Director Staff:** 4

**Number of Decks:** 3 plus a Sun Deck

**Fully air conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** Yes - between the Ruby and Diamond decks; stairs (12 steps) between the other decks

**Internet:** Service levels may vary



Tauck Suite (Cat. 7) – 300 sq. ft. – with separate seating area

## FEATURED ON THESE 2019 RIVER CRUISES:

- *Budapest to the Black Sea* (p. 40)
- *Amsterdam to Budapest by Riverboat* (p. 52)
- *Grand European Cruise* (p. 58)
- *Belgium & Holland in Spring* (p. 68)
- *Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy* (p. 92)
- *Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence* (p. 98)
- *French Escapade: Monte-Carlo to Paris* (p. 104)
- *Rendezvous on the Seine* (p. 110)
- *Cruising the Seine plus Paris & London* (p. 116)
- *Family Fun Along the Seine: Paris to Normandy* (p. 128)
- *Bon Voyage! France Family River Cruise* (p. 130)
- *Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure* (p. 132)



Spacious baths in Category 6 & 7 feature rainfall shower heads

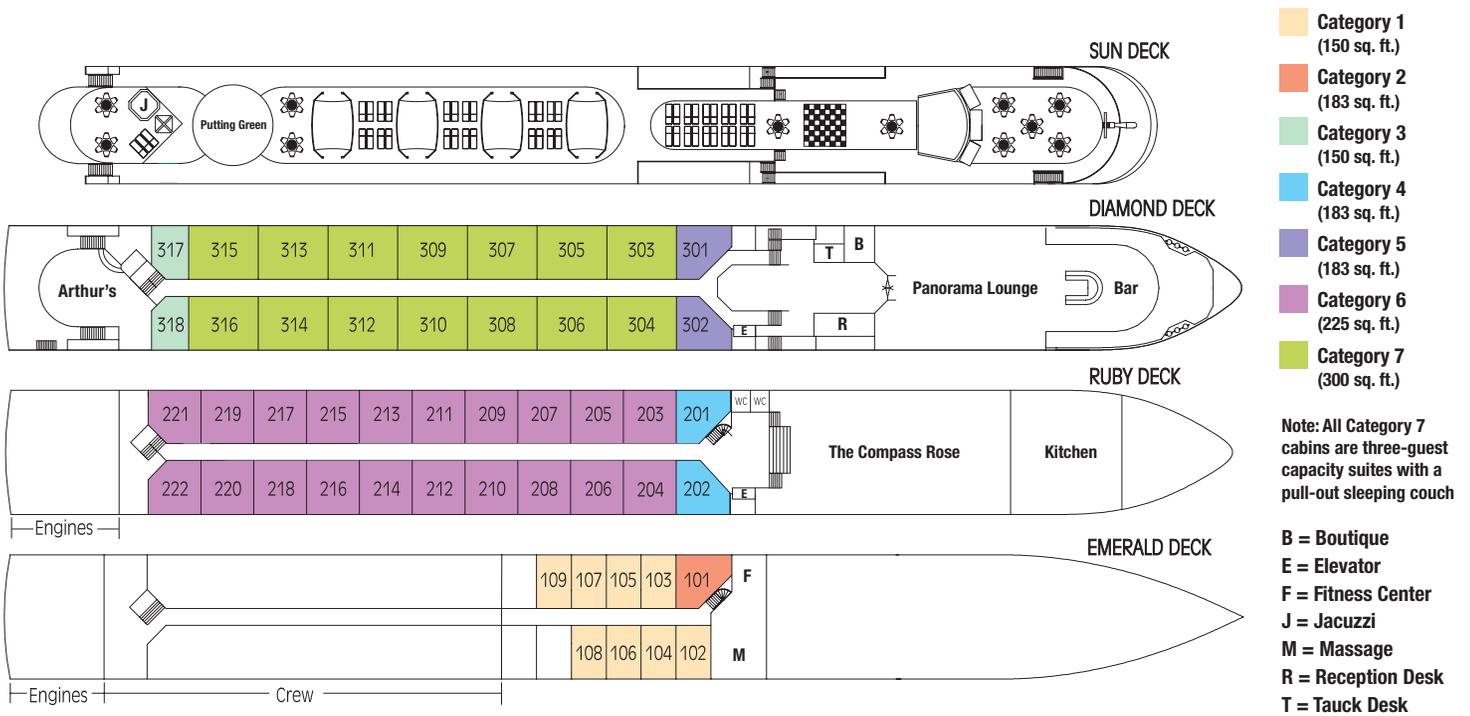


New deck plan features 20 Category 6 cabins – 225 sq. ft.





# MS EMERALD, SAPPHIRE, ESPRIT & TREASURES



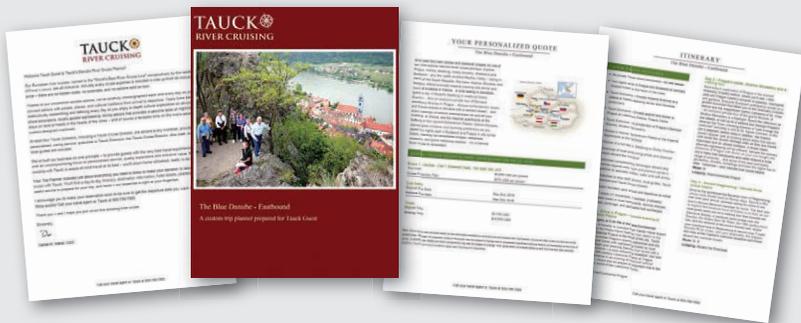
**OUR REDESIGNED 361-FT. RIVERBOATS** include two ships redesigned in 2017 – ms *Emerald*, cruising France’s Rhône and Saône rivers, and ms *Sapphire*, operating along the Seine. In 2018 they are joined by ms *Esprit* and ms *Treasures*, redesigned for Rhine and Danube river cruising. These four newly refurbished members of Tauck’s Destination Fleet now boast a brand-new deck plan optimized to offer you the utmost in spaciousness, with more than two-thirds of their cabins

now measuring 225 square feet or larger. Each redesigned ship will now accommodate no more than 98 guests... while other similar-sized riverboats average about 160 guests. With amenities inside our 300-square-foot Tauck Suites including roomy walk-in closets, large bathrooms with separate showers and rainfall shower heads, and two French balconies with sliding floor-to-ceiling windows, these redesigned ships are as cozy as they are spacious.

