

Danube River Cruise

NEW!



Budapest

A Danube cruise is the perfect way to explore one of Europe's most iconic rivers, the beauty of which was famously honoured by the Austrian composer Strauss when he wrote his celebrated waltz, The Blue Danube in 1866. On this fabulous 7 day cruise visits will be made to Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava - names that conjure up images of a glorious, splendid and romantic past. These fabulous cities are from a bygone era when the Habsburg dynasty ruled central Europe. The Empire may be long gone, but these Imperial Cities will dazzle you with their charm and fascinate you with their history.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight hotel.

Day 2: Travel to Austria today, arriving in **Linz** where you join your vessel, the MV Esmeralda. Enjoy a Welcome Cocktail prior to dinner on board.

Day 3: Our boat departs Linz before breakfast as you enjoy a full day cruising on the Danube. Plenty of time to relax and admire the passing scenery. The ship arrives in Vienna in the early evening.

Day 4: After breakfast spend the day exploring **Vienna**, the capital of Austria. Six centuries of Imperial Habsburg rule have left an incredible mark on Vienna, which is noted for its art, culture, architecture and coffee shops. Lying in the Danube Valley at the foot of the Vienna Woods, the city offers many wondrous sights. This evening the cruise vessel departs for an overnight sailing to Budapest.

Day 5: We arrive in **Budapest** this morning. Free time to explore this stunning city known as the Pearl of the Danube. Buda and Pest are contrasting halves with the old quarter of Buda and the more modern Pest. Eight bridges span the Danube River linking the two halves to each other. Visit some of the fine sights which are reminders of the city's imperial past under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This evening your cruise vessel departs for Bratislava.

Day 6: Spend the morning relaxing on board as your cruise ship will arrive in **Bratislava** around lunchtime. This afternoon is free for you to enjoy this wonderful city.

Day 7: Our ship will cruise early morning making its way to **Durnstein** in Austria, with time to relax and enjoy the scenery. Upon arrival free time to stroll through this wonderful medieval town which is

overlooked by the ruins of the castle where in 1192 King Richard I of England was held captive by the Duke of Austria during his return from the crusades.

Day 8: This morning the ship will cruise early morning making its way to **Melk**. Option here to join a local coach and enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Benedictine Abbey overlooking the town of Melk. This evening enjoy the on board Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 9: Time to depart after breakfast. You will disembark in Linz and make your way back to your overnight hotel on dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Day 10: After breakfast continue north to the port of Calais and your return crossing back to the UK.

An option is available for your passengers to book excursions directly with the cruise company – call us for details.

North Sea Ferry and Eurotunnel options available – call us for details.

Your ship: MV Esmeralda

This river cruise ship is perfect from which to enjoy your cruise. It has a spacious lounge, bar area, restaurant and sundeck. There is a small lift to both passenger decks and a stair lift to the sun deck. All cabins are outward facing and comfortably equipped with lower twin beds and private facilities.



Tour Includes

› 2 overnights in hotels on dinner, bed & breakfast basis

During the cruise:

› 7 nights on board with lunch, dinner and breakfast

› Welcome Cocktail

› Afternoon tea and biscuits daily

› Evening entertainment on at least 2 nights

› Captain's Farewell Dinner › Return Ferry

May to Sep: Prices from: £799



Melk Abbey

Springtime in the Bulbfields - a Dutch Delight!



Enjoy a delightful spring break with a distinctive Dutch flavour visiting the magnificent, world-famous Keukenhof gardens. This tour also includes a trip through time by steam tram and museum boat.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel from Dover to Calais and onto Holland to the Utrecht/Amersfoort area for a 3 night stay at the Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel.

Day 2: Head north to Hoorn and board the **famous tram** for our included journey which travels through the lovely Dutch countryside to Medemblik. During the journey you will be served coffee and a local pastry. On arrival you have free time to explore Medemblik with its beautiful historical centre before boarding the **museum ship Friesland** for our included cruise to Enkhuizen. From here make your way home across the Houtribdijk - a 27km dike, built between 1963 and 1975, it crosses what used to be the Zuider See and is now the IJsselmeer, the largest inland lake in Western Europe. Look out for the radio station half way, before joining a polder "Flevoland" which is reclaimed land from the sea.

