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Welcome to TUI River Cruises

At TUI, we want to open up as much of the globe as possible. And, when it comes to seeing tucked-away towns and bustling cities, river cruising's the way to do it. We've got itineraries that take you along some of Europe's most scenic waterways, plus our sailings on the mighty River Nile.

Our small adults-only ships whisk you along Europe and Egypt's waterways, past pinch-yourself landscapes and into the heart of must-see places.

We've picked the crème de la crème of the continent, from big cities like **Budapest**, **Cologne** and **Vienna**, to underrated hangouts like **Rudesheim** and **Melk**. Plus, we have sailings in and out of historic **Luxor**, in Egypt. We've got a range of shore experiences to pick from at each port, too, from city tours to wine tastings. Or, you can head off and explore at your own pace.

We know the journey's just as important as the destination, so our ships flaunt chic, up-to-the-minute interiors, restaurants with an emphasis on local flavours, and lounges for drinks and nightly entertainment. You won't find any inside cabins either, so views are guaranteed. Plus, you can expect our top-notch TUI service, and with one crew member to every four guests, you'll be on first-name terms in no time.

There are more than 30 itineraries to choose from in winter 2026, with two ships sailing along the Rhine, two on the Danube and two on the Nile. Some of the highlights include our Christmas and New Year sailings, and of course our **Legends of the Nile** and **Ancient Gods and famous Pharaohs** itineraries, which you can combine with an extended stay in Luxor or Hurghada. Plus, for the first time, you can sail away in early November, right before the Christmas markets get into full swing.

And that's not all. We've got a variety of durations to give you more flexibility and choice. So, whether you fancy a four-night break, a five-night getaway or a whole week away, we've got an itinerary to suit you.

Check out the cruise calendar on pages 66 and 67 for all our sailing dates, and visit our website for details of all our itineraries, including our summer sailings, our themed sailing, and our brand-new solo sailing – Enchanting Danube.

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For the latest general FCDO travel advice, including security and local laws, plus passport and visa information, check gov.uk/travelaware and follow x.com/FCDOtravelGovUK and facebook.com/FCDOtravel

See FCDO travel advice about individual destinations and sign up for FCDO travel advice email alerts, so you automatically receive the latest travel advice updates and travel requirements for the destinations you want to know about, at gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For travel advice from TUI, see tui.co.uk/destinations/info/travel-aware

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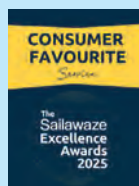
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Reasons to cruise with us

We're part of TUI, the UK's leading travel company, so you're in good hands. We've applied our expertise to our river cruising recipe, combining standout service and culture-packed experiences with nightly entertainment and a choice of restaurants and lounges. And the beauty of river cruising is that our ships usually dock right in the heart of a destination, making it easy to get out and about.

We've already picked up a string of awards in our short time sailing. We won **Best for First Time River Cruisers** and **Best Value for Money** at the **2024 Cruise Critic Awards**. We were also named **Best River Cruise Line** at the **2024 British Travel Awards**, and we were crowned **Consumer Favourite for Food and Beverage** at the **2024 Sailawaze Excellence Awards**, too. Plus, we were named **Consumer Favourite for Entertainment** and **Consumer Favourite for Service** at the **2025 Sailawaze Excellence Awards**.



BOPPARD, GERMANY

SOPHISTICATED SHIPS

Think of our ships as **floating, modern hotels** that'll transport you from world-famous cities to tiny towns – often dropping in on more than one destination a day. There are multiple restaurants and lounges for wine and dining. And, outdoor space is in good supply, courtesy of the top deck.

SO MUCH INCLUDED

From direct flights and transfers to onboard tips, service charges and drinks at mealtimes, our cruises are the whole package. There are activities and entertainment throughout the day and into the evening, as well, plus free Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

EXPLORE YOUR WAY

Uncovering tonnes of must-see destinations without having to unpack more than once – that's a river cruising perk. Another one is that we'll take you right to the **heart of a destination**, so the landmarks are just a stroll away. Lots of our cruises sail during the night, so there's more time in each place. Plus, if we're packing two hotspots into one day, we'll travel while you eat lunch, so you don't lose any sightseeing time.

And with over a hundred highly rated experiences on offer in our River Cruises Collection, you can really get to know our destinations with a knowledgeable guide to lead you round. If you prefer to explore independently, we've got a range of ticket-only options, as well, so you can make your own way from the ship and discover destinations at your own pace.

Our **Cruise Experience Managers** hold daily port talks, so you can get clued up on the must-see attractions at your next port of call before you arrive.

TUI'S TRUSTED SERVICE

We pride ourselves on our friendly team, with a crew member to every four guests and a maximum of 190 guests onboard. What's more, all our ships are adults-only. And, as we're part of TUI, you can relax knowing we're here to help anytime, thanks to a dedicated team who can answer any questions you have before you travel and offer support if you need it.

ONBOARD AND ASHORE ACTION

Our cruises strike the perfect balance between onboard and ashore. Because the ships are smaller than ocean liners, you can look forward to a more relaxed pace, with **plenty of time in port**. Onboard, meanwhile, you can enjoy a range of daytime activities and events, tuck in to an à la carte meal, or sip cocktails to live music.

This was our first river cruise, and we were really impressed with TUI in their organisation, helpful and friendly staff, great quality food and drinks, clean, spacious cabins, and interesting ports of call.

- Rob, East Danube Explorer

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

You can relax knowing everything below comes as standard on your cruise.

-  Direct return flights
-  Up to 23kg luggage allowance
-  TUI River Cruises Representative at the airport
-  Airport transfers – to and from your ship
-  Full Board Plus as a minimum – breakfast, lunch and dinner
-  Gala dinner once per cruise on sailings of five nights or longer
-  Tea, coffee and juices with breakfast
-  Wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner
-  Al fresco dining on our Nile sailings, weather permitting**
-  Free Wi-Fi throughout the ship*
-  Personal audio guide and headset for use on our European walking tours
-  All onboard tips and service charges
-  Wellness Area
-  Day to night entertainment
-  Dedicated Cruise Experience Manager on hand for any help and advice
-  Complimentary tea and coffee station

*speeds may vary

**itinerary dependant

River cruise your way

Flexibility and choice are at the heart of our cruises, so make it your own by choosing what you want, when you want – from drinks packages to the length of your river cruise. Here are some of our flexible options and different choices on our river cruise sailings...

If you want to stay in a certain part of the ship, you can select your own cabin number for a fee. Or, let us choose for you.

There are no set dining times and an open seating policy, so you can choose when you eat, and where – we have a choice of restaurants on each of our ships.

You can upgrade your standard airport transfers to a private taxi for an additional cost.

*Available in selected ports

You can book a package, or opt for cabin-only, and make your own way to the ship.

Our European sailings are Full Board Plus as standard, but you can choose to upgrade to our All Inclusive drinks package. You'll get a wider selection of drinks outside mealtimes included on your cruise, like draught beers, branded spirits, cocktails and premium Lavazza coffee.

We've got a choice of venues onboard, so you can opt in and out of the entertainment as you please.

You'll find everything from live music to quizzes in our main bars, while our quieter bars are ideal for cosy cocktails after dark.

Our daily port talks cover everything from destination information to local traditions in some of our ports. These give you the lowdown on each place, and the choice to explore under your own steam or on one of our handpicked shore experiences with an expert guide.

Enhance your river cruise with our extras packages, where you can add on the likes of breakfast in bed and Prosecco in your cabin on arrival.

We offer sailings for four, five and seven nights, so whether you fancy shopping at some of Europe's leading Christmas markets or having some extended winter sun, you'll find a sailing to suit you.

Choose to extend your Nile river cruise with a hotel stay in Luxor or Hurgada. Or, combine it with our Highlights of Luxor tour.





Tips for first-time river cruisers

Attention first-time river cruisers – this one's for you. We've rounded up some of our top tips and did-you-knows, so you'll be all clued up before you step onboard.

CABINS WITH A VIEW

One of the great things about our river cruises is that every cabin's on the outside of the ship, which means you'll always have a new view to wake up to. Some have portholes or windows, and others have French balconies.

WATER LEVEL WATCH-OUTS

While ocean cruises take advantage of deep-water harbours, river cruising is a little different. Sometimes, unexpectedly low or high water levels mean we're unable to dock in certain ports, but don't worry – if that happens, we'll do our best to ensure you still see all the sights.

LOTS OF LOCKS

Locks are used to raise and lower ships between different-level stretches of water, so you might sail through a few of these on your cruise. In fact, there are 16 locks on the Rhine-Main-Danube canal, each one 190 metres long. It's interesting to see how they work, so keep your eyes peeled as we navigate through them.

DUCKING AND DIVING

To give us the space we need to get under low bridges and certain locks, we can collapse our cleverly designed top deck. That means it might be out of action for some time during your sailing, but don't worry – you can still eye up the views from inside the ship, and the captain will re-open the top deck as soon as it's safe to do so.

DOUBLE DOCKING

Space is a little tight in a lot of ports, which means we often have to double-dock. This is very common in river cruising, and it means you'll need to walk through another ship to get on and off ours. Just make sure you keep going until you're back on your TUI ship.

OUT-OF-TOWN BERTHING

There's nothing better than exploring a new city or lesser-known town, and we always dock as close to the centre as we can. There might be places where we need to dock further out, though, so you'll need to walk, use public

transport or book a transfer to get to the sights – your Cruise Experience Manager will be able to tell you what's best.

THE LOWDOWN ON MOBILITY

Unfortunately, our river cruise ships aren't wheelchair friendly, and they're not fitted with lifts or adapted cabins. So, this type of holiday may not be ideal if you find it difficult to walk up and down stairs unassisted.

Browse the next few pages to get the lowdown on where we sail, and find out more about what to expect onboard.

Want to know anything else? Just head to tui.co.uk/destinations/faq/tui-river-cruises to find out more.



Experience a destination like a local

When it comes to our destinations, we offer the best of both worlds. You can go off and explore at your leisure, or pick and choose from our selection of shore experiences.



We take care of everything. We'll even handle any unplanned changes – whether it's a cancellation, an itinerary change or a tour that runs over – so you'll never be left in the lurch.



You've got the flexibility to cancel your shore experiences for free, up to 48 hours before you're due to set off. Just so you know, for attractions and tickets, the cancellation policy can vary.



All our River Cruises Collection shore experiences are led by an expert guide, with first-hand knowledge of the local area. There are daily port talks, too, so you can get clued up on the must-see attractions before you arrive.



We carefully select all our suppliers and operators, making sure they meet our high TUI standards.



You can pre-book your shore experiences and attraction tickets, so it's easy to plan an itinerary before you set sail.

Explore, your way...

From city tours to classical concerts, the shore experiences in our River Cruise Collection pack in plenty of variety. Here's a taster of what you can expect from our range...

RUDESHEIM, GERMANY

River Cruises Collection: Walking Tour & Siegfried's Musical Cabinet



This fully guided, two-part walking tour starts with a stroll through Rudesheim's quaint Medieval streets – they're lined with cosy taverns and trinket shops. Then, you'll head to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet – a museum dedicated to mechanical musical instruments where a musical medley plays from music boxes, giant theatre organs and phonographs.

ASWAN, EGYPT

River Cruises Collection: Tour of the Abu Simbel temples



You'll explore a pair of Egypt's most distinctive temples on this full-day tour. Your expert guide will be able to answer all your questions and delve deeper into the history behind the temples, including the story behind the four giant statues of the ancient pharaoh, Ramses, at the entrance – each one's 20 metres tall.

COLOGNE, GERMANY

River Cruise Collection: Cologne City Tour



On this three-hour tour you'll get to tick off some of Cologne's famous Gothic architecture, including its iconic twin-spired cathedral. There's a mix of sightseeing by coach and on foot, including some time to shop for souvenirs. You'll get to see the town hall and city gates, too, which date back to the Roman era.

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

River Cruises Collection: Bratislava City Train Tour



You'll see some of Bratislava's most popular highlights on this snapshot tour. You'll start with a ride on a trolley train and head to the city's imposing castle for a guided walk around the gardens. Then it's off to the old town for an optional guided walking tour of the city centre.

...or sightsee at leisure

If exploring at your own pace sounds like more your cup of tea, that's perfect – our cruises allow you to go off and sightsee as much as you want during our port stops. Whether you're keen for museums and art galleries or would rather just bag a spot in a local café and watch the world go by, you won't be short of knock-out sights. Try out some of our favourite ports for size...

KOBLENZ, GERMANY

Koblenz's waterfront is dotted with UNESCO-stamped forts and palaces, while fairy tale castles christen the hilltops on the edge of town. We recommend taking a cable car up to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for spectacular views over the city and its two rivers.

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Sliced in half by the Danube, Budapest is like two cities in one. Hilly Buda sits to the west of the river, crowned by a vast 18th-century castle and the turreted Fisherman's Bastion. And to the east, you've got Pest, which is home to one of the grandest parliament buildings in the world.

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Nestled in north-eastern France, this picturesque city straddles the French-German border. Sites like the 1,000-year-old Strasbourg Cathedral in the heart of the city are as Gallic as they come. Plus, Strasbourg's biggest claim to fame is its status as home to the European Parliament.

River Cruises Collection vs Tickets and Attractions

All experiences in our River Cruises Collection include pick-up from the ship by an experienced local guide, who will give you all the need-to-know information about the places you visit. You'll then be dropped back at the ship when your experience has finished.

If you'd prefer to explore at your own pace though, we also have a range of attraction tickets that you can pre-book. We've got tickets for museums, art galleries, hop-on hop-off bus tours, and much more. Just so you know, attraction tickets don't include a transfer or a guide, and you'll need to make your own way to the meeting point, which will be stated on your ticket.

We'll let you know when your shore experiences are available. Then, when you're ready to book, you can do so by visiting rivercruises.gotui.com/uk - or simply **click the button** to start browsing the experiences on offer.

[More info](#)

TUI Aria



TUI Aria will be sailing along the Rhine in summer 2026 and winter 2026.

TUI Aria will be the sixth ship in our fleet when it sets sail along the Rhine, the Moselle and the Dutch and Belgian waterways in summer 2026. It'll be a Full Board Plus setup onboard, so three meals and drinks at mealtimes will be included in your package. And to top it off, it'll be our first river cruise ship to feature an indoor pool. Let's take a closer look at what you can expect onboard...

DINING

There'll be flexible dining times and an open seating policy onboard.

The **main restaurant** – **Verdastro** – will be a roomy, modern space with panoramic windows for watching the world go by as you dine. This place will have a familiar feel if you've sailed on TUI Isla, TUI Skyla or TUI Maya, as it's based on our popular venue onboard those ships. It'll be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a mix of local and international dishes, and there'll be waiter service for all three meals.

A six-course **gala dinner** will take place on sailings of five nights or more. You can get dressed up for the occasion if you fancy it, but there's no obligation to do so if you'd rather keep it casual.

Afternoon tea will also be on the cards on sailings of five nights or more. There'll be a buffet spread with freshly-made sandwiches and cakes.



OTHER FACILITIES

BAR

The **lounge bar – Observatory** – will be a light and contemporary space with floor-to-ceiling windows where the evening entertainment will take place each night. You'll be able to kick back in the comfy seats and watch live music and local acts take to the stage. There'll be things like interactive quizzes and movie nights here, too. If you've sailed on TUI Isla, TUI Skyla or TUI Maya, this place will have a familiar feel to it, as it's based on our old favourite onboard those ships.

POOL

The pool will be our very first indoor pool onboard a TUI River Cruises ship, but that's only part of the story. Thanks to the retractable roof, it'll double up as an outdoor number, too, so it's

in use year-round. There'll be panoramic windows, as well, so you can take in the scenery while you have a dip, plus seating around the edge and a sauna. And, come the evenings, the space around it will transform into a casual dining spot.

TOP DECK

The top deck will be a spacious area with different zones for relaxation and activities. Lie back on a lounge while watching the world go by or join in with the likes of Yoga classes and deck games, including shuffleboard.



*Please note, images are for illustrative purposes only, and all facilities are subject to change.

CABINS

All of the cabins will have a bright, modern feel and will include air-conditioning, a hairdryer, a flatscreen TV, a safe, and tea and coffee making facilities.



TUI Isla, TUI Maya and TUI Skyla



TUI Isla will be sailing along the Danube in summer 2026 and winter 2026. **TUI Maya** will be sailing along the Danube in summer 2026 and winter 2026. **TUI Skyla** will be sailing along the Danube in summer 2026, and the Rhine in winter 2026.

This trio were the first ships in our river cruise fleet, and they sail along the likes of the **Rhine** and the **Danube** in Western and Central Europe. They're sister ships, so all three are identical when it comes to what's onboard. They're all Full Board Plus, too, so three meals and drinks at mealtimes are included in your package. Let's take a closer look at what they offer...



DINING

Each ship comes with two restaurants, which both offer flexible dining times and an open seating policy.

Verdastro is the main restaurant, and it's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu changes daily, with a spotlight on local flavours, so you can get a taste for the region you're in onboard as well as ashore. You can choose from a buffet or a menu at breakfast, while lunch and dinner are an à la carte affair with waiter service. Dishes include the likes of pork tenderloin, goulash and curry.

Things are a little more casual in **Bistro**, our second restaurant. It's joined at the hip with Verdastro, giving

you an extra dining option. And like its next door-neighbour, it's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A swanky six-course **gala dinner** takes place once per sailing on cruises which are five nights or longer. You can get your glad rags on if you like, but there's no obligation to do so if you'd rather keep it casual.

There's also **afternoon tea** once per sailing on cruises which are five nights or longer. It's hosted in the Observatory, and you can tuck in to freshly made sandwiches and cakes.

OTHER FACILITIES

BARS

There are two bars onboard. The **Observatory** takes pride of place at the heart of the ships. As with all our venues, you can expect widescreen windows for admiring the panoramic views. There's also a daily happy hour with complimentary canapés. After dark, the nightly entertainment's held here, which ranges from talented musicians to interactive quizzes.

Coffee and cocktails are the cornerstones of the **Club Lounge**. Plush chairs, brass fittings and mirrored tables set a sophisticated scene. By day, you can sip a premium Lavazza coffee* while taking in the views, then at night, you can clink pre-dinner cocktails* in front of a digital roaring fireplace before heading to one of the restaurants. There's a small library and a selection of board games here as well, plus a digital games table.

WELLNESS AREA

The wellness area's equipped with a sauna and a whirlpool bath, for the perfect place to unwind after a day's sightseeing. It's free to use, but if you fancy having it to yourself, you can book a private session when you're onboard.

TOP DECK

The top deck's split into zones, with different areas for relaxation and activities. There are sunloungers, plus tables and chairs if you fancy some chill time. And if you want to switch up the pace, the activity area hosts deck games like minigolf, cornhole and shuffleboard.



*Lavazza coffee and cocktails aren't included as part of the Full Board Plus package. You'll need to either pay extra, or upgrade to the All Inclusive drinks package.

CABINS

All our modern and stylish cabins are on the outside of the ship, with a porthole, a full-size window or a French Balcony. So, they make the perfect space to watch the world go by. You can choose from the likes of **Single cabins**, **Standard cabins** and **French Balcony cabins**, or opt for a **French Balcony Suite cabin**. As with all our cabins, you'll get a TV, a safe, Molton Brown toiletries, and tea and coffee-making facilities as standard. There are a few extras, too, like bathrobes and slippers, a nightly turndown service and a Continental breakfast in bed each morning.



TUI Al Horeya



TUI Al Horeya was the fourth ship to join our river cruise fleet, and it sails along the world-famous River Nile in Egypt. The layout onboard is a little different to our European fleet, and this one's All Inclusive as standard, so all your drinks outside of mealtimes are part of the package. Let's take a closer look at what's onboard...



DINING

Like all our river cruise ships, there are flexible dining times and an open seating policy.

Lazeeza is the main restaurant. It's a bright and modern space, which serves up a mix of buffet and show-cooking options for breakfast and lunch, and à la carte meals for dinner.

You can dine al fresco, as well, at **Felucca**. This spot's up on the top deck, and is open for light bites at lunch, as well as tea, coffee and cake every afternoon. In the evening, it's an à la carte restaurant with waiter service, where dishes with a local flavour are served. And, there's a buffet-style afternoon tea served here once per sailing.

OTHER FACILITIES

BARS

The **Observatory** is the ship's main bar. It's a light and contemporary lounge which hosts the nightly entertainment, where you can expect everything from local acts to live music, quizzes and films. **Felucca Bar**, meanwhile, is on the top deck, and it's the perfect spot to sit back on comfy chairs and sofas while watching the world go by.

WELLNESS AREA

This comes complete with fitness equipment and a

space for exercise classes. And, if you want to take things a little easier, you can treat yourself to a massage for a little extra.

TOP DECK

The top deck's the ideal spot for soaking up the scenery. Half of it's home to sunloungers, a pool and a couple of hot tubs, while the other half's where you'll find a restaurant, a bar and loads of comfy seating.



CABINS

All our modern and stylish cabins come with a TV, a safe, and tea and coffee-making facilities as standard. You can choose from the likes of **Single cabins** and **Superior French Balcony cabins**, or opt for our **French Balcony Suite cabins** or **Balcony Suite cabins**. As well as the standard amenities, these come with a few extras, too, like bathrobes and slippers, a Continental breakfast twice per week, and a 30-minute massage.

