



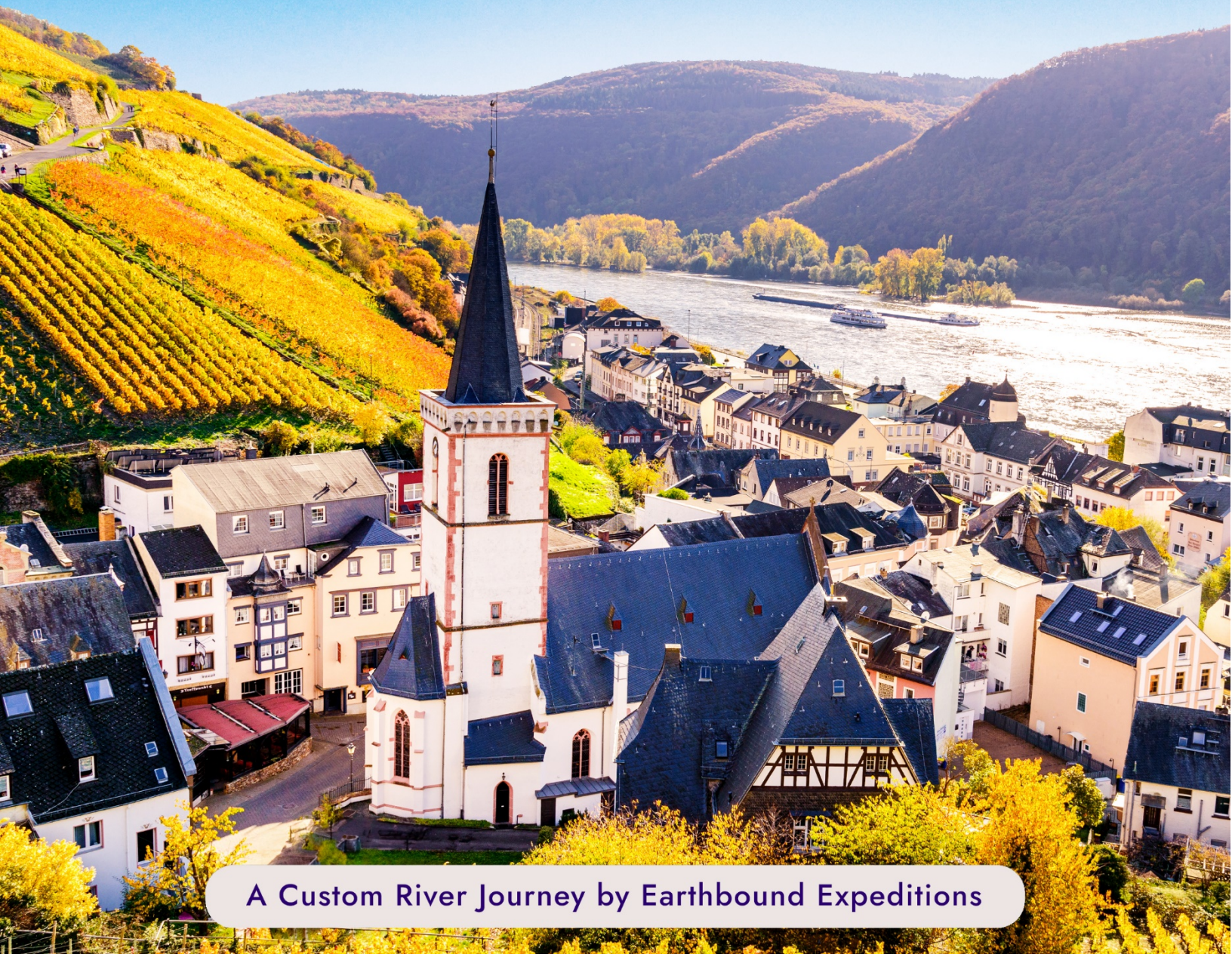
JAZZ ON THE RHINE

A FLOATING MUSIC FESTIVAL

A black silhouette of a jazz musician in a dynamic pose, playing a trumpet. The figure is positioned between the words 'JAZZ' and 'ON THE RHINE'.