Day 3: Full day excursion to and through the Dutch Bulbfields and your included visit to the **Keukenhof Gardens** named 'The Greatest Flower Show on Earth', with over 70 acres of parkland and 10 miles of walkways. Admire a vast collection of hundreds of thousands of flowers displayed in the beautifully landscaped gardens, which adorn the estate.

Day 4: To Calais for the ferry to Dover and home.



Kontakt der Kontinenten

★★★

A former mission house and monastery, ideally situated near to Utrecht and Amersfoort.

- 125 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB (3 course dinner with choice of starter & main course)
- Free tea & coffee in the hotel lounge 24/7
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- One way trip on the Tram Train from Hoorn to Medemblik (including coffee and pastry on board)
- Cruise on the museum ship from Medemblik to Enkhuizen
- Return Ferry ➤ Up to 20 singles available

Apr & May: Prices from: £279

Crossroads of Europe - Valkenburg

NEW!



Valkenburg

Your base for this new tour is the medieval town of Valkenburg, a hidden treasure in Holland. We have included a fabulous package for your customers to make the most of this lovely area.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Ferry from Dover to Calais then on to Valkenburg for your 4 night stay.

Day 2: We have **included a guide for today's tour**. We start with the historic spa town of **Aachen**, in Germany. We then head for Vaals, South Eastern Holland, where a stop will be made at **Dreilandereck** where Germany, Holland and Belgium meet at the viewpoint in the wooded hills outside of Aachen. Free time here for lunch before driving through Belgium to visit the American Cemetery at Margraten.

Day 3: Today we board the **Zuid-Limburgse steam train** for a wonderful journey from Simpelveld to Valkenburg, travelling through the beautiful countryside of Limburg. The train returns to Valkenburg early in the afternoon and the rest of the day is yours to explore this lovely town. **Valkenburg**, a fashionable fortified town nicknamed 'Marltown' is situated in the hilly Dutch province of Limburg. The town's attractions include a castle, catacombs, museums, a casino plus numerous bars, cafes and shops.

Day 4: After breakfast, we travel the short distance to **Maastricht**, one of the oldest cities in Holland. On arrival we have included a boat trip on the River before exploring the city at your leisure.

Day 5: Back to Calais for the ferry to Dover, and home.

North Sea Ferry options available – call us for details.



Hotel Walram ★★★

A 3-star superior hotel situated beside the river in the centre of Valkenburg close to the cafes, bars and restaurants.

- 106 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB (choice menu)
- Welcome drink ➤ Guided three countries tour
- Return steam train journey
- Boat trip in Maastricht ➤ Leisure facilities
- Return Ferry

May, Jun & Sep: Prices from: £259
Jul & Aug: Prices from: £269

Highlights of Normandy



Bayeux

The charming market town of Lisieux is found in the Calvados region of Normandy in France and the hotel is ideally situated to visit all the major attractions.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel from Dover to Calais and on to Normandy for your 3 night stay at the hotel on the outskirts of Lisieux.

Day 2: Spend a relaxing morning in the charming market town of Lisieux before continuing in the afternoon to one of Normandy's jewels, **Chateau de Vendeuvre**, for our included visit to the Chateau, Museum and Gardens.

Day 3: Spend a relaxing day on the 'Flowered Coast'. Begin with a visit to the stylish resort of **Deauville**, home to France's rich and famous. Head on to the harbour town of **Honfleur**, a favourite haunt of Monet and Baudelaire. Spend the afternoon strolling through its historic streets and browsing the many shops, restaurants and galleries.

Day 4: To Calais and the ferry to Dover and home.

Other day tours available

To Bayeux to see the world famous Tapestry. While rich in cultural heritage, this cathedral town is best known for the thousand-year-old woollen tapestry, depicting the history of the Norman Conquest. After lunch make your way to the coast to tour the main sites of the D-Day landing beaches and see the visual reminders and museums commemorating the incredible events of June 1944.

OR

A day of contrasts with visits to Le Havre and Etretat. Le Havre, completely rebuilt after the ravages of WW2, was the first European City to become a World Heritage Site. Nearby Etretat is an attractive resort famous for its striking white cliffs.



Mercure Hotel Lisieux

★★★

A comfortable hotel with an outdoor swimming pool, on the outskirts of Lisieux ideally situated for all of Normandy's major attractions.

- 69 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Luxembourg & Trier



Vianden

The charming medieval town of Vianden is perfectly suited for touring Luxembourg & Germany's oldest city of Trier.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Ferry from Dover to Calais, then continue to Vianden in Luxembourg.

