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YOUR GUIDE TO EUROPE RIVER CRUISING

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Your Luxury Scenic
Space-Ship Experience

How to Plan a Memorable
European Journey

The Scenic Difference
& Insider Tips

WELCOME

Cruising along Europe's beautiful and historic waterways is one of the best ways to enjoy in the cultural sites and attractions.

We are the experts in creating an intimate, small-ship cruise experience. The purpose-built Scenic Space-Ships are home-away-from-home for only up to 163 guests (up to 149 in Bordeaux and the south of France, up to 124 guests on the Seine, and up to just 96 in Portugal), providing ample room for guests to move about freely and enjoy the vast luxurious public and private spaces.

These sleek vessels get you closer to shore, creating a real sense of immersion in the destination you are visiting. It means too that onshore excursions are hosted in small, intimate-sized groups.

In Europe you will glide beneath romantic, stone arched bridges; or alight from your ship and walk into cobblestone town squares, following the same routes of medieval merchants. View some of the most prized, terraced vineyards rising upwards from the riverbank. As you sip your morning coffee, watch as locals cycle and stroll along waterfront promenades past historic castles.

*With Scenic, it's more than a 5-star Europe river cruise.
It's truly all-inclusive luxury in a class of its own.*



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ABOUT US

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours is an innovative, family-founded luxury cruise and land journey company, that specializes in creating memorable travel experiences for guests around the world.

Today, we sail to over 60 countries across every continent of the planet. Putting our guests at the heart of everything we do and going to the Nth Degree is at the very core of what we stand for at Scenic. As our guest, you can relax and concentrate on taking in every precious moment of your trip, knowing absolutely everything is taken care of, including your safety and wellbeing.

Enjoy a seamless travel experience when you book with Scenic. Here's how it works:



1. CONSULT

Whether it's your first cruise or your tenth, take advantage of our expert Reservations Team. Are you a group of 10 or more who wish to cruise together? Ask about our group bookings.



2. PLAN

To help your planning, our website has many videos and blogs on the destinations we cruise and our ships. In addition, you may like to follow our social media channels. Visit **scenicusa.com** for more planning information.



3. BOOK

It's easy to book – you can do so in person with your preferred travel advisor or by contacting Scenic at **888 979 4675** or visit **scenicusa.com**.



4. PREPARE

Your Scenic travel advisor will stay in communication with you and ensure you receive all your required documentation and pre-departure tips and information.



5. EXPERIENCE

It's time to depart and you can relax, knowing your plans have been handled by experts. From the minute you step aboard, feel at home and relax, safe in the knowledge that we're here to take care of everything so that your vacation runs smoothly.



6. JOIN THE CLUB

Stay connected through Scenic's social channels and become a member of the Scenic Club for exclusive offers and benefits. The more you travel with us, the greater the rewards. Membership is free, and you'll receive points for each day of travel.

CONNECT WITH US



Connect with us and your fellow travellers. Share your stories and photos via Facebook @ScenicCruises, Instagram @scenic.luxurycruisestours and subscribe to YouTube ScenicTours. We regularly post information and updates about our vast choice of destinations and experiences, so it's a great way to keep in touch with the latest news at Scenic.



O BENEFITS OF RIVER CRUISING WITH SCENIC

It's a 5-star floating hotel

Enjoy all the luxurious comforts of a 5-star hotel, only this one goes with you as you travel. From the choice of up to five dining experiences on board your Space-Ship, to the Salt Therapy Lounge* and fitness center, you'll have all the amenities you'd expect during a luxury journey.

Awaken somewhere new each day

Your precious vacation time is spared lost hours in transit. Your Space-Ship relocates to a new port throughout the trip, allowing you to often wake to a fresh view and location to explore.

You'll unpack just once

There's no need for lugging suitcases from place to place. Unpack just once and settle into your new home away from home for the duration of your cruise.

Dine on world-class cuisine

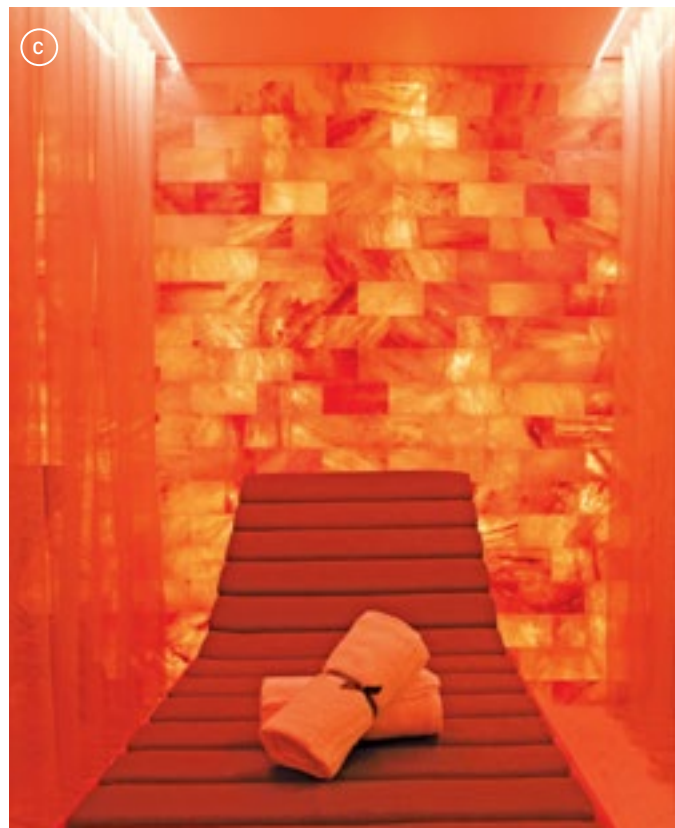
Savor fine dining or casual bites at a choice of on board venues, or dine in the privacy of your own suite. Our chefs tailor dishes to include local cuisine highlights.

