

## **CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE**

*Switzerland, France, Germany, Netherlands*



**Emerald Cruises – Emerald Destiny**  
**11 Day Tour - 7 Night Luxury River Cruise**  
**2 Pre-Nights in Basel, Switzerland**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

During the Advent season, the heart of Europe including Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands are transformed into a magical winter wonderland. It begins when hundreds of Christmas markets appear in cities and village squares. The European Christmas Markets, Christkindlmarkt, have a long history dating back to the Middle Ages, and are now a revealed tradition millions of people flock to throughout Europe each year. Rustic timber booths draped with fragrant evergreen boughs line the town squares and it is where vendors offer old-fashioned toys and dolls, carved nutcrackers, delightful handmade crafts, and other one-of-a-kind gifts. Complimenting this enchanting experience are the cones of warm sugared almonds, traditional gingerbread, and mulled wine to complete the mood.



*Cologne, Germany*

There is nothing quite like taking a Rhine River cruise at Christmas time. The Christmas Markets, incredible destinations to visit coupled with that festive atmosphere are all ingredients for a magical journey. If you are searching for a yuletide experience unlike any other, than look no further.

The Emerald Destiny is one of Emerald Cruises Star-Ships and was designed to traverse the Rhine in style. It was built in 2017, the Emerald Destiny has a lot to offer when it comes to comfort, with features that would be aligned with those of a world-class hotel. You can spend your time on this vessel relaxing as picturesque views pass by, watching them from your private balcony as we sail past.



DATE	LOCATION
Nov 25	Depart Home, Overnight flight to Basel, Switzerland
Nov 26	Arrive in <b>Basel</b> , Switzerland (Overnight, Pullman Basel Hotel)
Nov 27	<p><b>Full Day in Basel, Switzerland (B, D)</b>            City Tour of Basel Included – Basel Christmas Market            Group Dinner in Basel  <a href="https://www.basel.com/en/events/christmas/christmas-market">https://www.basel.com/en/events/christmas/christmas-market</a>            (Overnight, Pullman Basel Hotel)</p>
Nov 28	<p><b>Basel (B, D) – Embarkation</b>            Checking out of our hotel late morning, we will transfer to our luxurious starship, the Emerald Destiny and get settled in. The ship will set sail for Breisach, the black forest area of Germany late today.</p>
Nov 29	<p><b>Breisach (B, L, D)</b>            Today, you will have the opportunity to visit the Germany’s Black Forest and witness the cultural charm of the region known for its thick forests, ravines, lakes, cuckoo clocks, and traditional costumes. Alternatively, embark on a guided active walk through the Black Forest region, weaving through the woodland and admiring the lush canopy of evergreens.  <b>Included Excursion</b> A visit to a traditional Black Forest destination  <b>EmeraldPLUS</b> A Black Forest gateau demonstration and tasting  <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Excursion to Riquewihr (extra expense)</p>

