



River Duchess

24 Nights

Ultimate European Journey



Summary

Discover the best of Europe on one grand journey from the North Sea to the Black Sea.

For centuries, people have dreamed of linking the great rivers of Europe, making it possible to travel by water across the continent between the Black and North seas. Today that dream is a reality. Prepare for the cruise of a lifetime as you travel the length of Europe through nine nations, exploring wonders of the Old World and the New, the East and the West.

Sail the romantic Rhine, the serene Main and the captivating Danube, witnessing dazzling natural beauty and incomparable architectural feats. Visit no fewer than six capital cities (Amsterdam, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade and Bucharest) and a dozen towns and villages, with time to explore each. Enjoy numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the castle-dotted Upper Middle Rhine Valley and magnificent Cologne Cathedral. From Amsterdam to Bucharest, you'll visit the best of Europe with its spectacular architecture and stunning history on this truly remarkable journey.

Overview

Country:	The Netherlands - Germany - Austria - Hungary - Serbia - Romania
Cities:	Amsterdam, Cologne, Rüdesheim, Frankfurt, Wertheim, Würzburg, Kitzingen, Bamberg, Nuremberg Kelheim, Passau, Vienna, Budapest, Vukovar, Belgrade, Vidin, Rouse, Giurgiu, Bucharest
Season:	May – October 2018
Duration:	25 days / 24 nights
Port of departure:	Amsterdam

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Starting Price: \$ 9599

Itinerary



Day 1: Amsterdam (Embark)

Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, where you will be transferred to the ship.

Day 2: Amsterdam

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Day 3: Cologne

Featured Excursions: Cologne walking tour with choice of cathedral OR Kölsch beer tasting OR Museum Ludwig
You have an array of choices for how you wish to experience Cologne's many treasures. Those interested in history and architecture will want to stroll with a local expert through Old Town to the city's iconic UNESCO-listed Gothic cathedral. For beer connoisseurs, you'll wish to visit a brewery to taste the traditional local brew of the city, Kölsch. And for lovers of art, you won't want to miss one of the most important contemporary museums in Europe, Museum Ludwig. Cap the day off at the Captain's Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

Note: On Sundays and Catholic holidays, guided tours inside the cathedral are not allowed, but individual visits are still welcomed.

Day 4: Cruising The Romantic Rhine River, Rüdesheim

Featured Excursions: Choice of gondola ride to the Niederwald Monument OR Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

Cruise through the UNESCO-designated Upper Middle Rhine. Later, experience Rüdesheim from above on a cable car ride over Rheingau vineyards or visit a unique collection of self-playing musical instruments.

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**Day 5: Frankfurt**

Featured Excursions: Choice of Frankfurt city tour OR exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Frankfurt walking tour. Get an overview of modern-day Frankfurt as well as its charming Old Town, or experience Frankfurt as a local.

Day 6: Wertheim

Featured Excursions: Wertheim walking tour with pretzel making and wine tasting at a private wine estate. Stroll through Wertheim’s historic center and enjoy a private wine tasting and pretzel making with a baker.

Day 7: Würzburg

Featured Excursions: Würzburg Residence visit
Art lovers will want to visit the Würzburg Residence.

Day 8: Cruising +the Main River, Kitzingen (Rothenburg)

Featured Excursions: Rothenburg and Weikersheim village & castle tour
Enjoy a day of scenic cruising on the Main River. Later, fairytale lovers will want to go to Rothenburg and Weikersheim, where you’ll visit a grand palace.

Day 9: Bamberg

Featured Excursions: Choice of Bamberg walking discovery tour OR exclusive Franconian “Village Day”
City dwellers will wish to discover Bamberg—a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and country dwellers will wish to experience a Franconian village outing.

Day 10: Nuremberg, Cruising The Main-Danube Canal

Featured Excursions: Choice of Nuremberg city tour OR WWII historical tour with Documentation Center
Once in Nuremberg, join either a city tour or a tour focusing on significant WWII sites. Note: We are only permitted to see Courtroom 600 during trial breaks.

Day 11: Kelheim, Regensburg

Featured Excursions: Choice of “2,000 Years in One Hour” Regensburg walking discovery tour OR “From Hops Field to Beer Stein” farm visit OR BMW factory visit OR exclusive guided “Go Active” bird’s-eye view of Regensburg
Discover Germany’s best-preserved medieval city on a walking tour; visit a Bavarian hops farm; or tour the state-of-the-art BMW factory. Note: If the tour lands on a day when the BMW factory is closed, we’ll visit the Audi factory. The Audi production line is closed on weekends, so if your visit is scheduled for a weekend, you’ll see the Audi museum.

Day 12: Passau, Cruising The Danube River, Engelhartszell

Featured Excursions: A “trifecta” of choices to experience Passau—a walking discovery tour OR city tour with old town walk OR exclusive guided “Go Active” Bavarian river bike ride
Discover Passau with a variety of choices, either on an intimate walking tour, panoramic city tour or via a “Go Active” choice with a ride along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Danube and into the heart of Passau.

Day 13: Cruising the Wachau Valley, Weissenkirchen (Weissenkirchen Or Melk)

Featured Excursions: Choice of Weissenkirchen “Village Day” with exclusive guided “Go Active” vineyard hike with wine tasting OR Melk Abbey with library visit
Cruise through the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley to Weissenkirchen, where you can sample fine local wine, along with a vineyard hike. Alternatively, you can visit the Melk Abbey and its extraordinary library.

