

# European Major River Cruises – Cruises of 10 or More Days

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# The Major Rivers of Europe

**Danube** – From the German Black Forest this mighty European river, second only to the Volga in length, flows east to the Black Sea and is a border for 10 countries

**Douro** – the third longest river of the Iberian Peninsula, the Douro meanders through Spain into Portugal to its outlet at Porto on the Atlantic Ocean. In Portugal, the Douro Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renown for its port wine production.

**Elbe** – Courses through the Czech Republic north through central Germany past Dresden to Hamburg on the North Sea

**Main** – With the opening of the Main-Danube Canal this once sleepy river has become a major connector from the Rhine River at Mainz east to the Danube past important German cities such as Frankfort, Würzburg and Bamberg.

**Main-Danube Canal** - Runs over a hundred miles from Bamberg past Nuremberg, this engineering triumph, started in the late 1930's but completed in 1992, raises the Main River through a series of 11 locks over the 1,300+ feet high European continental divide down five locks to the Danube.

**Moselle** – The delightful Moselle passes through the Lorraine region of northwest France past famous vineyards and picturesque old towns and a parade of castles and redoubts on through Luxembourg to Germany and meets the Rhine River at Koblenz.

**Po** – From its source in the Italian Alps the Po flows through the Po Valley, the industrial heart of Italy, eastward to the Adriatic near Venice.

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**The Rhine River**. Flows from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea. Lined with castles, vineyards, large and small towns alike such as Basel, Heidelberg, Mannheim and Cologne; this river connects central Europe with Dutch ports such as Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

**Rhône** – With a name traced back to Greco-Roman times, the Rhône has a rich history as the primary trade route from the Mediterranean north past vineyards, estates and storied cities such as Arles, Avignon, Viviers, Tournon-sur-Rhône and Lyon to the heart of France to is source in the Swiss Alps. Some cruise routes move to the Saône River at Lyon further north to Chalon-sur-Saône.

**Seine** – Named for its source near Dijon in northeastern France, the Siene is best known for the 37 bridges that span the river at Paris. This important commercial river links the Burgundy region east down through a series of locks to the English Channel at Le Havre.

**Volga** – The mighty Volga River is the longest river in Europe and connects eleven of the largest cities in Russia including Moscow south to Volgograd before arriving at the Caspian Sea. A series of canals and locks connect the Volga to the Baltic Sea at St Petersburg.

# Sample Cruises

# Lowlands

Tulips and Windmills 10 Days [uw]

Amsterdam to Antwerp on Local Waterways [March, April]

# **Central Europe**

#### Grand European River Voyage 29 Days [uw]

Amsterdam to Istanbul on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers – air Bucharest to Istanbul [April – October]

North Sea – Black Sea Cruise 24 Days [av]

Amsterdam to Bucharest with option to Istanbul on Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers or reverse [May – October]

#### Jewels of Central Europe 17 Days [av]

Paris to Budapest on the Moselle, Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers or reverse [May-October]

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#### Magnificent Europe 15 Days [am]

Amsterdam to Budapest on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers [May – December]

#### Ultimate River Cruise 15 Days [am]

Luxembourg to Budapest on the Moselle, Main, Rhine and Danube Rivers [May-July, September-October]

#### Grand European Discovery 15 Days [uw]

Basel to Vienna on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers [May –October]

#### European Jewels 15 Days [uw]

Budapest to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers [April – November]

#### Grand European Tour 15 Days [vr]

Amsterdam to Budapest on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers [May – November]

#### Magnificent Europe 15 Days [av]

Amsterdam to Budapest on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers or reverse [April-October]

#### European Serenade 14 Days [uw]

Vienna to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers [April – November]

#### Legendary Rhine and Moselle 13 Days [uw]

Amsterdam to Basel on the Rhine and Moselle Rivers [May – October]

#### Rhine and the Moselle 13 Days [av]

Amsterdam to Basel on the Rhine River or reverse [May-July, September-October]