Nov 30	<p><b>Kehl - Strasbourg (B, L, D)</b>          This morning, we will dock in Kehl. You will be transferred by coach across the river to Strasbourg, the storied capital of France’s Alsace Region. Your guided tour of Strasbourg will include the Grande Île, the historical centre of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site that is known for its medieval half-timbered buildings, old tanning houses, Baroque sandstone buildings and charming canal system. After your guided tour of Strasbourg, you will have the opportunity to visit one of its most charming Christmas markets.</p> <p><a href="https://www.christmas.alsace/strasbourg-christmas-market/">https://www.christmas.alsace/strasbourg-christmas-market/</a></p> <p><b>EmeraldPLUS</b> A guided tour of Strasbourg  <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Evening Concert at Bruchsal Palace (extra expense)</p>
Dec 1	<p><b>Mannheim - Heidelberg (B, L, D)</b>          This morning, relax on board as we cruise along the Rhine River, passing Mannheim on our way to Heidelberg. The streets of Mannheim are laid out in a traditional grid system, which is why it is also known as the “City of Squares”. Your guided tour of Heidelberg’s rich history includes a wine tasting, and a visit to the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, overlooking the Rhine River and a red-roofed skyline. Some of the most successful painters of the Romantic era drew inspiration from Heidelberg Castle, including British artist William Turner, who depicted images of the ruins in several of his paintings. Afterwards, stroll down the cobbled streets of the old town, touching on the Church of the Holy Spirit and the oldest university in Germany.</p> <p><a href="https://www.heidelberg-marketing.de/en/events/highlights/christmas-market.html">https://www.heidelberg-marketing.de/en/events/highlights/christmas-market.html</a></p> <p><b>Included Excursion</b> A guided tour of Heidelberg with wine tasting</p>
Dec 2	<p><b>Koblenz (B, L, D)</b>          Today, we will take you into the heart of Koblenz, an ancient city that looks as though it has been pulled from the pages of a German fairy-tale. Enjoy a picturesque backdrop of vineyards and snow-topped mountain ranges as your local guide takes you through open cobbled squares and down narrow streets. Your tour will include the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle at the German Corner and idyllic panoramic views of the Rhine from Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.</p> <p><a href="http://www.weihnachtsmarkt-koblenz.de/en/welcome.html">www.weihnachtsmarkt-koblenz.de/en/welcome.html</a></p> <p><b>Included Excursion</b> Walking tour of Koblenz &amp; Visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress  <b>DiscoverMORE</b> A Moselle Valley &amp; Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)</p>
Dec 3	<p><b>Cologne (B, L, D)</b>          Seven idyllic Christmas markets effortlessly transform the postcard-worthy city of Cologne into a winter wonderland over the Christmas period. Following your guided tour of the city, you will have the opportunity to explore independently, perhaps visiting the ornate stalls beneath the UNESCO World Heritage listed Cologne Cathedral, where you can drink traditional glühwein out of beautifully decorated mugs.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cologne.de/events/christmas-markets">https://www.cologne.de/events/christmas-markets</a></p>



	<p><b>Included Excursion</b> Guided tour of Cologne's old town  <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Visit to Eau de Cologne Museum (extra expense)</p>
Dec 4	<p><b>Amsterdam (B, L, D)</b>          Welcome to Amsterdam! Board a glass top canal boat for a tour down Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, passing historic merchant's houses that reflect the bygone era of the Dutch Golden Age and delightful Christmas stalls, each surrounded by people in their finest knitwear drinking hot mugs of mulled wine.  <b>Included Excursion</b> A canal cruise</p>
Dec 5	<p><b>Depart Amsterdam – Home / Canada (B)</b>          After breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow guests as you are transferred to the airport, taking memories of quintessential German villages and emerald canopies with you. Return flights to Canada.</p>
	<p><i>This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.</i></p>

## Excursion Descriptions

### **EmeraldPLUS**

EmeraldPLUS are extra-special excursions and events designed to help you see the destinations we visit in a different light, giving you memorable experiences that go beyond that of the ordinary traveller.

Seeking out rare sights and hidden gems, these special excursions and events help you experience places and sites you may not have discovered without the guidance of a local expert. We believe it is these special touches that make a holiday with Emerald Cruises truly unforgettable, offering moments of joy, wonder and discovery that you will treasure for a lifetime.

To help inspire a little wanderlust, we have handpicked our favourite EmeraldPLUS experiences on each of the waterways we navigate.



### **Discover More**

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For those who want to experience even more of each destination, DiscoverMORE provides in-depth excursions and experiences which complement those provided by the EmeraldPLUS and EmeraldACTIVE programs. These optional events can either be booked before you go or while you are on board and are available at an additional cost.

### **EXCEPTIONAL Emerald Value – It is All Included**

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The promise of exceptional EmeraldVALUE means that when you are traveling on board one of our stylish river Star-Ships, all you must think about is enjoying your holiday. From a delectable selection of dining options to horizon-expanding excursions and a first-class service, your Emerald Cruise holiday generously stocked with extras. You will always find a wealth of amenities and a service that is second-to-none.