MAY 22 ~ JUNE 1, 2025

WITH HOSTS & GUEST ARTISTS, JOSÉ RIZO and DAVID BENOIT



A Custom River Journey by Earthbound Expeditions



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Join friends of **KJAZZ** for a Floating Jazz Music Fest! Hosted by renowned jazz journey host, José Rizo and the acclaimed, GRAMMY nominated pianist, composer and arranger, David Benoit, this voyage has been custom-crafted for connoisseurs of international cuisine, wine, beer, culture, and, of course, jazz! Embark on this tailor-made escapade with José, David, and fellow KJAZZ enthusiasts, as we sail the enchanting Rhine River. We'll traverse Holland, Germany, and France aboard a privately chartered first-class river vessel, and enjoy intimate jazz performances against the backdrop of majestic castles and lush vineyards. Wander with us through historic museums, charming villages, and sample delightful wines and beers with the locals in the Rhine region of Germany and the Alsace region of France. Our odyssey culminates in Basel, Switzerland, where the magic of jazz meets the allure of Swiss sophistication. Space is limited for this exclusive KJAZZ floating music festival, so secure your spot now for an unforgettable journey through Holland, Germany, and France in 2025!

José Rizo & David Benoit!

Your KJAZZ Hosts

Meet Your Hosts

José Rizo & David Benoit!



José Rizo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and raised in Oxnard, California. He played trumpet in high school, but it was not until he was a student at U.C. Santa Barbara that he developed his passion for jazz. In the late 70s, José was the founder of “Radio Chicano”, a student and community broadcasting organization based on the Santa Barbara campus at KCSB, where he served as program director for two years. Rizo began hosting “Jazz on the Latin Side” on KLon (now KJazz) in early 1990. He was intricately involved on KLon’s “Latin Jazz Club Caravans” and served as a member of the Grammy’s Screening committee for Latin Jazz. He has been the artistic director of the Luckman Fine Arts Latin Jazz Concert Series and involved in the “Central Avenue Jazz Festival” since its inception.



Over the last quarter century, composer and pianist **David Benoit** has been a passionate musical innovator committed to the exploration of many different art forms on the American landscape. A five-time GRAMMY nominee for his seminal contributions to the genre of contemporary jazz, Benoit has also embarked on a multi-faceted journey into the classical music world. This has led to guest pianist and conductor spots with numerous top orchestras, four performances at Carnegie Hall (including one with Leonard Bernstein at the podium), a performance on the steps of the Capitol Building with the National Symphony for the annual PBS July 4th event, and the creation of his new orchestral work, Dolores Del Carmen, and chamber composition, Music for Two Trios.



Alexander Beets: Described as “one of the rare tenor heroes of his time,” Alexander’s nickname “The Hurricane” comes from his explosive and expressive playing. As a jazz saxophone player, he has given over 2000 concerts around the world. Alexander has been the director of the Amersfoort Jazz Festival for 21 years. This festival has eight stages spread across the old city of Amersfoort, mainly on the historic squares. It is a large free three-day event, and it attracts over 100,000 visitors every year. We are thrilled that Alexander is available for the journey and he looks forward to playing in the intimate setting of our floating jazz festival.



Matthew Brumley, Founder, Earthbound Expeditions: Matthew has been leading and creating specialized, educational adventures for public radio stations worldwide for 25 years. After attending universities in the USA, Copenhagen and Moscow, Russia, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. Matthew was the senior guide on the Orient Express & Trans-Siberian Rail. He has worked in Europe, Africa, South America, Asia, New Zealand and North America and has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Matthew lives with his wife and fellow Earthbound founder, Danna Brumley on Bainbridge Island, WA.



