

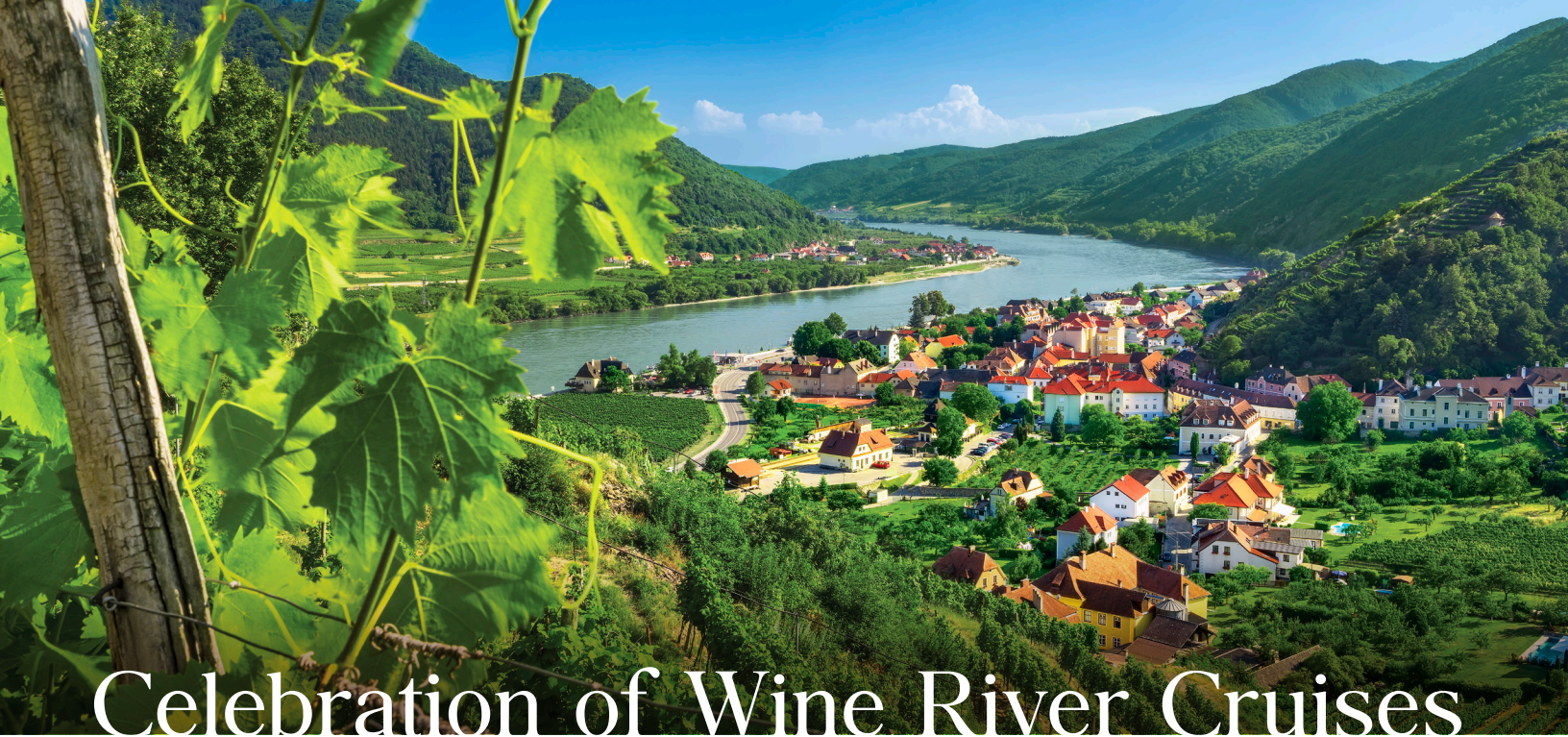


CELEBRATION OF

Wine River Cruises



Sip and Savor in Europe's Most Iconic Wine Regions



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We celebrate wine and treat our guests to a wonderful selection of regional wines across our river cruise itineraries – however, many guests wish to take their passion or interest a bit further. Is there a winery whose bottles frequent your dinner parties? If so, you may be able to compare Europe's Old-World wines with those from the "New World" while traveling alongside your favorite wine club. Or perhaps you would prefer to cruise with a Wine Host well-versed in European varietals for a truly authentic regional wine experience. Either of these choices can be experienced on one of our more than 80 annual *Celebration of Wine River Cruises*.