Everything is taken care of

Your Cruise Director and Enrichment Manager, and all supporting staff will take care of every detail during your journey. Your butler is also on hand to assist.

Wellbeing facilities on board

Travelling, while exciting can sometimes be tiring. Your Space-Ship is where you can relax and enjoy quiet time in our Salt Therapy Lounge*; or rise to a morning stretching class or laps of the expansive Sun Deck.



- A Dining
- B Deluxe Balcony Suite
- C Salt Therapy Lounge
- D Saint-Émilion, France
- E Moselle River, Germany



Stop in the heart of small towns

Your Space-Ship is designed to dock in the heart of most small towns. Disembark and you'll find yourself in timeless town centers.

Your own pace, your own interests

Your included Scenic Freechoice activities are curated to offer a relaxed, moderate or active pace. Choose excursions themed around the topics that most interest you.

Independent exploration

If time permits, set off on your own independent adventure on one of our e-bikes* or using our Scenic Tailormade App* for guidance.

*Not available on all Space-Ships

YOUR SCENIC SPACE-SHIP

Our custom-built luxury ships have been created to access smaller ports and are meticulously designed to offer maximum space and comfort for up to only 163 guests while cruising.



The Space-Ship Experience

Size really does matter when talking about the sometimes-narrow water passageways of Europe and how to best navigate them. Scenic Space-Ships are so-named because of the incredible amount of space you can expect to find not only in your suite, but in the shared public spaces too.

Unpack just once and personalize your options in your luxurious suite, including your premium beverages in your mini-bar and choosing your ideal type of pillow from the pillow menu.

When you want a little therapeutic ‘me time’, head to the Salt Therapy Lounge*. Scenic is the first and only river cruise company to feature a therapeutic salt therapy room on most of its Space-Ships, utilising practices developed in medieval times to harness the healing properties of salt. Stay fit and active at the on board wellness center, take a daily stroll on the walking track on the Sun Deck or rise with the sun during an early morning stretching class.

*Not on all Space-Ships





Accessibility on board

Please enquire with a Scenic travel advisor for specific details and for the most up to date information about accessibility, wheelchair access and modified suites.

Truly all-inclusive luxury on Europe's waterways

- Spacious Scenic Space-Ships with abundant spaces to relax and up to only 163 guests on board
- Luxurious Balcony Suites with fresh air from your Scenic Sun Lounge and an included mini-bar replenished daily
- All meals at up to five dining venues ensuring variety and space for diners and sustainably sourced produce where possible
- Premium beverages[^] included, all day, every day
- Personalized wellbeing options including e-bikes*
- Butler service for all suites
- All onshore Scenic Enrich events and Scenic Freechoice touring is included
- Scenic trained expert on board and onshore teams
- Outstanding standards of service, health and hygiene
- Low waste print by eliminating single use plastics and introducing reusable bathroom amenities
- All tipping is included in the price you pay upfront for on board crew and also onshore guides

A Scenic Sapphire, Lyon, France

B L'Amour, Scenic Diamond

C Wellness Coach

D Royal Panorama Suite, Scenic Amber

[^] All beverages are included except for a very small number of fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits.



MEET THE TEAM

At your service

From the moment you step on board your Scenic Space-Ship, consider yourself at home. You can expect to receive exemplary service from everyone: from your captain through to our housekeeping staff.



Captain and Crew

All Scenic Space-Ship captains and support crew are selected for their advanced skill and expertise in safely navigating Europe's rivers. Your captain will not only transport you from place to place but is on hand to greet guests and provide updates throughout your cruise.

Cruise Director and Hotel Manager

Acting as your main points of contact during your cruise, there is no detail too small that your Cruise Director can't handle. This expert position takes care of all the arrangements for your excursions and guest operations, while the Hotel Manager is responsible for the suites and public spaces such as dining venues.

Enrichment Manager

With your entertainment needs on board front-of-mind, your Enrichment Manager will ensure you enjoy many fun and enriching moments – organising such activities as cabaret nights, wine tastings and informative lectures about the destinations you'll cruise through.

Culinary team and bar staff

Our friendly bar staff will soon come to know your beverage preferences, even before you've asked for your morning double-shot espresso or late-night single malt whisky. An expert team of chefs prepare all meals with the freshest ingredients across a choice of five on board dining venues. On select cruises, join them for shopping trips to local produce markets and cook with them during a Scenic Culinaire guided cooking class.

Wellness and fitness staff

While a cruise is a time to have fun, relax and indulge a little, the Wellness Coach is your go-to friend to support you in maintaining your wellbeing and fitness goals. You can book sessions with our Wellness Coach or join group sessions.

- A Panorama Deck, Scenic Diamond
- B Captains, Scenic Diamond
- C Your Friendly Crew
- D Wellness Coach
- E Breakfast, Crystal Dining



Butlers

Guests in all suites enjoy butler service. These friendly, discreet and attentive professionals take pride in remembering your personal preferences and tastes, stocking your mini-bar with your favorite beverages. They also help you unpack, booking a beauty session or dinner reservations for you, helping with your laundry service needs or arranging in-suite dining.

Different suite-types have access to different services from their butler so please check the back of our most recent brochure for details.

Housekeeping

Scenic's thorough housekeeping team have a high attention to detail for every corner of your luxury suite. They will replenish, refresh and re-stock your amenities at a time convenient for you, so that you can continue to enjoy a luxurious hotel-style stay during your cruise.

CHOOSING YOUR SUITE

When it comes to selecting your suite, your home-away-from-home on the water, it's not only your budget you'll want to consider.

Here we look more closely at the differences in our suite categories to help you decide the best fit for you. Keep in mind that no matter which suite you choose, you will receive butler service, a mini-bar re-stocked daily with your favorite beverages, a Scenic Slumber bed and luxurious bathroom amenities.





