



River Ambassador

7 Nights

Grand European Discovery



Summary

Embrace Europe's old-world heritage along with its modern wonders on a majestic journey

Find inspiration at every turn on this grand journey of discovery from Cologne to Vienna, including an in-depth exploration of Germany's fascinating Jewish heritage.

Experience artistic treasures at the opulent UNESCO-designated Würzburg Residence, Vienna's Belvedere Museum and Melk's 900-year-old abbey. Let your inner adventurer out with a visit to the BMW Museum and get close to nature through guided activities, including biking through the romantic Tauber Valley and hiking through the Tauberhase vineyards. And throughout your journey, be treated to a host of culinary experiences, such as sampling delicious Franconian wine and hearty German beer. Tradition, history, art and a host of irresistible flavors are yours to discover on one grand journey.

Overview

Country:	Germany – Austria
Cities:	Cologne, Braubach, Miltenberg, Würzburg, Kitzingen, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Straubing Passau, Weissenkirchen, Vienna
Season:	May – October 2017
Duration:	15 days / 14 nights
Port of departure:	Cologne
Starting Price:	€5239

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Itinerary



Day 1: Cologne (embark)

Arrive at Cologne Bonn Airport, where you will be transferred to the ship.

Day 2: Cologne

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Cologne walking discovery tour with choice of Cologne Cathedral OR Kölsch beer tasting OR Museum Ludwig OR Jewish Heritage, Cologne's Jewish Quarter

You have an array of choices for how you wish to experience Cologne. Those interested in history and architecture will want to stroll with a local expert through Old Town to the UNESCO-designated Gothic Cologne Cathedral. Beer connoisseurs will want to go to a brewery to taste the traditional local brew of the city, Kölsch. Lovers of art won't want to miss one of the most important contemporary museums in Europe, Museum Ludwig. And for those who wish for more exploration of Germany's significant Jewish heritage, visit the oldest Jewish community in Europe north of the Alps. Cap your wonderful adventure off at the Captain's Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 3: Braubach, cruising the romantic Rhine River

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of Marksburg Castle visit or exclusive guided "Go Active" Marksburg Castle mountain hike

Visit one of the only castles on the Rhine that has never been destroyed, Marksburg Castle. If you would like a more invigorating excursion, hike from Braubach through the mountains to the castle.

Day 4: Cruising the Main River, Miltenberg (Frankfurt, Wertheim)

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Miltenberg walking discovery tour with exclusive "Village Day" and choice of Jewish Heritage, Frankfurt Jewish Museum & the legacy of the Rothschild family OR Jewish Wertheim. Get a glimpse of village life in enchanting Miltenberg with a choice of excursions—meet an artist at her atelier, taste beer at a local brewery, try your hand at lawn bowling or visit a nearby family-owned vineyard. You may prefer to go to Frankfurt to learn more about its Jewish heritage, as well as visit the former palace of the Rothschild family, which is now home to the Jewish Museum, depicting how the community lived over the centuries. Alternatively, you can stroll through quaint Wertheim, where you'll see commemorative

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reminders—embedded stones of the names of the victims from the Nazi regime; in fact, in 300 other places in Germany, you can see these reminders as well.

Day 5: Würzburg

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Würzburg Residence and choice of Weikersheim “Village Day” OR exclusive guided “Go Active” cycling through the romantic Tauber Valley

The opulent Würzburg Residence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers a true sense of the history of this region through the European Renaissance, containing the world’s largest ceiling fresco by Tiepolo. Later, visit Weikersheim, a dreamy village in the romantic Tauber Valley. Here, visit the “mini Versailles” palace along with its glorious baroque gardens. Be treated to a tasting of local wine and other regional products, or choose to enjoy a guided bike ride through the Tauber Valley.

Day 6: Kitzingen (Rothenburg), cruising the Main River

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of the Romantic Road—medieval Rothenburg OR exclusive guided “Go Active” Tauberhase vineyard hike and barbecue

Travel along the “Romantic Road” to Germany’s best-preserved walled city, Rothenburg, with half-timbered houses and charming shops. For a more active adventure, hike through the Tauberhase vineyards and enjoy a barbecue lunch with Franconian wine.

