Ruth's Adventures

Tulip Time on the Romantic Rhine and Mosel River Cruise

the Netherlands including Keukenhof Gardens • Germany • France • Switzerland

Including 2 Nights in Lucerne

2 FOR 1 AIRFARE
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Seven nights accommodations aboard the *MV Emerald Star*

11 DAYS • 23 MEALS

2017 Departure Date:
April 18

MayflowerTours™
Life Enriching Experiences

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Lovely canals grace Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The Mayflower Way

- ✔ 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- ✔ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✔ International Cruise Director and Mayflower Tours expert staff onboard, plus local English-speaking guides for shore excursions
- ✔ There is no better way to experience the Rhine and Mosel Rivers than by cruising through the heart of central Europe aboard our exclusively chartered river ship the *MV Emerald Star*
- ✔ Once onboard, unpack only once in your tastefully furnished river view stateroom with a window for panoramic viewing
- ✔ Included narrated canal cruise in Amsterdam
- ✔ Visit to Keukenhof Gardens at the height of tulip season
- ✔ Included shore excursions escorted by local English-speaking guides in Cologne, Cochem, Strasbourg and Lucerne
- ✔ Narrated cruising through the UNESCO World Heritage Region of the Rhine River Valley including the legendary Lorelei Rock
- ✔ Explore beautiful Reichsburg Castle on an included excursion
- ✔ All meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisines
- ✔ All onboard lunches and dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- ✔ Afternoon tea and late evening snack served daily in the lounge
- ✔ Comfortably furnished lounge and bar area with sofas and floor to ceiling windows
- ✔ Heated swimming pool, cinema and complimentary WiFi onboard
- ✔ Evening events and Local Insights onboard
- ✔ Enhanced touring experience with the use of audio headsets
- ✔ Walk-out balcony featured in the suites on the Horizon Deck
- ✔ 'Indoor' balcony with drop down window featured in the staterooms on the Horizon and Vista Decks
- ✔ After cruising we travel to Lucerne, Switzerland for a two-night stay and touring
- ✔ $55 in Mayflower Money

Local Insights

- ✔ Canal cruise in Amsterdam
- ✔ Visit to Keukenhof Gardens at the height of tulip season
- ✔ German entertainment onboard in Boppard
- ✔ Insightful presentation on the history of the Rhine River
- ✔ Culinary demonstration by the ship's chef

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

DAY TWO – Amsterdam, Holland

Transfer to your exclusively chartered river ship, home for the next seven nights. Plan to arrive at the ship by 2:00 p.m. Known as the "Venice of the North" with its winding tree-shaded canals, Amsterdam boasts ornately gabled 16th-century townhouses, hundreds of bridges and tulips and spring flowers everywhere – truly a garden of earthly delights. Like the diamonds that make it famous, Amsterdam shines with works of the world's greatest artists. On a narrated canal cruise you get a view of the city from a different perspective as you pass historic buildings, lovely townhomes and churches from water level. (Dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY THREE – Keukenhof Gardens

On an included excursion to Keukenhof, you'll discover why it's called the "Garden of Europe". It is known throughout the world for its open-air flower exhibition held only two months a year. What an amazing life enriching experience to admire gorgeous flowers at the height of tulip season!
(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY FOUR – Cologne, One of Germany's Oldest Cities

When you visit 2,000-year-old Cologne, the largest city in Germany during the Middle-Ages, you're sure to be enchanted by the blend of Romanesque churches, simple post-war buildings, and classic modern architecture. Enjoy an included walking tour to the town center and Domplatz – home of the magnificent cathedral, the largest in Germany, which serves as the symbol of the city. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY FIVE – Cochem, Cozy Wine Taverns

This morning after breakfast you arrive in Cochem where along the beautiful Mosel River, countless vineyards with varying shades of green and squares of grapevines unfold before your eyes. Cochem, rated one of the prettiest villages along the Mosel, is best known for its fortified gates, pastel-colored or half-timbered buildings, Baroque towers and vintages of Mosel Riesling wine. Enjoy an included guided tour of the 19th-cen-