Aurélien Clavero is one of Earthbound Expeditions’ finest European based guides. And, he is an outstanding bass player! His passion for music, Culture, history, food and wine is contagious for all who have had the pleasure of travelling with him. Aurélien is fluent in English, Spanish (his mother is from Nicaragua), and French (his father is from France). He has guided tailor-made expeditions for over 20 years and continues to love sharing his knowledge with all. Aurélien lives in Arles, France with his wife and two children. We are honored to work with Aurélien, who always ensures a smooth and fun journey!





Your Tailor-Made Floating JAZZ Fest!

TRIP AT GLANCE

7 Nights cruising aboard the privately chartered, first-class MS Symphonie
3 Nights post-cruise option in Lucerne, the heart of Switzerland!

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Seven nights cruising the Rhine River cruise aboard the privately chartered, first-class, MS Symphonie ✱ On-board jazz performances by David Benoit and European jazz musicians ✱ Wine and cheese tastings in Germany and France ✱ Alsace and the UNESCO city of Strasbourg ✱ Time to stroll through picturesque timber villages ✱ Meet fellow travelers who share your passion for jazz music, food, history and culture

IT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with KJAZZ hosts, José Rizo and guest artist, David Benoit
- Airport transfers for those arriving on May 22, and departing on June 1, 2025
- Seven nights cruising the Rhine River on the privately chartered, first-class, MS Symphonie
- Daily jazz concerts on board
- All shore excursions
- Gratuities for your on-shore guides and drivers (excluding ship crew)
- All multi-course meals while cruising with wine served at dinner
- An open bar serving local wines, beer and cocktails on board



Spend a day in Amsterdam

“And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.”

Louis Armstrong



TRIP FACTS

8 Days/7 Nights

Trip begins: Amsterdam, the Netherlands on May 22, 2025

Trip ends: Basel, Switzerland on May 29, 2025

Optional post-cruise extension ends in Lucerne, Switzerland on June 1, 2025

Pricing and cabins: see page 14

NOT INCLUDED: Travel insurance ✱ Port fees of \$200 per person ✱ Gratuities for the ship crew ✱ Air tickets to/from Europe ✱ Any items not mentioned in your KJAZZ floating festival itinerary

WAYS TO SAVE \$300: Earthbound and KJAZZ travel alumni save \$100 per person ✱ Pay final balance by check and save \$200 per person



Discover the charming villages of the Rhine Valley

Our Journey Begins!



Day 0: Depart the USA for Amsterdam!

Be sure to depart the USA no later than May 21, to make it to Amsterdam by May 22.

Day 1: May 22 – Your Journey Officially Begins in Amsterdam

Goedemorgen, welkom in Holland! Our jazz music journey through Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland begins in the historic heart of Amsterdam as we board the elegant, MS Symphonie. This evening, enjoy a welcome aboard dinner with your ship captain, KJAZZ hosts, guides and fellow travelers. *Sleep on board (D)*

Day 2: May 23 – Amsterdam

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board the ship. Embark on an enchanting canal cruise through Amsterdam, where history, art, and culture converge. Glide along UNESCO-listed canals, marveling at narrow houses, grand mansions, and charming bridges. Amsterdam promises a sensory feast, blending ancient allure with modern vibrancy. Prepare to be captivated at every corner!

We'll return on board and have dinner, followed by an evening jazz concert. Our ship will cruise to Nijmegen overnight. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*



Castles, vineyards and picturesque villages are waiting to be explored

Day 3: May 24 – Arnhem Open-Air Museum or a Bridge Too Far

Join an excursion that promises to transport you through time at the Netherlands Open-Air Museum in Arnhem. Step into the rich tapestry of Dutch history as you explore old homes, farms, and factories from various regions. Immerse yourself in the everyday life of the Dutch people through the ages.



Or join an outing to explore an infamous World War II battle: the Battle of Arnhem, which took place from September 17-26, 1944 and was the last episode of Operation Market Garden. This bold attempt to achieve a swift breakthrough to heartland Germany beyond the Rhine, came to a halt in Arnhem.