# MORE TOOLS TO PLAN YOUR RIVER CRUISE

## ONLINE AND IN-DEPTH

Planning your Tauck European River Cruise is made easier when you visit [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises), designed to provide you with all the information you'll want to know about river cruising. Here you'll find useful tips on choosing which river is right for you, details about the riverboats and the amenities you'll find onboard, a glimpse of the activities we've lined up for you, the benefits of riverboat travel, a look at our itineraries and our videos, what's included with Tauck and more.



## FREE TRIP PLANNERS

On the tour itinerary pages at [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises) you can order a customized trip planner that shows you when and where you'll go with Tauck, along with what you'll do every day of your trip. Your trip planner includes a personalized price quote based on your dates of travel, what your price includes, a day-by-day itinerary, map, trip highlights, and hotel descriptions, if applicable, with photos.

## TRAVELER REVIEWS

Tauck journeys feature Verified Traveler Reviews written by guests who have traveled with us. Candid and unsolicited, these reviews provide a personal overview of their Tauck experience along with highlights of their most memorable moments; you can find them online on the tour pages of the trip you may be considering. Our guests also share their travel experiences on our community Travel Forums and on our Tauck Facebook page. Besides being informative, they're inspiring to read! Find Tauck Traveler Reviews for our river cruises at [tauck.com/river-cruises](http://tauck.com/river-cruises)