Reichsburg Castle stands guard over Cochem, Germany

Meander through the quaint streets of Strasbourg, France

tury Reichsburg Castle with its many spires and mighty brick walls that provide contrast to the surrounding lush vegetation. With a late afternoon departure, the ship sails on to the charming town of Boppard. Following dinner, enjoy a special performance in the lounge by local German entertainers.
(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY SIX – Boppard and Rüdesheim, Picture, Perfect Rhine Towns

Enjoy free time in Boppard, located in the UNESCO World Heritage area of the upper part of the Middle Rhine. Its history dates back to the Romans and the finest preserved Roman fortifications in all of Germany can be seen. In the Middle-Ages it was an important commercial and shipping center reflected in the town's historic marketplace and fine mansions along the Rhine promenade. This afternoon you won't want to miss the spectacular scenery as you cruise through the "Splendor of the Rhine" – a UNESCO World Heritage Site along the river, featuring St. Goar and the legendary Lorelei Rock.

In the afternoon you arrive in Rüdesheim, one of the Rhine's most delightful towns where nature and history have left a rich heritage in the wine-growing Rheingau region whose origins date back to pre-Roman times. Home to three medieval castles, Rüdesheim provides a fascinating look through German history. Your Mayflower Cruise Directors will walk you into town where you'll have free time to stroll through the alleyways filled with shops or visit the Market Square. Enjoy your evening in Rüdesheim and stop in a beer hall or wine tavern along the lively Drosselgasse. Filled with music and song, it's the perfect opportunity to sample the best of genuine Rhine hospitality!
(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY SEVEN – Optional Excursion to Heidelberg

After breakfast a brief port call is made in Mannheim for disembarkation of the optional excursion to Heidelberg. Known as Germany's oldest university town, Heidelberg is also famous for its red-walled 16th-century castle. With its picture-postcard houses and maze of roofs, Heidelberg represents the essence of German Romanticism. Your river ship continues to Speyer where you will enjoy free time to explore. The optional excursion will return to Speyer.
(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY EIGHT – Strasbourg, Capital of the Alsace Region

Between France and Germany lies lovely Strasbourg, one of Europe's most attractive cities. From the docking site in Kehl, enjoy an included city tour of Strasbourg which was culturally influenced by both countries and the seat of the European Parliament. The walking tour of the city center features a stroll through the charming and fascinating Old Quarter, "La Petite France" with its typical Alsatian half-timbered houses. While in the Main Square, dominated by the magnificent gothic cathedral, be sure to notice its carvings as delicate as any piece of hand-made lace. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)

DAY NINE – Lucerne, Switzerland; Optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus

After breakfast, disembark your river ship in Basel, Switzerland to begin your Swiss adventure. Depart by motorcoach to Lucerne, once a simple fishermen's village, it is a picturesque town surrounded by mountains and meadows, whose name means "Alpine Splendor." An included walking tour highlights the city's landmark, the famous 14th-century Chapel Bridge with its paintings of heroic town events, that crosses the Ruess River. See the 17th-century Renaissance Town Hall and town squares, all set amongst the beautiful backdrop of the Swiss Alps. The remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish or choose to join the optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus – a mountain overlooking Lucerne that offers a unique alpine experience!
(Breakfast)

DAY TEN – Free day in Lucerne

Your last day in Switzerland is left free of planned activites for you to enjoy as you wish. This evening, join your traveling companions for an included dinner at the hotel.
(Breakfast and dinner)

DAY ELEVEN – Lucerne / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. (Breakfast)

Itinerary is subject to change.

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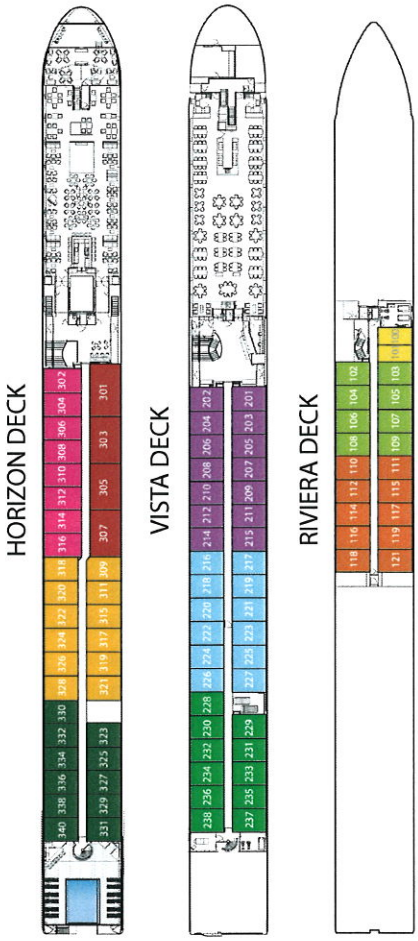

