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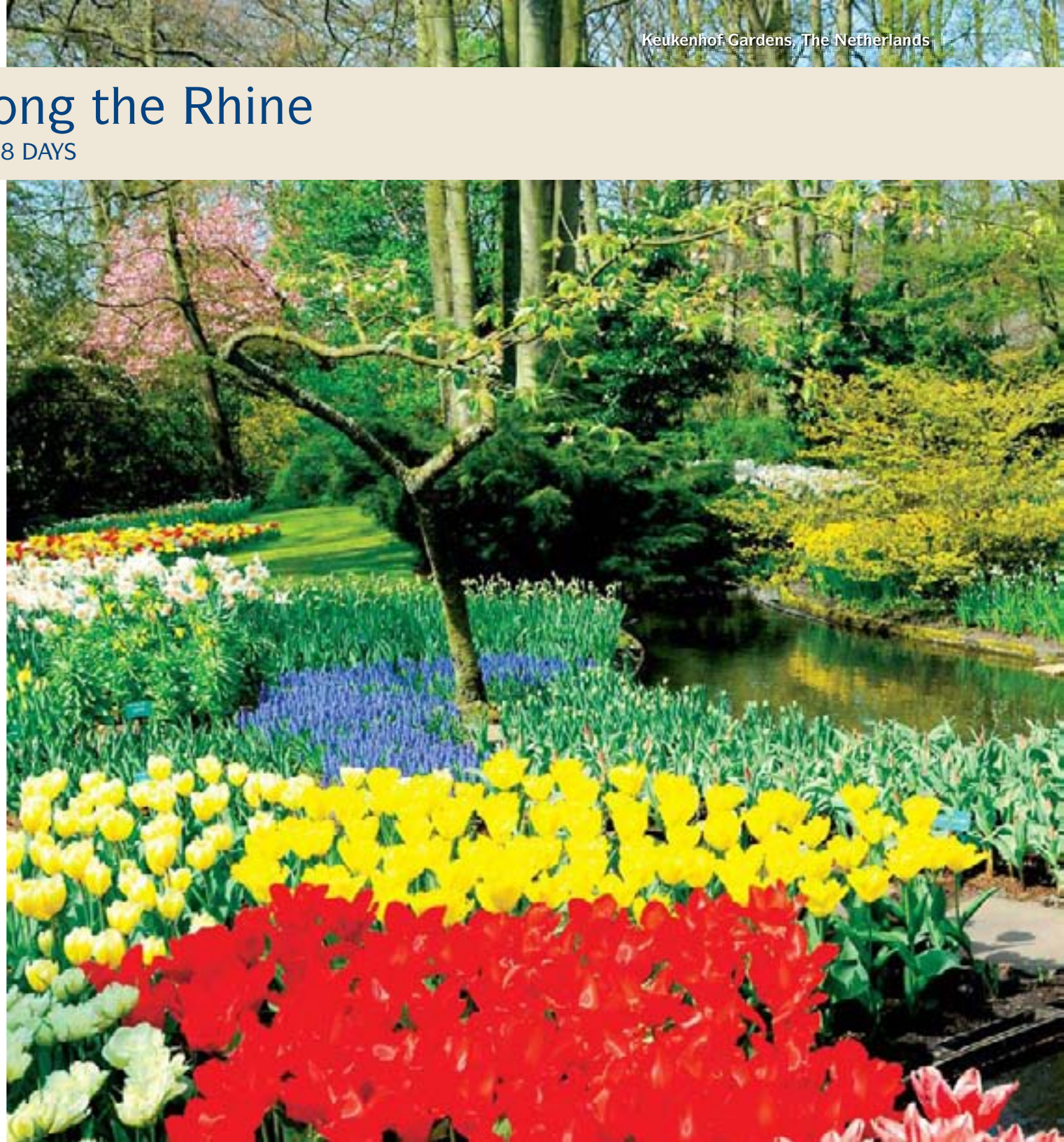
Springtime Along the Rhine

AMSTERDAM TO FRANKFURT, 8 DAYS

Springtime Along the Rhine River Cruise Package Includes:

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the stunning *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
- 6 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: "The Rhine, River of Culture & Trade"
- 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\$ **2,575** per person,
From **2,575** per person,
cruise only



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Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Rhine Valley, Germany



Volendam, The Netherlands

Celebrate spring along the Rhine with the perfect blend of nature, art, and history

This perfectly paced trip provides ample daytime sailing down the romantic Rhine and through the complex network of canals that crisscross the Netherlands. Discover the springtime highlights of this beautiful country and enjoy four guided visits to the Netherlands' and Germany's top museums.

Stroll through the fragrant floral landscape of the Keukenhof Gardens, which showcases more than seven million flowers. Cruise through the canals of Amsterdam on a guided tour of the city. Walk through the very house where Anne Frank wrote her diary and feel her presence as you admire the original diary on display. Marvel at the huge collection of Van Gogh, Picasso, and Rodin works at the Kröller-Müller Museum. Trace the history of printing at the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, and learn about the archaeological legacy of Cologne, which spans a period from prehistoric times to the early Middle Ages, at the outstanding Roman-Germanic Museum.

Join Uniworld on its newest itinerary, and celebrate the best of this region's nature, art, and history during the peaceful time of spring.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Art lovers will find beauty in the world-class museums; gardeners will relish a visit to the world's largest flower garden and surrounding countryside; and history buffs can trace the events of the region's past with guided tours of treasured artifacts.



