GREAT DAY TOURS presents...



and the Glacier Express

the Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland

Tour Dates: March 29th – April 9th, 2024



Tulip Time on the Rhine and the Glacier Express



Charming scenes abound in Strasbourg, France

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

DAY 2 Amsterdam, the Netherlands: Welcome to Amsterdam, a fascinating 700-year-old city of picturesque canals, world class museums, and cafés. Flights should arrive by 4:00pm. You will be met and transferred from the airport to your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. Become acquainted with the amenities of your ship, or begin exploring the city. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner onboard. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Amsterdam: This morning, depart by coach for an included visit to Keukenhof Gardens. Discover why it's called the 'Garden of Europe' as you admire gorgeous flowers at the peak of tulip season. Colorful displays of tulips, hyacinths, orchids and other flowers stretch as far as the eye can see as you stroll along the perfectly manicured meandering paths. Return to the ship for your first day cruising through the Dutch countryside, passing windmills and sailing through locks towards the Rhine River. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and gala dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 Cologne, Germany: Cruise along the Rhine River to Cologne. Founded by the Romans, the city is one of Germany's oldest and famous for its magnificent World–Heritage listed gothic cathedral. This afternoon upon arrival, visit Cologne Botanical Gardens. A local expert accompanies you through the gardens, explaining about the flora and history of the park. Continue with a local guide on an included walking tour of the city, touching on the historical charm of the Old Town. Traverse quaint alleyways and see historic monuments. The tour concludes at the cathedral, whose twin spires dominate the skyline. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Koblenz: Cruise to the 2000-year-old town of Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Enjoy a walking tour of Koblenz seeing the German Corner where the 2 rivers meet, the Church of Our Lady, and visit the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress by cable car on the opposite side of the river. This fortress was part of the Prussian defense against the French in the 19th century and later used as a headquarters for the American military during WWII. This afternoon, sail through the spectacular UNESCO World-Heritage listed Rhine Gorge. Pass countless medieval castles and vineyards lining the shores of this section of the river, with photo opportunities around every bend. See the infamous Lorelei statue and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, built on an island in the middle of the river as a medieval toll station. **Meals: B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Moselle & Cochem (Reichsburg) Castle Visit (additional expense)

NOTE: You can choose either the included tour of Koblenz OR the DiscoverMORE option, as both tours operate at the same time.

DAY 6 Ludwigshafen – Schwetzingen: Relax onboard as the vessel cruises along the Rhine River to Ludwigshafen. Upon arrival travel by coach to visit Schwetzingen Palace, famous for the beauty and harmony of its gardens. Visit the interior of the palace, along with the beautiful gardens, maintained in their original design. Today they remain a cultural heritage site of European significance, and contain more than 100 sculptures scattered throughout the grounds. Alternatively, embark on an active journey to the quaint wellness town of Bad-Dürkheim for a hike through the beautiful vineyards. **Meals: B, L, D EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided vineyard hike in Bad-Dürkheim

(instead of included tour) DiscoverMORE: Evening Concert at Bruchsal Palace (additional expense)

DAY 7 Kehl / Strasbourg, France: Once docked in Kehl, travel by coach across the river to Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region in France. Your guided walking tour includes the Grande Île - the historical city center and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for its medieval black and white timber-framed buildings, old tanning houses, baroque sandstone buildings, canals and river locks, the city's star attraction is the cathedral, dominating the main square. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 Breisach, Germany: Experience the 'tale of two cities': Breisach, Germany and Neuf-Breisach, France, divided by the Rhine. During the guided visit to these two wonderful gems on the Rhine River, you'll pass the main sights and attractions,



including the UNESCO World Heritage fortress overlooking Neuf-Breisach. Meals: B, L, D EmeraldPLUS: A tale of two cities divided by the Rhine EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour in Breisach

DAY 9 Basel, Switzerland – Zermatt: After breakfast, disembark the ship in Basel and begin your Swiss adventure. Depart by coach to the mountain resort village of Zermatt for a 2-night stay. **Meal: B**

DAY 10 Zermatt: The charming village is situated at the base of the Matterhorn, which is described as one of the world's most famous mountains. Enjoy a guided walking tour through the car-free zone of this picturesque village and discover its well-preserved original character. This afternoon is at leisure or join the DiscoverMORE cog rail journey to the summit of Gornergrat Mountain at approximately 10,000 feet. **Meal: B DiscoverMORE:** Gornergrat Mountain (additional expense)

DAY 11 Zermatt – Chur – Zurich: The highlight of this program awaits as you venture out on a rail journey through the Swiss Alps aboard the Glacier Express. As you travel aboard the train from Zermatt to the town of Chur, sit back and relax as you traverse the magnificent scenery of the Alps. Disembark the train in Chur and travel by coach to Zurich for an overnight stay. Meal: B

DAY 12 Zurich / USA: After breakfast, bid 'auf wiedersehen' to Europe and depart on the transfer to the Zurich airport, taking with you warm memories of your cruise along the Rhine River and journey on the Glacier Express. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 8 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
 Days 9 and 10 – Resort Hotel Alex or similar, Zermatt, Switzerland
 Day 11 – Krone Unterstrass or similar, Zurich, Switzerland
 Pre-cruise hotel stays available in Amsterdam. Call for details.



Exceptional Inclusions

- 23 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit four countries
- Seven-nights in a suite or stateroom of your choice onboard the vessel
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Onboard Activity Manager will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- All gratuities included
- Explore the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Personal listening device for shore excursions
- All meals included onboard
- Variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks with onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore
- All port charges included
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Zermatt
- Exciting rail experience aboard the Glacier Express
- Overnight in Zurich

Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

Built: 2014-20 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 19 Suites: 72 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 47

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2024 Departure Date

Tulip Time on the Rhine and the Glacier Express		PER PERSON	SINGLE	
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E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,035	+ \$3,665
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,355	+ \$3,905
С	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,035	+ \$4,415
В	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,225	+ \$4,559
Α	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,355	+ \$4,659
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,035	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$7,975	N/A

TRAVELERS PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) FOR RIVER CRUISES: - Cruise tour priced up to \$5000 - \$499 per person (optional) - Cruise tour priced from \$5001 and up - \$569 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage to excitence. But you found that you want is light are our proported they by Madhower Course & Tourse Relations and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage to excitence. assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

- tours and optional excursion costs:
 - 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
 - No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or manmade disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.







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FREE AIRFARE from Cleveland (\$1700) when deposits are made by July 31st.

Starting on August 1st, please call for the most current air promotion pricing details.

Receive a \$250 per person Early Booking Savings when you book by June 30th, 2023!

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

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