MV Emerald Star

The 180-passenger *MV Emerald Star* is a deluxe river cruise vessel providing a stylish, spacious and unique ship from which to enjoy your river cruise! In addition to providing some of the largest staterooms and suites on river vessels, the ship also offers one-bedroom suites which boast a separate bedroom, spacious lounge area and full balcony. Other unique features onboard are a heated swimming pool (with a retractable roof) that transforms into a cinema in the evening! With the friendly staff and remarkable ship it's sure to be a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Built: 2014 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 80 Suites: 12 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 47

Owner's One Bedroom Suite (315 sq. ft.): Horizon Deck
Features outdoor private balcony with sliding glass door; separate bedroom and lounge area with sofa, chair, coffee table, two dressers and walk-in closet; large bathroom with two basins, shower, hair dryer, bathrobes and slippers; Complimentary WiFi; Two twin beds that can be put together; Telephone; Safe; Individual climate control; TV; Mini-fridge

Grand Balcony Suite (210 sq. ft.): Horizon Deck
Features outdoor private balcony with sliding glass door; Bathroom with shower, hair dryer, bathrobes and slippers; Complimentary WiFi; Two twin beds that can be put together; Dresser; Closet; Writing desk; Telephone; Safe; Individual climate control; TV; Mini-fridge

Panorama Stateroom (180 sq. ft.): Vista and Horizon Decks
Features an indoor balcony with open-air system; Bathroom with shower, hair dryer; Complimentary WiFi; Two twin beds that can be put together; Dresser; Closet; Writing desk; Telephone; Safe; Individual climate control; TV; Mini-fridge

Stateroom (162 sq. ft.): Riviera Deck
Features a small window (doesn't open); Bathroom with shower and hair dryer; Complimentary WiFi; Two twin beds that can be put together; Dresser; Closet; Writing desk; Telephone; Safe; Individual climate control; TV; Mini-fridge

Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- ✔ Dining Room
- ✔ Lounge
- ✔ Sun Deck featuring deck chairs
- ✔ Elevator
- ✔ Daytime heated swimming pool and bar
- ✔ Evening cinema
- ✔ Fitness room, hairdresser, massage therapy room
- ✔ Voltage: 220V

2017 DEPART USA		RIVIERA DECK	VISTA DECK**	HORIZON DECK**	GRAND BALCONY SUITES†	OWNERS SUITES†
April 18	PER PERSON TWIN	$3,599	$3,999	$4,299	$4,599	$5,599
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	$1,899	$2,179	$2,349	N/A	N/A

Mayflower Tours' Guaranteed Share Program is available on the Riviera, Vista, and Horizon Decks standard staterooms only.

2 FOR 1 AIRFARE

Round trip airfare from Grand Rapids, MI
~~$1,700 per person~~ **$850 per person**
twin with 2-for-1 offer; Free airfare for solo travelers when single supplement paid; $600 savings per person on Guaranteed Share reservations.

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.

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

PASSPORT REQUIRED

Days Two through Eight – Aboard the *MV Emerald Star*
Days Nine and Ten – Hotel Europe, Lucerne, Switzerland

Pre-cruise hotel stays available in Amsterdam. Call for details.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 **3** 4 5 ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises: $429
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, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, 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 assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)
- 91 days or more ..... Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure ..... 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

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2 FOR 1 AIRFARE

***Offer Details:** 2 for 1 airfare for twin reservations, FREE airfare for solo traveler reservations with single supplement paid, $600 per person on all guaranteed share twin reservations. Offer valid on reservations deposited 120 days prior to departure. Additional savings may include valid Mayflower Money, Referral Rewards, First Time Traveler Savings or other offers provided by the travel professional. No other promotions or offers apply.*

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