Emerald Cruises chefs thoughtfully craft their menus to suit the path you are travelling, using fresh local ingredients and, therefore, treating every sense to a diverse adventure. An extensive selection of dining and drinking options on board are also included with your exclusive Premium Beverage Package while on board, as well as tea, coffee all day, every day. Bottled water is restocked daily for your days spent ashore. This river cruise and tours are the perfect platform for new experiences and culturally rich excursions are another inclusion on your journey, opening you up to more than just the ports of these beautiful destinations. We want to transport you to the heart of local life, for a true cultural and distinctive experience

by including the most awe-inspiring excursions and events courtesy of the EmeraldEXCURSIONS, and EmeraldPLUS programs.

## INCLUSIONS

- 8 Day / 7-Night Cruise Aboard the Luxurious Emerald Destiny
- 2 Pre-Cruise Night's Accommodations; Basel, Switzerland – [Pullman Basel](#)
- Breakfast Daily in Basel
- Included Tours in Basel
- Aboard the Cruise on the Emerald Destiny:
  - ~ Spectacular innovations like an indoor pool that transforms into a cinema at night
  - ~ All on-board meals
  - ~ Premium Drink Package for all guests for the duration of the time guests are Onboard the Emerald Destiny
  - ~ State-of-the-art coffee machines
  - ~ Bottled water restocked daily in your cabin
  - ~ An included Emerald EXCURSION every day of your cruise
  - ~ Extra-special excursions and experiences courtesy of our EmeraldPLUS and Discover More
  - ~ First-class service from an English-speaking crew
  - ~ Knowledgeable local guides at every destination
  - ~ Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
  - ~ Complimentary on-board bicycles
  - ~ A variety of on-board entertainment
  - ~ All tipping – On-board gratuities
  - ~ Port Charges and Fees
- €150 on board credit Per Person on the Cruise Portion of the tour program for Category A and higher
- All Transfers
- All Taxes
- Jolly Tour Director

**Emerald Destiny**

Visit the ship here <https://bit.ly/3hAyYyK>

**TECHNICAL DATA**

**Length** 135 metres

**Guests** 180

**Cabins** 91

**Crew** 51



*Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite, Category A & B*

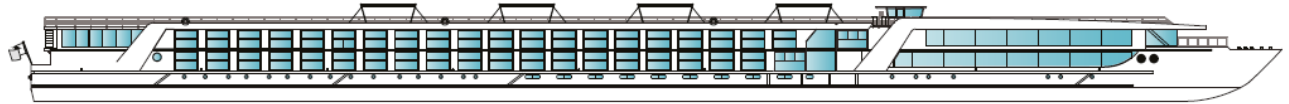


*Emerald Stateroom, Category D*

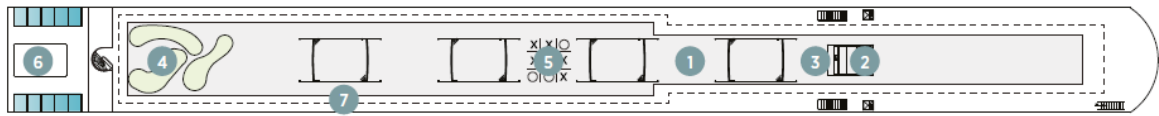


## Emerald Destiny

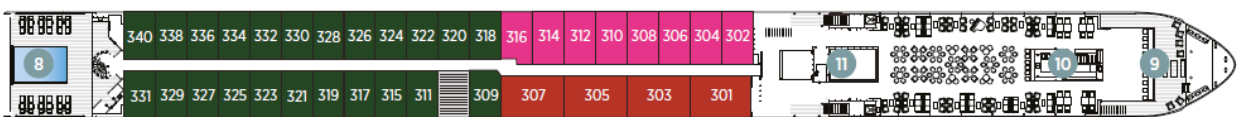
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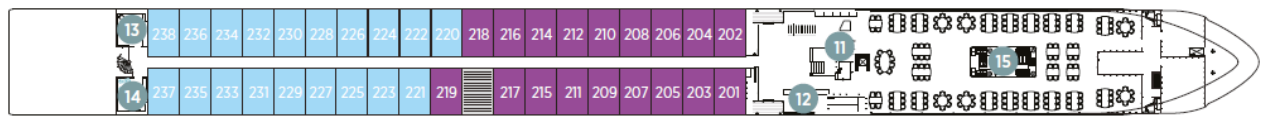
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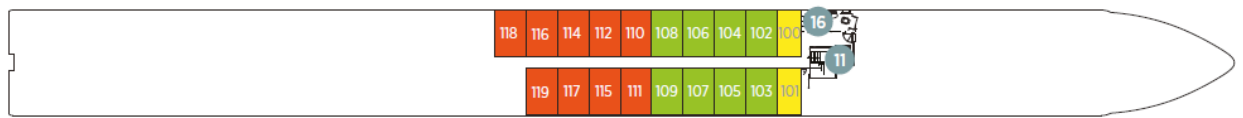
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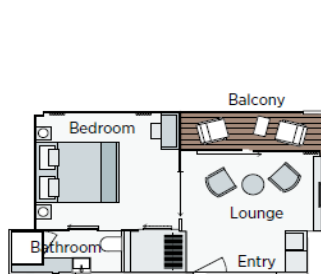