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Suites close to or further from public spaces

Deluxe Balcony Suites and Junior Suites are generally closer to the bar, lounge and restaurants for easy access. Royal Panorama Suites enjoy panoramic views and are furthest from the bar, lounge and restaurants.

If you spend your time in public spaces

Standard Suites on Jewel Deck are without a balcony and feature a large window. Standard Suites have access to butler service, Scenic Slumber beds, a pillow menu and complimentary mini-bar.

Exploring the Space-Ship and relaxing in your suite

If luxurious amenities and time to yourself are a priority, Balcony Suites, Deluxe Balcony Suites and Junior Suites are for you. Balcony Suites and higher feature an innovative Scenic Sun Lounge where a glass window lowers at the touch of a button. Traveling solo? On select ships we offer a solo Balcony Suite with no supplement fee for guests choosing to stay on their own. If you are after more space with a separate living and sleeping area, the range of Royal Suites is the ultimate treat.

For extra perks

Stay on Diamond Deck in the Royal Suites to receive extra benefits such as unlimited complimentary laundry service, a complimentary welcome bottle of Champagne, beverage and meal service in your suite, packing and unpacking your luggage, €200 per suite on board credit for use in the wellness center and more. Receive an exclusive invitation to dine at Table La Rive, our six-course degustation menu with paired wines.

Maximum space and luxury

If it's a special occasion or you're seeking the ultimate in luxury, Royal Suites ensure your river cruise is as luxurious as it is memorable. The Royal Owner's Suite enjoys an outdoor balcony with Scenic Sun Lounge, lounge area and an oversized bathroom with separate bathtub.

For specific information, please refer to the deckplans on our website and in our brochures.

- A Royal Owner's Suite, Scenic Diamond
- B Royal Owner's Suite Bathroom, Scenic Diamond
- C Balcony Suite, Scenic Gem
- D Scenic Sun Lounge, Budapest

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

Awaken your gourmet senses

Exploring the tastes and flavours of different destinations is a particular highlight for many travellers. Understanding and sampling local ingredients; learning about harvesting and cooking techniques. Also, uncovering traditional recipes and regional dishes provides key insights into the heart and soul of a city and its people.





Onshore Delights

We have curated many gourmet moments for you, such as sampling:

- Wine at prized chateaux and estates with local producers
- Schnapps and liqueurs in ancient monasteries, prepared by monks; or cider in the heart of Normandy
- Unique styles of beer at microbreweries
- Artisanal chocolate in the south of France
- Sustainably grown cheese
- The classics, such as Apple Strudel in Austria or Black Forest Cake in Germany
- Local produce as you shop with a chef and join a Scenic Culinaire cooking class

Tastes to tempt on board

The culinary team creates dishes inspired by the regional cuisines of the countries you sail through. Enjoy variety in your dining options with your choice of up to five dining venues that allow for casual or fine dining. From a three-course meal at Crystal Dining, to a casual snack at the River Café – the choice is yours.

All guests are invited to dine at Portobello's/ L'Amour at least once during their cruise, enjoying a five-course meal matched with fine wines at an intimate setting for just 32 guests.

The spacious Panorama Lounge & Bar is the heart of the Space-Ship where guests are often found enjoying a drink with friends. Your tea, coffee, cocktails, wines, champagne, beers and spirits are included – all day, every day*.

If you want to be immersed in the cuisine of France, Scenic offers two culinary cruises including the 11-Day Flavours of Bordeaux and the 11-Day Tastes of Southern France.

*A small selection of rare, museum and back-vintage wines are available at extra cost.