#### Highlights of Germany 13 Days [av]

Munich to Basel on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers [June, August, October]

#### The Blue Danube Discovery 13 Days [av]

Budapest to Prague on the Danube and Main Danube Canal [April-October]

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#### European Splendor 13 Days [av]

Amsterdam to Vienna on the Rhine and Danube Rivers or reverse [May-October]

#### **Cities of Light** 12 Days [vc]

Paris to Prague on the Moselle and Rhine Rivers [July – November]

#### Central European Experience 12 Days [av]

Paris to Prague or reverse on the Moselle, Main and Danube Rivers Paris rail to Metz [May – October]

#### Upper Rhine to the City of Music 12 Days [av]

Basel to Vienna on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers [May, July, September]

#### The Legendary Danube 11 Days [av]

Prague to Budapest on the Main Danube Canal and Danube River or reverse [April-October]

#### Rhine Discovery & Prague 10 Days [uw]

Prague to Basel on the Main and Rhine Rivers [May – October]

#### Danube Discovery and Prague 10 Days [uw]

Vienna to Prague on the Danube and Main-Danube Canal [April – October]

#### Elegant Elbe 10 Days [vc]

Berlin to Prague on the Elbe River [May – November]

#### Capitals of Central Europe 10 Days [av]

Prague to Budapest on the Danube River or reverse [April-May, July-October]

#### Windmills, Vineyards & Paris 10 Days [av]

Paris to Amsterdam on the Moselle and Rhine Rivers rail Paris to Metz or reverse [May – October]

#### Austrian Highlights 9 Days [av]

Vienna to Munich on the Danube and tour [June, August, October]

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### **Eastern Europe**

#### Grand Danube Cruise 18 Days [av]

Prague to Bucharest on the Danube River or reverse [April, June-August, October]

#### Imperial Capitals of Europe 16 Days [uw]

Istanbul to Vienna on the Danube River – air from Istanbul to Bucharest [April – September]

#### Grand Danube Cruise 15 Days [am]

Blue Danube to the Black Sea 14 Days [av]

#### Vienna to Bucharest on the Danube or reverse [April-October]

Vilshofen to Rousse on the Danube River [April – August]

#### Passage to Eastern Europe 11 Days [vr]

Budapest to Bucharest on the Danube River [April – November]

#### Balkan Discovery 10 Days [av]

Budapest to Bucharest on the Danube River or reverse [April, June-October]

### France

#### Grand France 16 Days [av]

Paris to Cote D'Azur or reverse on the Seine and Rhone Rivers [April to October]

#### Jewels of France 15 Days [am]

Lyon to Arles on the Rhone River with option for Paris/Marseille/Barcelona [March – November]

#### A Portrait of Majestic France 15 Days [uw]

Paris to Bordeaux on the Seine, Garonne and Gironde & Dordogne Rivers – rail Paris to Bordeaux [March – October]

#### Grand France 15 Days [uw]

Paris to Avignon on the Rhone and Seine and Rhone Rivers – rail Paris to Lyon [March – October]

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Burgundy & Provence 11 Days [av]

Cote d'Azur to Paris or reverse on the Rhone River and bus Paris-Chalon-sur-Saone [March-October]

# Italy

Splendors of Italy 13 Days [uw]

Venice to Rome on the Po River and Land Tour to Florence and Rome [April – November]

# **Portugal and Spain**

Portugal, Spain & the Douro River Valley 11 Days [uw]

Lisbon to Porto on the Douro River [March – November]

Portugal's River of Gold 10 Days [vc]

Lisbon to Porto on the Douro River [June – December]

### Russia

#### Imperial Waterways of Russia 13 Days [uw]

Moscow to St Petersburg on the Volga, Neva and Svir Rivers [May – September]

#### Waterways of the Tsars 13 Days [vc]

St Petersburg to Moscow on the Volga, Neva and Svir Rivers May – October]

# Ukraine

#### Footsteps of the Cossacks 12 Days [vc]

Kiev to Odessa on the Dnieper River and the Black Sea [May – October]

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