

European Jewels

BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM, 15 DAYS

European Jewels River Cruise Package Includes:

- 14-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the regal *River Queen* or the beautiful *River Empress*
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas
- 12 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Complimentary use of bicycles
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "European Jewels of Art and Architecture"
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **6,799** per person,
From **6,799** per person,
cruise only



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Experience the true jewels of European history, culture, art, and architecture

Embark on a history-steeped, perfectly paced European journey that takes you through four countries—Hungary, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands—along three great rivers—the Danube, Main, and Rhine—and to countless UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

From the stunning, exotic beauty of Budapest to music-rich Vienna to the soaring spires of Cologne's Cathedral—there are incomparable sights on this trip, and you'll see the best of the best of these precious European jewels. Sail through Austria's lush Wachau Valley and taste the famous wines of the region. Cruise through the 106-mile-long Main-Danube Canal, en route from the enchanting Danube to the meandering Main River. Travel the Rhine, where you'll see fairytale castles and sloping vineyards, and hear about the river's legends. And step back in time as you walk through the cobblestone streets of Medieval cities like Regensburg, Nuremberg, and Bamberg, to name just a few.

Savor all the majestic beauty and mystique of a European Jewels river cruise.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Architecture fans will be enthralled with a grand collection of Medieval, Gothic, Baroque, and modern buildings. Photographers can capture an endless parade of scenic beauty and historic splendor.



Budapest to Amsterdam

Day	Port
Days 1–2	Budapest (embark)
Day 3	Cruising the Danube
Day 4	Vienna
Day 5	Cruising the scenic Wachau Valley, Melk
Day 6	Passau
Day 7	Regensburg
Day 8	Cruising the Main-Danube Canal, Nuremberg
Day 9	Bamberg
Day 10	Würzburg
Day 11	Wertheim
Day 12	Miltenberg (Heidelberg)
Day 13	Rudesheim, cruising the romantic Rhine
Day 14	Cologne
Day 15	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

Amsterdam to Budapest

Day	Port
Day 1	Amsterdam (embark)
Day 2	Cologne
Day 3	Cruising the romantic Rhine, Rudesheim
Day 4	Offenbach (Heidelberg)
Day 5	Wertheim
Day 6	Würzburg
Day 7	Cruising the Main
Day 8	Bamberg
Day 9	Nuremberg, cruising the Main-Danube Canal
Day 10	Regensburg
Day 11	Passau
Day 12	Melk, cruising the scenic Wachau Valley, Vienna
Day 13	Vienna
Day 14	Budapest
Day 15	Budapest (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:

May 9, June 6, 7, July 4, August 1, 22, 29, September 26, October 24

Departure Dates:

April 25, May 23, 24, June 20, July 18, August 8, 15, September 12, October 10

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Day 1: Budapest

Arrive at Budapest Ferihegy International Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Budapest

Featured Excursion: Budapest city tour

See Budapest's famous 19th-century Chain Bridge, St. Stephen's Basilica, the stunning Parliament Building, and the UNESCO World Heritage Castle Hill district. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Cruising the scenic Danube

Enjoy a leisure day onboard. (BB, L, D)

Day 4: Vienna

Featured Excursion: Vienna city tour

Your Vienna excursion will take you along the stately Ringstrasse to magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral. Then visit the stunning National Library. (BB, L, D)

Note: On Mondays, the Figaro House will be substituted for Library.

Day 5: Cruising the Wachau Valley, Melk

Featured Excursion: Melk Abbey visit

Cruise the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley. Tour Melk's 900-year-old Benedictine abbey, a masterpiece of Baroque art and architecture, situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube. (BB, L, D)

Day 6: Passau

Featured Excursions: Passau tour and organ concert

Explore charming Old Town Passau on foot and visit St. Stephan's Cathedral for an organ recital on Europe's largest pipe organ. (BB, L, D)

Note: Concert not available before 2/5, after 31/10, and Sundays.