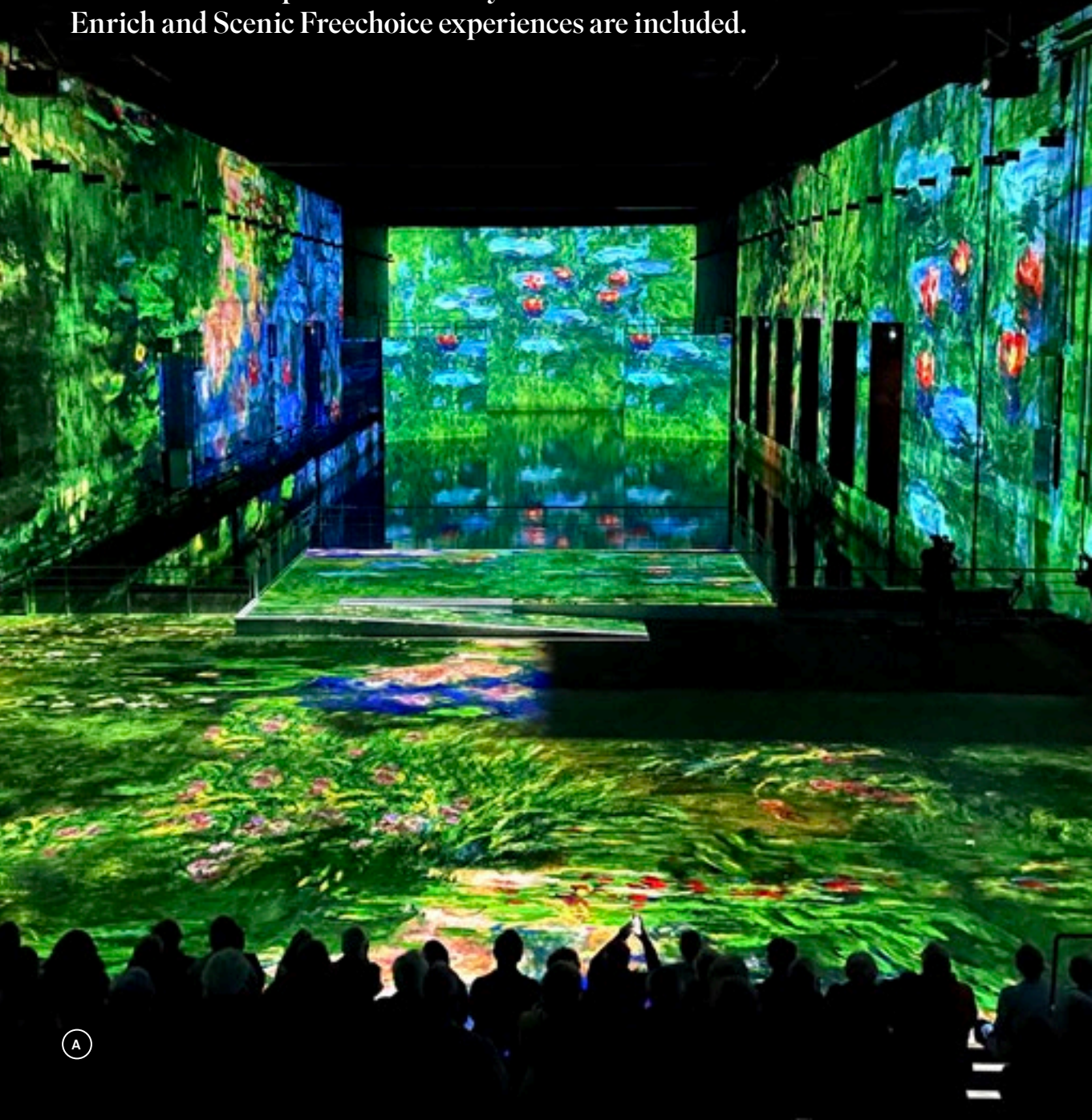
A Scenic dining

C Scenic dining

B Cheese, Bordeaux, France

IMMERSIVE SIGHTSEEING AT YOUR OWN PACE

During a Europe river cruise with Scenic, you will enjoy immersive and enriching experiences. Best of all, you can tailor and personalize many activities to a pace that suits you and with a focus on topics that interest you most. All onshore Scenic Enrich and Scenic Freechoice experiences are included.



Explore your way

The guided Scenic sightseeing program is known as Scenic Freechoice – so named because it gives you the ultimate freedom to choose those activities that interest you.

You might be drawn to a gourmet tasting one day, and an historic sojourn the next. You can also set your own pace with Scenic Freechoice activities to suit relaxed, moderate or active paces. After an active day on a guided e-bike tour, you may opt for a relaxed-paced cooking class the next.

You can also enjoy complimentary use of Scenic's e-bikes and Scenic Tailormade App, which acts as your pocket guide as you roam the various villages and towns.

Take your front row seat

At specially curated events, you'll take a front row seat at a Scenic Enrich exclusive experience. Available only to guests of Scenic, these once-in-a-lifetime moments will become the highlight of your journey.

In various grand settings throughout Europe, including medieval castles, palaces or contemporary galleries and museums, you'll enjoy after-hours access, away from the crowds, and be treated to culturally enriching events that share traditions, dance or music.

These 'pinch-yourself' events are naturally accompanied by gourmet food and wine. Bring your camera, as you'll want to capture memories to last a lifetime.



Top Scenic Enrich moments:

- A classical evening concert featuring the music of Strauss and Mozart in Vienna's Palais Liechtenstein
- A choir recital in the 17th century Trinity Chapel in Lyon
- A private concert in the Baroque Palace of Rastatt
- An after-hours concert at the Palais des Papes in Avignon
- Exclusive access to Les Bassins de Lumières immersive digital art exhibition in Bordeaux
- The grandeur of a classical concert at Château de La Roche-Guyon on the banks of the Seine



A Les Bassins de Lumières, Bordeaux

B E-bikes, South of France

C Scenic Enrich, Palais Liechtenstein, Austria

OUR FIVE STEPS FOR PLANNING THE PERFECT RIVER CRUISE

In this guide, we'll help you through the process of selecting the cruise that will best suit you and your interests. Here are a few questions that you should start with.

Hint: if you're not quite sure what your answers are yet, keep reading this guide and we'll help you answer them.



“What a fantastic way to see Europe and in luxury”

Hana H, Scenic Guest, Feefo Review

1. Decide which countries you want to explore

If you have a wishlist of countries that you have your heart set on visiting during your cruise, that's a great starting point in your planning as this can greatly narrow down the options.

2. Choose truly all-inclusive

Your budget may decide the type of suite that you will book, but Scenic's truly all-inclusive philosophy means managing your budget is easy, because all your drinks, meals, touring and even tipping are included in the cost of your cruise.

There is no more to pay during your cruise, unless of course you would like souvenirs, a spa treatment or an ultra-premium top-shelf beverage. You can simply leave your wallet in your suite's safe and enjoy every moment. A truly all-inclusive river cruise with Scenic really is in a class of its own.



3. Determine the type of experiences you'd like to have during your cruise

There is a river cruise to suit all interests and passions. From the food and wine in Portugal, Bordeaux and the south of France to the history, art, castles and medieval architecture of the Rhine Valley, Seine and Danube rivers.

4. Narrow down the time of year you'd like to travel in

Each season in Europe offers different temperatures and seasonal delights. Read on for our guide to the seasonal changes you can expect to assist with planning.

5. Decide how much time you want to spend in Europe

Figuring out the length of time you want to travel for will help you decide on your itinerary duration. Are you interested in pre or post cruise arrangements? Some travellers like to combine a short cruise with a land extension journey or city stay to make the most of their time and create a seamless Scenic journey, while others prefer to simply complete a longer-length cruise or several cruises back-to-back.



- A Scenic Sapphire, Avignon, France
- B Rouen, France
- C Drinks, Panorama Bar

BE IMMERSED IN THE MAGNIFICENCE OF EUROPE

Europe is one of the world's most popular continents to visit – for good reason. Here, you can view 12th century cathedrals, castles and forts one minute, and then be wandering a world-class art gallery using cutting-edge digital technology the next.