## VIDEOS

Besides coming aboard in person, the best way to see what a Tauck river cruise is all about is to take a look at our videos. Get inspired by the travel experiences you'll have ashore, hear our guests talk Tauck and let our Tauck Directors tell you in their own words what they do best; go to [tauck.com/videos](http://tauck.com/videos)

# WAYS TO TRAVEL

There's a Tauck style of traveling for everyone - from river cruising to small ship cruising, land journeys of one or two weeks in destinations across the globe... family adventures for all ages on land journeys and aboard small ship cruises and river cruises... small group trips... exclusive Tauck Events... and more. **Find the style of travel that's best for you!**



## SAVE WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Book a group of 10 or more family and friends on the same river cruise and the 11th person travels FREE. Book a Tauck Bridges family river cruise for 8 or more and the 9th person travels FREE. Call our Group Sales Specialists at 800-241-1365 for details.

## TRAVELING SOLO?

We offer special savings for guests booking a single room on select itineraries and departures - look for dates marked in red on select tours and cruises. Visit [tauck.com/soleo](http://tauck.com/soleo) to learn more and connect with other guests traveling solo.



### SMALL SHIP CRUISING

Small ship cultural journeys and expeditions are all inclusive and carefully choreographed to experience the best of land and sea; Tauck's uncommon access ashore provides exclusive destination experiences.



### TAUCK BRIDGES FAMILY VACATIONS

Our adventures are designed for doing, seeing, and learning as a family. Filled with interactive fun for all ages, trips are led by talented Tauck Directors who connect with both kids and adults.



### CULTURIOUS SMALL GROUPS

Small group cultural immersion, averaging 20 guests; smaller groups mean hands-on exploring off the beaten path with stays at boutique hotels and premier city-center addresses.



### WORLD DISCOVERY

Travel on fully guided land tours in destinations the world over. Our 90+ years of experience means you enjoy exclusive travel experiences, premium accommodations, dining featuring local cuisines and more.



### RIVER CRUISING

All-included shore excursions feature exclusive and authentic cultural experiences thanks to longstanding local relationships; cruise aboard custom-designed riverboats and connect with daily life along Europe's rivers.



### TAUCK EVENTS

Once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences built around themes linked to one iconic location, sporting event, or cultural phenomenon. 2019 Tauck Events include *Jazz* and *Celebration of the Roses*.



## JOURNEY

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### THE DANUBE

The Blue Danube	26	\$5,990	12
Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube	32	\$7,490	12
Danube Reflections	34	\$4,690	8
Budapest to the Black Sea	40	\$6,290	12
Royal Danube, Berlin & Kraków	46	\$6,990	14

### CROSS-CONTINENT

Budapest to Amsterdam by Riverboat	52	\$7,590	15
Grand European Cruise	58	\$13,090	24

### THE RHINE & MOSELLE

The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel	60	\$4,690	8
<b>NEW!</b> Autumn Along the Rhine: Munich's Oktoberfest	66	\$6,890	10
Belgium & Holland in Spring	68	\$3,990	8
The Rhine, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam	72	\$5,790	10
Rhine Enchantment, Milan to Amsterdam	78	\$6,290	11
The Rhine and Moselle	84	\$6,390	13

### FRENCH WATERWAYS - THE SEINE & RHÔNE

<b>NEW!</b> Impressions from the Seine: Paris to Normandy	92	\$4,590	8
Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence	98	\$5,590	10
French Escapade: Monte-Carlo to Paris	104	\$7,290	14
Rendezvous on the Seine	110	\$5,290	10
Cruising the Seine plus Paris & London	116	\$6,990	12

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Christmas Markets Along the Rhine	122	\$3,190	8
Christmas Markets Along the Danube	124	\$3,190	8

### BRIDGES FAMILY RIVER CRUISES

Family Fun Along the Seine: Paris to Normandy	128	\$4,990	8
Bon Voyage! France Family River Cruise	130	\$4,990	8
Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure	132	\$4,790	8
Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure	134	\$4,990	8



# 2019 RIVER CRUISING CALENDAR

## DEPARTURE MONTHS

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## Inclusive Prices

**2019 prices are per person in US dollars.** Prices include all accommodations, airport transfers as detailed in tour, entertainment, special dinners, land and cruise transportation, sightseeing, shore excursions, luggage handling, and services of local guides and Tauck Directors. Meals are included as specified.