Day 2: Free day to explore **Vianden**, which has captivated visitors for many years. **We have included a guide** for a short walking tour before you have free time to explore the Victor Hugo Museum, historic churches and gothic architecture of this historic town. Also well worth a visit is Vianden Castle which is considered the most impressive fortress in Luxembourg, a country which has over 60 castles but is only the size of Oxfordshire.

Day 3: Take a trip to **Luxembourg City**, the cultural and political centre of this country that plays a significant role in the administration of the European Community. Here we have included an extremely interesting tour with **a local guide**. There is plenty to discover including Grand Ducal Palace, Luxembourg Castle, and the National Museums of Art and Natural History.

Day 4: Today we visit Germany's oldest city **Trier**, which lies on the banks of the River Mosel and still retains its picture book quality. The city has many Roman monuments and remains which can still be seen today including Trier Cathedral, the Basilica of Constantine and the impressive Porta Nigra.

Day 5: Travel back to Calais for the ferry to Dover, and home.

Eurotunnel and North Sea Ferry options available – call us for details.



Grand Hotel de Vianden

★★★

This charming family run hotel is close to the Victor Hugo Museum and impressive castle.

- 57 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB (choice menu) ➤ Welcome drink
- Porterage ➤ Guide walking tour of Vianden
- Guide of Luxembourg ➤ Return Ferry

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB (choice of main) followed by tea/coffee
- Entrance to Chateau de Vendeuvre House and Gardens
- Welcome drink ➤ Leisure facilities ➤ Return Ferry

May to Sep: Prices from: £289

Apr to Sep: Prices from: £259

Italy's Stunning Lake Garda



Italy's largest lake stretches 60 miles from the mountainous north to the low-lying land around the southern tip at Desenzano. Its shores are dotted with fascinating old towns, castles and picturesque villages.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Dover for your short channel crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France.

Day 2: Depart after breakfast and travel through Bavaria and Austria to arrive in Riva Del Garda at the excellent Hotel Sole in time for Dinner.

Day 3: Free day to relax and enjoy **Riva Del Garda**.

Day 4: The Italian Dolomites, or 'pale mountains', are a breath taking mountain range. With a mixture of Italian and Austrian architecture the Dolomites are said to be one of the most scenic regions in Italy.

Day 5: Spend a day exploring Lake Garda. Along its shores lie pretty villages such as **Sirmione**, **Malcesine** and **Bardolino**. Sirmione, at the southern tip of the lake, is set in a picturesque headland jutting into the lake.

Day 6: Another free day in **Riva del Garda** or why not visit the stunning city of **Verona**, which is rich in history and culture and also the setting for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Take time to visit the famous balcony or wander around the beautiful market piazzas and shops, or visit the famous Amphitheatre, where famous operas are held during the summer months.

Day 7: Depart after breakfast and enjoy the Alpine views en route back to your overnight hotel.

Day 8: Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way to Calais for your return sailing.



Hotel Sole ★★★★★

This hotel is ideally situated in the centre of Riva del Garda with stunning views over the lake and the piazza.

• 63 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 7 nights DBB ➤ Choice of Dinner Menu in Italy
- Welcome drink (at resort hotel) ➤ Wine tasting (in Riva del Garda)
- Gala dinner on one evening ➤ Porterage at resort hotel
- Return Ferry

May, Jun & Sep: Prices from: £409
Oct: Prices from: £399

Italian & French Riviera's



Alassio on the Italian Riviera is ideally situated to combine a relaxing beach holiday with the very best of a sightseeing tour including the cosmopolitan French Riviera resorts of Cannes and Nice.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight stay.

Day 2: Continue south into Italy, arriving in time for your evening meal.

Day 3: Day at leisure in **Alassio**. Visit the busy morning market which sells clothing, fruit and vegetables, the famous muretto (little wall) or the many shops and boutiques in the town.

Day 4: Head into France to the Cote d'Azur, the Riviera, the Midi, call it what you wish, this is the world's dream spot. We include a guide to join your coach from Alassio for a full day tour to the two main resorts. First **Cannes** the elegant and cosmopolitan resort in a beautiful setting, with the liveliest pleasure port on the Riviera. Only during the film festival in May does Cannes lose its habitual cool. We travel onto **Nice**, the unofficial capital of the French Riviera. This vibrant city, boasts France's third largest airport, an opera house and excellent philharmonic orchestra, university and several good museums.

