

Why Choose a River Cruise?



Imagine yourself on a journey along the Rhone, where terraced vineyards line the French countryside and fields of lavender engulf your senses with a dazzling array of colors. No matter which of the fabled waterways you choose, a river cruise offers an intimate and relaxing way to view some of the world's most beautiful cities - very different from a traditional "big ship" cruise.

Take a look and see what makes river cruising so popular.

- ▶ **Fewer People:** Compared to ocean cruise lines which can have upwards of 5,000 people on board, your river cruise will have less than 160 passengers! You'll never wait in long lines to get on or off the ship.
- ▶ **Never Get Seasick:** You'll never experience rough water – only smooth and peaceful river sailing throughout your cruise.
- ▶ **Local Destinations:** While ocean cruises are restricted to cities near major bodies of water, a river cruise allows you to explore Europe's history rich cities and villages that are inaccessible except by river.
- ▶ **Dock Right in Town:** River cruises allow docking right in the heart of a port town allowing you the ability to maximize your time when in port without the expense and hassle of a taxi.
- ▶ **Convenient & Scenic:** Besides never having to take your turn to get off, your ship ties up right in town. It's a short walk to a sidewalk café, shop or market. Besides the ship's organized tours to museums, monuments and other must-see attractions, there is time to visit the places you came to see, and to absorb the local culture.
- ▶ **Overnight in Port:** Some nights your ship will overnight in a port of call. On others the ship will depart late at night, allowing you to explore the port town in the evening.
- ▶ **Inclusive Pricing:** A river cruise includes shore excursions in each port, French balcony cabins, wireless Internet access, and even regional wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner every day.
- ▶ **Educational & Local:** River cruises feature local entertainment. The cuisine is prepared using local ingredients. And the wines (included at dinner) are from Europe's great wine regions.
- ▶ **Better Service:** Fewer people mean more attentive service and a more personal relationship with the staff.
- ▶ **Casual Dress:** Leave the tux at home. River cruising is "casual" dress at all times.