Walk through medieval towns that look and feel like they are frozen in time, where people still ply traditional farming techniques, and then, be seated at an innovative degustation meal on board. A true convergence of architecture, religion, culture, language and cuisine is fused throughout an eclectic melting pot of 44 countries that comprise Europe.



“The Scenic people and service was absolutely fantastic. Would highly recommend Scenic cruises and am looking forward to planning our next cruise.”

Anna R, Scenic Guest, Feefo Review



WHERE TO CRUISE

Some of Europe's longest rivers flow through many neighbouring countries and offer insights and exploration into various nationalities and their history, cuisine and culture.

This guide has an overview of the rivers that Scenic cruises on and the highlights you'll meet on each route.



The itineraries

- 5 Day Tastes of Imperial Europe
- 8 Day Gems of the Danube
- 11 Day Black Sea Explorer
- 15 Day Jewels of Europe



THE DANUBE RIVER & MAIN CANAL

Best known for its incredible length of 1,771mi and flowing through countries including Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. The Main Canal is the longest tributary of the Rhine River and flows through central Germany.

Must see

Be led by an expert through Nuremberg to learn about the historic sites of significance during WWII. Visit Benedictine Monastery, Weltenburg Abbey, arriving by ferry through a gorge of the Danube and enjoy a guided tour to marvel at the Baroque architecture.

Secret spot

In Nuremberg, Scenic will take you below the ground into rock-cut cellars for a totally unique and memorable beer tasting session.

Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

Breathe in the opulence of Palais Liechtenstein with a glass of Austrian Sekt. Take in the art collection, golden carriage, and be enthralled by a private classical concert featuring the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart. This is an evening reserved for Scenic guests only.



THE RHINE, MAIN AND MOSELLE

Best known as an ideal starting point for first-time cruisers, with endless castles spotted from the 764mi-long Rhine River that runs through the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. The Moselle River, a smaller tributary of the Rhine, runs through northeast France and Luxembourg.

Must see

Between late March and mid-May, visit Amsterdam's Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's largest flower gardens. It has more than seven million, hand-planted flowering tulip bulbs across 79 acres.

Secret spot

Discover history dating back to the 17th century and techniques used in the making of beautiful Delft Blue pottery in the Netherlands, in Dordrecht, during a visit to a pottery factory and museum.

Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

In Germany, Scenic guests are treated to a private concert performance hosted at Rastatt Residential Palace, the oldest Baroque residence in the Upper Rhine Valley. Relax during an evening of grandeur as you listen to classical music with a glass of champagne in hand.



The itineraries

8 Day Rhine Highlights

8 Day Charming Castles & Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle

8 Day Windmills, Tulips & Belgian Delights

15 Day Romantic Rhine & Moselle



The itineraries

8 Day Idyllic Rhone

11 Day Spectacular South of France

11 Day Tastes of Southern France

THE RHÔNE & SAÔNE RIVERS

The Rhône is a major river that flows through France and Switzerland and is best known for winding through the French gastronomic city of Lyon and the acclaimed Burgundy wine region, as well as Avignon and Arles in southern France.

Must see

In Mâcon, let your Scenic guide take you to the famed 'Golden Stone' region of the famous Beaujolais viticultural region of Southern Burgundy. Enjoy a tasting and sample the local wines including its prized cru Beaujolais red wines, made from Gamay grapes, in a lighter, easy-drinking style.

Secret spot

In Avignon, travel with your on board chef to a quintessential French local produce market, selecting fresh, regional ingredients to take back to the ship where you will join your chef and prepare a meal during a Scenic Culinaire guided masterclass.

Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

During 11-Day Tastes of Southern France, once the doors have closed to the Valrhona Cité du Chocolat Museum in Tain l'Hermitage in the Rhone Valley, take an exclusive and interactive workshop with a chocolatier. Valrhona has been producing the world's finest chocolate in this small village since 1922, perfecting techniques for enhancing the flavor of rare cocoa beans.



THE GIRONDE, DORDOGNE AND GARONNE RIVERS

The Dordogne River in south central and southwest France is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed waterway. The Garonne River flows through southwest France and northern Spain while the Gironde River is an estuary that is formed from the meeting of the Dordogne and Garonne rivers. Expect to pass through such regions as Bordeaux, Blaye, Bourg, Saint-Émilion, Cadillac and Sauternes – all renowned for fine wines and epicurean excellence.

Must see

The medieval village town of Saint-Émilion is the jewel of the ancient wine growing region of Bordeaux. Witness world-famous Grand Cru estates, beautiful architecture, and historic monuments. Explore the underground limestone catacombs of the Monolithic Church started in the 12th century.

Secret spot

In the Bordeaux region of Médoc, discover the Carriages Museum in Bourg Castle, taking a walk through a 16th century passageway to the guards' rooms and see an immense collection of WWII oil tanks.

Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

In the city of Bordeaux, gain exclusive after-hours access to visit Les Bassins des Lumières – one of the largest digital arts centers in the world. With champagne in hand, view the digital art installations projected onto the huge walls of this former submarine base used during WWII.



The itineraries

- 8 Day Bordeaux Affair
- 11 Day Beautiful Bordeaux
- 11 Day Flavours of Bordeaux



THE SEINE RIVER

Best known for its rich history, the Seine River winds through northern France, flowing through Paris and out to the English Channel. In Paris, 37 bridges cross the river, providing romantic vistas over this spectacular waterway.

Must see

From Honfleur, visit the historic Normandy beaches and the sites of the D-Day landings that took place in June 1944. You can visit various museums and memorials for a moving tribute and perspective of the events and casualties that occurred here.

