

EMERALD CRUISES 21 April - 15 May

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Paris to Prague & Splendours of Europe

2025

Day 1: Monday 21st April 2025 Dubbo ~ Sydney

Travel to Sydney today arriving mid-afternoon for an overnight stay at the Rydges Sydney Airport. Day 2: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Depart Sydney

If time allows there will be breakfast before checking out and walking over to the International Airport to check in for your flight. Day 3: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Paris

The perfect addition to any trip through the heart of Europe would have to be Paris, the world-famous "City of Light". This breathtaking capital is known for its unique romantic atmosphere and the laid back style of life that exists here, where a simple stroll down one of its many tree-lined boulevards will unveil a plethora of UNESCO World Heritage-listed monuments and panoramic views of the cityscape. Your itinerary includes a three-night stay. Day 4: Thursday 24th April 2025

Paris

Today, join a local guide for a tour of Paris, touching on some of its many iconic landmarks. The Notre-Dame de Paris is certain to delight, being one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture in the world, as is the Arc de Triomphe, standing tall to one side of the Champs-Elysées. Later, join a river cruise along the Seine to see the Eiffel Tower overlooking the city.

Included Excursion: A guided tour of Paris and a Seine River cruise Day 5: Friday 25th April 2025

Paris

The storied beauty of Paris is yours to discover independently today, perhaps choosing to visit the mighty Louvre and witness the legendary Mona Lisa or venturing below the city to explore an intricate labyrinth of catacombs that exists below the colourful streets above. Your tour director will be available to help you plan your day of independent exploration.

DiscoverMORE: Tastes of Paris (extra expense)

Day 6: Saturday 26th April 2025 Paris ~ Amsterdam

After breakfast, you will be transferred from Paris to Amsterdam to board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where you will be warmly welcomed by your captain and crew. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner on board as you prepare for a cruise through Europe

Day 7: Sunday 27th April 2025

Amsterdam

This morning, explore the Dutch Golden Age, as you board a glasstop canal boat cruise to explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed canal system or enjoy a guided bike tour to Waterland.

Both excellent ways to experience the city in all its authenticity, take to its charming waterways, passing iconic buildings and elegant merchant residences that reflect a time when Amsterdam was one of the most lucrative ports in the world. If you're feeling more active, then explore on two wheels, cycling alongside a backdrop of historical villages and traditional windmills.

On returning to your Star-Ship, your first day of sailing will take you through the tranquil Dutch countryside to the Rhine River.

Included Excursion: Canal cruise

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour to Waterland Day 8: Monday 28th April 2025

Cologne

Founded by the Romans in 50 AD, the cathedral city of Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany and the largest on the Rhine. The historic capital of the Rhineland, this illustrious city has been generously peppered with ancient architecture, from Roman ruins to medieval structures, despite much of the inner city being completely destroyed during WWII.

Join your local guide and explore the city, including the Old Town with its beautiful squares, historic monuments and contemporary architecture. Your tour will conclude at the UNESCO World Heritage -listed Cologne Cathedral, whose filigree twin towers form an iconic part of the skyline. During your free time, explore the city centre where locals meet for shopping trips and to enjoy authentic

German beer before returning to your Star-Ship. Included Excursion: Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town Day 9: Tuesday 29th April 2025

Rüdesheim

Today's cruising will be a highlight of your trip, as we meander through the fairy tale-like surrounds of the UNESCO World Heritage -listed Rhine Gorge. Hilltop castles and fortresses will be yours to admire as we sail. We will pass the infamous Lorelai Rock, where sailors are said to have been lured onto treacherous rocks by an enchanting siren, and the impressive Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, a former stronghold.

This afternoon, arrive in Rüdesheim, a town with a vibrant winegrowing heritage. You will have the choice of either riding on the Winzerexpress and visiting Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum or, if you're feeling active, taking an active hike to Niederwalddenkmal.

Included Excursion: Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet B Museum

Day 10: Wednesday 30th April 2025 Miltenberg ~ Wertheim

Welcome to Miltenberg, a picturesque village on the Main River, boasting an inimitable feeling of medieval Bavaria with its 15th century half-timbered buildings.

On your included walking tour, stroll down the cobblestone streets, lined with these colourful houses and view the Gothic Merchant Hall, an impressive symbol of past affluence. You could also enjoy B an active walk through the forest to Mildenburg Castle. This iconic landmark now houses a wonderful collection of contemporary art and old masters

Later, we'll venture to the charming town of Wertheim where, as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, you'll have an exclusive glassblowing presentation at the Glass Art Museum. Included Excursion: Guided tour of Miltenberg

EmeraldPLUS: Exclusive visit to the Glass Art Museum in Wertheim with presentation

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Würzburg

Known as the 'Pearl of the Romantic Road', Würzburg, is the centre for grape-growing, the product of the sloping vineyard-laden hills which surround the former capital of Franconia. The architects behind the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Würzburg Residence BLD drew inspiration from a spectrum of different styles, including Viennese Baroque and secular features from Italy, but it was heavily damaged during WWII. Enjoy learning about how this impressive building was restored to its former glory on a guided tour. Included Excursion: Walking tour of Würzburg and a visit to the **Bishops Residence**

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Rothenburg (extra expense) Day 12: Friday 2nd May 2025

Bamberg

This morning, relax on board and witness the beauty of Europe's waterways from the plush surrounds of your cabin as we cruise to Bamberg. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed town boasts one of the largest medieval centres in Europe, with around 2,400 listed buildings gracing its streets. Feel the magic of the past as you explore the city with your local guide, marvelling at the opulence of BLD the New Residence, once resided in by the prince bishops and now home to a plethora of old German and Baroque paintings from the Bavarian State collection. Enjoy a tranquil stroll around the Rose Garden to round your day off peacefully.