French Balcony Cabin



TUI Bahareya



TUI Bahareya will be the fifth ship in our river cruise fleet when it joins the gang in winter 2025. Like its sister ship – TUI Al Horeya – it will sail along the world-famous River Nile in Egypt, and onboard you'll get the full Egyptian experience, with more than a few nods to the local culture. Expect to find everything from Arabic-inspired decor to local guest acts and regional dishes in the restaurant. It'll also be All Inclusive as standard, so you can expect all your drinks outside of mealtimes to come as part of the package. Let's take a closer look at what you can expect onboard...



DINING

Like all our river cruise ships, there'll be flexible dining times and an open seating policy in the main restaurant – buffet breakfasts and lunches, and à la carte dinners are on the cards here. There'll be a second eatery on the top deck, too, for daytime snacks, 'grab-and-go' lunches, and à la carte dinners with a local flavour.

OTHER FACILITIES

BARS

The ship's main bar is where the nightly entertainment will take place. There'll be things like local acts and live music, including a traditional Nubian show, plus lectures and talks, so you can learn loads more about Egypt from the onboard Egyptologists. There'll also be a second bar on the top deck. Breakout areas will be dotted around the ship, too, where you can grab local teas, coffees and delicacies.

TOP DECK

The top deck will be split into different zones for relaxation and activities. There'll be a pool with plenty of sunloungers dotted around it, a big space for activities, plus an eatery where you can grab snacks in the daytime and dinners in the evening.

ATRIUM

The **Atrium** will be the main hub of the ship. This bright, open space will be decked out with Arabic-influenced decor, and it's where you'll find the reception desk and the shore experiences desk. There'll be a self-serve tea and coffee station here as well, that's on hand 24/7.



*Please note, images are for illustrative purposes only, and all facilities are subject to change.

CABINS

All of the modern and stylish cabins will come with a TV, a safe, and tea and coffee-making facilities as standard. You can choose a **Superior French Balcony cabin**, or upgrade to a **French Balcony Suite cabin**. As well as the standard amenities, these come with a few extras, too, like bathrobes and slippers, breakfast in bed twice per week, and upgraded toiletries.



Now that's what I call entertainment

When you're not off exploring, there's plenty to keep you busy onboard. Take a look at what you can get up to, from early morning to evening...





DAYTIME

Our daytime activities range from top-deck games to wellness sessions. Here's a taster of what to expect.

GAMES ONBOARD

Minigolf, deck quoits and corn hole – a throwing game – are all on the cards during our river cruises. You can play by yourself or join in with a tournament. You can even have a go on our VR headsets, too.

CULTURE AND CRAFTS

Occasionally we'll invite guest speakers onboard to talk about the local regions, history and culture. Keep an eye on the Navigate app throughout your cruise to see what's on offer during your sailing.

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

Keep fit with regular wellness sessions onboard, from morning stretches to afternoon yoga sessions.



AND RELAX...

There's also the option of winding down at the Wellness Area in the sauna* and whirlpool*. Or, you can browse our collection of books and board games.



NIGHT-TIME

Our entertainment is quite low-key compared to larger cruise ships – but you'll still find quizzes, live music and even silent discos on our night-time entertainment programme.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Our game shows and quizzes use the latest technology, making them completely interactive. You can join in using one of the digital handsets and test your knowledge on everything from films and music to geography and history.

LIVE MUSIC

Our entertainment team perform a whole variety of musical numbers from West End hits to disco anthems.

GUEST ACTS

We've handpicked our guest acts so you can expect some of the best local talent. They range from dance acts and instrumentalists to singers.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Now and then, we like to mix things up with a special event. These can range from stargazing or movies on the top deck, to a silent disco where you can choose the music you want to dance to via your own wireless headphones. Also, look out for our evening sail-aways on selected itineraries when you can marvel at the views from the ship as we leave a port.

Click the button to find out more about our onboard experience.

More info

Just so you know, activities and guest acts will vary depending on your itinerary.
*Available on our European fleet.



INSIDER INFO

Dip down Artists' Alley in Passau, which is home to petite shops and workshops. Even the walls and cobblestones are becoming works of art themselves.



Best for: Cities

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

The Danube at Christmas

No two days are the same on the Danube. That's because Europe's second-longest river cuts through Europe's heart, flowing through tiny towns, grand capitals and 10 countries. So, it's no surprise that Christmastime along here's just as varied, too.

BIG-HITTING SIGHTS

SCHONBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA

In a city praised for its architecture, this summer palace still stands out. And come Christmastime, it shows off a whole new side, when the parade court's transformed into a festive market filled with stalls, nativity sets and the smell of freshly-baked vanillekipferl – a popular vanilla-based cookie in these parts.

SZECHENYI THERMAL BATHS, BUDAPEST

You can't stop in the so-called City of Spas and not sink into a thermal bath. This bright-yellow bathhouse is one of Budapest's best, thanks to its open-air pools and neo-Renaissance architecture. It's open all-year-round, as well – even on Christmas Day. Talk about a winter warmer!

HIDDEN GEM

DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

This little-known town is a serious contender for the Wachau Valley's most adorable

village. Despite its small size, it's home to some big sights, like an ornate abbey and a Medieval castle. The latter plays host to a Christmas market, too, when the courtyard's filled with festive stalls.

FOODIE FIND

VARENE VINO, BRATISLAVA

This warming winter drink is Slovakia's answer to mulled wine. Spices like cinnamon and cloves give it a bit of oomph, and some places add in extras like orange or lemon peel, cardamom, ginger, and even black pepper to tickle your tastebuds.

PERFECT PICTURE

BUDA CASTLE, BUDAPEST

There's never a bad time to snap a picture of this striking palace, which keeps watch over Hungary's capital. You'll get the best picture after dark though, from the other side of the river, when it's lit up in all its glory.



SCHONBRUNN PALACE, VIENNA



BUDA CASTLE, BUDAPEST



Best for: Cities

KOLNER DOM, COLOGNE, GERMANY

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INSIDER INFO

Horse-drawn carriage rides are a big deal in Koblenz. They set off from the Christmas market and mugs of mulled wine are served along the way.

The Rhine at Christmas

From fairy tale hamlets to time-stamped towns, the Rhine takes some beating as far as festive settings go. So, it's no surprise to learn that some of Europe's best Christmas markets take place along here.

BIG-HITTING SIGHTS

KOLNER DOM, COLOGNE

Once the tallest building in Europe, this jaw-dropping cathedral is Germany's largest. Its huge spires pierce Cologne's skyline at 515 feet tall, while the city's biggest Christmas market takes place right outside. It's not the only one though – there are three more major markets dotted around the city, plus lots of little ones, as well.

RATHAUS, KOBLENZ

When Christmastime comes, Koblenz's Baroque town hall transforms into one of the city's must-see sights. That's because this impressive building doubles up as a giant advent calendar, with its 24 windows gradually lighting up throughout December. And to top things off, the town square next to it is one of six with its own festive market.

HIDDEN GEM

SPEYER, GERMANY

This picturesque spot really comes to life over the festive period thanks to the

Christmas market which takes over the town's old quarter. There's an entire section dedicated to handicrafts, and you can try baking your own Christmas cookies. Head over to the Old Gate, meanwhile, and you can skate around a 2,000-square-foot ice rink.

FOODIE FIND

BRENTEN BISCUITS, FRANKFURT

These traditional Christmas cookies have been a festive staple around here for centuries. Marzipan and almond paste give them their distinctive flavour, and a couple of splashes of rose water round them off.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

If you're planning to visit a Christmas market, most of these are wrapped up before the big day.



RATHAUS, KOBLENZ



SPEYER, GERMANY



Best for: History



LUXOR, EGYPT



INSIDER INFO

One of the reliefs along Sphinx Avenue has a hieroglyph of Queen Cleopatra on it, which means she probably visited here on her Nile trip. Ask your guide to point it out to you, if you visit.

Nile

History buffs, the Nile's calling. The world's most famous river flows through the heart of ancient Egypt, passing pharaonic temples, millennia-old tombs and museum-filled Luxor.



SPHINX AVENUE, LUXOR

BIG-HITTING SIGHTS

TEMPLE OF HORUS, EDFU

This place is one of Egypt's largest and most intact pharaonic temples. Step through the 36-metre-high gateway into a complex that's dedicated to Horus – a god with the body of a man and the head of a falcon.

KARNAK TEMPLE, LUXOR

Karnak's famed for its collection of sanctuaries, kiosks, pylons and obelisks. It also hosts a 90-minute sound and light show, which gives you a glimpse into the lives of the pharaohs.

HIDDEN GEM

ASWAN, EGYPT

As the country's southernmost city, Aswan was once dubbed the gateway to ancient Egypt. These days, it's a destination in its own right – albeit a little under-the-radar. Check out its botanical gardens, or set eyes on unearthed artefacts in one of its museums.

FOODIE FIND

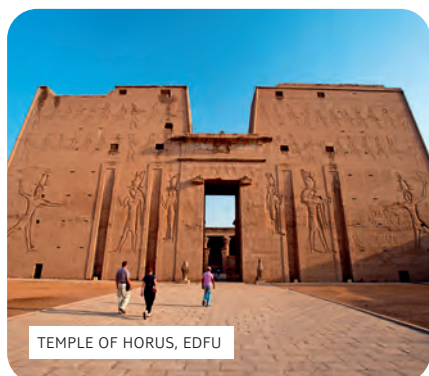
KOSHARI, LUXOR

Koshari's eaten so often in Egypt, you'd think it counted as the sixth food group. This national dish is made from rice, lentils, chickpeas and macaroni, all topped with tomato or garlic sauce. It's easy to track down in Luxor – most street food stalls and traditional restaurants serve it.

PERFECT PICTURE

SPHINX AVENUE, LUXOR

When it comes to first-rate photo stops, Sphinx Avenue easily makes the cut. This three-kilometre-long walkway is lined with – you guessed it – sphinxes, with tall palms and the Luxor Temple as the backdrop.



TEMPLE OF HORUS, EDFU

Extend your Egyptian adventure

You'll be sightseeing your heart out on our Nile cruises, so how about throwing some more relaxation into the mix? With our Cruise & Stay holidays, you can tag a seven-night stint in Luxor, or a six-night break in a Hurghada hotel onto the end of your river cruise. Or, opt for a Stay & Cruise holiday, where you can kick things off with a eight-night hotel stay in Hurghada, before heading off on your Nile river cruise. There's a whole host of top-notch hotels for you to choose from – here's a closer look at a few of them...

TUI BLUE MAKADI GARDENS



This adults-only hotel takes you on a culinary trip around the world with its global theme nights. A pair of pools, a private beach and a couple of beach bars are on hand, too.

STEIGENBERGER NILE PALACE



A riverside pool and a stocked-up spa are two of this hotel's biggest calling cards. It's also got a quartet of restaurants in its locker, including three à la carte spots.

HOTEL HILTON LUXOR



This up-to-the-minute hotel shows off a plush spa, a trio of restaurants and a pair of infinity pools – one of which comes with front-row views of the Nile.

A LOOK AT LUXOR

If walls could talk, the buildings of Luxor would have some stories to tell. The roots of this city date back to the 3rd century BC, when it was known as Thebes, and pharaohs ruled Egypt. Nowadays, it's been dubbed an 'open-air museum' thanks to its roll-call of sights, like Millennia-old temples and ancient statues. The star of the show though is the Valley of the Kings – this collection of royal tombs is hidden away in the hills about 30 minutes' drive out of town.



HANG AROUND IN HURGHADA

This Red Sea resort has world-renowned coral reefs, where you can spot everything from bright-green parrotfish and turtles to bottlenose dolphins. Head inland, meanwhile, and you've got all the hallmarks of an Egyptian desert, from massive sand dunes to camels trekking along the horizon. As for the city centre, it's a mix of traditional souks on one side and a modern marina on the other.



NILE

SAILING ON:
TUI AL HOREYA AND TUI BAHAREYA

Legends of the Nile

This seven-night sailing takes you along a section of Africa's longest river, starting and finishing in one of the world's oldest inhabited cities, Luxor.



Best for: History

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get the stories behind the sights from onboard Egyptologists
- Visit Luxor - 'the world's greatest open-air museum'
- Lots of shore experiences to choose from – pick your favourites

DAY 1: LUXOR, EGYPT

You'll arrive in Luxor today, and after the short 25-minute transfer from the airport, you'll be able to familiarise yourself with the ship, which will be docked on the city's outskirts.

DAY 2: LUXOR, EGYPT

Today, you'll have the whole day to explore this old-meets-new city, which is often dubbed 'the world's greatest open-air museum' for its smorgasbord of ancient sights. Two of the top ones are the temples of Karnak and Luxor, and if they weren't striking enough on their own, the road that connects them, Sphinx Avenue, is a sight in itself thanks to the thousand-plus statues that line it on both sides.

DAY 3: LUXOR, EGYPT

You'll have the morning to check out any sights you might've missed yesterday, but if anything's still on your to-do list then don't panic, as you'll be back in Luxor on day seven. You'll then have the afternoon and evening to make the most of the facilities onboard, like the pool and the hot tubs on the top deck or the wellness area inside.

DAY 4: EDFU, EGYPT TO KOM OMBO, EGYPT

You'll spend some time this morning in Edfu, a small city on the Nile's west bank, which dates all the way back to 3000 BC. There's an included excursion with a certified Egyptologist to its main attraction, the Temple of Horus – one of Egypt's best-preserved ancient monuments, which depicts the birth of the falcon god, Horus – or you can hang back on the ship and use all the facilities. Late morning, the ship will set sail for Kom Ombo for a short stop. Here, you'll have another included excursion with a certified Egyptologist to its unique double temple, which is dedicated to two Gods, before the ship sets off for Aswan in the late evening.

DAY 5: ASWAN, EGYPT

You'll arrive in Aswan overnight – another of Egypt's ancient cities on the Nile's east bank. You'll have the whole day here, and most of tomorrow, so there's plenty of time to head out on one of the optional excursions that are lined up. First up's a full-day tour to Abu Simbel – a pair of temples that are cut into a mountainside in the village of the same name. Remarkably, the entire complex was moved to higher ground back in the 1960s, due to the risk posed by rising water levels.

DAY 6: ASWAN, EGYPT

You'll have a second day in Aswan today, and there are more optional excursions if you fancy venturing out, including a trip that ticks off three of the city's biggest sights – the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. The ship will then set sail for the trip back to Luxor in the late afternoon, so you should be in time to catch the sunset from the top deck.

DAY 7: LUXOR, EGYPT

You'll arrive back in Luxor first thing this morning, and there's a whole day to see any sights you might've missed the first time around. The optional excursions include a visit to the Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut Temple, with a felucca boat trip thrown in. Or you can explore Luxor at your own leisure and head to one of its spice-scented souks, or grab cocktails at the grandiose Old Winter Palace.

DAY 8: LUXOR, EGYPT

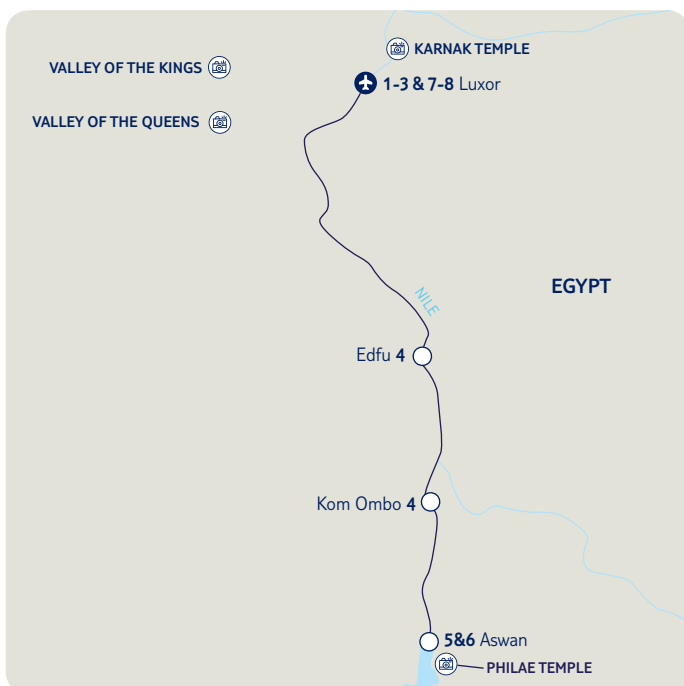
You'll head home today, and depending on what time your flight leaves, there may be some time to explore more of Luxor. Take a stroll along the riverside walkway of Sharia al-Corniche. It's a top spot for watching the Nile roll by over a glass of shai – the local cuppa. Or, you can have a final laze around on the ship's top deck and catch some more rays before heading home.



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LUXOR TEMPLE, EGYPT



MAP KEY

Arrival and Departure
Luxor

Transfer 25 minutes

TOP TIP

Don't forget to watch the sound and light show at Karnak Temple. If you think it's impressive in the daytime, just wait 'til you see it lit up at night.



KOM OMBO, EGYPT



EDFU, EGYPT



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NILE

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Ancient Gods and Famous Pharaohs

You'll glide along the world-famous River Nile on this seven-night sailing, which starts and finishes in Luxor – one of the world's oldest inhabited cities.



Best for: Cities



Best for: History

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get your history fix from onboard Egyptologists
- Take a walk around Luxor - 'the world's greatest open-air museum'
- Choose from loads of shore experiences – all with an expert guide

DAY 1: LUXOR, EGYPT

Your river cruise starts today in Luxor. It's a short 25-minute transfer from the airport to the ship, and once you're onboard you can get a feel for it and check out the facilities.

DAY 2: LUXOR, EGYPT

You'll have some time to explore this old-meets-new city today. It's been dubbed 'the world's greatest open-air museum' for its variety of ancient sights, which includes the striking temples of Karnak and Luxor. They're impressive enough by themselves, but the road that links them, Sphinx Avenue, is a whole sight by itself, too, thanks to the thousand-plus statues that line up along it on both sides.

DAY 3: KOM OMBO, EGYPT TO ASWAN, EGYPT

You're in Kom Ombo this morning, where you can go on an included excursion to its famous temple. It's been standing for more than 2,000 years, and it's distinctive for being a double temple. The original temple was an Ancient Egyptian shrine to Sobek, the crocodile God. Then, once the Egyptians left town, the Romans came in and added their own temple on the side. Later, you'll head to Egypt's southernmost city, Aswan.

DAY 4: ASWAN, EGYPT

Today, you'll have a whole day in Aswan. You can chill out on the ship, or head out on a couple of optional excursions. The first one's to Abu Simbel and its famous temples. They're cut into a mountainside in the village, but that's not the only thing about them that stands out. Incredibly, the entire complex was moved to higher ground back in the 1960s, due to the risk posed by rising water levels. The other excursion is a visit to a Nubian village, followed by a ride along the River Nile on a traditional felucca boat.

DAY 5: ASWAN, EGYPT

You'll spend this morning in Aswan again, and there are a couple more optional excursions to choose from. One of them takes you to a trio of Aswan's biggest sights – the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk – which was undiscovered for thousands of years – and Philae Temple. The other one heads to the Tombs of the Nobles – where some of Ancient Egypt's princes, governors, and other dignitaries are buried – and Kitchener's Island, which is home to Aswan's botanical gardens.

DAY 6: EDFU, EGYPT TO LUXOR, EGYPT

You'll wake up in Edfu today. This small city sits on the Nile's west bank, and it dates all the way back to 3000 BC. One of Egypt's best-preserved ancient monuments – the Temple of Horus – calls this place home, and you can head there on an included excursion. Then, you'll head back to Luxor in the late morning, so there's a whole afternoon onboard to relax.

DAY 7: LUXOR, EGYPT

It's back to Luxor today, and you'll have a whole day to tick anything off you might've missed the first-time round. If you're exploring the city at your own pace, why not barter for bargains at a spice-scented souk or enjoy a cocktail at the grandiose Old Winter Palace. You can head out on an optional excursion in the evening, too, if you like, to the sound and light show at Karnak Temple. This action-packed, 90-minute show looks back at the history of Thebes and the lives of the pharaohs through stirring music and historic tales, while the ruins are illuminated by a dazzling light show.

DAY 8: LUXOR, EGYPT

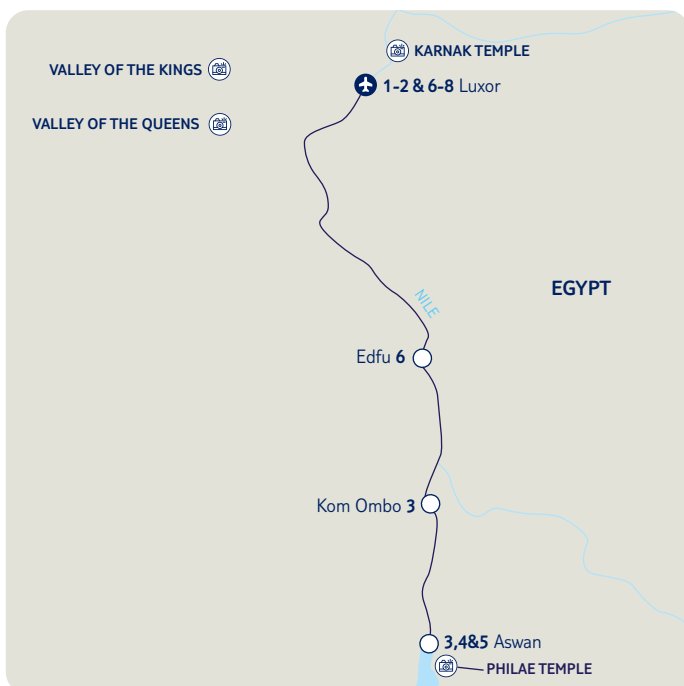
Your river cruise will come to an end today, but if you have time before you leave Luxor, head to Sharia al-Corniche. It's one of the best spots in the city to soak up river views and there are plenty of places to grab a glass of shai – the local cuppa in these parts.