Day 5: Take the coastal road visiting the nearby coastal towns of **Diano Marina** and **San Remo**, the glittering capital of the 'Riviera of Flowers'.

Day 6: Enjoy another free day to relax or visit **Ventimiglia** with its enormous Friday market, and the beautiful medieval village of **Dolceaqua**, with its maze of narrow streets.

Day 7: To France for your final overnight.

Day 8: Calais to Dover, then home.



Hotel Toscana ★★★★★

This excellent family-run hotel is ideally situated near to Alassio beach and the main shopping area.

• 64 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 7 nights DBB ➤ Live music on 2 nights during your stay in Alassio
- American Buffet breakfast and choice dinner in Alassio
- Welcome drink ➤ Guide to visit the towns of Cannes & Nice
- Porterage in Alassio

May, Sep & Oct: Prices from: £469

Andorra - the 3 Countries Tour



Andorra

Andorra is a tiny independent principality in the Pyrenees mountains and this tour includes a guided visit to nearby Spain and France.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Dover to Calais and onto your overnight stay.

Day 2: Continue south to **Andorra** and your hotel for the next 4 nights.

Day 3: At leisure in **Andorra la Vella**. Andorra's capital can be split in two, the newer part has an open-air modern shopping centre while the historic centre has changed little over time with its intriguing architecture, narrow streets, small squares and low houses.

Day 4: Guided three countries tour visiting **Andorra, France** and **Catalonia in Spain**. We travel to **La Seu d'Urgell** with its historic Cathedral, a beautiful example of the Italian-influenced Romanesque style of Catalonia in the 11th and 12th centuries before arriving at **Puigcerdà**, with its spectacular views to the craggy peaks of the surrounding Pyrenees. Continue to **Mont Louis** where the city walls are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site before finishing at the ski resort of **Font Romeu**.

Day 5: Today we enjoy a half day excursion to a local vineyard and enjoy our included wine tasting.

Day 6: Travel to our last overnight hotel.

Day 7: Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way to Calais and your return sailing to Dover and home.



Hotel President Andorra La Vella ★★★★★

Situated in the heart of Andorra la Vella, the hotel is near the historical centre and shops.

- 100 Bedrooms
- Lift

Tour Includes:

- 6 nights (4 nights DBB + 2 nights BB at o/n's)
- Visit to a local vineyard with wine tasting
- Return Ferry
- Guide for full day 3 countries tour (Andorra, France & Spain)

Inclusions at the hotel in Andorra:

- Welcome drink plus wine and water with evening meal
- Free drinks package on selected drinks 20.30hrs-22.30hrs
- Leisure facilities
- Porterage

May to Sep: Prices from: £359

Costa Brava & the little boats of the Mediterranean



NEW!

Our base for this new tour is the lovely Spanish resort of Roses, and includes a fabulous package of boat trips, all in very different settings.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Dover to Calais and onto your overnight stay.

Day 2: Drive through France, into Spain, and on to Roses for your 6 night stay.

Day 3: Included return boat trip from **Roses** to **Cadaques**. Be amazed by the Cap de Creus coastline before spending free time in Cadaques, a picturesque fishing village once home to many famous artists.

Day 4: Day trip to **Beziers in France** where you will be accompanied by a local guide to enjoy a **boat trip on the Canal du Midi** and a delicious typical French lunch on board.

Day 5: Day trip to **Banyoles** for a relaxing **boat trip on the lake**, the largest in Catalonia, again accompanied by a local guide.

Day 6: **Barcelona** is still the principal attraction when visiting the Costa Brava. The highlights include the Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas, and the many markets, bars and restaurants. On arrival a local guide will give you a tour before free time to enjoy a little tapas in the shade, and watch the world go by.

Day 7: In the morning make your way to **Figueres** with your included entrance to the **Dali Museum**. Enjoy your last afternoon with free time back in Roses.

Day 8: Head back into France to your overnight hotel.

Day 9: To Calais, then Dover and home.

North Sea Ferry option available, call us for details.



Coral Platja ★★★★★

A seafront hotel with an outdoor swimming pool ideally located for easy access to the resort of Roses.