**Hotel & Ship Accommodations** – Tauck’s price includes all hotel accommodations with private baths. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually two-bedded rooms plus a rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort. Aboard ship, triples are accommodated with a pull-out sleeping couch in limited Category 7 suites.

**Internet** – Complimentary basic Internet where available in hotel rooms and aboard riverboats; service levels are not guaranteed.

**Tauck Director** – Each tour is conducted by a Tauck Director who remains with the group. Each European river cruise is conducted by a Tauck Cruise Director and three Tauck Directors. They are professional employees of Tauck.

**Gratuities Included** – All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room servers and local guides are included. As exceptions, Tauck Director and Tauck Cruise Director gratuities are included on all European river cruises.

**Luggage Handling & Restrictions** – Luggage handling is included in the tour cost. Due to space restrictions, we ask that you please limit your checked luggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 50 lbs. (23 kg) and with overall dimensions (length + width + height) not exceeding 62 inches. Most airlines require that checked luggage not exceed a weight of 50 lbs. per piece. Luggage exceeding the maximum restrictions is subject to expensive overage fees or is at risk of being left behind. Many airlines are now charging fees for checked luggage, regardless of the number of bags. Airlines revise luggage policies frequently, and often without notice; therefore Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by the airline. We urge you to check with your airline before traveling to verify current number, size and weight limits. Additionally, guests on tour should limit their hand luggage to a small carry-on piece and only those items needed during the day. Most modern sightseeing motor coaches offer limited space for numerous or larger items. Space under seats or in overhead racks is typically small, and designed to accommodate items like coats, hats, purses, small camera bags, etc. Items too large to fit underneath seats or in overhead racks must be stored in the luggage bays beneath the motor coach and may not allow for access during daytime travel.

## Not Included

**Airfare to the tour departure point** and from the tour ending point is not included. Airport tax and departure taxes are not included.

**Hotel Rooms Before or After Tours** – As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before or after your trip on a space available basis upon request. Hotel charges will be added to your tour cost. **Note:** Airport transfers are included for these bookings; ask at booking.

**Personal Expenses** such as phone calls, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, laundry, airline excess luggage charges and other optional incidental extras are not included.

**Luggage Responsibility** – Although every effort is made to handle guests’ luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is important to have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. See Tauck’s “Cruise Protection.”

## Before You Go

**Itinerary Changes & Price Flexibility** – Tauck pledges to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. 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 passengers. Any resultant added expense will be covered by Tauck. **Note:** Although not expected, prices in this brochure may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing.

**Passports / Visas** – For international travel, US citizens require a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the completion of your cruise. Non-US citizens should contact their booking agent or appropriate consulate for information on all necessary documents required.

**Transportation Security Measures** – The Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers to provide their name as it appears on the passport or government-issued ID to be used while traveling, their date of birth and gender when making airline reservations to fly to, from and over the US to the airlines. Travelers must provide their passport number and date of birth to Tauck at time of booking for all cruises. Tauck must provide this information to the cruise line before departure or you may be denied boarding. This information will be requested at booking.

**Membership & Health** – Membership will be granted to all persons. Please consult your physician for pre-departure health advice. Tauck reserves the right to terminate the tour or cruise of any persons who are abusive of others or whose behavior disrupts the tour.

**Travelers Needing Special Assistance** – Tauck regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a guest for walking, wheelchairs, 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.

**Air Services** – International airfare may be purchased through Tauck for travel originating in the United States. By using Tauck’s air services, you agree that Tauck, in purchasing, selling or otherwise arranging air transportation, is acting only as your agent and 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. All carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled

or operated by Tauck. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airline (and not Tauck), even if purchased through Tauck. 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 (including, without limitation to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization of a carrier or similar relief from creditors) when purchasing or using the carrier’s services. 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 mailed with final documents. Should you cancel or change your air before or after departure, all airline cancellation and change fees will apply.