Secret spot

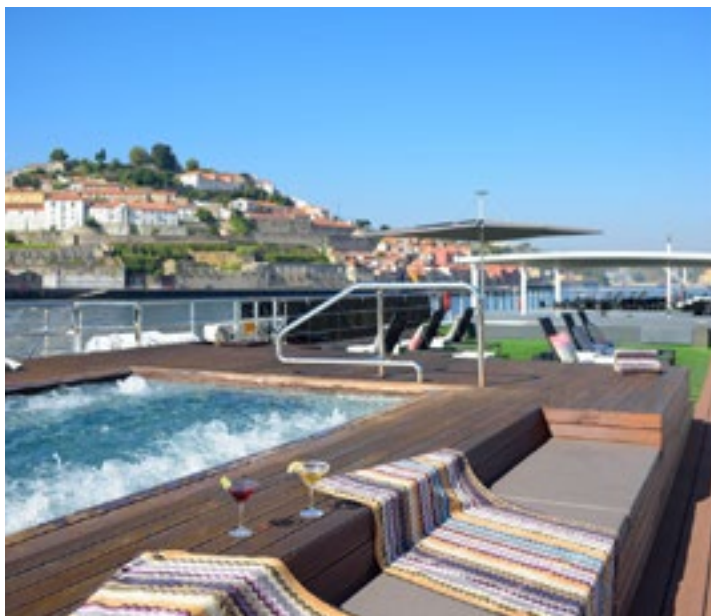
When docked in Les Andelys, be guided on a journey to the Normandy village of Lyons la Forêt – a hidden gem that was founded in the 17th century and renowned as one of the most beautiful villages in all of France. Visit a local farm and sample cider, the region's specialty.

Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

The 12th century Château de La Roche-Guyon is built into a steep rock face on a cliff overlooking the Seine River. Step into the past as you enjoy a classical concert performed by regional musicians.

The itineraries

8 Day Highlights of Normandy & the Seine
11 Day Normandy & Gems of the Seine



DOURO RIVER, PORTUGAL

Best known as the ‘soul of Portugal’, the Douro River flows through central Spain and into northern Portugal to its mouth at Porto, the second-largest city of Portugal. The Douro Valley and its vineyards are a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Must see

Cruise through Douro Valley’s Vinhateiro wine growing region with a history of wine production that dates back 2,000 years. Its famous port wines have put this region on the map since the 18th century. In Pinhão, visit a local wine estate for a guided port tasting.



Secret spot

Sample more wines at the resplendent property of Quinta da Aveleda, in the famous Vino Verde region near Entre-os-Rios. This renowned estate, featuring magnificent gardens, produces prized regional sparkling wines.



Exclusive Scenic Enrich experience

View the Gothic and Baroque architecture at the Church of São Francisco in Porto, a World Heritage site that was completed in the 15th century. During a private concert on the grounds of the church, enjoy a classical music concert and discover the rich layers of Portuguese culture.

The itineraries

8 Day Delightful Douro
11 Day Unforgettable Douro

SEASONAL GUIDE

Each season in Europe has its own charms. Look at some of their nuances and, if you're flexible with your travel dates, you may like to plan your cruise around your preferred time of year.



SPRING - March, April, May

See the region come to life with spectacular colors as the fields become blanketed with blooming flowers. There are fewer crowds during springtime as compared to summer. Depending on how “long” winter has been, spring in western Europe can be quite cool with some rainy days. Springtime is the best time to cruise in Belgium and the Netherlands as it coincides with the tulip season.

What's on

Between late March and mid-May, Amsterdam is awash with vibrant tulips. The Budapest Spring Festival is held each year from mid-March to the start of April. It is regarded as the greatest of Hungary's cultural events. The city's cherry blossoms are also in bloom in April.

Average daily temperature range

A daily low of 45°F to a high of 57°F



SUMMER - June, July, August

Days exploring are longer with more open-air activities. Wildflowers may still be in bloom and it's one of the best times for hiking. Hot summer days are perfect for relaxing in the sanctuary of your Space-Ship between touring. Temperatures tend to peak in August, so if you prefer warm and sunny but not hot, plan to travel in June.

What's On

The lavender fields of Provence are most typically vivid in July and the Lavender Festival is held for five days to coincide with this.

Average daily temperature range

A daily low of 57°F to a daily high of 79°F (up to 93°F in some areas)

- A Keukenhof, Netherlands
- B Provence, France
- C Paris, France
- D Christmas Markets, Vienna, Austria

AUTUMN - September, October, November

It's all about the hues of autumn leaves and fewer crowds in a European autumn. In Amsterdam, Budapest and Paris, delight in the crunch of leaves beneath your feet. Temperatures begin to fall, so this is a popular time to explore Europe. It tends to stay warmer longer on the lower Danube and on the Douro in Portugal.

What's On

Autumn is one of the best times to visit winemaking regions such as Bordeaux, when the vineyards are in harvest. Visit the Budapest Wine Festival in early September.

Average daily temperature range

A daily low of 45°F to a high of 59°F



WINTER - December, January, February

Experience the smell of roasting chestnuts and glühwein, and wander streets with buildings sparkling with fairy lights. A visit to Europe at this time will see you revel in centuries-old Christmas and New Year traditions. Yes, it is colder, but your Space-Ship will envelop you like a warm blanket.

What's on

The magic of a European Christmas and its traditional Christmas markets in destinations such as Austria, Germany and Switzerland will provide unforgettable festive moments.

Average daily temperature range

A daily low of 30°F to a high of 41°F (can be up to about 55°F in some areas)



CHOOSING THE RIVER CRUISE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

While most Europe river cruises cover a broad range of destination highlights, there are some trips that, by the very nature of the locations they visit, will expose you to specific interests and themes.