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CRUISE OR BOOK ONLINE



ASWAN, EGYPT



MAP KEY

Arrival and Departure
Luxor

Transfer 25 minutes

TOP TIP

If you enjoy haggling, head to one of Luxor's souks. You'll find the main tourist bazaar in Sharia Al-Souk, which runs parallel to Sharia El Karank, near Luxor Temple. Everything from shisha pipes to perfume bottles are up for grabs here.



KOM OMBO, EGYPT



EDFU, EGYPT



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ONBOARD

- Warm up with a **speciality hot chocolate**, or some **mulled wine**.
- Join activities like **festive food demonstrations** and **festive crafts**.
- Snuggle up at our **festive film screenings**.
- Get tips from your Cruise Experience Manager on Christmas **market best buys**.
- Look forward to **local acts**, bringing their own Christmas traditions onboard.

ASHORE

- Check out the 100-year-old carousel or the life-sized manger from Bethlehem in **Dusseldorf**.
- Spy the advent calendar in the 24 dormers of **Koblenz's** town hall.
- Go ice-skating in **Bonn** – its Christmas market comes with a huge ice rink.
- Stare up at **Strasbourg's** huge tree, which is decorated with over 400 baubles.
- Ride the giant Ferris wheel in **Budapest**, and see the city's sights from up high.

FEELING IN THE FESTIVE MOOD?

See our itineraries on the following pages.

Cruising towards Christmas

Steaming mugs of mulled wine, snow-dusted forests, sizzling bratwurst – there's nothing quite like the run-up to Christmas on the Continent. Here's a look at what you can get up to on our **Christmas market** sailings along the Rhine and the Danube...



MAD FOR MARKETS

Germany's Christmas markets are known around the world for their size, scale and spectacle. We're talking giant mazes of tinsel-topped stalls, tower-tall Christmas trees and more souvenirs than you can shake a candy cane at. During our Christmas markets river cruise itineraries,

you'll have the chance to visit a few of the country's biggest and oldest fairs, where you can pair seasonal shopping with a spot of sightseeing. And it's not just Germany getting all the attention over the festive period. Our Danube itineraries stop off at Christmas markets in Hungary, Austria and Slovakia.

Planned activities subject to change.



RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI ARIA

Mistletoe and Rhine

You can work your way around some of the Christmas markets in Germany's biggest cities on this five-night itinerary, including Dusseldorf, Cologne and Frankfurt.



DAY 1: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

You'll start your river cruise today in Dusseldorf – one of the most modern cities along the Rhine. Skyscrapers rub shoulders with a historic old town here, and it's at the latter where you'll find the city's main Christmas market. The stalls here are designed to look like mini versions of Dusseldorf's Medieval townhouses. The Little Angel Market, meanwhile, is the place to go for the best crafts and handmade souvenirs, and there's a music pavilion in the middle.

DAY 2: COLOGNE, GERMANY

It's Cologne's turn to impress today. They really go all out with the Christmas markets here, with four different events around the city. The Cathedral Market's the biggest, and sits right outside Cologne's gargantuan Gothic cathedral. At the Neumarkt, costumed angels sprinkle glitter among the stalls, while the Old Market's the most traditional of the four. And, if you like your chocolate, head to the Harbour Market – it's well known here for its sweet treats.

DAY 3: RUDESHEIM, GERMANY

You'll arrive in Rudesheim today – a sleepy town where things are a little more quaint. Its cosy old town comes to life during December, where the global-themed festivities have led to its Christmas market being dubbed the 'Christmas Market of Nations'. There's everything from Finnish to Far Eastern on the food and drink front, plus classic German staples of course, like bratwurst and gluhwein. One of the favourite tipples here is Rudesheim coffee, which is mixed with tasty local brandy and topped with whipped cream. The life-sized nativity scene is one of the biggest in Europe, too.

DAY 4: FRANKFURT, GERMANY

You'll arrive in the skyscraper-packed city of Frankfurt today, which is home to one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in Germany. There are more than 200 stalls to browse in the city's old town centre, where it's easy to stock up on local favourites, like spiced Brenten biscuits and Bethmannchen cookies, which are made from marzipan and almonds. And if you fancy venturing away from the festive scenes, the Museumsufer district lives up to its name, with sculpture, film and natural history museums to visit.

DAY 5: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

You'll spend the day in Koblenz today, the city where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. The exact spot's called Deutsches Eck. Take the cable car up the hill on the other side of the riverbank for the best bird's-eye views of it. The Christmas market here has more than a hundred stalls set up for the season under the watchful eye of the Baroque town hall. This impressive building looks good year-round, but it really lights up in December – literally – when it doubles up as a giant advent calendar, as its 24 windows gradually light up throughout the month.

DAY 6: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

It's back to Dusseldorf for your final day, so depending on your flight time, you can try and get to anything you might've missed on day one. Christmas markets crop up all over the city at this time of year, so you can stock up on souvenirs. The main Marktplatz is a good place to start. The 16th-century town hall makes for a handsome backdrop, while the stalls are stacked with handmade products from skilled craftspeople, including wood carvings and ornate glasswork.



MAP KEY

- 📍 Arrival and Departure
Dusseldorf
- 🕒 Transfer 20 minutes



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RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI ARIA

Christmas Carols & Castles

From Cologne's Cathedral Market to Rudesheim's 'Christmas Market of Nations', this four-night itinerary ticks off some of Germany's best-known festive fairs.



Best for: Cities

DAY 1: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Your river cruise starts today in the old-meets-new city of Dusseldorf, where skyscrapers sit side-by-side with Medieval townhouses. Seven Christmas markets take place around the city each year, with the main one setting up shop in the historic old town. Vintage carousels and a giant Christmas tree are on the cards here, while over at the Little Angel Market, you'll find the best crafts and handmade souvenirs, plus a cute music pavilion in the middle.

DAY 2: COLOGNE, GERMANY

You'll have a whole day to explore Cologne today. The city's probably best-known for its enormous Gothic cathedral, which took more than 600 years to build. The aptly-named Cathedral Market takes place right outside at this time of year – it's one of four Christmas markets dotted around the city, and it's the biggest of the lot. You can also visit the traditional Old Market, the Harbour Market – which is well known for its chocolate treats – and the Neumarkt, where costumed angels sprinkle glitter among the stalls.

DAY 3: RUDESHEIM, GERMANY

You'll head to the cosy town of Rudesheim, today. This place really comes to life during the festive period, when its old town is transformed into a Christmas wonderland, with a market that's been dubbed the 'Christmas Market of Nations' for its global-themed festivities. You can eat your way around the world at its food stalls, with everything from Finnish to Far Eastern on the menus. The life-sized nativity scene here is one of the biggest in Europe, too.

DAY 4: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

Today, you'll have a whole day to explore Koblenz. The city's well known for its Deutsches Eck monument, which marks the point where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. Take the cable car up to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for the best views. The Christmas market gets plenty of attention at this time of year, as well. More than a hundred stalls set up for the holidays, next to the Baroque town hall. This place becomes a sight of its own at this time of year when it doubles up as a giant advent calendar, with its 24 windows gradually lighting up throughout the month.

DAY 5: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Today, you'll round off your river cruise back where it all started, in Dusseldorf. If you have time before your flight, you can tick off any markets you may have missed on day one and stock up on souvenirs. The main Marktplatz is the go-to spot for handmade products from skilled craftspeople, including wood carvings and ornate glassworks. Or, finish things off with a drop of the city's signature altbier in the old town. This area's dubbed 'The Longest Bar in the World' for the sheer number of breweries and bars here.



MAP KEY

✈️ **Arrival and Departure**

Dusseldorf

🕒 **Transfer** 20 minutes



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RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI SKYLA

A Christmastime on the Rhine

This five-night itinerary starts and finishes in one of the Rhine's mega-cities, Cologne. In between, you can snap up souvenirs from the Christmas markets in Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg and Rudesheim.



DAY 1: COLOGNE, GERMANY

Your river cruise starts today in Cologne – a city famous for its colossal cathedral. Christmas markets pop up all over town at this time of year as well, and the biggest one takes place right next to the iconic landmark. The Harbour Market, meanwhile, is beside the city's chocolate museum, so as you'd expect, there are plenty of sweet treats to snap up. And don't worry if you don't see everything today, as you'll be back in Cologne on the final day.

DAY 2: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

It's Koblenz's turn to impress today – the city where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. You can get a great view of the exact spot from the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. The cable car is the best – and most scenic – way to reach it. The city's Christmas market is well underway at this time of year, as well, with more than a hundred stalls to wander around. It all takes place by the Baroque town hall, which becomes a sight of its own at this time of year, as its 24 windows gradually light up throughout December to create a giant advent calendar effect.

DAY 3: SPEYER, GERMANY

Today, you'll spend a few hours in the compact city of Speyer. At this time of year, its old quarter is taken over by the Christmas market, where festive-themed huts and stalls sit side-by-side along the paved streets. You can try your hand at baking Christmas cookies, and there's a whole section dedicated to handicrafts. You can also head over to the Old Gate, and skate around a 2,000-square-foot ice rink. Or, sit back in one of the many wine bars dotted around town for a glass of locally produced wine.

DAY 4: KEHL (FOR STRASBOURG), GERMANY

You'll anchor in Kehl today and take a short trip across the border to the French city of Strasbourg. You could be forgiven for thinking you haven't left Germany though as you wander around its pretty districts like La Petite France, which is filled with Bavarian-style half-timbered houses. The Christmas market's just like one you'd find over the border, too. It takes place next to the city's giant cathedral, and if that's not enough reason to look skywards, the enormous Christmas tree that all the stalls are clustered around just might be.

DAY 5: RUDESHEIM, GERMANY

Rudesheim takes the spotlight today. This quaint town comes to life during the festive period when its 'Christmas Market of Nations' showcases global festivities from across the world. On the food front, there's everything from Finnish to Far Eastern, and there are plenty of local delicacies, too, like Rudesheim coffee, which is mixed with local brandy and topped off with whipped cream. And check out the life-sized nativity scene while you're in town – it's one of Europe's biggest.

DAY 6: COLOGNE, GERMANY

You'll finish back where it all started today, in Cologne. If there's time before your flight and you missed any markets on day one, then you can bag some baubles before you head home. Or, take the weight off and grab a Kolsch while you're in town. This local beer can only be made within 30 miles of the city to be classed as the real deal, and it even has geographical protection from the EU to back it up.



MAP KEY

- 📍 Arrival and Departure
Dusseldorf
- 🕒 Transfer 20 minutes



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RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI SKYLA

Glühwein on the Rhine

Tick off three German cities over four nights on this itinerary. It starts and ends in Cologne, with stops at Dusseldorf and Koblenz sandwiched in between.



Best for: Cities

DAY 1: COLOGNE, GERMANY

Cologne's first up on your river cruise. Christmas markets spring up all over the city at this time of year, and the biggest one takes place in the shadow of the giant cathedral, which keeps watch over the city. There are three more major markets to check out, too. The Old Market's the most traditional, the Harbour Market is a haven for chocoholics, thanks to its plot next to the city's waterfront chocolate museum, while costumed angels on stilts wander among the stalls and spread glitter at Neumarkt.

DAY 2: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Dusseldorf's next up on the agenda. There's an old-meets-new feel to the city, with leggy skyscrapers rubbing shoulders with an historic old town. The latter's where the city's main Christmas market is held, too. The wooden stalls are designed to look like the city's Medieval townhouses, while a giant ice-skating rink and a 50-metre high Ferris wheel are on the cards if you're feeling daring. Just a five-minute stroll away, the Little Angel Market on Heinrich-Heine-Platz is the go-to place for handicrafts and souvenirs, plus a cute music pavilion in the heart of it.

DAY 3: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

You'll spend a few hours today in Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. The Christmas market takes centre stage in the heart of the town at this time of year, when more than a hundred stalls set up by the Baroque town hall. And that's a sight of its own in December, when its 24 windows gradually light up throughout the month to form a giant advent calendar.

DAY 4: COLOGNE, GERMANY

You'll come back to Cologne today, and if you've covered all the Christmas markets, how about heading to the chocolate museum we mentioned earlier? You can even get your own customised bar made while you wait. If you're a sportier type, there are loads of interactive exhibits at the Olympic Museum, next door, or you can amble around the cobbled streets in the old town.

DAY 5: COLOGNE, GERMANY

It's the last day of your cruise today, and one last chance to explore Cologne. Stroll along Schildergasse – the city's main shopping street – if you fancy taking some last-minute souvenirs home, or head to one of the taverns in the old town for a cold Kolsch. This local beer can only be brewed within 30 miles of Cologne to be considered the real deal, so it's as authentic as it gets.



COLOGNE, GERMANY



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- Arrival and Departure
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- Transfer 1 hour



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DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI ISLA

Yuletide Magic

You'll visit three of Europe's grandest capitals on this five-night itinerary – Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava – as well as under-the-radar towns like Durnstein and Krems.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA



Best for: Cities

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll start your river cruise in Austria's majestic capital, Vienna. Depending on what time you arrive, there may be time to check out some of the city's lavish palaces, like Hofburg, which is home to the country's president and the world-famous Spanish Riding School. If you don't get time to see all the sights, you'll be back in Vienna on day six, so there's no need to try and whizz round them all. Just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA TO KREMS, AUSTRIA

Today's a two-parter, as you visit a pair of cosy towns in Austria's scenic Wachau Valley. First up's Durnstein, which is best known for its castle above the town – head up here for the best views. Next, you'll visit Krems, where its 15th-century city gates, Piarist Church and a string of art galleries rule the roost around its charming cobbled squares.

DAY 3: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

You'll arrive in Hungary's capital, Budapest, today. The city's famous for its natural thermal springs, which supply mineral-rich waters to the popular bathhouses around town – the canary-coloured Szechenyi is arguably the best-known, while the Art Deco Gellert Baths and the Ottoman-era Kiraly Baths show off the city's smorgasbord of architectural styles. The ship will be docked here overnight, so if you fancy visiting Budapest's famous ruin bars in the Jewish Quarter, there's no need to rush back.

DAY 4: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

You'll have a full day today in Budapest, so there's plenty of time to see anything you might've missed yesterday. The city's split in two by the Danube, and on the Buda side, you'll find a hilltop castle and Fisherman's Bastion – a fortress which offers up some of the best panoramas across the Pest side. Speaking of Pest, that's where you can visit the Gothic parliament building and the Central Market Hall. This metal-roofed building houses the city's biggest indoor market, and you can pick up souvenirs like paprika and handicrafts here, before stopping for a bite to eat at one of the traditional food stalls.

DAY 5: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

You'll have a few hours in Bratislava today – Slovakia's capital. Its hilltop castle is arguably the best-known sight – weave your way through the windy Medieval old town to get up to it. And, head over to the UFO Bridge if you get the chance. This modern monument stretches across the Danube and its flying saucer-shaped viewing deck comes with a restaurant and some of the best views of the city.

DAY 6: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll head back to Vienna today for a final chance to see the city before you head home. If you have time, head to Stadtpark in the city centre. It gives a brief glimpse into why Vienna's known as the 'City of Music', thanks to statues dotted around the park of famous Viennese composers, like Schubert and Strauss.



MAP KEY

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Vienna
- Transfer 50 minutes



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DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI ISLA

Festive Danube Delights

Austria steals the show on this five-night itinerary, which drops anchor in Vienna, Linz and Melk. You'll have a day in the Slovakian capital, Bratislava, too – its pretty old town's illuminated by twinkly fairy nights at this time of year.



Best for: Cities

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your journey begins in Vienna. It's Austria's capital city, and at Christmastime, it transforms into a winter wonderland. In fact, it's home to the biggest Christmas market in the world, Rathausplatz Christkindlmarkt. Over a hundred stalls pop up by the city hall each year, accompanied by an ice rink, a gigantic Christmas tree, a carousel and much more. You can browse everything from traditional Austrian snacks to handmade decorations, all with a mulled wine in hand – it's as festive as can be.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You've got a little extra time to explore Vienna on the second day of your river cruise. If you're into culture, the museum quarter's the place to be. You could browse art galleries or learn about the city's musical history – it was once home to Mozart, so there's lots to unpack. Vienna's known for its palaces, too. One of the most popular tourist attractions in the city is Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site with grand interiors and pretty gardens.

DAY 3: LINZ, AUSTRIA

Next up on your sail down the Danube is Linz. During advent, this riverside city comes alive with shimmering Christmas trees by Baroque townhouses, and market stalls in wooden huts selling handmade gifts and crafts. Away from the hustle and bustle of the markets, there's a scattering of majestic cathedrals, plus a handful of museums and a big contemporary art centre packed with creative exhibitions.

DAY 4: MELK, AUSTRIA TO KREMS, AUSTRIA

Your first stop on day four of your cruise is Melk. We'd recommend a peek at Melk Abbey Church, where huge archways are embellished with gold – it's quite a sight to see. Right by the abbey, the Christmas markets are illuminated with strings of lights and lively stalls. You'll have a little time here, before heading on to Krems, a city famous for its winemaking. The old town's made up of Medieval alleyways, and at this time of year, they'll be filled with festive flair.

DAY 5: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Day five takes you out of Austria and into Slovakia, where the capital city of Bratislava awaits. This place is surrounded by vineyards and is sprinkled with lively bars and restaurants, so you've hit the jackpot if you're into your food and drink. A wander around the old town's particularly lovely at Christmastime – the trees are wrapped in twinkling lights and the squares are filled with people weaving through festive market stalls.

DAY 6: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The final day of your river cruise takes you back to where it all began – Vienna. If you've got some space in your suitcase, you could head back to Rathausplatz Christkindlmarkt for one last bit of Christmas shopping. Or, if you want to take things slowly, you could find a comfy spot in a coffee shop and sample Austrian pastries and hot chocolates before making your journey home.



MAP KEY

- ✈️ **Arrival and Departure**
Vienna
- 🕒 **Transfer** 50 minutes



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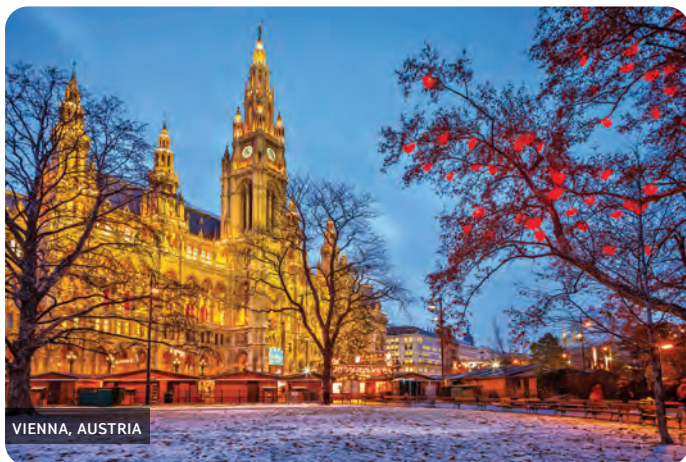


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**DANUBE**SAILING ON:
TUI MAYA

Flavours of Christmas

Cruise through Christmas like a pro on this four-night trip through Vienna, Budapest, and Bratislava. Think twinkly lights, Christmas markets, and plenty of hot spiced drinks and sweet treats as you tick off the sights.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA

**Best for: Cities**

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your first day lands you in Vienna – a city that knows how to do Christmas right. Once you've arrived and settled in, there's no better way to kick things off than with a warm mug of Glühwein – hot mulled wine – and a wander around the Christmas markets. They'll be in full swing – and you'll find stalls stacked with handmade gifts, lights, and sweet treats. The biggie's right in front of the city hall at Rathausplatz, but if you're after a more local feel, Spittelberg and Karlsplatz are great shouts.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Today's all about digging a little deeper. You've got Vienna's iconic sights on the Ringstrasse – a boulevard that loops the city – letting you tick off landmarks like Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, and the Spanish Riding School. Schönbrunn Palace is extra magical this time of year, and art or music lovers can swing by the MuseumsQuartier, Mozart's old flat, and the House of Music. If you need a break, stop by a coffeehouse for a slice of Sachertorte – it's Vienna's signature chocolate and apricot cake.

DAY 3: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your next stop is Hungary's capital. You've got a full day to bounce between Budapest's best bits, like Buda Castle and Fisherman's Bastion – and getting into the festive spirit is easy here. St. Stephen's Square is a Christmas market highlight, with handmade goodies and fairy-lit stalls. When the weather's crisp, a dip in Széchenyi Thermal Bath is a must – Budapest's famous for its hot-spring spas, and this one's a classic.

DAY 4: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Now it's on to Bratislava, where you've got the afternoon and evening to check out the highlights. The Old Town's an easy walk from the ship – it's a picture of pastel-painted buildings, quirky statues and cosy cafés. The Christmas market in the main square is worth a visit for a taste of local treats and gifts. Grab a chimney cake and stroll up to the castle, too, for views over the Danube.

DAY 5: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You're back in Vienna for your final hurrah, and there may be time to squeeze in a few more sights, depending on what time your flight departs. You could head over to Naschmarkt for tasty bites, stroll through Stadtpark for a selfie with the golden Strauss statue. Or, get one last glimpse of the markets to end on a festive note.