**Shore Excursion Selection** – Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections (included in the price but subject to availability).

**Photography and Video on Tour** – Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and / or video taken by fellow guests or your Tauck Director on tour for print, Internet and other media promotional purposes. If you prefer that your image not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Tauck Director at the start of your tour.

## How To Make A Reservation

**To Make a Reservation**, see your travel agent, or phone Tauck with full first and last name (as it appears on your passport), address and hometown of all persons. We will verbally give a “Deposit Due Date” up to which time space is tentatively held.

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**Tour Pricing** – Doubles are priced for two people sharing a room; two-bedded rooms with a private bath are usually reserved for doubles. The tour price for rooms occupied by one person is higher than those where two or more persons share the cost of a room.

**Deposit Date** – To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each tour booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or space is automatically released. Deposits are as follows:

**\$900 per person** – European riverboat cruises

**Final Payment** is due at Tauck's Wilton, CT office 90 days before departure for European riverboat cruises. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice.

**Final Documents**, which may include electronic airline ticket numbers when applicable, are sent by first class mail upon receipt of final payment. They include joining instructions, hotel lists, reading list, clothing suggestions, tour itinerary, luggage tags, and other pertinent information. We recommend overnight mailing service for any reservation that is made within 30 days of the tour departure date to ensure timely delivery. The additional expense will be added to your tour cost and must be included in your final payment.

## TAUCK'S CRUISE PROTECTION

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

### Cancellation Fee Waiver – Provided by Tauck

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 – see below\*:

**\*Extreme Circumstances:** In the event of an act of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorism, accident, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, or other event or circumstance beyond our control that contributes to or results in cancellation rates above our historical cancellation rates in the absence of such event or occurrence, Tauck reserves the right to issue a credit to you in lieu of a money-back refund, applicable to a future Tauck journey.

**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 reason, 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 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 On Call International – 24-hour emergency telephone assistance hotline for medical and travel-related problems.**

The cost of Tauck's Cruise Protection is as follows:

**\$499 per person** – Tauck Bridges family river cruises

**\$599 per person** – European riverboat cruises

Tauck's optional Cruise Protection must be requested at time of booking and fee must be included in initial payment. Reimbursements will be made according to original method of payment. 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 products.

*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 insurer, insurance agent or broker.*

## If You Have To Cancel

**Cancellation Fees** – Regardless of reason, cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed herein will apply.

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

### European River Cruises

#### 90 days or more before departure

Loss of Cruise Protection fee per person

#### 89–46 days before departure

Loss of 25% of cost of cruise per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee

#### 45–1 day before departure

Loss of 50% of cost of cruise per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee

Guests choosing **not** to purchase Tauck's Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties as follows:

### European River Cruises

#### 90 days or more before departure

\$900 per person

#### 89–46 days before departure

Loss of 50% of cost of cruise, not including air (if applicable) per person

#### 45–1 day before departure

Loss of 100% of cost of cruise, not including air (if applicable) per person

Time of cancellation will be when notice is received in Tauck's Wilton, CT office.

**In the event of an unforeseen circumstance** beyond our control, Tauck reserves the right to amend the Cruise Protection program 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 the remaining person is the new, higher price for the new accommodation.

**Single Rooms** – Since hotel rates are per room, the price for rooms occupied by one person is higher than those where two or more persons share the cost of a room. In Europe, most single rooms are smaller than double rooms and only have one bed. Special single rates are available on select departures of select journeys as noted on individual tour pages; these special single rates are not transferable to other departure dates.

## ACTIVITY & PACE LEVELS

Activity & pace icons on all of our trips give you a better idea of physical activity level – higher numbers mean more active journeys.

### Activity Icon

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 Icon

1. Generally easy – with time to rest and relax
2. Moderate – with some early morning starts
3. 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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