



Cruising

BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT



A NEW WAY TO CRUISE

Many travellers have preconceived notions of cruising, but the experience of sailing between sea ports is poles apart from freshwater journeys. River vessels typically accommodate less than 200 passengers, making for a more intimate and social experience. And it's their smaller size that allows them to do things differently than large liners.

Then there are the journeys themselves: with less ground to cover, river cruises often allow for more time at shore. And while ocean liners are generally too big to dock in central ports, that's not true of river ships who typically dock in town.

And for travellers less keen on flying, it's possible to minimise time in the air or, in some cases, even eliminate the need to fly altogether. Our Cruising the Seine from the Côte Fleurie to Paris cruise, for example, can be reached by Eurostar.

ANOTHER SIDE OF EUROPE

Many travellers may feel they've done Europe to death. But it's time to think again: cruises travelling along the major and not-so-major rivers of the continent offer a more leisurely way to travel, providing access to cities, towns and sights that many fly-in travellers simply soar over.

A cruise along the Seine, for example, won't just take you to Paris or Versailles, but will likely also make stops at lesser-visited ports. You might get to stop at Honfleur, a picturesque Norman harbour town full of haphazardly constructed 18th century houses, all tilting and wonky but wonderfully pretty. A voyage through the Bordeaux region won't just include wine-country standards, but will also take you to under-the-radar wine-country villages such as Bourg Sur Gironde and Libourne.



River cruises epitomise a different way of travelling. One that's slower and more personal, and allows access to Europe's heavy hitters as well as lesser-known sights.

WHERE TO CRUISE?

The Rhine

The River Rhine, which starts high in the Swiss Alps and empties into the North Sea, is one of Europe's most impressive waterways. There are countless sailing routes to choose from, with longer itineraries incorporating detours down the Moselle and Main tributaries, or even the Danube River.

If you're looking for a city break alternative, opt for a shorter cruise from Strasbourg. From here, you'll get to drift along the UNESCO-listed section of the Rhine between Rudesheim and Koblenz, which is littered with castles and quaint villages.

Douro River

Portugal's Douro River snakes through the heart of what we think is one of Europe's most under-appreciated wine regions. Cruises here generally start and end in Porto, Portugal's second-largest city and the home of port wine. With a voyage along the Douro, you can expect to squeeze in quite a bit of wine-tasting, as well as discovering historic sights, from the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios church to medieval Guimarães.

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Guadalquivir River

Sun-soaked and lightly trafficked, Spain's Guadalquivir River is prime cruising turf. It flows through the Andalucian capital of Seville and offers easy access to many of southern Spain's must-sees. A short sail through the Guadalquivir estuary will take you to the ancient, salt-weathered city of Cádiz, while shore excursions can bring you to many of southern Spain's classic sights. Wander the one-time capital of Islamic Iberia, Córdoba, and explore Granada's magnificent Alhambra Palace, a vast fortified palace complex built by the Moorish rulers of the Iberian Peninsula.

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