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Vienna

🕒 Transfer 50 minutes



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DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI MAYA

Yuletide Delights 2

It's capital cities all the way on this five-night itinerary, which stops off in Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna. The latter's home to the world's biggest Christmas market, too, so there are plenty of stalls to snap up souvenirs from.



Best for: Cities

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your festive river cruise kicks off in Vienna – it's Austria's capital and home to the biggest Christmas market in the world, Rathausplatz Christkindlmarkt. Once you've arrived, there's time to wander among the fairy-lit stalls, watch ice skaters, and sip on warm mulled wine as the Christmas buzz kicks off your cruise in style. Just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

There's plenty of culture to soak up on your second day in Vienna. This city was famously the home of classical music greats like Mozart and Beethoven, and you can learn all about its musical history in the museum quarter. When you're not meandering around exhibitions, you can turn your attention to Vienna's palaces. Schönbrunn Palace is one of the most popular attractions in the city – it's got manicured gardens and grand interiors, along with the UNESCO World Heritage seal of approval.

DAY 3: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

The next day of your cruise gives you some time in the capital of Hungary. Budapest lights up during the festive season, with the markets being a main attraction. A huge Christmas tree sits in the middle of St Stephen's Square, surrounded by twinkling stalls. You can browse everything from handmade tree decorations to scented candles, and we'd recommend grabbing a chimney cake or a walnut roll for the full festive experience.

DAY 4: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your second day in Budapest's a full one, with plenty of time to explore. It's a city of two halves – you've got Buda on one side of the river, and Pest on the other. Over in Buda, you can wander around a Medieval castle and the Fisherman's Bastion, which looks like something straight out of a fairy tale book. And across the Danube, you can marvel at the famous Hungarian Parliament Building or visit the ruin bars, where abandoned buildings have been transformed into artsy drinking spots.

DAY 5: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Up next is Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. This city's packed with snug pubs, Gothic architecture, stylish coffee shops and historical monuments. At this time of year, you'll want to look out for the Christmas tram – this carriage gets a festive glow-up each year, and is lit up with hundreds of fairy lights.

DAY 6: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your final day takes you back to Vienna, and if you have time before your journey home, you could do a final lap of Rathausplatz Christkindlmarkt, hop on a tram tour, or simply while away the afternoon in toasty coffee shops, where hot chocolates and apple strudels make for the cosiest send-off.



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Vienna
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Sailing away for festive days

Fancy celebrating Christmas Day on the Continent? Or how about seeing in the new year at a gala dinner? Here's a look at what you can expect on our **Christmas** and **New Year** sailings along the Rhine and the Danube...



CHRISTMAS DAY CRUISES

You're in for a thoroughly festive treat if you choose one of our sailings that includes **Christmas Day**. There'll be a welcome event with mulled wine, and carols to get you in the spirit. Plus, you can join a drinks reception on Christmas Eve. A word to the wise though – if you're planning to visit a Christmas market, most of these are usually wrapped up before the big day.



NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISES

On our **New Year** itineraries, you can celebrate at a gala dinner, followed by a party with extra entertainment and an obligatory countdown to midnight. You can recharge the next day with a New Year's Day brunch. We also put on a drinks reception and extra entertainment, as well as decorations in Observatory.

ONBOARD

- Try regional **Christmas dishes** in our restaurants, as well as favourites from home.
- Warm up with a **speciality hot chocolate**, or some **mulled wine**.
- Join activities like **festive food demonstrations** and **festive crafts**.
- Snuggle up at our **festive film screenings**.
- Look forward to **local acts**, bringing their own Christmas traditions onboard.

ASHORE

- Visit **Vienna** – Austria's grand capital – on Christmas Day.
- Spend Christmas morning marvelling at **Ghent's** Medieval architecture.
- See the spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks in **Cologne**.
- Take a Boxing Day dip in **Budapest's** thermal baths.
- Be dazzled by **Nijmegen's** Festival of Light at the Museum Park Orientalis.

FEELING IN THE FESTIVE MOOD?

See our itineraries on the following pages.

Planned activities subject to change.



DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI ISLA

A Magical Danube Christmas

This seven-night itinerary takes you to three of Europe's grandest capitals, plus lesser-trodden towns like Durnstein and Krems.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak in Budapest's thermal spas
- Visit ultra-modern museums in Linz
- Tick off three capital cities in three days – Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll start your river cruise today in Austria's impressive capital, Vienna. It's known as the 'City of Music' for the impressive line-up of classical musicians who have called it home over the years, including the likes of Mozart and Beethoven. Head to the Musikverein – home to the Philharmonic Orchestra – or the Vienna State Opera for a big dose of culture. Just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll have a little bit more time in Vienna today before you set sail, so there's a chance to sample the city's famous coffee house culture. And alongside the coffee – our tip would be an Einspänner, by the way – they're the ideal place to grab a slice of apfelstrudel, one of the city's best-known delicacies.

DAY 3: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

You'll cross the border and sail into Hungary's capital, Budapest, today. From its hilltop castle and the turreted Fisherman's Bastion on the west side of the river to the grand-and-Gothic parliament building on the east side, the city's teeming with sights. Of course, you could just head straight for one of the spas though. Budapest's famous for them, thanks to the natural thermal springs which supply the waters to them. Or, head to one of the quirky ruin bars in the Jewish Quarter for drinks in a cut-open car or bathtub.

DAY 4: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

You'll visit another capital city today, as you head to Bratislava in Slovakia. As first cities go, it's one of the cosier ones, but there are still a few sights to see. Chief among them is Bratislava Castle, which you can see from practically anywhere in the city, thanks to its hilltop spot high above the Danube. At the more modern end of the scale, there's the UFO Bridge stretching across the river. It gets its nickname for the fact it resembles a flying saucer, and there's a viewing deck at the top with views across the city's skyline.

DAY 5: DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

It's Christmas Day today, and you'll spend it in Austria's scenic Wachau Valley, as you stop off in the cosy town of Durnstein. It's nestled into a photogenic bend in the river and its biggest claim to fame is the castle above town which offers up sweeping views along the river. If you're into your history, you might be interested to know that Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned here in 1192.

DAY 6: LINZ, AUSTRIA

Austria's third-biggest city is on the cards today, and it's a great example of half-old, half-new. Its stellar collection of extravagant churches, abbeys and Baroque buildings give a nod to the city's grand past – when the likes of Mozart and Beethoven wrote symphonies here – while the riverfront's lined with ultra-modern museums and art galleries.

DAY 7: KREMS, AUSTRIA

Laidback Krems is next up today. Cobble squares and ice-cream-coloured buildings are dotted around its town centre, while the 15th-century city gates and the Piarist Church are two of the standouts when it comes to sights. Art buffs can check out some of the many galleries here, or if you prefer to sit down and watch the world go by, there are plenty of cafés and wine bars serving the local speciality, Riesling.

DAY 8: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll be back in the Austrian capital today for a final few hours before you head home. If you didn't manage to make it to the city's lavish palaces the first time around, they're worth a visit if you have time. Hofburg's right in the city centre, and it's home to the world-famous Spanish Riding School, while Schönbrunn Palace, on the edge of town, is a UNESCO World Heritage site with grand interiors and pretty gardens to wander around.



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VIENNA, AUSTRIA



MAP KEY

- Arrival and Departure Vienna
- Transfer 50 minutes

TOP TIP

Nowhere highlights Linz's ultra-modern side quite like the Ars Electronica Center. This place calls itself the Museum of the Future, and lives up to its name with everything from robots to an interactive deep space experience.



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



VIENNA, AUSTRIA



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DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI MAYA

Danube Christmas Wonderland

Kickstart your Christmas on this eight-day Danube cruise, ticking off big-name sights and hidden gems. Sail through Austria, Hungary, and Slovakia – from Vienna's grand landmarks to Budapest's thermal baths, plus storybook towns like Melk and Dürnstein.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tick off Vienna's must-see sights
- Visit the quaint town of Melk with its hilltop castle
- Snap the sights in Budapest on Boxing Day

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Christmas comes early on this river cruise, and your first day kicks off in Vienna. With lights twinkling all over town, it's easy to get into the festive spirit once you've arrived and settled in. You could get started ticking off sights like Hofburg Palace and the Opera House – or Horse-drawn carriages add a traditional touch to sightseeing if you fancy. Just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: MELK, AUSTRIA

Up next, you're heading west along the Danube to Melk. You've got some time to see what this peaceful little town is all about. Up on the hill, the Melk Abbey steals the show, with Baroque architecture, a historic library, and some pretty special views of the river. Take a stroll down to the river promenade too – it's a popular spot with the locals for walking and cycling.

DAY 3: LINZ, AUSTRIA

You're heading to Linz today, where the Old Town boasts Linz Castle – another hilltop spot where you can snap away at the city and Danube from above. If art's up your street, the Lentos Art Museum showcases contemporary, cutting-edge pieces, or, if you're after a little shopping, Landstraße is packed with quirky boutiques. Pop into one of the small bakeries for a piece of Linzertorte – the city's signature pastry with nuts, jam, and a hint of spice.

DAY 4: DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

This afternoon takes you to Dürnstein, a cosy town nestled in the Wachau Valley. Known for its apricot orchards, Dürnstein's quaint streets are lined with sweet treats, local jams, and the remnants of a Medieval castle perched on the hillside. As it's Christmas Eve today, some of the shops may be closed for the holidays.

DAY 5: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

It's back to Vienna for Christmas Day to tick off a couple more sights – why not pop by St. Stephen's Cathedral or walk through Stadtpart to snap a picture with the golden Strauss statue. And, back on the ship, there'll be plenty of festivities onboard before you set sail for Hungary. Just so you know, shops and restaurants may be closed today as it's Christmas Day.

DAY 6: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

You've got a full day to soak up Hungary's capital on Boxing Day – known as the City of Spas. Sat on a network of hot springs, the thermal baths here are a must-try, whether you head to the iconic Széchenyi or Gellért, or opt for the more intimate Király. After the pampering, you've also got highlights like Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, and the Parliament Building to tick off the list. Just so you know, shops and restaurants may be closed as it's a public holiday.

DAY 7: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

You've got a few hours this afternoon to explore the Slovakian capital today. The old town's just a short walk from the ship, with its pastel-daubed buildings and cafés that'll lure you into the city's coffee culture. Bratislava Castle is the big draw – you'll spot it from pretty much anywhere in the city, sitting high on a hill by the Danube.

DAY 8: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You'll wrap things up in Vienna today. If you've got time before your flight home, why not dive into this city's musical heritage. Known as the 'City of Music', Vienna is where Mozart composed some of his finest works. Visit the Mozarthaus, where he lived, or snap a picture outside the city's historic opera house. For a touch of royal elegance, Schönbrunn Palace is a must-visit. It's a grand way to say goodbye to this city.



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VIENNA, AUSTRIA



LINZ, AUSTRIA



MELK, AUSTRIA

MAP KEY

- ✈️ Arrival and Departure
Vienna
- 🚗 Transfer 50 minutes

TOP TIP

If you want to squeeze in a visit to Budapest's Széchenyi or Gellért Baths, try to go early in the morning or later in the afternoon to avoid the biggest crowds.



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RHINE / DUTCH-BELGIAN WATERWAYS

SAILING ON:
TUI ARIA

North Rhine Noel

You'll visit three countries on this seven-night itinerary, including Germany and the Netherlands, plus Belgium on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a hike in the Netherlands' oldest city
- Spend Christmas Day in Medieval Ghent
- Head up the Euromast Tower in Rotterdam

DAY 1: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Dusseldorf is first up on your river cruise today. Modern meets Medieval here, with soaring skyscrapers and a historic old town sitting side by side. You'll be back in Dusseldorf on days seven and eight, as well, so if you miss anything today, you'll have another chance to see it at the end of your river cruise.

DAY 2: NIJMEGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

You'll cross the border and spend today in the Netherlands' oldest city, Nijmegen. Naturally, it boasts the oldest shopping street in the country, as well – Lange Hezelstraat. If you're looking for a unique last-minute gift, the shops along here sell everything from wooden clogs to tulip-decorated ceramics. And if you've already wrapped everything up before the big day, you can head out on a hike instead. There are loads of routes around the city, including a lengthy nature trail along the riverfront.

DAY 3: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Today's Christmas Eve, and you'll visit a third country in as many days as you cross into Belgium. You'll drop anchor in Antwerp – a city that's known for its flashy diamond district and Renaissance architecture. Make a beeline for Grote Markt while you're here – it's the city's historical centre, where you can expect plenty of fun and festivities ahead of the big day.

DAY 4: GHENT, BELGIUM

You'll spend Christmas Day in the cosy city of Ghent. This place is a firm favourite with history buffs, thanks to its Medieval buildings, like the 12th-century Gravensteen castle and the Graslei – a row of pointed guildhalls beside the harbour. A lot of places are likely to be closed for Christmas, so if you'd prefer to stay on the ship today, there'll be plenty of festivities onboard to celebrate the big day.

DAY 5: ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

You'll head back across the border for Boxing Day, to the Netherlands' second-largest city – Rotterdam. The country's five tallest buildings can all be found here, hence the city's nickname – Manhattan at the Meuse. It's Europe's biggest seaport, too, so there's a whole load of sailing-inspired history to find out about.

DAY 6: ARNHEM, THE NETHERLANDS

A shop-filled centre and lots of pea-green public parks give Arnhem an up-to-date look compared to some of its neighbours. Saying that, it was a major player in World War Two, so it doesn't hold back on history either. It's got a great collection of museums and galleries, plus its train station has been given an abstract makeover, making it worthy of a photo stop.

DAY 7: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

You'll head back to Dusseldorf today. The city's old town is known as the 'Longest Bar in the World' for the sheer number of breweries and bars that are packed together. If you do fancy a tipple, try the city's signature style of beer – altbier. It's deep ruby red in colour, and is always served in smaller measures to make sure your drink stays crisp and fresh.

DAY 8: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

You'll spend the final few hours of your river cruise in Dusseldorf. If you have time, check out 'Little Tokyo' – home to the biggest Japanese community in Germany. Freshly rolled sushi and steaming bowls of ramen are easy to find here, and you can even visit a Japanese garden filled with pagoda-style teahouses and temples.



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DUSSELDORF, GERMANY



MAP KEY

➔ Arrival and Departure
Dusseldorf

🕒 Transfer 20 minutes

TOP TIP

As you're in Belgium on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, why not try a traditional festive treat? Smoutebollen – a deep-fried pastry with a sweet, doughy centre – is particularly popular here over the holidays.



ANTWERP, BELGIUM



NIJMEGEN, THE NETHERLANDS



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RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI SKYLA

Festive Fairy Tale

Half-timbered houses lining riverbanks, cobbled old towns, and Cologne's cathedral all feature on this seven-night itinerary. Plus, you'll spend Christmas Day in Rudesheim, right in the heart of German wine country.



Best for: Hidden gems

HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate Christmas Day in Rudesheim
- Sip Kölsch beer in a traditional tavern
- Hop between Cologne's museums

DAY 1: COLOGNE, GERMANY

Start your Christmas adventure in Cologne. This culture-packed city has no shortage of photo stops, which are ready and waiting as soon as you arrive. The colossal cathedral is a must see, with twin spires that soar 157 metres into the sky. Elsewhere, a crop of first-class museums share the limelight. Top picks include the city's chocolate museum and a fragrance spot looking back on the origins of eau de cologne.

DAY 2: COLOGNE, GERMANY

Today you've got another full day to suss out Cologne. Soak up the festive buzz at a traditional tavern or scope out one of the old-school brewing houses in the charming Old Town. Sip on a Kölsch in a traditional bar and trade toasts with passing travellers – this local beer is unique to Cologne, so you can't get it anywhere else.

DAY 3: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

Christmas Eve brings you a full day to explore Koblenz. Thanks to its perch in the Rhineland wine-making region, this place is the perfect stop-in for a tasty tippie or two. When your glass is empty, why not head out for a stroll around the town? Sights include the Electoral Palace and the German Corner, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. Just a heads-up – as it's Christmas Eve, shops and restaurants in Koblenz usually close earlier than usual.

DAY 4: RUDESHEIM, GERMANY

On Christmas Day you'll sail into Rudesheim, a little town in the heart of Germany's wine country. The riverbanks of this spot are crowned by Medieval castles and crumbling fortresses, and the vineyard-clad slopes offer a glimpse of the local wineries. While most shops will be closed today, there'll be plenty of festive activities onboard the ship to celebrate the day.

DAY 5: SPEYER, GERMANY

Speyer is the star of the show on Boxing Day. This long-standing city is crammed with churches and a Romanesque cathedral – a UNESCO gem, with its sandstone bricks and mint green dome. And, for those who can't resist a Boxing Day walk, you've got the riverside paths or the old town to explore.

DAY 6: KEHL (FOR STRASBOURG), GERMANY

You'll anchor in Kehl today and take a short trip across the border to the French city of Strasbourg. You could be forgiven for thinking you haven't left Germany as you wander around this UNESCO-backed city's pretty districts like La Petite France, which is filled with handsome half-timbered houses. For a fusion of French and German flavours, foodies can make tracks for Place Keber. Continental restaurants line the bustling square and wow punters with their best-of-both-worlds cuisine.

DAY 7: MAINZ, GERMANY

Today, you'll spend the afternoon in Mainz. Half-timbered houses rub shoulders with beer taverns and tucked-away restaurants in the Kirschgarten area of town. You'll want to keep your camera handy for Mainz's thousand-year-old cathedral, too. Sacred tombs are nestled inside, along with ancient artwork.

DAY 8: COLOGNE, GERMANY

You'll spend your last day back where you started, in Cologne. If there's time before you start to head home, use it to fit in some final sightseeing. Art fans might like to hop between museums in the time-stamped old town. Or, hit the streets to check out the colour-splashed murals that have put Ehrenfeld on the map as one of the trendiest districts in the city.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS CRUISE OR BOOK ONLINE



COLOGNE, GERMANY



MAP KEY

- Arrival and Departure
Dusseldorf
- Transfer 1 hour

TOP TIP

Koblenz is famed for its top-class wine, so be sure to pop into a winery and pick up a couple of bottles of red to take home with you.



SPEYER, GERMANY



RUDESHEIM, GERMANY



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**DANUBE**SAILING ON:
TUI ISLA

New Year on the Danube

See in the New Year in Hungary on this seven-night cruise, which stops off in four capital cities, plus cosier towns like Mohacs and Kalocsa.

**Best for: Cities**

HIGHLIGHTS

- See in the new year in Hungary
- Explore Belgrade's grand fortress
- Stop off in Kalocsa – the 'Paprika Capital of the World'

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your river cruise kicks off today in Vienna – Austria's scenic capital. You can get stuck straight into the sightseeing and visit some of the city's lavish palaces, like Hofburg, which is in the city centre and home to the famous dancing Lipizzaner horses. Or, ease yourself in and sample Vienna's famous coffee house culture with a hot drink and a slice of Apfelstrudel. The ship docks here overnight, so you'll have a second chance to see anything you might've missed tomorrow. And, just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You've got a second chance to see Vienna today, so if you're venturing into the city centre you can check out St Stephen's Cathedral. This Romanesque and Gothic monument has stood in the heart of the city for more than 400 years, and it's notable for its ornate patterned roof, which shows off a double-headed eagle. Or, if you've got a head for heights, you could check out Austria's tallest building. The Danube Tower soars more than 250 metres into the sky, and you can take in 360° views of the city from its revolving restaurant. It's even got Europe's highest slide bolted onto the side.

DAY 3: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

You'll cross the border into Slovakia today, where the country's capital awaits. Bratislava's on the smaller side when it comes to premier cities around the continent, but it's got plenty of sights to explore. Meander through its Medieval old town and you'll find yourself at Bratislava Castle. From its lofty vantage point, you'll get a clear view of one of the other major sights here – the UFO Bridge. This modern structure which stretches across the Danube, gets its nickname for its flying-saucer-shaped appearance, and there's a restaurant and a viewing deck at the top with views across the city.

DAY 4: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Today's New Year's Eve, and it's Hungary's turn to show off its capital city. Budapest gives Vienna a run for its money when it comes to grandeur. Check out the parliament building on the riverfront, or venture to the other side and head up to the hilltop castle and the turreted Fisherman's Bastion, which offer up some of the best panoramas across the city. You can always take things easy at one of the bathhouses which are dotted around the city, instead – they all get their mineral-rich waters from the city's thermal springs. Or, if you fancy something a little quirky, head to one of the ruin bars in the Jewish Quarter.

DAY 5: KALOCSA, HUNGARY

It's New Year's Day today, and you'll start 2027 in Kalocsa – the seat of one of Hungary's four archbishops. That's not its main claim to fame though. The town's affectionately dubbed the 'Paprika Capital of the World', thanks to its bumper haul of flavoursome red peppers. Folk art's another big draw here – no pun intended – and there's a museum which houses some of the

best works. Just so you know, we can't dock in Kalocsa's town centre – a payable shuttle bus will be on hand to take you there and back. Please also note, as it's New Year's Day, some attractions may be closed.

DAY 6: BELGRADE, SERBIA

Serbia's your next stop today, and the country's capital, Belgrade. The city has two riverbanks to roam along – one belonging to the Danube and the other to the Sava. Both of them are lined with splavovi – floating restaurants, bars and clubs, each with a unique personality. Kalemegdan Fortress is close to the water, too. This grand fort covers a huge area, and it houses museums, parkland and the city's zoo.