Day 7: Regensburg

Featured Excursion: Regensburg walking tour
Discover one of Germany's unspoiled Medieval gems and marvel at the architectural treasures of Old Town, including the 12th-century Stone Bridge. (BB, L, D)

Day 8: Cruising the Main-Danube Canal, Nuremberg

Featured Excursion: Nuremberg city tour

Sail through the Main-Danube Canal in the morning. Later in the day, tour Nuremberg, an archetypal German Medieval city encircled by mighty defensive walls, and learn about its WWII history. (BB, L, D)

Day 9: Bamberg

Featured Excursion: Bamberg walking tour

Wander through the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg and marvel at its unique town hall, Renaissance palaces, Baroque houses, and breathtaking cathedral. (BB, L, D)

Day 10: Würzburg


Featured Excursion: Würzburg Residenz visit and winetasting

Visit the Würzburg Residenz, an impeccable example of Baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll end the tour with a tasting of Franconian wines in the Residenz cellar. (BB, L, D)

Day 11: Wertheim

Featured Excursion: Wertheim walking tour

Spend the morning cruising the wonderfully peaceful and scenic Main River. In the afternoon, you'll tour the tiny Medieval town of Wertheim, which sits at the confluence of the Main and Tauber rivers. (BB, L, D)

 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Museum Visit

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

BB = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 12: Miltenberg (Heidelberg)

Featured Excursion: Full-day Heidelberg
Visit Heidelberg, one of the best preserved Medieval cities in Europe. (BB, D)

Day 13: Rudesheim, cruising the romantic Rhine

Featured Excursion: Gondola ride
Take a gondola ride to the Niederwald Heights. Later in the day, cruise the romantic Rhine. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 14: Cologne

Featured Excursion: Cologne walking tour and Cologne Cathedral visit
Visit the beloved Cologne Cathedral—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (BB, L, D)

Note: No tours inside the Cathedral on Sundays or Catholic holidays.

Day 15: Depart Amsterdam

Transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport or extend your stay in exciting Amsterdam.

Extend your vacation with these exciting pre- or post-optional extensions



Budapest – Enjoy extra time in Budapest the regal “Queen of the Danube” and one of the most beautiful cities in all of Europe.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the deluxe Corinthia Grand Royal (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- Tour of the Budapest Opera House
- Quietvox

Only NZ\$799 per person (single supplement NZ\$490)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Budapest.



Amsterdam – Spend time discovering Holland's best-known city, which is filled with history, art, architecture, canals, cobblestone streets, museums, bicycles, and so much more.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the superior first class NH Amsterdam Centre (or similar) with breakfast daily
- All transfers
- Expert local representative as host
- City tour with Rijksmuseum visit
- Quietvox

Only NZ\$970 per person (single supplement NZ\$490)

Note: This extension is for cruises that begin or end in Amsterdam.

Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$3,200 per couple** (NZ\$1,600 per person) off cruise rates on suites or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,600 per couple** (NZ\$800 per person) on category 3, 4, and 5 staterooms.

-OR-

Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **November 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$800 per couple** (NZ\$400 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Apr 25*	NZ\$6,799	<i>River Empress</i>
May 9, 23*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Empress</i>
May 24*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Queen</i>
Jun 6, 7	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Empress, Queen</i>
Jun 20*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Empress</i>
Jul 4, 18*	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Empress</i>
Aug 1, 8*	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Empress, Queen</i>
Aug 15*	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Empress</i>
Aug 22	NZ\$7,450	<i>River Queen</i>
Aug 29	NZ\$7,925	<i>River Empress</i>
Sep 12*	NZ\$8,075	<i>River Empress</i>
Sep 26	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Empress</i>
Oct 10*	NZ\$7,599	<i>River Empress</i>
Oct 24	NZ\$6,799	<i>River Empress</i>

* On these dates cruise operates from Amsterdam to Budapest.

- Port charges: NZ\$318 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck.

- A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.

- Airfare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	NZ\$425	Category 1	NZ\$2,225
Category 3	NZ\$1,325	Suite	NZ\$3,825
Category 2	NZ\$1,650	See Deck Plans on pages 121 and 123	