- 167 Bedrooms
- Lift

Tour Includes:

- 8 nights DBB (inc 2 o/n's)
- Wine with dinner (Roses)
- Entertainment (Roses)
- 3 boat trips (one with lunch on board)
- Entrance to Dali Museum
- Barcelona guide
- English speaking guide (2 days)
- Return Ferry

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £479
May to Sep: Prices from: £499

Holland in the Summertime - Dutch Singles Tour



Amsterdam

This very popular tour to Holland is ideal with the demand for single rooms on holidays as this hotel allows up to 30 singles on selected dates in July and August. Combined with visits to any of the following attractions and you have a perfect summer break:- **Amsterdam** – a captivating city with an artistic heritage and elaborate canal system; **Historic Holland day**, which includes a ride on the **famous tram and museum boat** before travelling over the second largest dike in the Netherlands or visit nearby **Arnhem & the Airborne Museum**.

North Sea & Hook of Holland Ferry options available.

Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel ★★★

A former mission house and monastery, near to Utrecht.

- 125 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB (choice of starter & main course)
- Return Dover/Calais Ferry
- Free tea/coffee in the hotel
- 4 night packages also available

Jul & Aug: Prices from £269

Dutch Turkey & Tinsel



Enjoy a festive Turkey & Tinsel package at this popular hotel situated in the centre of the lovely Dutch town of **Valkenburg**.

Highlights include a 2 hour free bar in the hotel every night plus:

Day 1: Small box of chocolates, welcome drink and 3-course set buffet dinner; **Day 2:** Christmas Eve: complimentary drink, 3-course dinner, visit from Santa and tea, coffee and cake; **Day 3:** Christmas Day: 4-course turkey dinner with complimentary drink followed by music night; **Day 4:** New Year's Day: 4-course gala dinner with complimentary drink, champagne and local pastry followed by live entertainment.

Hotel Walram ★★★

A 3-star superior hotel situated beside the river in the centre of Valkenburg close to the cafes, bars and restaurants.

- 106 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB (choice menu)
- Inclusions as above
- Leisure facilities
- Porterage
- Return Ferry

Nov: Prices from: £239

Luxembourg's Autumn Colours



Embedded in a landscape typical of the Ardennes – rolling hills and heavily wooded valleys, this area of **Luxembourg** is a delight in the autumn, with its magnificent scenery and riot of colours. Our base for this tour is **Vianden** which has charmed visitors for many years. The narrow paved lanes, the gothic churches, the ramparts and fortified towers of this small medieval town are dominated by the impressive castle.

Summer packages and 4 night options are also available at this hotel.

Grand Hotel de Vianden

★★★

This charming family run hotel is close to the impressive castle.

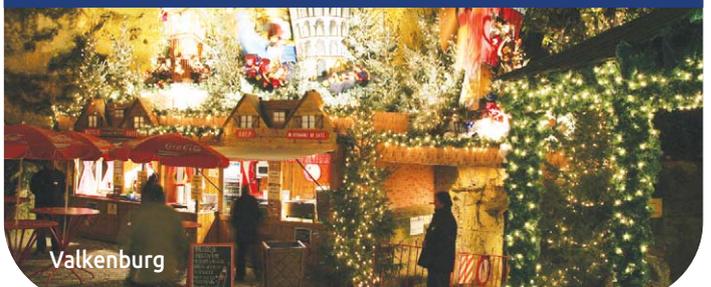
- 57 Bedrooms
- Lift

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB (choice menu)
- Welcome drink ➤ Porterage
- One evening of live music/entertainment
- Return Ferry

Oct & Nov: Prices from £199

Three Countries Christmas Markets - Valkenburg



Valkenburg

Popular in Europe since the Middle Ages, these Christmas markets remain a huge attraction. Not just a chance to do some Christmas shopping, they have their own unique character and atmosphere especially in the evening when the gluhwein flows and the sausages sizzle.

Experience the fairy-tale setting of the **Valkenburg Christmas Market** with its distinctive illuminated caves and passageways, and visit other nearby excellent **Christmas markets in Germany and Belgium**.

Staying at the popular Hotel Schaepekens, you are just a short walk from the picturesque town of Valkenburg.

Hotel Schaepekens ★★★

Situated in its own grounds close to the town of Valkenburg

- 130 Bedrooms
- Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB
- Choice buffet dinner
- Entertainment
- Porterage ➤ Return Ferry
- 4 night packages also available

Nov & Dec: Prices from: £209