DAY 7: MOHACS, HUNGARY

Today, you'll cross back into Hungary and spend some time in the cosy little town of Mohacs. This place may be small, but it's more than played its part in Hungary's storied history. On the road out of town you'll come across the Mohács Historical Memorial Site. It marks the spot where the Hungarian army were defeated by the Turks in 1526 – a rule which ended up lasting almost five centuries.

DAY 8: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your river cruise wraps up back in Budapest today. Make a beeline for the Central Market Hall if you fancy grabbing some last-minute souvenirs. This metal-roofed building houses the city's biggest indoor market, and alongside its traditional food stalls serving hot dishes, you can grab things like paprika and handicrafts.



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VIENNA, AUSTRIA



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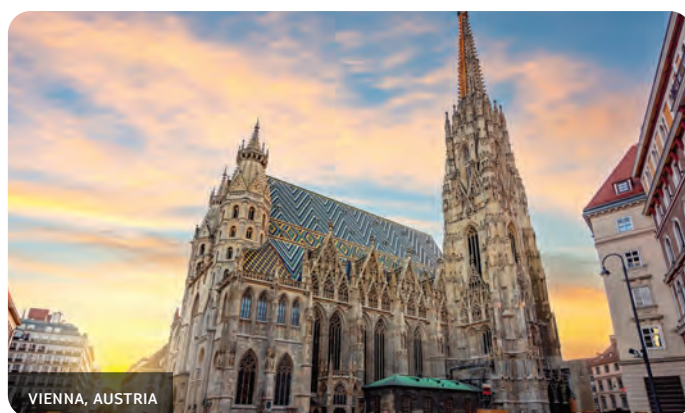
- Arrival Vienna
- Transfer 45 minutes
- Departure Budapest
- Transfer 45 minutes

TOP TIP

In Vienna, you'll get some of the best views of St Stephen's Cathedral's ornate roof from the Steffi department store. Head up to the bar and restaurant on its top floor and have a peek through the floor-to-ceiling windows.



BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA



VIENNA, AUSTRIA



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DANUBE

SAILING ON:
TUI MAYA

A Danube New Year

Hilltop castles, cobbled old towns and colourful riverside buildings are just a flavour of what you can expect on this seven-night sailing. Plus, you'll see in the new year in style in Budapest.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch the world go by in one of Vienna's coffee houses
- Visit Esztergom's massive basilica
- See in the New Year in Budapest

DAY 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Your sailing kicks off in Vienna, Austria's capital. The ship will stay docked here overnight, giving you bags of time to See the city. After arriving, why not hop on a horse-drawn carriage – they're basically taxis here. Or, take a peek inside the 13th-century Hofburg Palace. Just so you know, the river doesn't run through the centre of Vienna, so you'll need to use public transport to get to the sights.

DAY 2: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

You've got more time to explore Vienna today. Get your steps in with a walk in one of the city's parks, or get your culture fix in its churches, libraries and opera houses. The home town of icons like Mozart and Klimt – and with over a hundred museums to explore – there's something here for every cultural taste. And, speaking of taste – make sure to try a slice of traditional Sachertorte, the local chocolate cake with a layer of apricot jam, best enjoyed with a coffee at a classic Viennese café.

DAY 3: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

You'll roll into Budapest this afternoon, with time to settle in and start exploring. Make a beeline for Budapest's iconic spas, which are part of the city's rich thermal tradition – Széchenyi and Gellért are the most popular options. Or, warm up with a drink at one of the city's quirky ruin bars, before gearing up for tomorrow's celebrations.

DAY 4: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Today's New Year's Eve – and you've got a full day in Budapest for a city deep dive. The Danube splits the whole place in two – on the Buda side, you've got the famous castle and epic views, while Pest is all about the Parliament Building and its lively vibe. Then, head back onboard to ring in the New Year with live entertainment and a countdown to midnight.

DAY 5: ESZTERGOM, HUNGARY

Start the New Year docking in Esztergom – a Hungarian city best known for its huge basilica, that stands tall above a bend in the river. You can eye it up from the quiet riverside walking paths, or visit it up close to make the most of panoramas of the surrounding landscape. Just so you know, as New Year's Day is a public holiday, some of the shops in town might be closed.

DAY 6: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Today, you'll spend the day in Slovakia's capital. A wander around the city's cobbled old town is a must, and so's a visit to its hillside castle, which lines up some of the best views around. To see it from another angle, head to Michael's Gate – a 14th-century fortified entrance with a 51-metre-high tower.

DAY 7: DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

You'll arrive in Durnstein today, after sailing through the scenic Wachau Valley. This place takes its name from a castle that once stood on its steep hillside. It's well known for growing apricots, so you'll find plenty of apricot jams, liquors and sweet treats around the old town.

DAY 8: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

It's the last day of your cruise today, and you'll be spending it right where you started, in Vienna. If there's time before you head home, get cosy in one of the city's coffee houses. Make like the locals and order an Einspänner coffee – a double espresso served with a hefty helping of whipped cream.



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BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



VIENNA, AUSTRIA

MAP KEY

- Arrival and Departure
Vienna
- Transfer 50 minutes

TOP TIP

Don't miss the chance to try some Hungarian street food in Budapest, like lagos – deep-fried flatbreads topped with sour cream and cheese.



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RHINE / DUTCH-BELGIAN WATERWAYS

SAILING ON:
TUI ARIA

A New Year Sail Away

Sail into 2027 on this seven-night itinerary, which includes a couple of days in Amsterdam and a spectacular firework display in Cologne on New Year's Eve.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- See in the new year in Cologne
- Start 2027 in the Netherlands' oldest city
- Go on a sightseeing cruise along Amsterdam's canals

DAY 1: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Your river cruise starts today in Dusseldorf. Much of the city was flattened during the Second World War, so the leggy skyscrapers and pristine parks that sprung up in the post-war years give it a more modern feel than lots of other German cities. That said, the Altstadt – or old town – remained largely intact, so traditional taverns and Medieval architecture are still the norm here. In fact, the old town is nicknamed 'The Longest Bar in the World', thanks to the huge number of watering holes you'll find here.

DAY 2: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

You'll spend some time today in the picturesque city of Koblenz. The waterfront's sprinkled with UNESCO-stamped forts and palaces, while fairy tale castles sit on the hilltops on the edge of town. It's also the city where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, and the exact spot's called Deutsches Eck. Take the cable car up the hill on the other side of the riverbank for the best bird's-eye views of it.

DAY 3: COLOGNE, GERMANY

It's New Year's Eve today, and you'll welcome in 2027 in Cologne. As you approach the city, you'll spot its giant Gothic cathedral

spires from a way off. The building took more than 600 years to construct, and if you climb to the south tower viewing platform, you can admire the largest free-swinging working bell in the world. Once you're finished sightseeing for the day, make sure you're on the top deck well in time for midnight, when the riverside's lit up by a spectacular firework display to see in the new year.

DAY 4: NIJMEGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

Today's New Year's Day and you'll start 2027 with a few hours in Nijmegen – the oldest city in the Netherlands. This place, along with its canal-facing restaurants and bars, is home to the highest density of al fresco terraces in Holland. Naturally, dining out is the 'in' thing, and the foodie scene is designed to fit all. The shopping scene is just as special, and the city boasts the oldest shopping centre in the Netherlands. Tulip-decorated ceramics and wooden clogs are just some of its treasures.

DAY 5: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

You'll cross into a new country today and have a full day to explore Antwerp – Belgium's diamond capital. Most of the city's showrooms can be found in the 'Diamond Square Mile', which is the largest diamond district in the world. Flashy gems only tell part of the story here though, as Antwerp's just as famous for its Renaissance architecture and Medieval old town.

DAY 6: ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

It's back to the Netherlands today, where Rotterdam's on the agenda. Start off by getting a bird's-eye view of the city from the top of the Euromast Tower – the city's tallest building. Snap some photos from the viewing platform, then head to the

restaurant for a sweet stroopwafel pastry. Afterwards, go for a wander around the city's collection of art galleries, where you'll see pieces by Rembrandt and Van Gogh, or check out the Maritime Museum, which houses more than 850,000 ocean-inspired items.

DAY 7: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

You'll spend today and tomorrow in Amsterdam. Criss-crossed by canals, it's known as the Venice of the north – and the best way to view it all is by boat. Sightseeing cruises have been running up and down the city's waterways since 1621. From the water, you can pass landmarks like the Anne Frank Museum and the Red Light District, and you can get on and off as you please to explore. Just so you know, due to the limited number of central berths in Amsterdam, we sometimes have to berth in nearby Coenhaven – a shuttle bus to and from Amsterdam will be provided on days in port.

DAY 8: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

It's the final day of your river cruise today, and if you have time, head over to the aptly named Museumplein, where three major museums line up alongside each other. See the classics in the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, then pop to the Stedelijk Museum of modern art for more contemporary pieces.



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AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



MAP KEY

- Arrival Dusseldorf
- Transfer 20 minutes
- Departure Amsterdam
- Transfer 40 minutes

TOP TIP

Wander Rotterdam's Delfshaven district. It's the city's equivalent to Copenhagen's Nyhavn, with 17th-century houses, antique shops and gin bars lining the canalfont.



COLOGNE, GERMANY



KOBLENZ, GERMANY



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RHINE

SAILING ON:
TUI SKYLA

A New Year on the Rhine

Swap tinsel for timber towns and riverside castles on this week-long cruise through Germany. From Cologne to Frankfurt, you'll sip, stroll and see in the New Year in serious style.



Best for: Cities

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ring in the New Year in Koblenz
- Sip on crisp Riesling wine in Boppard's medieval streets
- Wrap up in Frankfurt with its big-city energy

DAY 1: COLOGNE, GERMANY

You'll start your river cruise today in Cologne. Traditional brewing houses, cobbled streets and a medley of museums keep crowds flocking to the culture-packed Old Town. Then, there's Cologne Cathedral – this Gothic masterpiece has kept an eye over the city centre for more than 150 years.

DAY 2: DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

You've got a full day in Düsseldorf today – and there's plenty to pack in. Head to the Media Harbour to check out the gravity-defying buildings, or hit the luxury shops along the city's leafy moat. When it's time to refuel, the Altstadt – or Old Town – has bars and breweries by the dozen – don't forget to try Altbier, the city's hearty signature brew.

DAY 3: KOBLENZ, GERMANY

Today you'll dock in Koblenz for New Year's Eve. It's a proper storybook stop, with castles, vineyards and river views all in the mix. Take a wander through the Old Town, head to Deutsches Eck – to see where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet – or hop on the cable car up to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for top-drawer views over the water. And, come evening, look out for fireworks to ring in the new year.

Just so you know, the cable car up to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress may be running a reduced schedule as it's New Year's Eve.

DAY 4: BOPPARD, GERMANY

Kick off the New Year with Boppard next on the list – you're officially in wine territory here. This riverside gem is big on Medieval charm, with old-world streets, Roman walls, and timber-framed houses galore. It's no secret that the town's super famous for its grapes, with cosy tavern flaunting the local vino Riesling – it's a crisp, white wine. Just a head's up, some spots might be closed today as it's New Year's Day.

DAY 5: RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY

Rüdesheim follows next, boasting a thousand-year-old castle and Medieval streets lined with trinket shops and wine taverns. Pop into a café for a cup of Rüdesheimer Kaffee – a local coffee laced with brandy – or ride the cable car up for sweeping vineyard views.

DAY 6: ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY

It's all about slowing things down in Aschaffenburg – a lesser-known Bavarian town that's big on charm. The showstopper here is Schloss Johannisburg, glowing red from the local sandstone and perched right by the river. Wander at your own speed – between leafy gardens, tucked-away galleries and peaceful river paths, it's the perfect breather before the trip wraps up in Frankfurt.

DAY 7: FRANKFURT, GERMANY

You'll explore Frankfurt today, with its New York-esque skyline. Hop on the Ebbelwei Express tram to see the city from its best angles. Culture vultures, meanwhile, can get their art fix at any of the army of museums here. The 200-year-old Stadel Museum is a headliner, with collections by virtuosos like van Gogh, Rembrandt and Monet.

DAY 8: FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Today's the final day of your sailing and – if you have time – a chance to check out the city's old town. Römerberg Square is famous for its reconstructed half-timbered houses, while the Kaiserdom – a Gothic-style cathedral – is a must-see if you like your architecture.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS CRUISE OR BOOK ONLINE



COLOGNE, GERMANY



KOBLENZ, GERMANY



DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

MAP KEY

- Arrival Dusseldorf
- Transfer 20 minutes
- Point of interest
- Departure Frankfurt
- Transfer 25 minutes

TOP TIP

Get your best photos in Cologne – its twin-spired cathedral is iconic. For wow-factor views, climb to the top where you'll be rewarded with city panoramas.



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Our prices are dynamic, so they can often go up and down. Please check at the time of booking for the most up-to-date prices, plus the full terms and conditions. Under-occupancy charges and age restrictions apply. For more info, take a look at our A-Z guide at the back of the brochure. For sailing dates see page 66.

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Al Horeya Deck plan

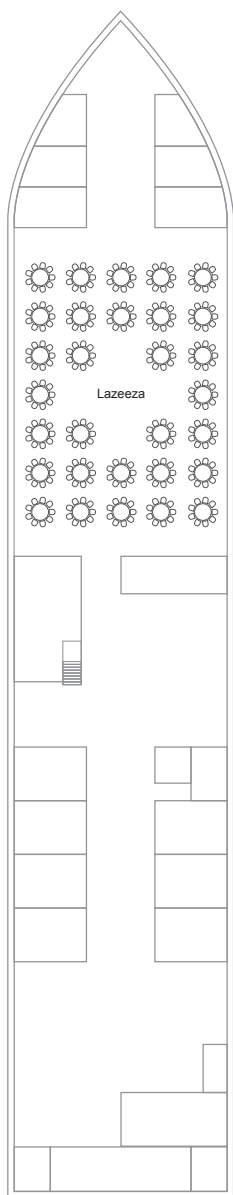
YOUR KEY TO CABIN CATEGORIES

- Superior French Balcony (Deck 2 & 3)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 4)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 2)
- Balcony Suite (Deck 3)
- Single
- Picture window

Cabins: 74

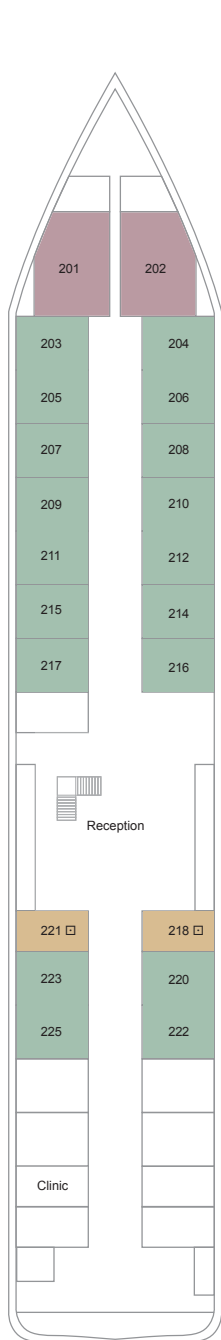
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Length: 72m



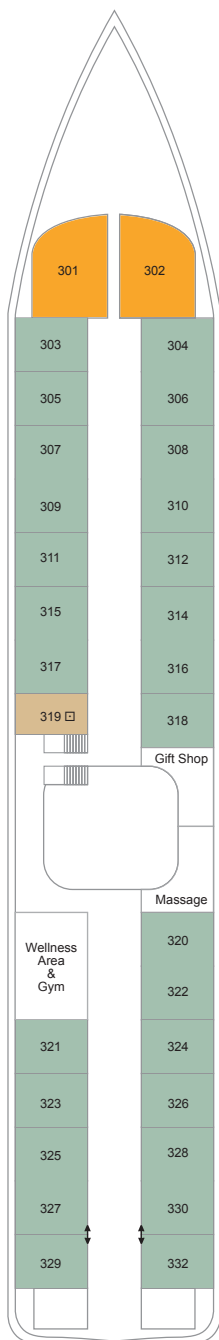
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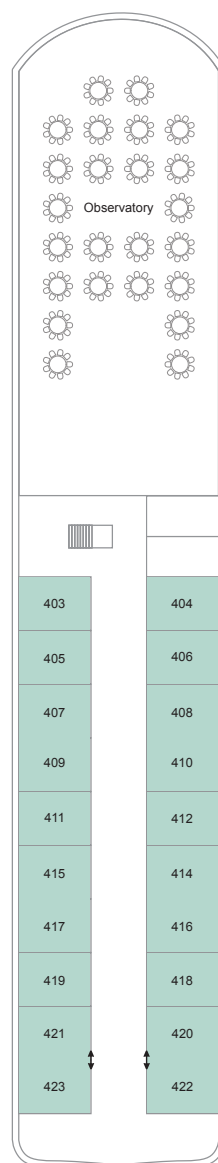
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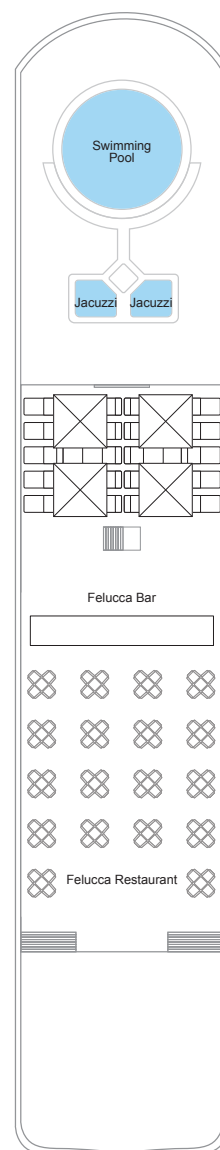
DECK 3

- Wellness Area
- Gift Shop



DECK 4

- Observatory



DECK 5

- Felucca Bar & Restaurant
- Sun Deck
- Swimming Pool
- Jacuzzi

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Bahareya Deck plan

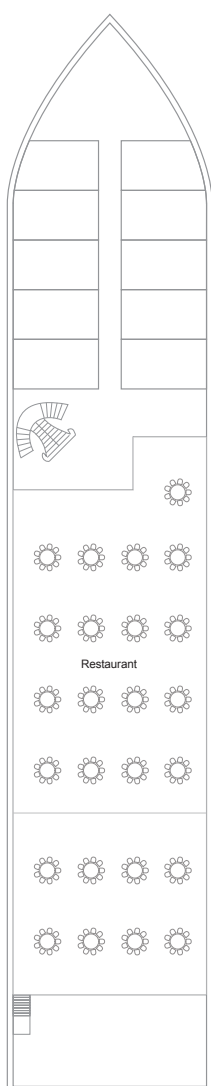
YOUR KEY TO CABIN CATEGORIES

- Superior French Balcony (Deck 2 & 3)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 4)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 2)

Cabins: 68

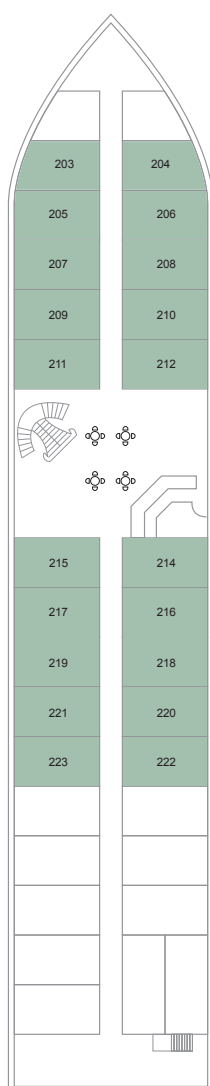
Length: 72m

Beam: 14.4m



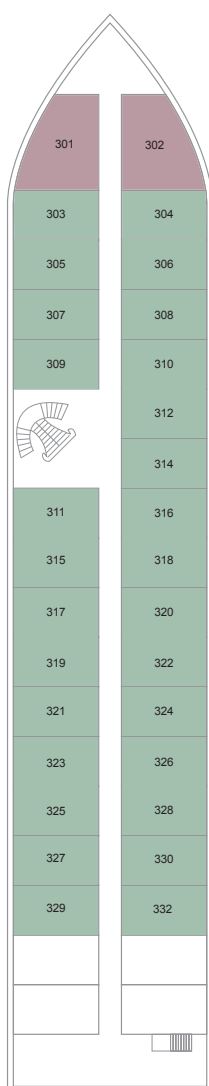
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- Restaurant

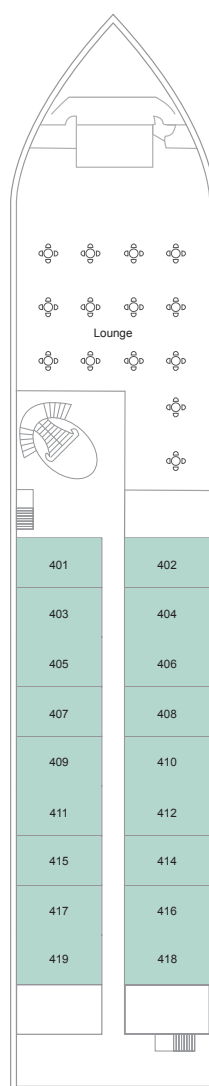


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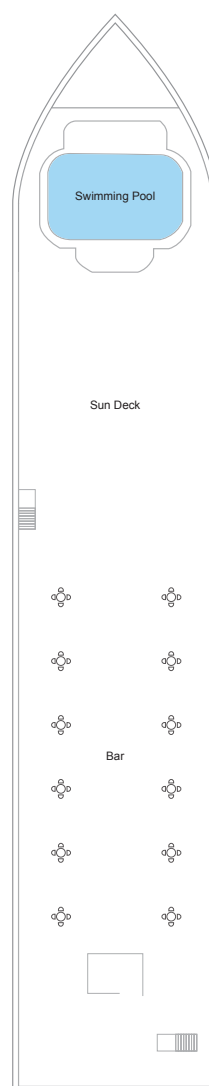


DECK 3



DECK 4

- Lounge



DECK 4

- Swimming pool

*Please note, the deck plan is subject to change.
Please see the website for the latest version.