Day 7: Bamberg

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Nuremberg city tour and Bamberg walking discovery tour OR choice of Jewish Heritage Nuremberg WWII and Documentation Center visit OR exclusive guided “Go Active” bicycle ride along the Main and Regnitz

Choose how you wish to experience this area with either a tour of Nuremberg and Bamberg, or a visit to Nuremberg’s Documentation Centre and Courtroom 600, where the famed Nuremberg trials took place. For a more active adventure, enjoy a bike ride along the Main and Regnitz rivers. Cap the day off at the festive Captain’s Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 8: Nuremberg

Enjoy a day at leisure in Nuremberg to enjoy the sights.

Day 9: Nuremberg, cruising the Main-Danube Canal

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of Nuremberg city tour OR Nuremberg WWII historical tour with Documentation Center visit

Partake in a tour of Nuremberg, enjoying Old Nuremberg. WWII history buffs may wish to go on a guided tour of significant WWII sites, including Courtroom 600, the venue for the historic Nuremberg trials. Later, your ship will traverse the most impressive section of one of the modern marvels of engineering, the Main-Danube Canal, a masterwork that allows ships to cruise from the North Sea all the way to the Black Sea. After a day of historical exploration, spend your last night on the ship with a Captain’s Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. Note: Courtroom 600 is an active court. Visitors will only be permitted to see the courtroom during trial breaks.

Day 10: Regensburg

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of “2,000 Years in One Hour” Regensburg walking discovery tour OR Jewish Regensburg walking discovery tour OR BMW factory visit

Discover Regensburg, one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval towns, whether walking through the cobbled lanes of the UNESCO-designated Old Town or exploring Germany’s oldest Jewish community. Should you wish to do something completely different, tour the state-of-the-art BMW factory. Note: If the tour lands on a day when the BMW factory is closed, we will visit the Audi factory instead. The Audi production line is closed on weekends, so if your visit is scheduled for a weekend, you will see the Audi museum instead.

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**Day 11: Straubing, Deggendorf (Theresienthal)**

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of exclusive Bavarian Forest village with Theresienthal glass manufactory visit OR exclusive guided “Go Active” bicycle ride along the Danube River, and Straubing, “A Day in Town”

Deggendorf—gateway to the magical Bavarian Forest—awaits via a traditional horse-drawn wagon. En route to a Theresienthal glass manufactory, enjoy freshly baked bread and schnapps. If you’d like to be more active, bicycle along the Danube to Straubing, where you will meet up with your fellow travellers and have a choice between participating in a lively exploration of local brewing traditions or experiencing daily life in this enchanting town.

Day 12: Passau, Engelhartszell

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: A “trifecta” of choices to experience Passau—walking discovery tour OR city tour with old town walk OR exclusive guided “Go Active” Bavarian river bike ride

You have three ways to experience Passau—strolling with a guide through its medieval lanes lined with baroque buildings; taking a panoramic tour followed by a shorter walk through the heart of the charming city; or going active by cycling first along the Danube’s riverside bike path and ending in Passau’s Old Town.

Day 13: Weissenkirchen (Weissenkirchen or Melk), cruising the Wachau Valley

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 before arriving in Weissenkirchen. You have a choice of two equally enchanting excursions. Experience the fruits of the land at a tasting of apricot-infused delicacies and local wine and then hike through the storied vineyards and orchards. Alternatively, you may wish to experience Melk’s 900-year-old abbey, home to the extraordinary library that inspired the novel *The Name of the Rose*.

Day 14: Vienna

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of Vienna city tour with Vienna State Opera OR exclusive “Vienna, City of Arts” tour

See the city of imperial architectural marvels on a tour featuring the stately Ringstrasse lined by impressive buildings such as St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Visit the legendary opera house in the heart of the city. If you prefer to experience the sheer number of artistic gems, then partake in the “City of Arts” tour featuring a Gustav Klimt exhibit at the Belvedere, a remarkable collection that includes his most famous painting—*The Kiss*.

Note: The Vienna State Opera House is occasionally closed to visitors for rehearsals or special events without advance notice. If we cannot visit the opera house, we will visit an alternative venue instead.

Day 15: Vienna (disembark), transfer to the airport

Disembark the ship and transfer to Vienna International Airport for your flight home, or extend your stay in Vienna.

Prices Include

14-night cruise in a River view stateroom
All transfers on arrival and departure days
All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions
Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer,

Prices Exclude

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

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Category 3	River Ambassador	5239
Category 2	River Ambassador	5999
Category 1	River Ambassador	6799
Suite	River Ambassador	8719

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