As the day winds down, our ship will set sail for Cologne under the stars. Enjoy a jazz concert this evening. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

Day 4: May 25 – Cologne - Koblenz

Today enjoy a guided tour of Cologne, a city steeped in history as the crossroads of Europe since the Middle Ages. Prepare to be awestruck by the towering Gothic cathedral, an architectural masterpiece that stands as the tallest twin-spired church globally and Germany's most visited landmark. After marveling at this iconic structure, we'll wander through the charming streets of the Old Town, where history whispers from every cobblestone. Return to the ship for a delicious dinner. Enjoy a jazz concert this evening.

Sleep on board (B, L, D)



Spend a day discovering Strasbourg, Alsace



Day 5: May 26 – Koblenz - Mainz

Today we set sail for Mainz, journeying through the most beautiful portion of the Rhine Valley. This afternoon we promise to immerse you in the rich history and culture of Mainz: a guided tour of the city and the legendary Gutenberg Museum.

As we step ashore, we'll first see Mainz's magnificent cathedral, a testament to centuries of architectural brilliance. Then, let's embark on a leisurely stroll through the charming streets of the Old City, where every corner reveals a new story waiting to be discovered.

The highlight of our adventure awaits at the Gutenberg Museum, where history comes to life before your eyes. Explore the fascinating world of Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, and marvel at priceless artifacts that have shaped the course of human history. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

Day 6: May 27 – A Day in Strasbourg, Alsace

Join us for an excursion that promises to ignite your sense of wonder: a captivating boat tour of Strasbourg and a visit to its majestic cathedral. Discover the enchanting blend of old-world charm and contemporary flair as we explore Strasbourg's architectural marvels. From timeless traditions to cutting-edge design, this city has it all.

After our adventure, we'll return to the ship, where the excitement continues. Our vessel sets course for Breisach, but the night is far from over! Get ready to indulge in a delightful celebration at our festive gala evening. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*



Discover the wines of Alsace, France

Day 7: May 28 – Colmar, France! The Alsatian wine country

After breakfast, we'll have a guided tour of Colmar - a vibrant city bursting with Alsatian charm. We'll wander through the enchanting Little Venice neighborhood, soaking in its romantic atmosphere before delving into the wonders of the fascinating Unterlinden Museum. Spanning an impressive 7,000 years of history, the museum's exhibits showcase everything from prehistoric artifacts to cutting-edge modern art. Don't miss the chance to marvel at the masterpiece polyptych created by renowned artists Niclaus of Haguenau and Grünewald - it's a true gem of the collection!

As the day draws to a close, our journey continues as we set sail for Basel. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

Day 8: May 29 – Journey's End: Return Home or Continue to Breathtaking Lucerne, Switzerland!

Disembark this morning and depart from Basel City airport after breakfast or join us for an extended journey to Lucerne, Switzerland, nestled in the Alps.

POST-CRUISE OPTION to the Heart of Switzerland!

4 Days/ 3 Nights

\$1,395 per person double

\$495 single supplement

Trip ends on June 1, 2025 in Lucerne (after breakfast)

*Space is limited

IT'S INCLUDED!

- * Private transfer from Basel to Lucerne
- * Three nights hotel stay in the heart of romantic Lucerne at a four star hotel
- * A delightful scenic cruise on gorgeous Lake Lucerne
- * An informative, private walking tour of the historic old town of Lucerne
- * All breakfasts, one multi-course lunch, plus a fondue farewell feast |
- * A cogwheel adventure up to the top of Mt Pilatus; steepest cogwheel railway in the world!



Experience the beauty of Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

Day 8: May 29 – Post-tour Extension to Lucerne, Switzerland begins!

After disembarking the MS Symphonie, we'll depart for the heart of Switzerland. Our morning travels take us through charming villages and up Mount Pilatus on a cogwheel train. At a maximum gradient of 48% it is the steepest cogwheel railway in the world and the only one of its kind.