TUI Maya & TUI Isla Deck plan

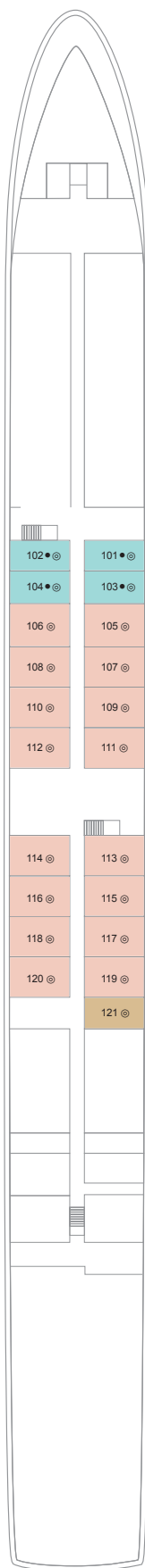
YOUR KEY TO CABIN CATEGORIES

- Standard (Deck 1)
- Standard (Deck 2)
- Superior
- French Balcony (Deck 2)
- French Balcony (Deck 3)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 2)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 3)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 2)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 3)
- Single
- Single French Balcony
- Fixed Bed
- Porthole window
- Picture window

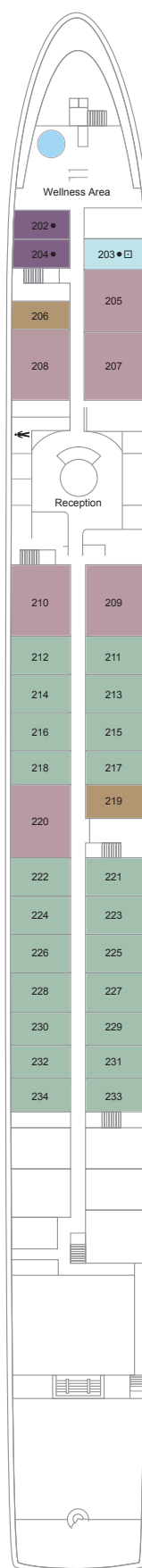
Cabins: 79

Length: 135m

Beam: 11.4m

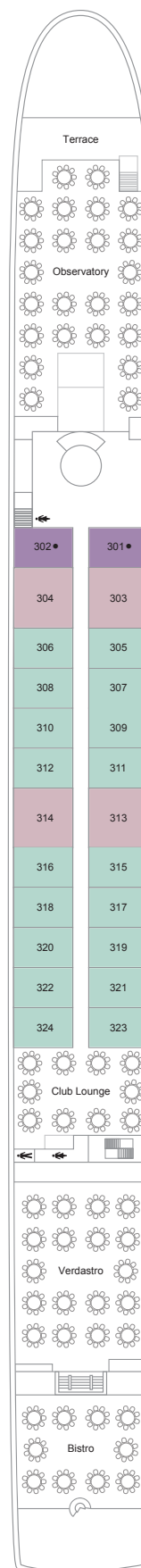


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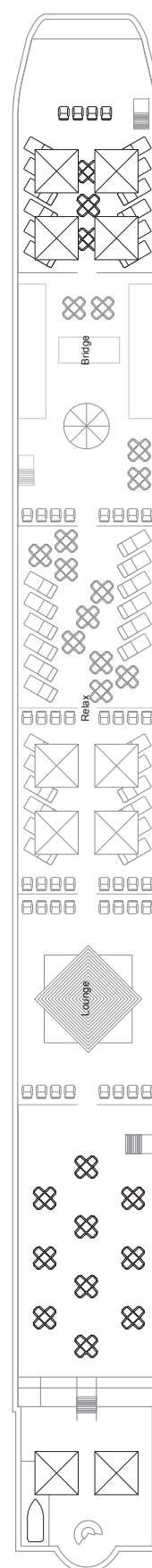
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- Wellness Area
- Reception



DECK 3

- Observatory
- Terrace
- Bistro
- Verdaastro
- Club Lounge



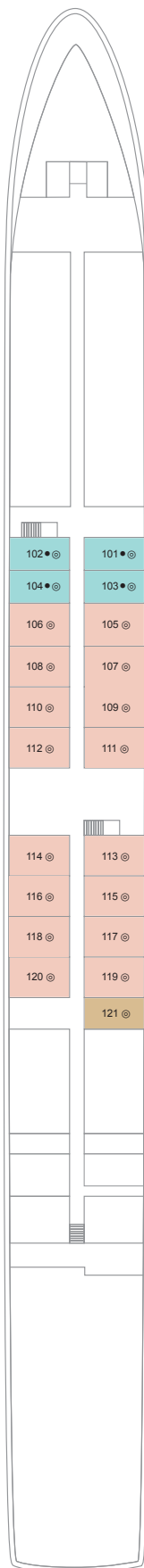
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TUI Skyla Deck plan

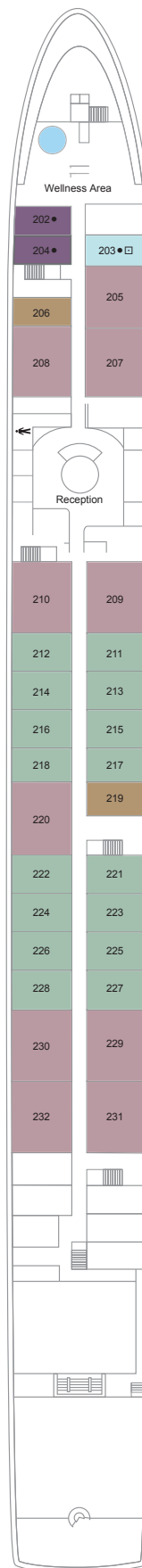
YOUR KEY TO CABIN CATEGORIES

- Standard (Deck 1)
- Standard (Deck 2)
- Superior
- French Balcony (Deck 2)
- French Balcony (Deck 3)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 2)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 3)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 2)
- French Balcony Suite (Deck 3)
- Single
- Single French Balcony
- Fixed Bed
- Porthole window
- Picture window

Cabins: 77
Length: 135m
Beam: 11.4m

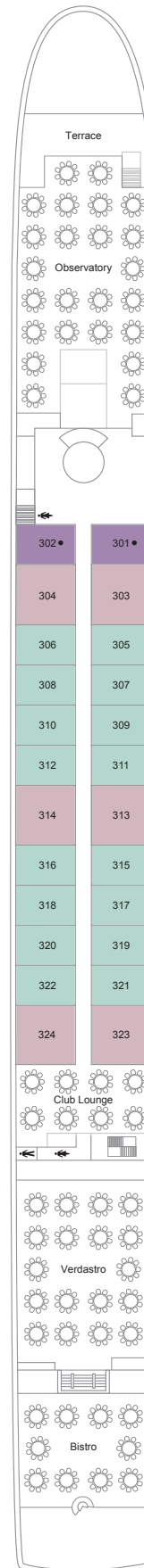


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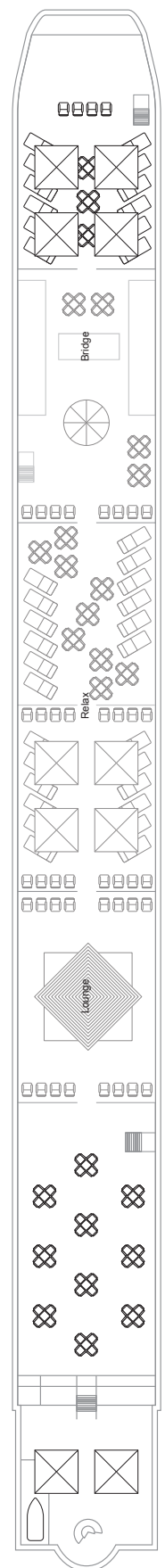
DECK 2

- Wellness Area
- Reception



DECK 3

- Observatory
- Terrace
- Bistro
- Verdaströ
- Club Lounge



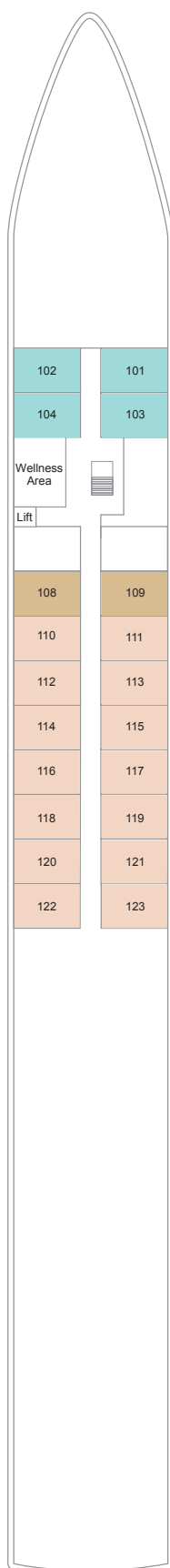
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TUI Aria Deck plan

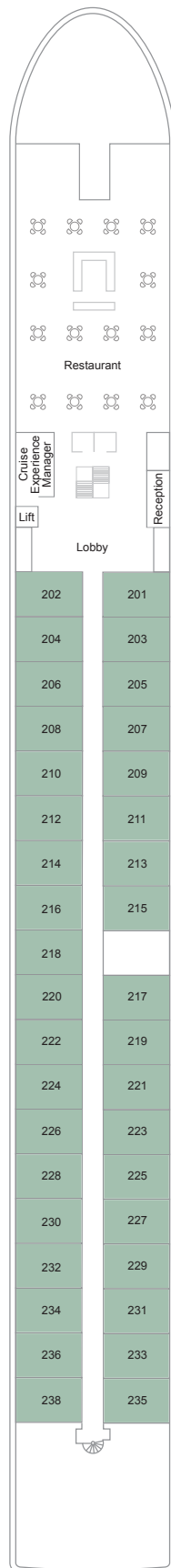
YOUR KEY TO CABIN CATEGORIES

- Standard (Deck 1)
- Superior
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 2)
- Superior French Balcony (Deck 3)
- Single
- Fixed Bed
- ⊙ Porthole window
- Picture window

Cabins: 62
Length: 80m
Beam: 11.4m

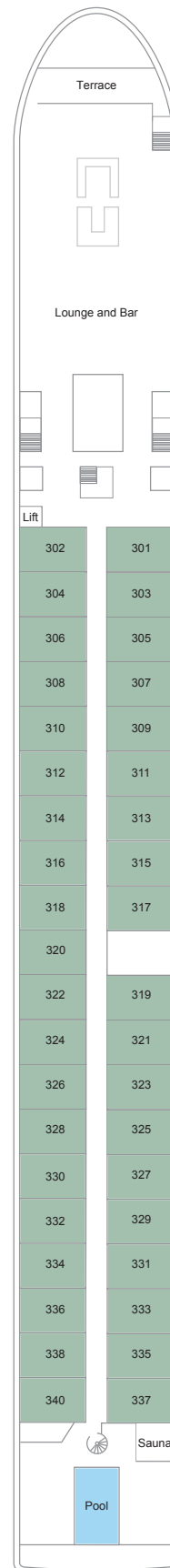


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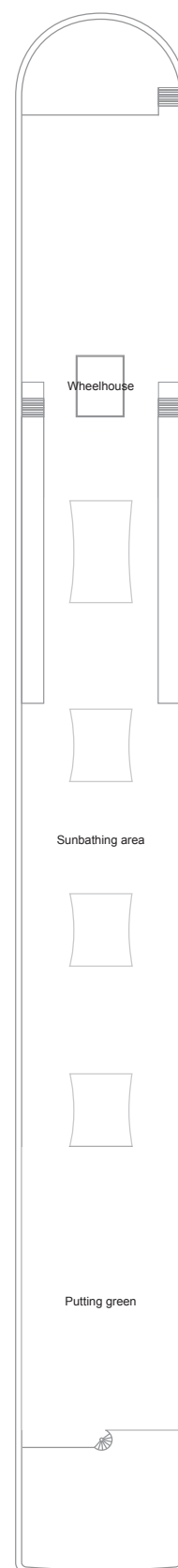
DECK 2

- Verdaastro Restaurant
- Reception



DECK 3

- Observatory
- Swimming pool



DECK 4

Keeping our rivers clean

DOING OUR BIT

We want to keep Europe's waterways as pristine as possible. Read on to find out what we're doing to help the environment and local communities...

- ✓ After revamping all of our ships, we donated all the old furniture to a charity in the Netherlands.
- ✓ Some of the carpets around the ship are made from recycled fishing nets.
- ✓ Single-use plastic's kept to a minimum onboard, and any plastic that we do use is recycled. Reusable bottles are provided in every cabin, and they're yours to keep.
- ✓ We don't use plastic straws in our drinks, only paper ones.
- ✓ We try to use locally sourced produce where possible.
- ✓ You can access our Cruise News on our Navigate app, which means we don't have to print paper copies.
- ✓ You'll find recycling bins in all of the ship's public areas.

DOING YOUR BIT

A few simple changes can help make your holiday a sustainable one – from exploring ashore to keeping your towels for a few extra days...

- ✓ Buy local – get your souvenirs and gifts from a local craft shop.
- ✓ Drink local – go for a drink in a café while exploring. You never know, you might find a hidden gem.
- ✓ Keep your towels or bed linen for longer – chances are you don't wash them at home every day, so why do it on holiday?
- ✓ Save water – turn off taps when you're not using them.
- ✓ Help the TUI Care Foundation make a difference in the communities we sail to by donating a few pounds when you book.

Want to know more?

Visit our sustainability hub online to learn more about how we're reducing our environmental impact.

tui.co.uk/destinations/info/sustainability



Come fly with us

We want to make your cruise as hassle-free as possible, which is why all of our itineraries include direct flights from the UK. Here's the lowdown...

We've teamed up with a collection of leading airlines, including **British Airways**, **Lufthansa**, **KLM**, **Eurowings**, and **EasyJet**. So, you can get to your starting point from a range of regional airports. Plus, you don't need to worry about packing light, as you'll get up to **23kg luggage** allowance.



You can also fly with TUI from **Birmingham, Gatwick and Manchester** to Budapest in summer 2026, and from **Gatwick and Manchester** to Vienna, Dusseldorf and Luxor in winter 2026. That means you can choose where you sit on the plane, or treat yourself to our seats with extra legroom or extra space.

Check-in and extras

If you're flying with one of our partner airlines, they may allow you to book extras like additional luggage. Some airlines may need you to check in online, too. We'll contact you with any need-to-know details closer to your departure date.

On arrival at your overseas airport, you'll be met by a **TUI River Cruises representative** for your transfer to the ship. Just so you know, some airports are large, and in Frankfurt, there's a 10 to 15-minute walk from the terminal building to the coach park.

We understand the small print is the last thing anyone wants to read. But we believe it's really important to be clear in the information we give you. This A-Z outlines to what extent we would be liable, if at all. If any part of this guide isn't valid or can't be enforced, the rest will still apply. Not everything here will apply to you but a lot of it will so you'll need to read this guide before you book. You'll also need to read Our Agreement With You and Your Agreement With Us. Together, they explain every aspect of your holiday. If you need information in another format please contact our Assisted Travel Team on 0203 451 2688. Calls from UK landlines cost the standard rate, but calls from mobiles may be higher. please check with your service provider.

In line with EU regulations, we need to let you know who you'll be flying with, as your holiday package flights may not be with TUI. You'll see which airline is included in your package as part of your booking journey, and we'll also let you know who the airline is when we send your tickets. If there are changes after that point, we'll tell you before you check in or at the boarding gate. From time to time, we need to change airlines or plane types but this isn't classed as a 'Major Change' to your holiday.

A

Accuracy

We published this brochure in July 2025. Our prices and information were accurate on that date but they may have changed since then. We always check our River Cruises regularly to make sure we're giving you accurate information and we'll tell you of any changes we know about when you book. If you've already booked, we'll tell you about any major changes we're aware of as soon as we can. Bear in mind public holidays and religious festivals affect whether or not facilities are available. Also, it may be the case some facilities aren't managed directly by TUI River Cruises and they could close without notice. See Itineraries for more details.

Adults-only

All TUI River Cruises are adults only - 18 years and over.

Advanced Passenger Information

You, and all members of your party, must tell us certain information that we'll send to government authorities and border control and security agencies for the purpose of immigration, security and counter terrorism. This is known as Advanced Passenger Information, or APIS. It may also be referred to as E-borders in the United Kingdom. The information you must provide will include, but not be limited to, your full name - as shown in your passport or travel document, gender, date of birth, travel document type, number, country of issue and expiry date.

Airline Rules

Charter airlines aren't allowed to carry certain nationals to and from their country of origin, due to licensing law restrictions with overseas aviation authorities. Please check with your airline prior to travel if you are in doubt.

Airport Lounges

You can pay for airport lounge access after you've booked, subject to availability. You can do this via a TUI Store, Manage My Booking or by logging into your Customer Account.

Alcohol

During your flight you can only drink the alcohol that the flight attendants serve you. On board, you are able to consume wine that you have purchased in port at dinner with no corkage fee. Please note that the minimum drinking age onboard TUI River Cruises is 18.

Drinks Package

All our European ships are Full Board Plus. This means that the standard drinks package includes soft drinks, tea, coffee, beer and wine with meals.

All Inclusive Drinks Package

Our Nile sailings are All Inclusive and include local beer, wine, spirits and coffee. On our European ships you can book the All Inclusive package when you're on board, or before you travel. Every person on the booking must be included. In addition to the standard drinks package (above) the All Inclusive package includes local beer such as Radeberger, branded spirits (e.g. Vodka: Smirnoff, Absolut; Gin: Bombay Sapphire; Whisky: Jack Daniels, Glenfiddich; Cognac/Brandies: Hennessy), cocktails and our premium Lavazza coffee.

If you don't upgrade, you can still buy these drinks on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Drinks are available from all bars, lounges and restaurants. You can order alcoholic drinks from 10am until midnight, and coffee, tea and soft drinks whenever the bars are open. The All Inclusive package only applies while you're on the ship.

If you upgrade to the All Inclusive drinks package, and you are in one of the following cabin categories, then your minibar is also included: Deck 1 Superior; Superior French Balcony and French Balcony Suite.

Free or discounted offers are available on selected holidays, dates and departure airports, subject to availability, and can be withdrawn at any time.

All Inclusive at Hotels

You may need to wear a wristband or carry some ID to get the benefits of your package. For a full description of what's included, check the hotel description. Times for inclusive drinks, meals and snacks vary. Your All Inclusive package may not include bottled water, imported drinks, à la carte meals, or some speciality dishes. Some restaurants expect you to reserve a table and will be subject to availability. Not all bars and restaurants operate on an All Inclusive basis. Also, there may be cash bars once All Inclusive bars close. Bear in mind, under-18s won't be served alcohol.

You should also be aware that we, and the hotels, may confiscate wristbands and IDs from guests who abuse the All Inclusive benefits.

You may be charged for motorised sports, and there are time limits or age and experience restrictions on some of these activities. You may have to pay a deposit to hire equipment. Things like classes and beauty treatments may be included in the price but there'll be a limit on how many sessions you can take. Safety deposit boxes may not be included and you'll need to pay for things like telephone calls and excursions.

All Inclusive packages end when you check out of your room. In some cases you can pay to keep using the facilities. If there's a delay to your flight home and you have to spend extra time in the resort, any refreshments will be in line with the airline's instructions - not the board basis of your hotel. One last thing, you may find timings will change for things like happy hours in bars and dining times

Amenities

On our River Cruise ships, there may be a temporary loss of power from time to time because power is generated onboard, and toilets onboard use a vacuum system.

Artist Impressions

These, together with any computer-generated images, are there to give you an idea of how the ship will look - they're not replicas of the finished ship.

Assisted Travel

If you're planning a River Cruise and have a disability, have special dietary needs, a sensory impairment or are undergoing medical treatment, you must let us know when making your booking. Failure to do this may result in you being refused boarding on arrival at the ship. Our ships do not have medical facilities, they are not wheelchair friendly, and do not have a lift. If you are unable to walk unaided up and down a flight of stairs then a TUI River Cruise may not be suitable for you. Please contact our Assisted Travel Team before making your booking to discuss your requirements, and also see Persons With Reduced Mobility and Wheelchairs.

B

Balconies

Our ships have French Balconies. This means that your cabin will have glass doors with a railing directly behind these meaning you cannot step out onto a separate space as it is shallow in depth.

Banned Airlines

To improve safety, the European Commission has banned some airlines from operating in European airspace. In line with EU directive (EC) no. 2111/2005, Article 9, we need to make you aware of the list of banned airlines. To view the list of airlines that are subject to an operating ban within the European Community, visit https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/eu-air-safety-list_en.

Berth Locations

We will try where possible to berth close to the centre of a destination, however this may not always be possible, and some berth locations may require a walk or the use of public transport to reach the centre.

When berthed we may be next to another river cruise ship, therefore you will be required to walk through/ across the top deck of this ship to go ashore (or vice versa). This is common practice in river cruising.

