

CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE

8 day itinerary | Zurich to Amsterdam | December 8, 2026
EWXZ | *Emerald Destiny*



⑦ Number of nights — River cruise — Coach transfer

Map is a guide only

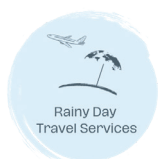
Cruise through the heart of Europe's finest cities, many of whom host large traditional Christmas markets. There's nothing quite like taking a Rhine River cruise at Christmas time, as you'll be able to take advantage of the hundreds of stalls all selling ideal Christmas presents for the folks back home.

Group Savings until June 30 2025

Category	Cabin Type	Total per person with Best Available Offer with Air <small>Full payment due 90 days prior departure</small>	Total per person with Best Available Offer -No Air <small>Full payment due 10 months prior departure</small>	Total per person with Flexi Fare - No Air <small>Full payment due 10 months prior departure</small>
E	Standard Stateroom	\$4,490	\$2,695	\$3,895
D	Standard Stateroom	\$4,810	\$3,015	\$4,215
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,330	\$3,535	\$4,735
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,610	\$3,815	\$5,015
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,710	\$3,915	\$5,115
S	Grand Balcony	\$6,500	\$4,705	\$5,905
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom	\$7,460	\$5,665	\$6,965

Enjoy our Generous Inclusions

- Airport transfers to and from your luxury Star-Ship
- 7 nights stylish accommodation on board our Star-Ship
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner on board
- Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Bottled water restocked daily
- ESPA luxury toiletries on board
- First-class service from an English-speaking crew
- Guided excursions almost every day
- **EmeraldPLUS** and **EmeraldACTIVE** experiences and activities
- Knowledgeable local guides
- Wi-Fi on board
- Bicycles available to explore local towns
- Earn **EmeraldEXPLORER** loyalty points
- All gratuities on board/onshore & port charges
- **\$100 euro pp onboard credit**



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Christmas markets in Cologne, Germany

Day 1 Zurich – Basel

Welcome to Switzerland and the start of your Christmas cruise journey. You'll be met at the airport by a member of the Emerald Cruises team and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship in Basel, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

Please book your flight to arrive into Zurich prior to 1:00 pm.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Breisach

Today, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Rhine town of Breisach. Entrenched between two countries, it's also known as the gateway to Germany's Black Forest region. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest Highlands on your way to the Hofgut Sternen complex located at the foothill of Ravenna Gorge, a place where history and tradition merge. It was here that in 1770 Marie Antoinette stopped with 52 beautifully decorated carriages on the way to her wedding to King Louis XVI. As part of your **EmeraldPLUS** experience, you'll also have the chance to see the postcard-worthy Christmas market situated underneath the 40-metre-high Ravenna Viaduct. Be amazed by the magical aroma of Black Forest specialties and unique handcrafted regional products sold there.



Guided visit to the Christmas Market at Ravenna Viaduct



Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3 Kehl – Strasbourg

This morning, we'll dock in Kehl, and you'll 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 UNESCO World Heritage-listed Grande Île, the historical centre of the city, known for its medieval half-timbered buildings, old tanning houses, Baroque sandstone buildings, and charming canal system. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to visit one of its most charming Christmas markets to enjoy traditional German Christmas treats and to shop for presents and stocking-fillers.



Baden Baden Spa Experience (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 4 Gernersheim

Your guided tour of Heidelberg's rich history includes a wine tasting session and a visit to the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, which overlooks 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.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 Koblenz

Today, we'll take you into the heart of Koblenz, an ancient city pulled from the pages of a German fairy tale. Enjoy the 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 Rivers at the German Corner.



Christmas traditions in Europe lecture



Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6 Cologne – Düsseldorf

We sail towards Cologne, where you can wander the markets at leisure, perhaps beneath the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cologne Cathedral, sipping traditional glühwein from decorated mugs. In the afternoon, visit Düsseldorf's Christmas markets, each with its unique charm – like the Fairytale Market, Handwerker Market, and Shadow Market, where any present wish could be fulfilled. The air is filled with the scent of roasted almonds and hot mulled wine.



Cologne Christmas market & beer experience (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7 Amsterdam

Board a glass-top canal boat for a tour down the Dutch capital's UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system, passing historic merchant houses that reflect the bygone era of the Dutch Golden Age, a time when the Dutch empire was once considered among the most influential in the world. Throughout the town, you'll marvel as you explore the delightful Christmas stalls, each surrounded by people in their finest knitwear, drinking hot mugs of mulled wine and indulging in their favourite festive foods.



Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)



Dutch Delights (extra expense)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 8 Amsterdam

After breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow guests and Star-Ship as you are transferred to the airport, taking memories of quintessential German villages and the magic of Christmas with you.

Meals: Breakfast

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