After lunch, we'll arrive at our centrally located hotel in the charming town of Lucerne, where you can relax after an adventurous day. *Sleep in Lucerne (B, L)*

Day 9: May 30 – Discover the Magic of Lucerne

After breakfast, explore Lucerne's heritage with a walking tour. Wander cobblestone paths to see architectural marvels, including the historic Chapel Bridge and the Lion of Lucerne monument, honoring Swiss Guards from the French Revolution.

The afternoon is free to explore at your leisure. Art enthusiasts may wish to visit the Rosengart Museum to see works by Paul Klee and Pablo Picasso or the Wagner Museum, set in the composer's former home by Lake Lucerne and the Alps. *Sleep in Lucerne (B)*

Day 10: May 31 – Fondue Lunch and Cruise on Lake Lucerne

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Lucerne, taking in the peaceful atmosphere at your own pace. In the afternoon, join us for a delightful farewell fondue lunch, a cherished Swiss tradition.

As evening approaches, we'll cruise the calm waters of Lake Lucerne, watching the sunset over the Alps, a beautiful end to our Swiss adventure. Retire for the night, treasuring the memories of our time together in this scenic setting. *Sleep in Lucerne (B, L)*



Explore the high Alps

Day 11: June 1 – Your Post-Cruise KJAZZ adventure concludes

Auf Wiedersehen! Your guide will accompany you to the Zurich airport this morning. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories. *Gute Reise!* (B)



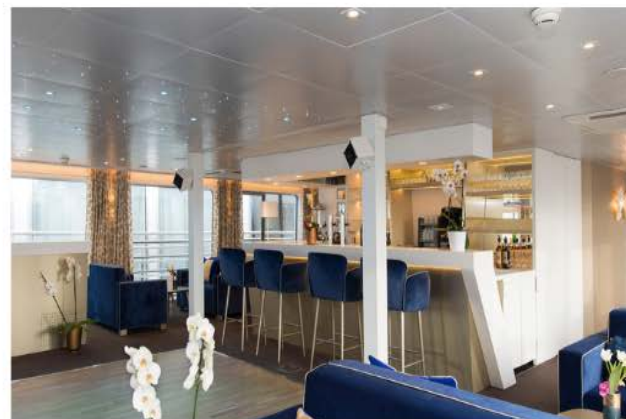
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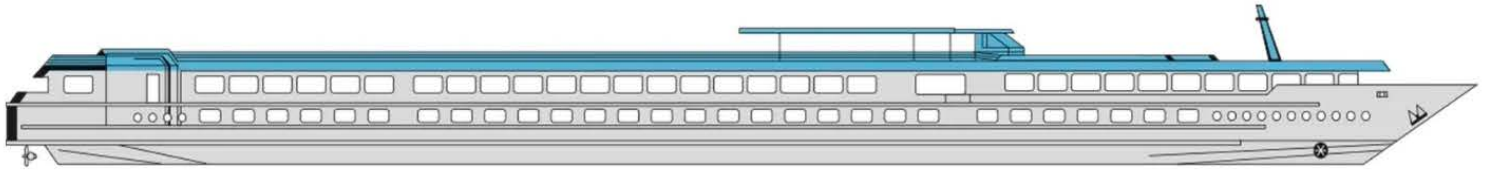