Beaches

Many of the beaches in our resorts have been awarded the Foundation for Environmental Education's Blue Flag. The programme awards beaches and marinas that meet its high standards of hygiene, cleanliness, safety and environmental management. See www.blueflag.org.

When you're on the beach, make sure you check any flag warning systems and take local conditions into account, particularly things like undercurrents and tides.

You may find that public beaches are closed at certain times, particularly in low season. Beach closures are carried out by local authorities so are beyond our control. One more thing - in some destinations you may find you need to pay to use some of the beaches.

Building Work

From time to time, building work is unavoidable, particularly where hotels are open all year round, and it can be noisy. If we're aware of any work, we'll let you know as soon as possible if we think it'll affect your holiday. This can be difficult as we don't control the work and we're not always told when it'll happen and how long it will last. But if we think it'll have a significant effect, you'll have the option of a refund or an alternative holiday, as outlined under 'Major changes to your holiday' in Our Agreement With You.

C

Cabins

Deck plans and photographs are provided as a guide. The size, layout and décor of the cabins may differ slightly from those shown. Generally speaking, cabins are smaller than hotel rooms.

We'll provide towels so there's no need to pack those. Personal grooming items such as hairdryers, travel irons, curling tongs, hair straighteners and shavers are permitted when used with caution. However, if such devices are determined to pose a hazard, they will be removed and returned on the last day of the River Cruise prior to disembarkation.

Cabin Reservations

You can book a particular cabin number up to 15 days before you go. Bear in mind, there's always some background noise on a ship. This may be louder when manoeuvring through locks, turning the ship around or in bad weather. You can book your cabin number, for a fee, at the time of making your booking or over the telephone. You can reach us on 0203 451 2688, 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm Saturday and 10am to 5pm Sunday. Calls from UK landlines cost the standard rate, but calls from mobiles may be higher. Check with your landline provider. Some cabins can't be booked and they all depend on availability. If for any reason we can't give you your reserved cabin we'll move you to a suitable alternative and refund your booking on your return home. You can cancel your River Cruise if the cabin you wanted isn't available, but you'll need to pay the normal cancellation charges. We set these out in Section 12 of Our Agreement With You. We don't class a change to the cabin you've booked as a 'Major Change' to your holiday.

Cabin Supplements see Supplements

Check-in - For Your Flight

We recommend you arrive at the airport at least two hours before your scheduled departure time. Regardless of the length of your flight, you need to have completed check-in at least an hour before departure. UK airlines need to carry out enhanced security screening from certain destinations for return flights to the United Kingdom. If this applies to your flight, you'll be told whilst you're on holiday as it may mean that you need to check in a bit earlier. You might need to be at the boarding gate earlier, too. If we think you may be under the influence of alcohol or pose a threat to passengers or crew, you won't be able to fly. The same applies if you smoke, use insulting or abusive words before or after you board. If that happens, we won't be responsible for your holiday arrangements and we won't give you a refund, pay compensation, or cover any other costs. We may even seek compensation from you for any loss caused by your behaviour. This includes having to divert the plane. It's also a criminal offence to cause disruption on board, so you may be prosecuted. Airlines may also share details about your behaviour with other airlines, which could affect your future trips.

Online Check-in - For Your Flight

If you're flying with TUI Airways, you'll be allocated your seats when you check in online. If you don't like the seats allocated, you can pay to select your seat. Sometimes we may need to change the seat allocated to you for operational or safety reasons or for persons with reduced mobility. You must drop your bags off before bag drop closes, 45 minutes before your flight time. Just so you know, if you choose not to use our online check-in service, we reserve the right to charge a fee for airport check-in. Please also see Our Agreement with You and Yours with Us.

Online Check-in - For Your River Cruise

For European sailings, you can check in online for your river cruise prior to travel at www.rivercruisecontrol.tui.co.uk. The lead passenger on the booking will be sent an email asking them to provide passport details, emergency contact details and any dietary requirements.

Check-in - For Your River Cruise

You'll be able to board the ship as soon as your coach or taxi from the airport arrives in the port. We'll try our best to have your cabin ready on arrival. If it's not, you may have to wait for a short time in the public areas. If you've opted for a 'cruise-only' holiday, it means you've just booked the cruise part with us and you'll need to organise your own flights and transfers from the airport to the ship. Official check-in time is from 15:00 until 2 hours before the ship sets sail. When you get there look for the TUI River Cruises flags at the entrance to the ship. Keep in mind that there are no facilities at river cruise ports, so make a note of the check-in time on your confirmation. See Onboard Accounts for more details on checking in.

Check-out - For Your River Cruise

You may need to leave your luggage outside your cabin by 8am on the morning of your departure. You will be instructed on this during your River Cruise.

On disembarkation day, you need to be ready to leave your cabin by 9am on our European ships, and noon on our Nile sailings. We'll have given you your bill the night before so there's no need to check out. We'll take you to the airport in good time for your flight home. Until then, you can stay on the ship.

A-Z guide

Check-in - For Your Accommodation

Check-in time is usually 3pm to 4pm for hotels. Depending on when your flight arrives, you may miss a meal if you've booked All Inclusive, Half or Full Board. There's also the chance that your room may not be ready for you when you arrive, but you'll be able to use the hotel's facilities while you wait.

Check-out - For Your Accommodation

On the last day of your holiday, you'll usually have to leave your room by mid-morning or noon. You may be able to keep your accommodation for longer, but there could be a charge. Depending on the time of your flight, you may miss a meal at your hotel. Also, you might not be able to use some of the facilities or take advantage of the full All Inclusive package. You may be able to pay for a late check-out room, but this varies from hotel to hotel. We recommend you book in advance as the hotel will allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conditions Of Carriage

When you travel by air or by river, your journey may be subject to certain international conventions including, but not limited to, the Warsaw Convention, the Strasbourg Convention and the Montreal Convention. The airline's terms and conditions and the TUI River Cruise Conditions of Carriage are available on request, so we can supply full copies of both if you ask us to.

Montreal Convention

This is a notice required by European Community Regulation (EC) No. 889/2002.

Air carrier liability for passengers and their baggage

This information notice summarises the liability rules applied by Community air carriers as required by Community legislation and the Montreal Convention.

Compensation In The Case Of Death Or Injury

There are no financial limits to the liability for passenger injury or death. For damages up to 100,000 SDRs (approximately £96,000), the air carrier can't contest claims for compensation. Above that amount, the air carrier can defend itself against a claim by proving that it wasn't negligent or otherwise at fault.

Advance Payments

If a passenger is killed or injured, the air carrier must make an advance payment, to cover immediate economic needs, within 15 days from the identification of the person entitled to compensation. In the event of death, this advance payment shall not be less than 16,000 SDRs (approximately £15,360).

Passenger Delays

In case of passenger delay, the air carrier is liable for damage unless it took all reasonable measures to avoid the damage or it was impossible to take such measures. The liability for passenger delay is limited to 4,150 SDRs (approximately £3,980).

Baggage Delays

In case of baggage delay, the air carrier is liable for damage unless it took all reasonable measures to avoid the damage or it was impossible to take such measures. The liability for baggage delay is limited to 1,000 SDRs (approximately £960).

Destruction, Loss Or Damage To Baggage

The air carrier is liable for destruction, loss or damage to baggage up to 1,000 SDRs (approx. £960). In the case of checked baggage, it's liable even if not at fault, unless the baggage was defective. In the case of unchecked baggage, the carrier is liable only if at fault.

Higher Limits For Baggage

A passenger can benefit from a higher liability limit by making a special declaration at the latest at check-in and by paying a supplementary fee.

Complaints On Baggage

If the baggage is damaged, delayed, lost or destroyed, the passenger must write and complain to the air carrier as soon as possible. In the case of damage to checked baggage, the passenger must write and complain within 7 days, and, in the case of delay within 21 days, in both cases from the date on which the baggage was placed at the passenger's disposal.

Liability Of Contracting And Actual Carriers

If the air carrier performing the flight is not the same as the contracting air carrier, the passenger has the right to address a complaint or to make a claim for damages against either. If the name or code of an air carrier is indicated on the ticket, that air carrier is the contracting air carrier.

Time Limit For Action

Any action in court to claim damages must be brought within two years from the date of arrival of the aircraft, or from the date on which the aircraft ought to have arrived.

Basis For The Information

The basis for the rules described above is the Montreal Convention of 28 May 1999, which is implemented in the Community by Regulation (EC) No. 2027/97 (as amended by Regulation (EC) No. 889/2002) and national legislation of the Member States.

Cruise and Tour

If you have booked a River Cruise and Tour package, please see the most recent TUI Tours brochure for the information specific to the Tours part of your holiday.

Cruise Only – with no flights

If you have booked the River Cruise part on its own then transfers aren't included and it's down to you to get to the ship on time. The last check-in is two hours before the advertised sailing time, so build plenty of time into your schedule for checking in and boarding.

D

Data Protection

Data Protection All details provided by you will be held by us and used in accordance with our Privacy Notice. We will process personal data about you and members of your party so that we can manage your account or booking, provide you with our products, services and/or any other travel arrangements booked with us. By providing other people's personal data, you must be sure that they agree to share their data with us and, where appropriate, they understand how their personal data may be used by us. For more information, please refer to our Privacy Notice available on our website or upon request in our stores.

Delays

Depending on airport facilities, light refreshments are provided for a delay of two to four hours, a meal – or vouchers for a meal – for four to eight hours, overnight accommodation for delays of eight to 12 hours if it's necessary and possible. If a delay is longer than five hours, you can cancel your flight and we'll refund the flight part of your holiday. We'll only refund the whole cost of your holiday if we change or cancel your holiday. We set out what this means in Our Agreement With You. If you've booked your complete River Cruise holiday - including flights, transfers and the River Cruise itself - with us and there's a flight delay, we'll try to get you to the ship where possible. See Insurance for more details.

Dress Code

During the day the dress code is relaxed, but you cannot wear beachwear in the restaurants. Come evening, things get a little smarter. Men need to wear long trousers or smart tailored shorts, a shirt or polo shirt, and closed shoes. There are also events, like our gala dinner, where you've got the option of dressing formally.

When on Shore Experiences you may also have to follow a dress code - please see Local Laws

Drinks Package See Alcohol - Drinks Package and All Inclusive Package.

E

Entertainment Onboard

Each itinerary has its own low-key entertainment programme which includes live music, quizzes, guest acts and speakers. Just so you know, we may need to change our guest acts and speakers from time to time.

Extras

Please be aware that some extras, such as flowers, need to be booked in at least seven days before departure.

Extra Charges

The key aspects of your holiday will be included in the price when you book – see Prices for details. But it's important to point out you may have to pay extra for some things when you get there. For example, you might want to book an experience or enjoy something from the minibar. You may also need to pay extra for things like sports and classes. If we're aware you need to pay extra for a particular activity or facility, we'll show you by adding an asterisk after the item.

F

Facilities

At certain times during your cruise some facilities may be unavailable due to operational reasons. For example, when going under low bridges the use of the top deck will be unavailable until we have safely passed through. On some itineraries this means that the top deck may be down for the majority of the sailing, due to the number of bridges along the river. We'll try to notify you of this in advance where possible.

Flight Times

Actual flight times are on your tickets. They are local times based on the 24-hour system. We can't guarantee the flight times in our brochure, on our website or on your booking confirmation won't change, so please always check your tickets.

Free Cabin Upgrade Offer

On selected departure dates and during certain booking periods it's possible to book a cabin upgrade offer. This means you can book a higher grade of cabin at a reduced price. See Special Offers.

G

Gala Dinner

On sailings of five nights or more we will have a six course gala dinner, where you are given the option of dressing formally should you wish.

Gala Meals in Hotels

Many hotels and apartments host gala meals over the Christmas and New Year period. Bear in mind that men will probably have to wear a jacket, shirt, tie and full-length trousers. You'll see if the meal's included by checking the individual property descriptions.

Group Offers

You may qualify for discounts if there are 10 or more in your party. When you're about to book, ask your Travel Advisor to contact our TUI River Cruises team. Or you can call the team yourself – you'll find the number at the end of this guide. Of course, group offers and discounts are subject to availability and we may withdraw them at any time.

We base discounts on how many are travelling and everyone needs to travel on the same date. Their holidays must be for the same length and on the same River Cruise. If it's more convenient for them, we can sometimes make arrangements for large groups to leave from different airports. They may not be available in conjunction with any other offers.

Cancellations within your group may mean a drop in your discount, and the people who cancel will need to pay our standard cancellation charges. One last thing – if you want your cabins to be close to each other, you'll need to reserve your cabin numbers before you go.

H

Health and Wellbeing Onboard

You agree to abide by all the prescribed health protocols onboard for the protection of all crew and passengers from any viral or bacterial illnesses known or suspected to be onboard. This may include but is not limited to all reasonable measures such as cabin confinement for a period recommended by TUI River Cruises. Failure to abide by such protocols may result in your disembarkment from the ship with any costs incurred as a result to be at your own cost.

I

Insurance

You'll need to take out a suitable insurance policy for you and anyone travelling with you. We'll tell you about our insurance policy when you book. If you choose not to take out our insurance, you'll need to tell us who you're insured with. We'll need the company details and your policy number before you travel. We can't accept responsibility for any loss that you or anyone travelling on your booking suffers if the individual isn't adequately insured. As with all insurance policies, terms and conditions apply, so you need to make sure you've got the right policy for you. See Delays for details.

If you're travelling to the European Economic Area you'll also need a European Health Insurance Card. You'll get a new UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) instead of an EHIC. You can apply at <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. Visit www.nhs.uk/ehic for full details on what it covers. You do not need to apply for a GHIC if you already have an EHIC. Your EHIC remains valid in the EU until it expires. An EHIC or GHIC is free of charge. You'll need to have both this card and adequate travel insurance.

Itineraries

Any full or part-day timings indicated in the brochure are correct at the time of print but may change. The activities we describe at ports may not always be possible - due to the time spent in port or other factors outside of our control such as bad weather - and are always subject to availability. Sometimes we have to alter the time in port, the order of ports or substitute ports entirely due to bad weather, port congestion, public holidays or other operational reasons. If we alter the time in port it will mean that certain trips will only be possible if there's enough time to do them. It may not be possible to complete full itineraries due to low or high water. In the case of low or high water we will make every effort to complete your itinerary. In order to do this, it may involve a change in berth location, completing parts of the itinerary by coach, modified shore experiences and - in exceptional circumstances - a ship swap. These changes can happen before or during your River Cruise. As the situation can change quickly, we will aim to inform you of any impact as soon as possible, this may be up to 24 hours before you are due to depart. If we can complete your itinerary via these alternative methods then refunds will not be available. Also see Local Laws for more details.

L

Lifts

Only TUI Aria has a lift - the rest of the fleet does not. If stairs are a problem for you, please ask us for more details before you book. See Assisted Travel and Persons With Reduced Mobility for more details.

Local Laws

For our River Cruise itineraries, you'll need to abide by the laws and customs of each country we visit. When visiting religious sites you may be asked to cover arms and legs, and women may need to cover their hair. Sometimes public holidays and events mean we have to change our itinerary or miss the port altogether. See Itineraries. Sometimes local laws, religious customs or events mean facilities aren't available. Drinking and gambling ages vary by destination. It's a good idea to find out more before you travel. For up-to-date information, check www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

Lost Property

If you leave something behind on the plane during your flight out, you'll need to contact the overseas airport and ask them to check their lost property. If it's on your flight home, please contact the airline you have flown with to see if they can track down the item for you. If you leave what we class as a 'valuable item', like a camera, a laptop or a wallet, on one of our River Cruises or at a hotel after your cruise, we'll do our best to find it for you. If your item is found, there may be a charge for returning it to you. If we can't find your item, we'll send you a statement to support your travel insurance claim. For help with lost property, contact After Travel Customer Support – you'll find their details in the Getting In Touch section.

Low Bridges

Please see Facilities for details.

Low Season

You may find if you're travelling outside of peak holiday periods, like March, April, May and October, that some facilities may not be available in ports.

Luggage

All TUI River Cruises bookings have up to 23kg allowance included. Please check your booking confirmation to confirm your allowance for checked-in luggage, as this may vary depending on the airline you are flying with.

Excess Luggage And Sports Equipment

There may be a charge for excess luggage and sports equipment and it is best to check with your airline beforehand to make sure that they will be able to carry these items and what the extra charges will be. You will also need to contact us to make sure that your River Cruise will be able to take these extra items as, due to limited space on board the ship, bulkier items may not be permitted. Bear in mind, any problems with excess luggage charges need to be sorted out at the airport. We can't guarantee you'll be able to take bulky sports equipment with you on the coach to your River Cruise, and there may also be an extra charge.

Lost And Damaged Luggage

Please report any lost luggage or damage to the airline that you've flown with, and complete a Property Irregularity Form (PIF), within seven days. If not, under the terms of the Montreal Convention, the airline won't be liable. See Montreal Convention for details. If your luggage is damaged on your way back to the UK, you need to complete the Property Irregularity Form (PIF) at the airport and keep a copy of it for insurance purposes. If your luggage is damaged between the coach and the ship, you need to report this to the River Cruise reception or the Cruise Experience Manager as soon as possible to help with any insurance claims.

M

Meals - At Your Hotel

Meals are usually served in the hotel's main restaurant. The set-up here may change from buffet to waiter service, or vice versa. For à la carte restaurants you may be limited to a certain number of visits per stay and you may need to make a reservation. You may need to pay extra for these, too. Not all of the hotel's restaurants will necessarily be open at the same time. Full Board Plus includes a Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner with drinks included during mealtimes. Full Board includes a Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. Half Board includes a Continental breakfast and dinner – or lunch, if you wish – at some hotels. Bed & Breakfast usually means Continental breakfast.

Meals - On Your River Cruise

All meals are included – see the what's included page at the start of the brochure

Medical Conditions - For Your Flight

If you have a medical condition, a serious illness, or you've recently had surgery or an accident, you'll need to be cleared for travel by the airline. You may also need a 'Fitness to Fly' certificate from your GP. Conditions that need medical clearance include respiratory, coronary or infectious illness. You'll need to give your request for medical clearance to the airline at least four working days before you're due to fly. If you're unsure what conditions require medical clearance, or if you have any concerns about your health, we recommend that you contact your doctor before you book.

The risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) while flying is extremely low but is still a serious medical condition. DVT is when a blood clot forms, usually in the lower leg, sometimes because of sitting still for a long time. It needs treatment with blood-thinning drugs to prevent clots breaking off and travelling to the lungs. You can take precautions to reduce the risk. People most at risk include those with a history of bronchial or circulatory problems, thrombosis, those recently hospitalised, smokers, the obese, those with congestive heart failure, a malignant disease, pregnant women or women taking the contraceptive pill. To reduce the risk, exercise your legs from time to time, or walk around if possible. Elastic stockings may be helpful. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic liquids to prevent dehydration. See your doctor if you think you may be particularly prone to DVT.

If you think you might need to ask for therapeutic oxygen during your flight, please contact your airline for details at least one month before your departure date. See Special Requests for more details.

Medical Conditions - For Your River Cruise

Medical centres are not available onboard. If you're planning to use a medical centre on shore, remember to take your insurance claim form. If you're concerned about seasickness, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before you go. It's worth pointing out you won't be able to board if you're showing signs of a contagious disease.

Money Exchange

Money exchange facilities are not available on board, so please ensure you arrange any money exchange requirements prior to your departure from the UK. See Onboard Accounts.

Money Exchange - At Your Hotel

If you want to change money to your hotel when you get there, check the property descriptions to find out if you can do this at your hotel.

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Official Ratings for Hotels

See Tour Operator Ratings

Onboard Accounts

Our ships are cashless. Prices onboard are in Euros on our European ships, and Egyptian Pounds on our Nile Cruise ship. You can charge everything you buy onboard during your River Cruise – except shore experiences – to your cabin account. Accounts are opened when you board the ship and can be settled in Euros on our EU sailings or Egyptian Pounds on our Nile sailings, or credit/debit card. On all ships we accept Visa and Mastercard credit and debit cards. You just need to register with your credit or debit card during your cruise.

If purchasing experiences on board, these cannot be charged to your onboard account and must be paid for by credit or debit card and booked on the experience website <https://rivercruises.gotui.com/uk>

Onboard Drinks Package

See Alcohol - Drinks Package and All Inclusive Package.

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Passports

The name in your passport must match the name on your ticket otherwise you may not be able to travel and your insurance could be invalid. If someone in your group changes their name after you have booked, tell us and we'll issue the ticket in the new name. If you've already received the ticket, return it and we'll send one with the correct name. There may be a fee for this change. British Citizens must hold a valid ten-year passport. Passports for British citizens are valid for travel to any EU country up to and including the passport expiry date. Some countries outside the EU require a British passport to have a certain period of validity left on it, such as 6 months, or blank pages. Please visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for advice by country. Other nationalities should check with their own governments. It is your responsibility to check whether you need a visa to enter your destination country.

If your passport has an Israeli stamp, you may be refused entry to some countries. If this happens, you would have to stay onboard. For more information, visit HM Passport Office website at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office. If you don't have a UK passport, you should always check with your own embassy, high commission or consulate before you book. Please also see Visas.

