

Tulips & the Rhine



Tour Name: Tulips & the Rhine
Tour Code: EWAB
Days: 8

Day 1
Sun, 26 Apr
Amsterdam
 Welcome to Amsterdam. Here, you will be met at the airport by your friendly Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship, where a quintessentially Dutch adventure awaits.

Day 2
Mon, 27 Apr
Amsterdam
 This morning you'll visit the iconic Keukenhof Gardens, boasting 32 hectares of spring-flowering bulbs. This scenic area is infused with delightful aromas and a swathe of vibrant colours. Soak in the sights of tulips, hyacinths, and orchids of every colour, creating an expertly arranged pattern of beauty. You will also have the opportunity to see statues commissioned by world-renowned artists, each adopting the annual theme.
 Enjoy sailing through the countryside and towards the Rhine River this afternoon, and join an exclusive EmeraldPLUS very typical clog painting on board your star-ship.
Included Excursion
 Visit to Keukenhof Gardens
EmeraldPLUS
 Clog painting on board

Day 3
Tue, 28 Apr
Duesseldorf - Cologne
 In the morning, explore the vibrant city of Duesseldorf. Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Japanese gardens, a tranquil oasis amidst the urban landscape. After lunch, we continue sailing on the Rhine River which will take you to Cologne and up close to its post card worthy gothic Cathedral. Here you will have the opportunity to join an active walk in town, with a stop in the beautiful Cologne gardens.
Included Excursion
 Walking tour of Duesseldorf with visit to the Japanese Garden
Included Excursion
 Guided tour of Cologne
EmeraldACTIVE
 Active walk to Cologne's Gardens
DiscoverMORE
 German Beer Experience (extra expense - \$52 per person)

Day 4 Wed, 29 Apr	Koblenz Once a Roman stronghold desired for its strategic value, Koblenz is now a city with a unique blend of historic and contemporary architecture. Today, join your local guide for an insightful walking tour of Koblenz, passing examples of architecture that survived the war years, including the Church of Our Lady. You will also have the chance to see the point at which two of Europe's great rivers meet at the German Corner and Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of the largest preserved fortresses in Europe. Later, we'll cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge, exemplifying the extraordinary beauty of an area that left the philosophers and artists of the German Romanticism movement entranced. Included Excursion Orientation walk of Koblenz DiscoverMORE A Moselle Valley & Cochem Castle visit (extra expense - \$98 per person)
Day 5 Thu, 30 Apr	Germersheim Schwetzingen Palace is famous for the beauty and harmony of its gardens. Remarkably, the original design survives to this day. Besides the palace interior, you will also visit the Palace Gardens, a cultural heritage site of European significance with more than 100 sculptures scattered throughout this picture-perfect landscape. Alternatively, you can embark on an active journey to the quaint wellness town of Bad-Dürkheim for a hike through the beautiful vineyards. EmeraldPLUS Visit to Schwetzingen Palace & Gardens EmeraldACTIVE Guided vineyard hike in Bad-Dürkheim DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Heidelberg (extra expense - \$87 per person)
Day 6 Fri, 01 May	Kehl – Strasbourg Today, we arrive in Kehl, where you'll be transferred to Strasbourg, a city that promises much in the way of beautiful architecture. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Neustadt district is particularly iconic, perfectly encapsulating the Rhineland. The Neustadt district is yours to discover during your included tour, as is the Maison Kammerzell, a prime example of German Renaissance architecture. Paying homage to the region's artistic past, Petite France is an exceptional historic quarter that looks as though it has been pulled directly from an artist's easel. Included Excursion Guided tour of Strasbourg EmeraldACTIVE Active walk to Orangerie Park DiscoverMORE Baden Baden Spa Experience (extra expense - \$52 per person)
Day 7 Sat, 02 May	Breisach Today discover the enchanting city of Freiburg, nestled amidst the Black Forest. Explore its historic center, lined with colorful half-timbered houses and a vibrant market square. Wander through the picturesque botanical garden, showcasing a diverse array of flora. For a more active experience, choose an exhilarating bike tour around Breisach, a charming medieval town with stunning views of the Rhine River. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and cultural richness of this captivating region. Included Excursion Freiburg visit with Botanical Garden EmeraldACTIVE Guided bike tour in Breisach DiscoverMORE Guided tour of Colmar (extra expense - \$72 per person)
Day 8 Sun, 03 May	Basel - Zurich Welcome to Switzerland. Basel graces the banks of the Rhine River and is known for its high concentration of museums, showcasing everything from contemporary art to scientific achievements. After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your Star-Ship and fellow guests as you transfer to the airport, taking memories infused with vibrant tulip gardens with you. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. Please book your flight to depart out of Zurich after 11:30 AM.