Riviera Deck

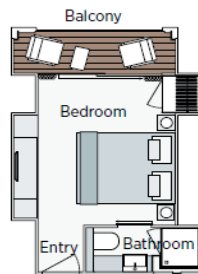


Cabin Categories		
Horizon Deck		
	Size ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	
<b>CAT SA</b>	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	315ft <sup>2</sup> (29.3m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>CAT S</b>	Grand Balcony Suite*	210ft <sup>2</sup> (19.5m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>CAT A</b>	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	180ft <sup>2</sup> (16.7m <sup>2</sup> )
Vista Deck		
	Size ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	
<b>CAT B</b>	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	180ft <sup>2</sup> (16.7m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>CAT C</b>	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	180ft <sup>2</sup> (16.7m <sup>2</sup> )
Riviera Deck		
	Size ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	
<b>CAT D</b>	Emerald Stateroom	162ft <sup>2</sup> (15m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>CAT E</b>	Emerald Stateroom	162ft <sup>2</sup> (15m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>CAT ES</b>	Emerald Single Stateroom	117ft <sup>2</sup> (10.9m <sup>2</sup> )

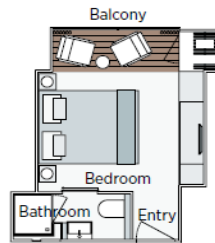
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs\*
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbecue
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool & Bar/Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant
- 16 Hairdresser



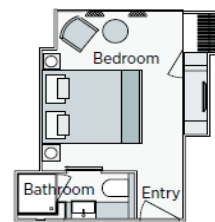
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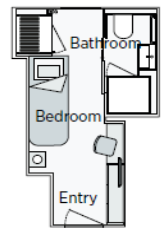
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**CAT A CAT B CAT C**



Emerald Stateroom  
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**CAT D CAT E**



Emerald Single Stateroom  
117ft<sup>2</sup> (10.9m<sup>2</sup>)  
**CAT ES**



**PRICING**

Price is Per Person based on Double Occupancy

<b>EMERALD DESTINY Cabin Category &amp; Location</b>	<b>Cost Per Person</b>	<b>LESS \$1,000 Per Person (Limited Time)</b>
Category, E <i>(Riviera Deck)</i>	<b>\$6,759</b>	<b>\$5,759</b>
Category, D <i>(Riviera Deck)</i>	<b>\$6,869</b>	<b>\$5,869</b>
Category, C <i>(Vista Deck)</i>	<b>\$7,629</b>	<b>\$6,629</b>
Category, B <i>(Vista Deck)</i>	<b>\$8,029</b>	<b>\$7,029</b>
Category, A <i>(Horizon Deck)</i>	<b>\$8,119</b>	<b>\$7,119</b>

- Non-Refundable Deposit of \$ 800 pp upon registration, plus insurance
- Final Payment due August 22, 2022
- Cancellation & Medical Insurance is Required
- Current Government Standards have indicated an expectation that proof of Covid-19 full vaccine maybe required for travel and should be anticipated.
- Return Air Schedule cannot be confirmed until January 2022
- Single Occupancy upon Request, Please Contact Jolly Tours for Details