Included Excursion: Guided tour of Bamberg Day 13: Saturday 3rd May 2025 Nuremberg

Embark on a sightseeing tour of the historic city of Nuremberg, including the architectural wonders that have inspired famous artists for centuries and exploring the effects that the war years had. After your tour, enjoy time to explore Nuremberg at leisure, passing half-timbered houses that were beautifully reconstructed following the war.

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Included Excursion: Guided tour of Nuremberg DiscoverMORE: World War II tour (extra expense) Day 14: Sunday 4th May 2025 Regensburg

This morning, you'll sail the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. As you continue sailing down the Danube, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities welcomes you with two millennia of history. For almost 150 years, the Old Town Hall was the seat of parliament. Dating back to the13th century, it consists of the Town Hall Tower, the Imperial Chamber building, and the Town Hall. Wander the streets with your guide, as the romantic narrow alleys of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town enable you to live through the city's history.

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The main highlight of your tour will be the 12th-century Stone Bridge, a medieval structure crossing the Danube. Enjoy time to explore Regensburg at leisure after your guided tour or return to your Star-Ship for some peace and tranquillity. Later today, enjoy a traditional Bavarian band performance on board. Included Excursion: Guided tour of Regensburg EmeraldPLUS: Bavarian band performance on board DiscoverMORE: Sausage-making workshop (extra expense) Day 15: Monday 5th May 2025 BLD

Passau

Passau is a picturesque city that has been shaped by the surrounding rivers over the years, sitting right on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and IIz. This memorable destination is dominated by large squares, magical promenades and romantic lanes. Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome you in the beautiful city of Passau. On this morning's walking tour, stroll through streets lined by Baroque buildings dating back to the 17th century and look at the Gothic Town Hall, Bishop's Residence and St. Stephen's Cathedral, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to the largest church organ in Europe. Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube

Included Excursion: Guided tour of Passau

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Salzburg (extra expense) DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Ceský Krumlov (extra expense) Day 16: Tuesday 6th May 2025 BLD

Melk – Dürnstein

Situated within Austria's wine-growing region, Melk is home to a 900-year-old Benedictine abbey, a UNESCO World Heritagelisted site, which is yours to explore today during an included tour. Your guide will take you through a series of opulent rooms, each adorned with the finest Italian Baroque architecture and ornate gold leaf walls, including the ancient monastic library, renowned for its extensive collection of medieval manuscripts. Later, the Star-Ship sails through the UNESCO World Heritagelisted Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the Wachau wine region, where you can choose to hike to Dürnstein Castle, the site where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the Crusades. Alternatively, enjoy an EmeraldACTIVE guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns.

Included Excursion: Tour of Melk Abbey EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour along the Danube EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle Day 17: Wednesday 7th May 2025

Vienna

Austria's breathtaking capital is recognised for its cultural legacy. As the former residence of Mozart and Beethoven, a multitude of imperial palaces represent a rich history, and the museum district boasts contemporary buildings, housing the work of some of the world's most prolific artists. Explore the famous sights of the Ringstrasse and Vienna's city centre by coach and on foot or join a guided bike tour. Marvel at the Renaissance-style arches that adorn the façades of the Opera House, the Baroque Burgtheater and the Flemish Gothic Parliament before enjoying time to explore Vienna at leisure.

Included Excursion: Guided tour of Vienna EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour of Vienna DiscoverMORE: Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense) DiscoverMORE: Viennese evening concert (extra expense) Day 18: Thursday 8th May 2025

Bratislava

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Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn cobblestone streets. In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour, including the enchanting Old City or hike to Bratislava Castle.

Your local guide will take you through the heart of the city. Pass by the botanical gardens of the Episcopal Summer Palace, the Old Town Hall and its delightful Renaissance courtyard and the Slovak National Theatre, where busts of famous composers adorn the façade. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore at leisure

This afternoon, a local family will be happy to welcome you into their home for some great conversation over traditional sweet treats and coffee

Included Excursion: Walking tour of Bratislava EmeraldPLUS: Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike to Bratislava Castle DiscoverMORE: Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE: Carpathian wine route (extra expense) Day 19: Friday 9th May 2025

Budapest

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Divided by the iconic Danube River, Budaand Pest on either side can be reached via the Chain Bridge, one of the city's most symbolic structures.

Enjoy a guided tour of the city with your local guide this morning. Alternatively, embark on a hike to Gellert Hill. This evening, you will enjoy a Hungarian folklore show before your farewell dinner.