FIRST TIME RIVER CRUISE

Jewels of Europe | 15 Days

Amsterdam to Budapest along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers

Highlights: Amsterdam, Cologne, Nuremberg, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest

All about: Our most popular and spectacular river cruise, perfect for first-timers, covers up to five countries, grand palaces, castles, immersion in European history and culture

Extensions: Paris, Prague, Ljubljana & Zagreb

Gems of the Danube | 8 Days

Nuremberg to Budapest along the Danube

Highlights: Nuremberg, Vienna, Budapest

All about: Architectural treasures, iconic cities and quaint towns, six UNESCO sites

Extensions: Prague, Ljubljana & Zagreb

SHORTER DURATION CRUISES

Tastes of Imperial Europe | 5 day

Vienna to Budapest along the Danube

All about: Visiting three breathtakingly beautiful capital cities.

Charming Castles & Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle | 8 Days

From Frankfurt to Zurich along the Rhine River and Moselle tributary

All about: Postcard-perfect scenery, medieval castles, Moselle Valley, Roman city of Trier

Extensions: Switzerland

Rhine Highlights | 8 Days

From Zurich to Amsterdam along the Rhine

All about: Timeless towns, castles of the Rhine Gorge, Rastatt Palace, 3 UNESCO sites

Extensions: Switzerland, Bruges



A Scenic Diamond, Bordeaux

B Marksburg Castle, Germany

C Moselle River, Germany

FOOD & WINE ENTHUSIASTS

Spectacular South of France | 11 Days

Roundtrip from Lyon along the Saône and Rhône

Highlights: Lyon, Beaune, Tain l'Hermitage, Avignon, Tarascon, Viviers

All about: A sensory journey through the history, food and wine of this region

Extension: Highlights of Paris

Beautiful Bordeaux | 11 Days

Roundtrip from Bordeaux along the Gironde, Dordogne and Garonne rivers

Highlights: Saint-Émilion, Médoc, Cadillac

All about: Grand Cru Class wine estates, French cuisine, chateaux, cathedrals

Extensions: Highlights of Paris, Madrid

Unforgettable Douro | 11 Days

Roundtrip from Porto along the Douro River

Highlights: Porto, Entre-os-Rios, Regua, Lamego, Salamanca, Vega de Terron, Pinhão

All about: Portuguese villages of the Douro Valley, wine, port

Extensions: Lisbon, Madrid

Tastes of Southern France | 11 Days

Roundtrip from Lyon along the Saône and Rhône

All about: Culinary immersion, truffle farm, wine, shop with a chef, Scenic Culinaire

Extension: Highlights of Paris

Flavours of Bordeaux | 11 Days

Roundtrip from Bordeaux along the Gironde, Dordogne and Garonne rivers

All about: Food and wine of Bordeaux, Scenic Culinaire, Rémy Martin Estate, Sauternes and Médoc wine regions

Extensions: Highlights of Paris, Madrid





HISTORICAL & CULTURAL INTERESTS

Romantic Rhine & Moselle | 15 Days

Zurich to Amsterdam along the Rhine River and stunning Moselle tributary

Highlights: Black Forest, Strasbourg, Moselle Valley, Dusseldorf, Antwerp, Bruges, Veere

All about: Castles, vineyards, WWI sites

Extension: Switzerland

Normandy & Gems of the Seine | 11 days

Roundtrip from Paris along the Seine River

All about: Historic locations in Rouen, Normandy, Honfleur, WWII memorials, Monet's Garden, markets and galleries

Extension: Highlights of Paris

Christmas Markets | 15 Days

Budapest to Amsterdam along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers

All about: Christmas markets in squares, festive traditions, castles and cathedrals

Extensions: Paris, Prague



Windmills, Tulips & Belgian Delights | 8 Days

Roundtrip from Amsterdam

All about: There's something irrepressibly joyful about nature springing to life, and nowhere more so than in beautiful Holland.

A Avignon, France

B Monet's Garden, France

C Christmas Markets,
Germany

D Tulips, Netherlands

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

A Day in Europe with Scenic

If you've never cruised before, or to this part of the world, you may be wondering how a typical day might unfold. Here's a sample snapshot of how you might spend a full day when travelling on a 5-star luxury Scenic Europe river cruise.



Morning

Wake to your pre-ordered coffee delivered to your suite by your butler. Make your way to the Sun Deck for stretching or head to the gym. Enjoy a light breakfast from 6:30am in the Panorama Lounge; or from 7:30am, dine a la carte or from the live buffet in Crystal Dining.

Morning exploration

Your Scenic Freechoice activity may be local or may involve exploration further afield to a nearby location. You can also set off independently on Scenic e-bikes*, suitable for all fitness levels. There may be time for your exploration in the town where you are docked, visiting souvenir shops, stopping at a local café or wandering to see even more sites of interest.



Lunch

You may enjoy lunch during a longer-duration Scenic Freechoice activity or return to the ship for an a la carte meal in Crystal Dining, matched with the premium beverages of your choice. After lunch, spend free time as you wish on board or onshore. You may choose to relax in the Salt Therapy Lounge.*



Afternoon

Your Space-Ship may reposition to a new location or remain docked, allowing for more sightseeing, on foot or on e-bike*. If you are cruising, unwind in the Panorama Lounge, or perhaps attend an on board lecture. Relax in your suite, take a dip in the vitality pool* or take a stroll on the walking track of the Sun Deck.



Dinner

Enjoy a pre-dinner drink with new friends in the Panorama Lounge. Your Cruise Director will brief you on what awaits tomorrow. Dinner will be served in Crystal Dining. On select evenings, you will receive an invitation to dine at Portobello's/L'Amour. What should you wear? Think of it like an evening out at a nice restaurant at home – smart casual is ideal.



Bronwyn C, Scenic Guest, Australia

Evening

You will be transported to a magical location for an exclusive Scenic Enrich performance. This will be an evening that will be a highlight of your trip. Return to the ship, enjoy drinks and entertainment in the Panorama Lounge before returning to your luxurious suite for a restful night's sleep.

*Not available on all ships.



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“Sailing the Danube was just an amazing experience. It brought to life so many history lessons that we cannot experience living in North America. We travelled with a group which made the trip so much better.”