Amsterdam to Frankfurt

Day	Port
Day 1	Amsterdam (embark)
Day 2	Amsterdam
Day 3	Amsterdam, Volendam
Day 4	Arnhem
Day 5	Cologne
Day 6	Cruising the romantic Rhine, Mainz
Day 7	Frankfurt
Day 8	Frankfurt (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:

March 28, April 11

Frankfurt to Amsterdam

Day	Port
Day 1	Frankfurt (embark)
Day 2	Frankfurt
Day 3	Mainz, cruising the romantic Rhine, Cologne
Day 4	Cologne
Day 5	Arnhem
Day 6	Volendam, Amsterdam
Day 7	Amsterdam
Day 8	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

Departure Dates:

April 4, 18

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Day 1: Amsterdam

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

Day 2: Amsterdam

Featured Excursions: Canal cruise and visit to Anne Frank House

Springtime is the perfect time to enjoy Holland's largest city, Amsterdam. The city boasts history, art, architecture, bicycles, cobblestone streets, museums, and countless canals. Even the simplest of shops has a distinct charm, and every street tells a story. And as an added treat, you'll experience Amsterdam on a canal boat. Along the way, admire sights such as the Mint Tower, Dam Square, Royal Palace, and Museum Square. Later, relive history and be prepared to be moved as you walk through the very house that served as a hiding place for the Frank family during WWII. This is also where Anne Frank wrote her diary, and the original manuscript is on display. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Amsterdam, Volendam

Featured Excursion: Keukenhof Gardens

Today, all of your senses will be in for a treat as you visit the Keukenhof Gardens, a 70-acre showcase of over seven million flowers, where spring bursts out in all of its colorful majesty. This is one of the most impressive public gardens in all of the world, and it is only open for a few weeks each year. Later in the day, you'll sail to Volendam, where you'll dock in the heart of the village, making it easy for you to experience early Dutch life. You'll have an afternoon at leisure exploring this quintessentially Dutch village. (BB, D)

Day 4: Arnhem


Featured Excursion: Guided tour of Kröller-Müller Museum


Spend the morning cruising before you reach Arnhem, your gateway to the Kröller-Müller Museum, which is home to a huge collection of Van Gogh's paintings—278 to be exact, including "Café Terrace at Night." There are also works by Picasso, Mondrian, and Rodin, as well as many modern European artists. Your guide will lead you on a one-hour tour through the museum. After the tour, you'll have some free time to explore more of the museum; to go back to that painting you love looking at; and to venture outside and take in the beautiful Sculpture Garden, the largest in Europe, which features works by Rodin. (BB, L, D)


Day 5: Cologne

Featured Excursions: Cologne walking tour and Roman-Germanic Museum

Arrive in Cologne after lunch and stroll through the narrow streets of Old Town with your guide, passing by tiny squares and little churches and the awe-inspiring Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous landmark and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took 632 years for Germany's largest cathedral to be completed, and it is one of the most important Gothic churches in Europe. You'll then tour the Roman-Germanic Museum, built on the walls of a Roman villa which was discovered in 1941 and which contained the world-famous Dionysos mosaic. Numerous finds illustrating everyday life in the Roman Empire will lead you into the heart of the Roman city of *Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium* (the Roman name of Cologne). (BB, L, D)


 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

BB = Buffet Breakfast

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 6: Cruising the romantic Rhine, Mainz

Featured Excursion: Mainz walking tour and Gutenberg Museum

Enjoy the area's natural and cultural highlights from the perfect vantage point of your ship's panoramic deck as your journey takes you along one of the most beautiful sections of the Rhine River Valley, the scenic 40 miles of the upper middle Rhine Valley towards Mainz. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area features a stunning landscape and ancient castles that for many esteemed 19th-century poets, composers, and painters embodied a romantic spirit, later dubbed "Rhine Romanticism." Along the way, you'll pass the famous Lorelei Rock and at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine rivers, German Corner, with its famous monument to Emperor William II.

You'll arrive in Mainz in the afternoon. This is a historically significant town because Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press with movable type, lived and worked here. Your tour of downtown Mainz includes a visit to the Gutenberg Museum, where you can step back in time to the Middle Ages while viewing a reconstruction of Gutenberg's printing press room, which features an actual printing press that works.

In addition, you'll get to see Gutenberg's first Bible on display, which is also the world's tiniest Bible. (BB, L, D)

Day 7: Frankfurt

Featured Excursion: Frankfurt city tour
After a relaxing morning onboard, tour dynamic Frankfurt, said to be the smallest metropolis in the world. The energy of its cosmopolitan citizens and soaring skyscrapers makes for a sophisticated city that has become one of the most important hubs in Europe. You will be taken on a scenic drive around this metropolis off the Main, dubbed "Mainhattan." The skyline of Frankfurt is defined by 50 high-rise buildings, two of which are the tallest skyscrapers in the European Union. Visit the historical area around Römer Square, Old Town, the Golden Mile, and Frankfurt's Times Square. You'll also see Goethe-Haus, the childhood home of one of Europe's greatest writers and philosophers, Johann Von Wolfgang Goethe. You'll then go to Goethe University, birthplace of the Frankfurt school of philosophy, and the beautiful Botanical Gardens. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 8: Depart Frankfurt

Disembark the ship and transfer to Frankfurt for your flight home.

Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$1,500 per couple** (NZ\$750 per person) off cruise rates on suites or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,000 per couple** (NZ\$500 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\$500 per couple** (NZ\$250 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 28	NZ\$2,575	<i>River Empress</i>
Apr 4*	NZ\$2,750	<i>River Empress</i>
Apr 11	NZ\$2,899	<i>River Empress</i>
Apr 18*	NZ\$3,075	<i>River Empress</i>

* On these dates cruise operates from Frankfurt to Amsterdam.
 - Port charges: NZ\$159 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck.
 - A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.
 - Air fare 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\$275	Category 1	NZ\$1,325
Category 3	NZ\$675	Suite	NZ\$2,250
Category 2	NZ\$999	See Deck Plan on page 121	

Cologne, Germany