Day 14: Vienna

Featured Excursions: Choice of Vienna city tour with Winter Palace of Prince Eugene visit or exclusive “Vienna, City of Arts” tour
Get acquainted with Vienna’s treasure trove of imperial gems on a city tour with a visit to Prince Eugene’s Winter Palace. If you prefer to experience the city’s artistic gems, join an art tour, featuring a Gustav Klimt exhibit at the Belvedere.

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Day 15: Budapest

Featured Excursions: Choice of Budapest city tour or exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Budapest walking tour OR exclusive guided “Go Active” Budapest by bike

Choose one of three ways to savor the beauty of Budapest: a panoramic tour showcasing key highlights, including Castle Hill; do as the locals do; or on an active exploration with biking on a “Green Budapest” tour. Enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 16: Budapest

Enjoy a free day in Budapest.

Day 17: Budapest, Cruising the Danube River

Featured Excursions: Choice of Budapest city tour or exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Budapest walking tour or exclusive guided “Go Active” Budapest by bike

Choose one of three ways to discover Budapest’s wonders. Savor the beauty of both Buda and Pest, which lie on opposite sides of the Danube on a panoramic tour showcasing key highlights, including St. Stephen’s Basilica and the UNESCO-designated Castle Hill district. If you prefer to experience the city as the locals do, then take a ride on the metro; stop at a lively market hall; visit the oldest and most beautiful garden in the city, Károlyi Garden; and explore the National Museum. For a more active exploration of the city, join the guided bike tour. Cap your day off with the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 18: Cruising the Danube River, Vukovar (Osijek)

Featured Excursions: Choice of full day tour of Vukovar and Osijek with exclusive farm visit and home-hosted lunch OR full day tour of Osijek with exclusive home-hosted lunch

Start your day with a short walking tour of Vukovar before departing for Osijek, or head directly to Osijek. Discover the city’s abundance of cultural and artistic heritage, including Tvrdra, the self-contained 18th-century Habsburg defensive fortress. Later, travel through the Croatian countryside to a family-owned farm where you’ll sip homemade brandy and indulge in a tapas-style buffet of locally produced delicacies.

Day 19: Belgrade

Featured Excursions: Choice of Belgrade city tour with visit to the Royal Grounds of Karadjordjevic Dynasty Palace or exclusive guided “Go Active” “I Bike Belgrade” tour

Choose one of two ways to explore Belgrade, the modern-day capital of Serbia and one of Europe’s oldest cities. Join a panoramic tour that includes a visit to the Royal Palace. For a more active exploration, opt for a guided bike tour highlighting historic sites dating from WWII to the present day.

Day 20: Cruising the Iron Gates

Enjoy a day onboard, cruising through the Iron Gates, an 83-mile-long stretch of scenic gorges, which are among the most dramatic sights in all of Europe.

Day 21: Vidin, Cruising the Danube River

Featured Excursions: Choice of Bulgarian red rock country OR Romanian Cetate Cultural Port visit

Explore the lesser-known town of Vidin, your base for one of two unusual excursions. One takes you to the fascinating Belogradchik rock formations, which are over 200 million years old—and have inspired nearly as many legends. The other takes you to Cetate Cultural Port, a haven for Romanian artists of all sorts—poets, potters, painters, filmmakers and musicians.

Day 22: Rousse (Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi or Rousse and Ivanovo)

Featured Excursions: Choice of Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi with authentic Bulgarian lunch OR Rousse walking discovery tour and Ivanovo and Basarbovo monasteries

You could choose to spend the day visiting two historic hill towns, Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi, home to six amazing 17th-century stone churches, each one decorated with intricate frescoes, and visit the Nativity Church, with murals of the Nativity and the Last Judgment. Afterwards, be treated to a traditional Bulgarian country lunch. For those who wish for a different experience, spend time in Rousse and then visit the UNESCO-designated cave churches of Ivanovo—once an enclave of more than 40 churches and chapels—and the Basarbovo Rock Monastery, where monks still live and worship today. Spend your last night on the ship at the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

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Day 23: Giurgiu, Transfer to Bucharest

Featured Excursions: Choice of Bucharest city tour with People's Palace Visit OR exclusive "Do as the Locals Do" Bucharest tour

Disembark the ship and transfer via motorcoach to Bucharest. A panoramic tour highlights the city's eclectic mix of architecture and spend some time in the lavish People's Palace - the world's largest civilian building. If you prefer to do as the locals do, enjoy a leisurely walk as you take in the locals' favorite sights and taste some of their favorite appetizers.

Day 24: Bucharest

Featured Excursions: Romanian countryside tour with visits to Mogosoia Palace and Vlad the Impaler's tomb
Explore the 18th-century Mogosoia Palace and the lakeside tomb of Vlad the Impaler.

Day 25: Bucharest, Transfer to the Airport

Transfer to Bucharest's Henri Coanda International Airport for your flight home.

Prices Include

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
23 breakfasts, 21 lunches, 21 dinners
2 Captain's Welcome and 2 Captain's Farewell Receptions
2 Welcome and 2 Farewell Gala Dinners
Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee and tea, and mineral water

Prices Exclude

International airfare
Port charges of \$140 (per person)

Starting price per person in \$US

Category	Ship	Price
Category 5	River Duchess	9599
Category 4	River Duchess	9799
Category 3	River Duchess	11199
Category 2	River Duchess	11599
Category 1	River Duchess	12199
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