Iconic Wine Regions

Journey through the heart of the most celebrated European wine regions, from France's acclaimed Bordeaux and Burgundy regions to Austria's Wachau Valley, Portugal's stunning Douro Valley, Germany's famed Moselle region and beyond. You can also sample Pommeau and Calvados in Normandy, the brandies of Belgrade while cruising along the Danube River through Serbia, and many other local delights.

What's Included?



Each of our Wine Cruises is hosted by an enthusiastic wine professional who leads you through tastings and interactive discussions, accompanies you on select shore excursions to vineyards and cellars, and helps curate a special food and wine pairing dinner with the chef on board. In addition to these special enhancements, your Wine Cruise will include AmaWaterways' signature amenities: a wonderful Cruise Manager, exceptional locally sourced cuisine, a variety of enriching excursions – including hiking, biking and city tours operated at three unique activity levels; a daily Sip & Sail cocktail hour; high-quality Wi-Fi; nightly entertainment and more.

Dedicated Wine Experts

Each Wine Cruise is hosted by a winery owner, vintner or certified sommelier. Guided by their passion and expertise, you will enhance your palate while being treated to the unparalleled service and exclusive experiences only AmaWaterways provides.

FEATURED WINE HOSTS AND WINE CRUISE DEPARTURES



Taste of Bordeaux

JULY 17-24, 2025

Hosted by Randy Bennett

General Winemaker, Sojourn Cellars, Sonoma, California

Established in 2002, Sojourn Cellars produces highly acclaimed Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines, working closely with vineyard owners in both Sonoma and Napa Valley who use world-class growing methods for cultivating grapes of the highest quality. Randy Bennett started as Sojourn's Assistant Winemaker in 2008. He is now responsible for making all the Sojourn wines and overseeing cellar operations and vineyard management activities. He also serves as General Manager, running the day-to-day operations of Sojourn's production, marketing and business operations.



Flavors of Burgundy

JULY 24-31, 2025

Hosted by Cara Morrison

Director of Winemaking, Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards, Windsor, California

When it comes to crafting wine, Cara brings an uncommon wealth of knowledge and passion. After receiving her enology degree, Cara spent a year traveling world-renowned wine regions. She joined the Jekel Vineyard winemaking team in 1998 and was selected as the Winemaker/White Wines at Fetzer Vineyards two years later. Cara often talks about the first time she tasted Sonoma-Cutrer, realizing it was the wine she wanted to make. She got her wish when she joined the Sonoma-Cutrer team in 2005 and immersed herself in crafting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in our classic, Burgundian style.



Europe's Rivers & Castles

AUGUST 6-13, 2025

Hosted by Scott Haladay

Owner, Walla Walla Vintners, Walla Walla, Washington

Since his purchase of the brand in 2017, Scott has worked tirelessly with his team to craft a new era of Walla Walla Vintners wines that blends the nearly 30 years of traditions with a modern approach to winemaking and viticulture. In addition to the classically styled Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah and Sauvignon Blanc, Walla Walla Vintners has always had a unique focus and fascination with Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese. You are invited to join in on an epic adventure to make memories and immerse your heart in viticulture enchantment with Walla Walla Vintners and AmaWaterways in Germany where Old World meets New World.



Enchanting Rhine

NOVEMBER 1-8, 2025

Hosted by Rich Olsen-Harbich

Winemaker, Bedell Cellars, Cutchogue, New York

Bedell Cellars is an esteemed family-owned estate winery in the North Fork of Long Island AVA. The winery was founded in 1980 by Kip and Susan Bedell and was purchased by the current owners, the Lynne Family, in 2000. With a commitment to sustainable farming, Bedell Cellars has hand-crafted their wines in small batches for over forty years using methods that define the regional style — artistically blending grapes grown in their unique maritime terroir. Winemaker Rich Olsen-Harbich is a veritable pioneer of winemaking on Long Island, crafting award-winning and highly regarded wines. Join Rich on this special Wine Cruise along the waterways of Bordeaux



Melodies of the Danube

NOVEMBER 12-19, 2025

Hosted by Les and Sharon Heinsen

Owners, Element 79 Vineyards, El Dorado County, California

Les and Sharon were both born and raised in North Dakota with rich farming backgrounds. Upon retiring from a 38-year career in the insurance industry, Les made his vineyard owning dreams a reality and takes his many years of experience in nurturing people to now nurturing grape vines. With a hospitality background and a caring and nurturing personality, Sharon is the perfect host and representative for the brand and wines made from the heart. Together, Les and Sharon create exclusive wines with extraordinary winemaking practices seldom employed by wineries in the Sierra Foothills, and even in California.



Scan for a full list of Wine Hosts in 2025 and 2026



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