

AmaWaterways River Cruise Reference Guide

About AmaWaterways

AmaWaterways is a luxury river cruise line founded in 2002, known for upscale service, spacious staterooms often featuring twin balconies, award-winning cuisine, wellness amenities, and guided excursions — including hiking and biking options. It currently operates close to **29 river ships** across a variety of global waterways.

By Region & River

Europe — Core River Cruise Experience

AmaWaterways' largest footprint is in Europe, offering extensive itineraries on many of the continent's iconic rivers:

Danube River

- Cruises through Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, Romania, etc.
- Typical itineraries: *Best of the Danube*, *Magnificent Europe*, *Romantic Danube*, *Melodies of the Danube*, *Gems of Southeast Europe*.



Rhine, Moselle, Main & Main-Danube Canal

- Connects Switzerland, Germany, France, Netherlands, Belgium, and more.
- Classic routes between Basel, Amsterdam, and along the Moselle vineyards.



Douro River (Portugal & Spain)

- Scenic UNESCO landscapes and wine-focused cruises departing from Porto.



Dutch & Belgian Waterways

- Canals and waterways linking Amsterdam, Bruges, Antwerp and more — often including tulip-themed seasonal sailings.



Rhône & Saône (France)

- Provence, Burgundy vineyards, Roman sites, and French culture.



Seine (France)

- Paris to Normandy itineraries, exploring castles, historic towns and Impressionist art regions.



Dordogne & Garonne (France)

- Bordeaux wine region and pastoral French countryside cruises.



Asia

Mekong River (Vietnam & Cambodia)

- Tropical Southeast Asian cruising with cultural excursions in Vietnam and Cambodia, featuring river-centric cuisine and immersive local experiences.



Africa

Chobe River (Southern Africa)

- A small-ship safari-style cruise experience focused on wildlife viewing (elephants, hippos, birds) in Botswana and surrounding areas.



Nile River (Egypt)

- Iconic river cruise combining ancient Egyptian wonders with luxury ship amenities.



South America

Magdalena River (Colombia)

- Newer additions like the *AmaMagdalena* and *AmaMelodia* explore Colombian culture, music, historic towns, and wildlife — a unique Latin-flavored cruise.



Specialty & Themed Cruising Options

AmaWaterways further categorizes experiences by interest or length:

Interest-Focused Cruises

- Wine & culinary themes
- Wellness & fitness retreats
- Christmas Markets & Festive Delights
- Hiking & cycling excursions
- Smithsonian Journeys (expert-led cultural programs)

Extended & Grand Cruises

- Long back-to-back combinations covering multiple rivers — e.g. *Seven River Journey Through Europe* itineraries (up to ~45 nights).

Onboard Characteristics

Across regions, AmaWaterways river ships share common premium features (but vary by river and ship size):

Typical Amenities

- Twin-balcony staterooms (French + outside balcony)
- Gourmet dining, often with *The Chef's Table* specialty venue
- Fitness rooms, spa services, pools/HOT tubs on many ships
- Active excursions (bike rides, hikes) included on many European sailings
- Personalized service and regional cultural immersion