

Springtime along the Rhine

Amsterdam to Frankfurt | 8 Days

Springtime along the Rhine River Cruise Package Includes:

7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the classy *River Empress*

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

Captain's Welcome Gala and Farewell Dinners

Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer, and soft drinks during lunch and dinner onboard; replenished bottled water daily in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar

9 excursions, including 2 "Choice Is Yours" options, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides

An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions

Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks throughout your cruise

Captivating onboard local entertainment

Signature Lecture: "The Rhine, River of Culture and Trade"

All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 170)

Celebrate spring along the Rhine with the perfect blend of nature, art, and history

This perfectly paced trip provides ample daytime sailing through the complex network of canals that crisscross the Netherlands and down the Rhine River to Germany, including the spectacular UNESCO-designated Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Discover the springtime highlights of this region and enjoy four guided visits to some of the Netherlands' and Germany's top museums.

Stroll through the fragrant and colorful floral landscape of the Keukenhof Gardens, showcasing more than seven million flowers, and visit the living museum village of Zaanse Schans. Cruise through the canals of Amsterdam on a guided tour of the city. Visit the Van Gogh Museum or walk through the very house where Anne Frank wrote her diary, feeling her presence as you admire the original manuscript on display. Marvel at the huge collection of Van Gogh, Picasso, and Rodin works at the Kröller-Müller Museum, or visit the WWII Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek. In Braubach, visit Marksburg Castle—inhabited for over 700 years and virtually unchanged in that time.

Celebrate the best of this region's nature, art, and history during the peaceful time of spring.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Art lovers will find beauty in the world-class museums; gardeners will relish a visit to the world's largest flower garden and surrounding countryside; and history buffs can trace the events of the region's past with guided tours of treasured artifacts.

From **\$2,399** per person,
cruise only

Braubach, Germany



Amsterdam to Frankfurt

Day	Port/City
1	Amsterdam (embark)
2	Amsterdam
3	Amsterdam, Zaanse Schans
4	Arnhem
5	Cologne
6	Braubach, cruising the romantic Rhine River, Rudesheim
7	Frankfurt
8	Frankfurt (disembark), transfer to the airport

Frankfurt to Amsterdam

Day	Port/City
1	Frankfurt (embark)
2	Frankfurt, Rudesheim
3	Cruising the romantic Rhine River, Braubach
4	Cologne
5	Arnhem
6	Zaanse Schans, Amsterdam
7	Amsterdam
8	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

Cruise Start Dates: March 25 | April 1*, 8, 15*

* On these dates, cruise operates from Frankfurt to Amsterdam.





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Day 1 | Amsterdam

Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2 | Amsterdam

Featured Excursions: Canal cruise and Choice of Anne Frank House **OR** Van Gogh Museum

Enjoy a canal cruise through Holland's largest city, Amsterdam, which boasts history, art, architecture, bicycles, cobblestone streets, museums, and countless canals. Even the simplest of shops has a distinct charm, and every street tells a story. Then walk through the very house that served as a hiding place for the Frank family during WWII. This is also where Anne Frank wrote her diary, and the original manuscript is on display. Or visit the Van Gogh Museum where *The Potato Eaters* and *Sunflowers* are part of the world's largest collection of his work. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Gala)

Day 3 | Amsterdam, Zaanse Schans

Featured Excursions: Keukenhof Gardens and Zaanse Schans

Today, all of your senses will be in for a treat as you visit the Keukenhof Gardens, a 70-acre showcase of over seven million flowers, where spring bursts out in all of its colorful majesty. This is one of the most impressive public gardens in the entire world, and it is open for only nine weeks each year. Then visit the outdoor museum of Zaanse Schans village—historical Holland in a nutshell. (BB, D)

Day 4 | Arnhem

Featured Excursions: Choice of Kröller-Müller Museum **OR** the WWII Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek

Awaken in Arnhem, your gateway to the Kröller-Müller Museum, which is home to a huge collection of Van Gogh's paintings, including *Café Terrace at Night*. You can also enjoy works by Picasso, Mondrian, and Rodin, as well as many modern European artists. Or visit the WWII Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek commemorating 1944's Battle of Arnhem. History comes alive through veterans' recordings and a large collection of artifacts. (BB, L, D)

Day 5 | Cologne

Featured Excursions: Cologne walking tour and Roman-Germanic Museum

Arrive in Cologne and stroll through the narrow streets of Old Town with your guide, passing by tiny squares, little churches, and awe-inspiring Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous landmark and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took 632 years for Germany's largest cathedral to be completed, and it is one of the most important Gothic churches in Europe. You'll then tour the Roman-Germanic Museum, built on the walls of a Roman villa which was discovered in 1941 and which contained the world-famous Dionysus mosaic. Numerous finds illustrating everyday life in the Roman Empire will lead you into the heart of the Roman city of Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium (the Roman name of Cologne). (BB, L, D)

Cologne, Germany

Day 6 | Braubach, cruising the romantic Rhine River, Rudesheim

Featured Excursion: Marksburg Castle visit

Awaken to the sights of the Rhine, including the famous Lorelei Rock and, at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine rivers, German Corner, with its monument to Emperor William II. Then take a leisurely stroll in lovely Braubach, a charming town with many timber-framed houses, before your visit to Marksburg Castle, a beautiful fortress that is one of the prime structures of the Rhinegau. This is the area's only castle on a hill to have remained occupied and undestroyed for over 700 years. Later, enjoy the area's natural and cultural highlights from the perfect vantage point of your ship's panoramic deck as your journey takes you toward Rudesheim along one of the most beautiful sections of the Rhine—the scenic 40 miles of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area features stunning landscapes and ancient castles that for many esteemed 19th-century poets, composers, and painters embodied a romantic spirit that was later dubbed “Rhine Romanticism.” (BB, L, D)

Day 7 | Frankfurt  

Featured Excursion: Frankfurt city tour

After a relaxing morning onboard, tour dynamic Frankfurt, said to be the smallest metropolis in the world. The energy of its cosmopolitan citizens and soaring skyscrapers makes for a sophisticated city that has become one of the most important hubs in Europe. You will be taken on a scenic drive around this metropolis off the Main, dubbed “Mainhattan.” The skyline of Frankfurt is defined by 50 high-rise buildings, two of which are the tallest skyscrapers in the European Union. Visit the historical area around Römer Square, Old Town, the Golden Mile, and Frankfurt's Times Square. You'll pass Goethe-Haus, the childhood home of one of Europe's greatest writers and philosophers, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe; Goethe University, birthplace of the Frankfurt school of philosophy; and the beautiful Botanical Gardens. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 8 | Depart Frankfurt  

Disembark the ship and transfer to the Frankfurt airport for your flight home. (CB/BB)

Pay-in-Full Savings

Pay in full at time of booking to **SAVE \$800 per couple** (\$400 per person) on category 2 & 1 staterooms and suites. **SAVE \$600 per couple** (\$300 per person) on category 5, 4 & 3 staterooms. Offer expires **September 30, 2011**.

Early Booking Savings

Book and deposit at time of reservation to **SAVE \$300 per couple** (\$150 per person). Offer expires **November 30, 2011**.

Pricing Details Per Person

Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship	Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 25	\$2,399	River Empress	Apr 8	\$2,599	River Empress
Apr 1*	\$2,499	River Empress	Apr 15*	\$2,599	River Empress

– Pay-in-Full and Early Booking Savings cannot be combined. – Prices listed in US dollars. – Travel document shipping/handling fee of \$5 per person applies. – Airfare is not included in the prices listed above. Please inquire at time of booking for best available airfare pricing. – Port Charges: \$126 – Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck. – A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement. * On these dates, cruise operates from Frankfurt to Amsterdam. Please visit uniworld.com for reverse itinerary and for more information.

To upgrade to a higher category stateroom, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	\$190	Category 1	\$925
Category 3	\$450	Suite	\$1,445
Category 2	\$675	See Deck Plan on page 152	

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