Wendy N, Scenic Guest,
Canada



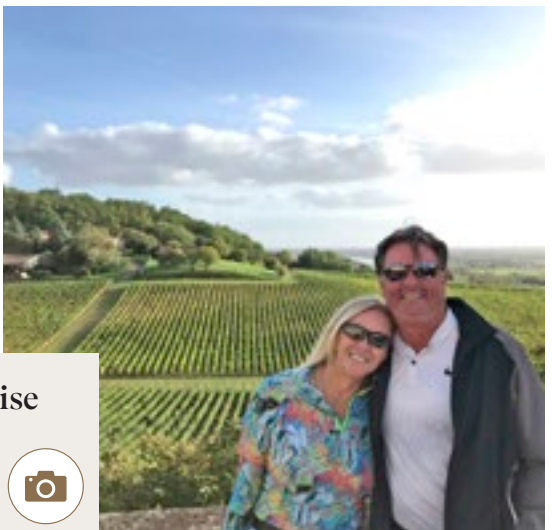
“Never dreamt meeting new friends would turn into lifelong travelling buddies.”

Jeanne D, Scenic Guest, USA



“Beautiful Bordeaux!! First river cruise and loved every minute.”

Deborah H, Scenic Guest, USA





“Unforgettable trip along the Seine. Loved the cycling, hikes, tours, Scenic moments. Our Cruise Director was fabulous and made the trip our best experience ever.”

Janette J, Scenic Guest, Canada



“Our fabulous Scenic Cruise finished in Amsterdam. A wonderful place to explore.”

Murray C, Scenic Guest, Australia



“A wonderful experience in Bordeaux with chef Raymond Blanc. Would love to do the same again. Amazing trip.”

Mike Carruthers, Scenic Guest, UK



HOW TO BOOK YOUR EUROPE RIVER CRUISE



Are you feeling enthused and ready to set sail? At Scenic, we strive to make the booking process as seamless and simple as possible for our valued guests. Here are some useful guidelines for booking your long-awaited Europe river cruise.

When is the best time to book?

Certain river cruise itineraries are universally popular and can sell out quickly, as can suite categories. Offers are subject to availability, so booking early ensures you receive the best offer.

It's often best to book as soon as availability opens – which can be 12-18 months prior to travel. If you wish to travel in just a few weeks' time, it's no problem – we will work with you or your travel advisor to find an itinerary, date and suite that suits you.





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Talk in person or over the phone with a knowledgeable travel professional about Scenic river cruising. Many in our network of Scenic Specialist agents have experienced a Europe river cruise with Scenic personally, so they know exactly why a Scenic river cruise is in a class of its own.

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WHAT TO PACK

A guide to what to wear and take on your river cruise

Whichever season you choose for your Scenic river cruise through Europe, this preparation guide will help ensure that you have a comfortable and relaxing journey.

One of the best things about taking a cruise is that you only need to unpack once. There are no dress codes or formal black-tie nights. Casual and comfortable by day and in the evening, if you wish, smart casual is a good guideline. Some guests like to get changed and a little dressed-up for dinner or Scenic Enrich events.



Here are some of the essentials to include:

Casual clothes that can be layered

It's best to dress in layers, as temperatures can vary during the day and one day to the next. Breathable, natural and lighter fabrics such as cashmere, cotton and linen are advisable, especially during summer. During the day, most guests will opt for light, casual pants or trousers and a top beneath a light coat or jacket.



Waterproof jacket, parka or raincoat

Pack a hooded, waterproof jacket. Rain can come at any time, even during the summer.



A secure day-bag

Have a secure, small-size day-bag. It's handy for all your smaller items including wallet, hat, sunscreen, phone and water bottle.



Phone & Headphones/Ear Buds

Download the Tailormade App from the App Store and have your headphones handy so you can hear your guide's commentary.



Comfortable walking shoes

You'll need a sturdy and comfortable pair of walking shoes. Be sure to 'break in' new shoes prior to your travel to avoid blisters.



We supply each guest with a Scenic water bottle.

Receive your insulated Scenic water bottle when you embark on your Space-Ship and refill it during your journey at one of our filtered water stations.





Smart casual evening wear

In the evening, most dress in smart casual attire. Male guests usually pack a sports coat or blazer with a collared shirt; and women wear smart dresses or attire – especially on those nights at a Scenic Enrich event, when dining at Portobello's/ L'Amour or at the exclusive dining experience Table La Rive/Table d'Or. If you like to dress-up a little to dine, then please do.



Camera

Consider a good-quality camera when you explore Europe, including all equipment such as spare batteries, charger, protective case zoom lenses and memory cards. Even if you're using the latest-release smartphone, it's wise to have a back-up camera just in case.



Workout gear

Your day may start with doing gentle stretching moves, or a sweat session in the fitness center – so be sure to pack suitable workout gear. For hikes and e-bike excursions, this type of attire may also be most comfortable.



Adaptors

Each ship is fitted with 220v European electricity outlets, but you will need a suitable European plug adaptor. An adaptor that is fitted with multiple USB sockets is handy. Pack your USB charging cables too, and you can charge your phones and other devices at the same time.



Swimwear

You may want to take a dip in the inviting Vitality Pool* as you pass the castles and vineyards dotted along Europe's waterways, so be sure to pack your swimwear.



Hat and sunscreen

Pack a wide-brimmed hat (preferably one that is foldable); or at the very least, a baseball cap. It will come in handy on your excursions, when dining al fresco or sitting on the Sun Deck. Also pack a high SPF-factor sunscreen with you.



Staying Healthy

There are abundant hand sanitisation stations for all guests to use. When exploring solo, you may wish to have your own pocket sanitizer or wipes with you. A spare mask is also recommended. We advise always carrying a printed copy of your International Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate with you at all times.

* Not available on all Space-Ships

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