The MS Symphonie

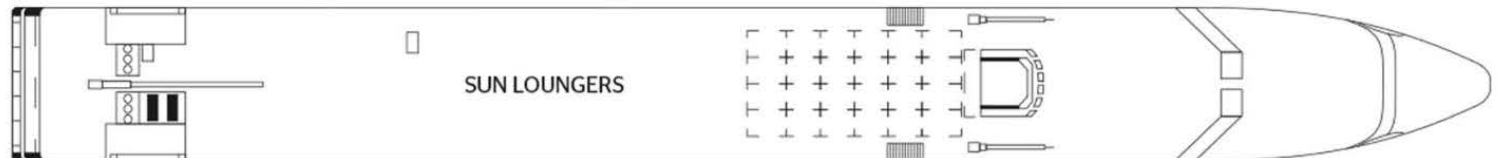


MS SYMPHONIE

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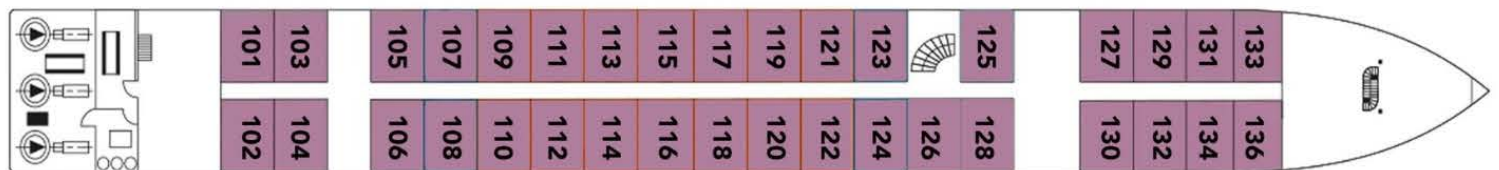
SUN DECK



ELLA FITZGERALD DECK



LOUIS ARMSTRONG DECK



IT'S INCLUDED: 8 DAYS – 24 MEALS
JAZZ CONCERTS AND **ALL** SHORE EXCURSIONS

Double Cabin Category	Per Person Before Discounts	KJAZZ or EBE Travel Alumni Discount	* Pay Final Balance by Check & Save	Price After Discounts Each
Fitzgerald Suite	\$7,195.00	-\$100	-\$200	\$6,895
Fitzgerald Stateroom	\$6,795.00	-\$100	-\$200	\$6,495
Armstrong Stateroom	\$5,795.00	-\$100	-\$200	\$5,495

EXTRA
\$100
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\$200

Single Travelers: For single occupancy cabins, add \$1,995.00 (excluding suites). Space is limited.

Not included: Gratuities for ship staff, travel insurance and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges & fees are additional.

Savings: Discounts apply for all KJAZZ Travel Club and Earthbound Alumni members. * If you pay your final balance by check, you'll receive an additional \$200 per person discount. To qualify, there must be a remaining balance of \$3,200 per person at the time of final payment.

Advanced, canceled or delayed sailing for cruises: Please note that cruise schedules and tour activities can be subject to change due to changes in water levels, port accessibility, weather, labor disputes or for any other reason whatsoever. The Owner or Operator of the cruise vessel may, at any time, cancel, advance or postpone any scheduled tour and may, but is not obliged to, substitute another vessel or itinerary, and it shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to passengers by reason of any such cancellation, advancement or postponement.

Cabins & Deck Plan



Ella: Upper Deck: Upper cabins have floor to ceiling windows.



Beer, wine and alcoholic beverages are complimentary while cruising.



Louis: Main Deck: Cabins are bright, modern, and cheery

Know Before You Go!

Reservations and Deposits: A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your space on this journey. Deposits can be made via credit card or by calling the Earthbound office at 206.842.9775. A deposit packet will be emailed confirming the receipt of your deposit. All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office. **A \$250 per person fee applies to all cancellations.** Deposits are refundable, minus the cancellation fee, for 30 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. A progress payment will be due approximately five months before departure, followed by a final payment due 90 days before departure, both of which are non-refundable. In addition, all payments made within 90 days prior to the trip's departure date are non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

Not Included: International airline tickets, premium alcoholic beverages on board the ship, room service and gratuities for ship crew and staff, hotel staff, travel insurance, meals not listed in brochure, and any activities or items not listed in your itinerary.

Physical Requirements: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. [Click here](#) to read "Is an Earthbound trip right for you?" or call the Earthbound office for more details.

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Events and Hosted Journeys: If a planned event is cancelled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Events are subject to change. Also, if a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

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