Included Excursion: Guided coach tour of Budapest EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Gellert Hill

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense) DiscoverMORE: Jewish heritage tour (extra expense) Day 20: Saturday 10th May 2025

Budapest - Prague

After breakfast, disembark your Star-Ship to be transferred to Prague, home to some of the world's most pristine collections of architecture from across the ages. Included is a comfortable three-night stay in the city.

Day 21: Sunday 11th May 2025

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Prague

The centre of Prague is a true delight, where some of Europe's most pristine collections of architecture from across the ages can be found. After passing through three castle courtyards, you will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, then we walk down the Castle steps with a wonderful view over the city of Prague and we continue to Charles Bridge which we cross to reach the Old Town of Prague. We finish the city sightseeing tour in front of the famous Astronomical Clock at Old Town Square. Included Excursion: A guided tour of Prague EmeraldPLUS: Coffee & Cake at Lobkowicz Palace Day 22: Monday 12th May 2025

Prague

Prague is yours to explore independently today, perhaps enjoying some delicious Czech treats or immersing yourself in the culture that surrounds you. Your tour director will be available to help plan your day's exploring and to answer any questions that you may have.

DiscoverMORE: Tastes of Czechia (extra expense)

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INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

B Guided coach tour of Budapest

Day 23: Tuesday 13th May 2025 Prague

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and leave Prague's idyllic centre for your transferto the airport, taking memories of ancient wonders and idyllic panoramic views of UNESCO World Heritage-listed areas with you.

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.**

Day 24: Wednesday 14th May 2025 Arrive Sydney

Upon arrival at Sydney Airport you will be transferred to your hotel for a nights accommodation before returning to Dubbo.

TOUR PRICE From

\$19,500 Per Person Twin Share \$28,900 Single Traveller

Deposit: \$1,000 per person required on booking*

Suite upgrades available at additional cost. This is the Early Bird price valid till September 2024. Air Fare prices to be adjusted when 2025 prices are available. Final Payment: Wednesday 4th December 2024

Journey inclusions

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YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES 14 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship

Airport transfers to and from your Star-Ship The services of an Emerald Cruises cruise director Port taxes and charges

All tipping and gratuities

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

Canal cruise in Amsterdam Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town Visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet Museum Guided tour of Miltenberg Walking tour of Würzburg and a visit to the Bishops Residence Guided tour of Bamberg Guided tour of Bamberg Guided tour of Nuremberg Guided tour of Regensburg Guided tour of Passau Tour of Melk Abbey Guided tour of Vienna Walking tour of Bratislava **EMERALDPLUS** Exclusive visit to the Glass Art Museum in Wertheim with presentation Traditional Bavarian band performance on board Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board EMERALD ACTIVE Guided bike tour to Waterland Hike to Niederwalddenkmal Active walk to Mildenburg Castle Guided bike tour along the Danube River Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle Guided bike tour in Vienna Guided hike to Bratislava castle Hike to Buda Hill **DINING HIGHLIGHTS** 41 delectable meals including 14 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches (L), 14 dinners (D) Including a Welcome and Farewell **Reception & Dinner** Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board **EXTENSION INCLUSIONS** 3 nights at a hotel in Paris A guided tour of Paris and a Seine river cruise 3 nights at a hotel in Prague A guided tour of Prague Coffee & Cake at Lobkowicz Palace Airport and ship transfers 6 Breakfasts (B)

LANGLEYS INCLUSIONS

Return transfers to Sydney 2 nights accommodation in Sydney Dinner and breakfasts as required depending on flight time

Langley's Coaches Terms & Conditions

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Experience the superb luxury and the safety of our Austral, Denning & Scania coaches which have the following features: rest room, air-conditioning, reclining fabric seats, large panoramic windows, DVD & CD, air Suspension

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River Cruise passengers are entitled to one suitcase per person. Your suitcase must not exceed 76x53x28cms and must not weigh more than 23kgs. All luggage must be stored in your suite. There are no additional luggage storage facilities available. Clothing should be casual, with lighter clothing necessary for the tropics and warmer clothes for the southern areas, especially for some nights. Bring swimmers, towel, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, sensible walking shoes, warm jacket and an extra supply of all camera needs.

Fares Do Not Include

Air Fares. Meals that are not indicated as included on the itinerary, and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks and items of an emergency nature.

Booking Procedure

A deposit is required as indicated on booking. Final payment is due 120 days prior to Departure. Airfare payment will be as per Emerald Cruises booking advice. Please contact us or your travel agent. Travel agents can forward deposits and other payments on your behalf, but are not the Company's agent purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposit and/or payment by the travel agent does not constitute receipt by the Company and the Company is not liable in respect of monies paid to your travel agent, until monies are received by the Company. It is a condition of carriage that a passenger has paid all tour monies prior to the departure date. The Company will not be bound by any representation reported to have been made on their behalf, unless the representation is confirmed by the Company.

Cancellation Policy

We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance to protect your tour fare. Cancellation fees will be charged if you have to cancel your booking with us. The following fees below will apply, in addition to any monies already paid on your behalf to our suppliers.

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Passengers Requirements and Conditions

No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable, objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

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