Persons With Reduced Mobility

Our ships are not wheelchair friendly and do not have a lift. There are no wheelchair accessible cabins available. When in port our ships could be moored alongside other ships and disembarking could involve walking across gangplanks and decks of other ships, and may include walking up and down a flight of stairs. Our river cruise destinations include many places with cobbled streets, uneven paving and on a steep incline which could cause difficulties for anyone with reduced mobility. If you are unable to walk unaided up and down a flight of stairs then a TUI River Cruise may not be suitable for you.

If you are unsure if a river cruise is suitable for you, please contact our Assisted Travel Team and they will be able to discuss your requirements further.

Resort Transfers

If you're taking any large mobility aids, you'll need to arrange your own transfer to your river cruise ship, as you can't take them on the coach. Please remember you can't use a wheelchair or scooter onboard the ship. Please note that any mobility aids will need to be stored in cabins as there are no storage facilities on board.

On Your River Cruise

Our ships are not wheelchair friendly and do not have a lift. There are no wheelchair accessible cabins available. If you are a wheelchair user and planning on taking a river cruise with us please contact our Assisted Travel Team to discuss your booking further

Going Ashore

Some experiences may not be suitable for the less mobile, please contact our Shore Experience Team to confirm before booking, you'll find their details at the end of this guide. See Assisted Travel and Wheelchairs

Pregnancy

You can cruise onboard our ships up to the 24th week of pregnancy. If you're sailing on any of our ships you'll need to have a medical certificate to prove that you're fit to travel. If you're more than 24 weeks at the end of your River Cruise, you won't be able to sail. Please check your insurance policy for any restrictions that apply.

Prices

Prices can be viewed on our website at www.tui.co.uk/river-cruises. They should only be used as a guide – the price you pay will depend on when you're travelling, and prices may go up and down throughout the season. Prices are based on the standard occupancy for the cabin type included in the package, so will change if the cabin is occupied by a different number of guests. Please also see Special Offers.

What's Included

The basic cost of your holiday includes the following:

- Return flight from the UK
- Air Passenger Duty at the standard economy rate.
- Transfers between the airport and River Cruise ship. This is usually by coach.
- The cabin accommodation and meals as advertised or confirmed on your invoice.
- Luggage allowance as confirmed on your ticket.
- Aviation insurance and security charge.
- Estimated fuel costs.
- All obligatory service charges and taxes payable in advance.
- VAT on all holidays to EC countries.
- Port taxes.
- Tips and service charges onboard our ships.

What's Not Included

The basic cost does not include the following:

- Additional flight charges, such as taxes and regional supplements
- Additional Air Passenger Duty – there's a difference between standard and premium cabin charges. A higher rate is charged by the government for guests in premium cabins.
- In-flight meals unless we say otherwise.
- Seats together on the plane unless we say otherwise.
- Fuel supplements where applicable.
- Experiences and Shore Experiences.
- Holiday insurance.
- Additional charges for particular cabin types, meals or under-occupancy. For details ask your Holiday Advisor.
- Excess luggage and the transport of sporting equipment.
- Any local taxes, levies or similar that local authorities abroad expect you to pay yourselves.
- River Cruise cabin supplements – see Cabin Supplements.

Prohibited Items

To ensure your safety and security some items are prohibited from being carried onto our River Cruises. Each time you board the River Cruise we have the right to security screen you and your luggage, and if any prohibited items are found they may be permanently confiscated. The list of prohibited items can be found here: <http://www.tui.co.uk/destinations/info/faq/luggage-guidelines>. This list is not exhaustive and any other items which the Port or Ship security staff consider to pose a risk may also be refused.

S

Safety

Overseas safety standards are generally lower than ours in the UK. We take reasonable care to make sure only reputable businesses provide the services that make up our holidays, and we expect them to provide those services in line with local standards.

Safety Drills Onboard

There will be a safety briefing held onboard prior to departure which you must attend. If you do not do so, the ship will be unable to set sail.

Sailing Times

The morning and afternoon sailing times for our River Cruise holidays are correct when we publish them, but they may change. See Itineraries for more details.

Seating

Please check with our Assisted Travel Team before booking for details of seat pitch sizes on the airlines.

Ship Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance may happen while you're onboard one of our River Cruise ships. We'll do our best to keep noise to a minimum.

Shore Experiences

We'll send you an email when your shore experiences are available to book. Once you have received this you can visit our website at rivercruises.gotui.com/uk to select your experiences. TUI River Cruises offers two types of shore experiences, our River Cruises Collection, and a range of attraction tickets.

Our River Cruises Collection is a handpicked line-up of highly rated shore experiences, which include pick up from the ship by an experienced local guide, who will give you all the need-to-know information about the places you visit. Alternatively, we offer attraction tickets for museums, art galleries, hop of hop off bus tours and much more. Please note, these attraction tickets do not include pick up from the ship and you will need to make your own way to the attraction or meeting point.

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River Cruises Collection experiences can be cancelled up to 48 hours before a tour is due to depart. Attraction tickets have a different cancellation policy, and you can find out the exact terms for each attraction when you book. Should you wish to purchase experiences whilst on board, you will need to pay for these by debit or credit card. These cannot be charged to your on-board account. Please note, all shore experiences are subject to change. Also see Itineraries.

Single Cabins

These cabins are for sole occupancy. Twin berths are available to book just for yourself, but you'll need to pay a supplement.

Smoking

All our ships are non-smoking which means you can only smoke in designated areas of the open deck. Smoking isn't permitted on cabin balconies, either. As for e-cigarettes you can only use these in the designated areas on deck.

Special Offers

Offers are only available on the holidays and dates we advertise, per booking and subject to availability.

Special Requests

We'll always do our best to help however we can, but we can't guarantee we'll be able to meet your needs every time. These special requests aren't covered by Our Agreement With You so, from a legal point of view, they're not part of your holiday contract.

Supplements

Cabin Supplements

Cabin supplements vary by sailing date and deck and prices may go up or down. Occasionally it's possible to upgrade your cabins once onboard - check with the ship reception for availability and prices. Any special offers will be limited. See Free Cabin Upgrade Offer.

Supplements On Your Flight

Depending on the airport you choose to fly from, on certain days or at certain times, you may have to pay a 'flight supplement'. Flight supplements may go up or down throughout the season. Some holidays are only available on flights with extra charges, often because the River Cruise is available only with certain days of flying.

Occupancy Supplements/Discounts

Depending on the number of people sharing a cabin, you may need to pay an 'occupancy supplement' for under-occupancy or single occupancy. Supplements/discounts may go up or down throughout the season.

Swimming Pools

It's unlikely your pool will have a lifeguard. Pools may be closed in early or late season, so April, early May and October, or in particularly bad weather. Also, pools won't be heated unless we say so in the property description.

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Our agreement with you, and yours with us

We are TUI UK Limited, Company Number 02830117, our Registered Office is Wigmore House, Luton, LU2 9TN and Our Agreement sets out what we can expect from each other when you buy a holiday from us.

Booking Your Holiday

When you book your holiday you are accepting Our Agreement on behalf of everyone travelling with you. We will only deal with you, the lead name, and you must be an adult when you book. Anyone aged under 18 on your holiday must be accompanied by an adult.

When we say "you" and "your" we mean you, as the lead name, or you and everyone travelling, depending on the context.

Our Agreement, includes our A-Z Guide, the conditions of carriage of the airline or cruise operator and the provisions of international conventions (including the Warsaw, Montreal and Athens conventions) that apply to travel by air, land or sea. Please ask for a copy of any conditions applicable. Our Agreement along with the relevant details in the booking confirmation is the entire agreement between us for your holiday.

Our Agreement is made under the laws of England and Wales. You submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts. You can choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland but only if you live there.

Providing Information

You must ensure all information you give is correct. We'll use the personal data you give us in line with our Privacy Notice. You must pass on any information we give you to everyone travelling.

You must comply with all passport, visa and other immigration requirements. Your passport and travel documents must be in good condition - you may be refused travel if they are damaged.

If you are not self-reliant or have reduced mobility (like finding it hard to walk 500 metres) you must tell us before you book and if this changes tell us at least 48 hours before your holiday.

Tour Operator Ratings

We rate our holidays on our annual reviews and also the feedback we get from our end-of-holiday Customer Satisfaction Questionnaires. We rate hotels and apartments from '2' for no-frills, good value accommodation, to '5' for more comfort and a wider range of facilities. There may be some differences between accommodation that shares the same rating. That's where our 'plus' rating comes in.

Towels

You'll be given cabin towels on our ships for use during your River Cruise. Towels will also be provided for use in the Wellness Area.

Transfers

The transfer times we give are a rough guide. They don't allow for delays to incoming flights or local traffic conditions. Our River Cruise holidays include transfers between the airport and ship by coach or minibus. If you have booked a Cruise and Stay or a Stay and Cruise holiday, then the transfer to or from your hotel will be included. Please note that if you've booked the River Cruise part on its own, then transfers are not included - please see Cruise Only.

V

Vaccinations

Speak to your doctor at least 2 months before you're due to go away. Some treatments should begin well before you go. If you're booking within three weeks of your departure, speak to your doctor before you book. More information is available in the Department of Health's free leaflet - Health Advice for Travellers. Call 0800 555 777 for a copy.

Visas

For information on any visa requirements for your River Cruise you'll need to check with www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice (for British passport holders) or contact the relevant embassy or consulate for more information. You'll need to organise your own visas for each port of call. Without the right visas, you won't be allowed to board the ship. If you're visiting more than one port of call in a particular country, you may need a multiple-entry visa.

For Nile Cruises, a tourist visa is required for visitors to Luxor. You can apply for an e-visa online via Sherpa, our online visa partner, at <https://apply.join Sherpa.com/...BR?affiliateId=tuiuk>. You can also purchase a visa on arrival in resort if you hold a full British Passport.

The visa cost at the moment is \$25 USD per person if purchased from the local authorities, or £25 GBP if purchased from our destination management company.

The Price You Pay

When you book your holiday, you must pay a deposit unless this is within 12 weeks of your holiday when you must pay in full. We'll tell you the price of your holiday and the deposit before you book. At least 12 weeks before you go you must pay the full balance. If you don't, we can cancel your holiday and charge you a termination fee.

When you book your holiday, we'll send your booking confirmation within 14 days. Mistakes can happen, so if any price on your booking confirmation, our website or our booking systems is obviously wrong, a booking made based on that price won't be valid, we can cancel it and refund you unless you want to pay the correct price.

For a breakdown of what's included in your basic holiday price, please see **Prices** in the A-Z.

Just so you know, you might also need to pay a tourist tax locally. We'll let you know what the approximate cost of this is before you book with us. Also see **Taxes** in the A-Z.

Before Your Holiday

If You Change Your Holiday

Airlines or other transport providers can charge a fee for a change and sometimes treat a change as a cancellation. Fees can be up to 100% of the price for that part of your holiday. You must pay those fees as well as the amendment fee shown below.

When making changes, the price of your new travel arrangements will be based on the price that applies on the day you make the change. If your change means fewer adults travel, and your holiday price is based upon the number of adults, we'll recalculate the total price and the price per person may go up. This extra price isn't a termination fee. You will also need to pay the appropriate proportion of the termination fee for the adult who has cancelled. See "If you Cancel Your Holiday".

Please note: Visas purchased on the spot are cash only - cards are not accepted. If you hold a passport issued by any other country, you will need to check what the visa requirements are to enter Egypt. Your passport must be valid for at least six full months after the date you arrive in Egypt. Anything less than this will result in you not being able to travel. We recommend that customers purchase their visa before travel to avoid queues. Online visas should be applied for at least 10 days before departure.

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Water Levels see Itineraries

Weather

Bad weather, or high/low river levels may force us to change parts of your itinerary. This may happen before the River Cruise starts or during it. It may also mean departure or arrival times at ports change. Also, local conditions may mean we have to limit our time at that port, or miss it out altogether. We may also have to change your ship for a similar one. Please also see Itineraries for more information about water levels.

Wheelchairs

On Your Flight

You'll need to contact your airline directly if you plan to take a wheelchair or other mobility item with you, to make sure it will fit onboard. Our Assisted Travel Team can help with this. Please note that you won't be able to use your wheelchair onboard your river cruise ship. See Assisted Travel and Persons With Reduced Mobility.

Wi-Fi on our Ships

Wi-Fi onboard our ships depends on satellite connectivity, so a strong signal can't be guaranteed and bandwidth is limited. Wi-Fi is free and available in cabins and public areas.

Wi-Fi in Hotels

Bandwidths may vary. Some hotels may offer an upgrade to a higher bandwidth which you may need to pay for. The upgraded service may also cover a different location to the free Wi-Fi zones. Some hotels may have a data cap on usage, or the free Wi-Fi may be restricted to a daily time limit per device or room. Once this usage or time limit is reached, there may be a charge to continue using the service. Factors that may reduce signal strength include high usage - particularly if lots of devices are using Wi-Fi at the same time, obstructions like thick walls and electronic machinery and adverse weather conditions. The device used to connect to the Wi-Fi - e.g. mobile phone, tablet or laptop - may result in a differing quality of service received. Wi-Fi zones may not be in the same location at every hotel. If your device isn't connected to Wi-Fi, remember to turn off data roaming to avoid possible data charges.

Due to factors outside of our control we can't guarantee the availability, performance or security of the Wi-Fi provided.

Some elements of your holiday, such as experiences, transfers, children's activities, flight or accommodation options, room/board upgrades, late check-out rooms theme park tickets and airport parking, may be non-refundable. You may transfer your place on the booking to someone else if you give us at least 7 days' notice in writing or by email, and the new lead name accepts the transfer and the terms of Our Agreement - insurance can't be transferred. You will be responsible, along with the new lead name, for amendment fees and any costs as a result of the change.

Change	Days before your holiday			
	71+	70 - 29	28 - 15	14 - 0
To change a name, passenger or passenger type (you can correct a spelling error without a fee).	Charges for name changes may vary, depending on the airline you are flying with.			
To upgrade a service, add on a flight extra, upgrade a room type or board basis.	No fee			
To change to a new package holiday from a TUI accommodation-only or TUI Airways flight-only booking travelling on the same dates as original booking. Does not apply to third party accommodation or flights. <i>Note: if your change request includes travelling on different dates to your original booking, the cancellation/amendment fees set out in the T&Cs applicable to your original booking will apply.</i>	No fee (But you will need to pay the difference in price if your new TUI package booking is more expensive.)			
To change duration, the time of a TUI Airways flight or to travel on an earlier date than planned.	£50 per person			
To change accommodation, departure or destination airport, or to change a flight not operated by TUI Airways.	£50 per person	Treated as a cancellation		
To travel on a later date than planned.	£50 per person	Treated as a cancellation		

Our agreement with you, and yours with us

If You Cancel Your Holiday

To cancel your holiday you must tell us as soon as possible. If you booked using a travel agency, that agency must tell us. When your holiday has been cancelled you will receive a cancellation invoice.

You must pay a termination fee which covers our administration costs and compensates us for the risk that we do not resell your holiday. The fee is based upon how long before your holiday you tell us you want to cancel and is a percentage of the total price of your holiday.

How long before your holiday you cancel	Percentage of your holiday price
70 days or more	Loss of deposit
69-63 days	30%
62-49 days	50%
48-29 days	70%
28-15 days	90%
14-0 days	100%

Even if the termination fee is lower than the deposit, your deposit will not be refunded. We may not be able to refund elements of your holiday if they are added extras. If you are cancelling because of an unavoidable and extraordinary circumstance happening at your destination that will significantly impact the performance of your holiday or your flight to get there, you will not have to pay a termination fee and your deposit will be refunded.

If We Cancel Your Holiday

If we cancel your holiday, except where it's because you haven't paid or you have been disruptive, you can have a refund or accept a replacement holiday from us of a similar standard and price if we can offer you one. We'll also pay the compensation shown below (unless we have cancelled because of one of the reasons listed in 'Events Beyond Our Control' or where you haven't paid) and we'll refund the difference if the replacement holiday is of a lower price.

If We Change Your Holiday

We aim to give you what we promise but, as we plan our holidays a long time in advance, sometimes things can change. We can make a change at any time but will let you know before your holiday if there's time.

Flight times given are for guidance only – your actual times will be shown on your e-ticket. Check that carefully when you receive it. Aircraft type can change and some facilities such as entertainment or advertised seat pitch may not be available. If we can't provide a seat option, we'll refund the price you paid for that option.

Occasionally, we may have to make a major change to your holiday such as a change of destination, downgrade of your accommodation by one full star rating, a change in flight time by more than 12 hours or a change of UK departure airport. A change in flight time that we need to make within 24 hours before you are due to fly is not a major change unless the time changes by more than 24 hours.

If we tell you about a major change after you book your holiday, you can accept the new arrangements offered by us; or accept a replacement holiday from us of the same or similar standard and price at the date of the change (we'll always refund the difference in price if the replacement holiday is a lower price at the date of the change), if we are able to offer you one; or cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund.

If we make a major change, and you choose to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund, we'll pay the compensation shown below, unless the change is because of an event beyond our control. Any compensation payable is based upon how many days before your holiday departure we tell you about a major change. We'll pay 50% of the compensation for each person who paid a child price. No compensation will be paid for free child places.

How long before your holiday we tell you about a major change	Compensation per person
84 days or more	0
83-29 days	£25
28-15 days	£35
14-8 days	£50
7-0 days	£100

Events Beyond Our Control

Examples of events beyond our control are: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity or its consequences, industrial disputes, any failure to secure relevant flying rights, natural or nuclear disasters, fire, health risks, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport, closed or congested airports or ports, actual or potential severe weather conditions, the imposition of sanctions or other Governmental action and any other similar events.

On Your Holiday

Behaviour

Only you can use your accommodation. You must not let anyone else stay there. You are responsible for any damage to your accommodation or its contents during your holiday.

We can refuse to accept you on your holiday or continue dealing with you if we, or someone in authority, believe your behaviour (by any form of communication or in person) is disruptive. The Captain of your aircraft or ship can restrict your movements on board or remove you.

If you are disruptive and stopped from boarding your flight from the UK, or disruptive during your flight, we'll treat your booking as cancelled by you at that moment. If you are disruptive on your holiday we can remove you from your accommodation and you will be responsible for your own return home and for any other members of your group who cannot or will not travel without you. You will not be entitled to a refund in either case and we will not provide compensation or meet any costs or expenses.

If you are disruptive you will be responsible for any damages, costs and expenses (including legal expenses) incurred as a result. This can include cleaning, repairing or replacing property lost, damaged or destroyed by you, compensating any passenger, crew, staff or agent affected by your actions and diverting the aircraft or ship for the purpose of removing you.

Disruptive behaviour includes being threatening or abusive, damaging property, upsetting, annoying or disturbing any other traveller, our staff or agents or putting any of them in danger.

Experiences

We may introduce you to suppliers of experiences or other services. If you buy one of these, you'll be contracting with the supplier directly, we act only as an agent and have no liability for the performance of that contract. Our Agreement doesn't apply to any contract for experiences or other services.

If Things Go Wrong on Your Holiday

You benefit from the rights applying to packages under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. We are responsible for all the travel services included in your holiday. If any of them isn't provided as we agreed, we'll pay you compensation, if appropriate, unless it's due to an event beyond our control (see 'Events Beyond Our Control'), is your fault or is caused by a third-party.

If you are in difficulty on your holiday we'll help by providing information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance. We'll help you make phone calls, send emails or make alternative travel arrangements. You must pay any costs we incur if the difficulty is your fault.

If You Have A Complaint

It is very rare for things to go wrong. If they do, you must tell the supplier in question (e.g. the hotel) and our representative straight away so they can solve the issue. If our representative isn't available, you should contact our TUI Guest Experience Centre which is open 24/7. If you're still not satisfied, contact After-Travel Customer Support within 28 days of coming home so we can investigate properly.

We follow ABTA's Code of Conduct and usually solve any issues but you can use ABTA's ADR scheme for resolving disputes at www.abta.com.

Personal Injury

Your holiday is made up from services provided by suppliers who follow local standards. Overseas safety standards are generally lower than in the UK.

If anyone travelling suffers injury, illness or death because of the services provided as part of your holiday, you must tell us and the supplier involved about it and complete a report at the time.

After your holiday you can contact After-Travel Customer Support. It must be no more than 3 months after you come home so we can investigate properly. Contact details are in the A-Z Guide.

Protecting Your Money

We provide security for the money you pay for your holiday and to bring you home in the event we become insolvent. When you buy a holiday from us that includes a flight, we do this by way of an ATOL (number 2524) managed by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, RH6 0YR. We also place a bond held by ABTA (V5126), 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ, for holidays that do not include flights. We've tried to write Our Agreement clearly. Unfortunately, the ATOL rules make us to include the next three paragraphs exactly as they're written.

Your Financial Protection.

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

Where your holiday is protected under the ABTA scheme, you agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency ABTA may arrange for the services you have bought to continue, or for a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original holiday. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service provider provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or your payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid.

All money you pay to a travel agent for your holiday is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we do fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

Getting In Touch

Before You Go

If you're yet to travel with us, we have a dedicated River Cruises team who you can contact on

0203 451 2688*. They can help you with Bookings, Amendments, Cabin Reservations and Shore Experiences as well as Group Bookings, General Enquiries and information about Assisted Travel.

You can also visit www.tui.co.uk/river-cruises, email us at rivierenquiries@tui.co.uk or write to us at the address below. If you have your booking reference details, please include those in your letter or email. TUI River Cruises Service Centre, Alexandra House, Alexandra Road, Swansea, SA1 5ED

While You're Away

For help while you're away, please speak to the Cruise Experience Manager onboard. When you disembark the ship for the day you will be given the ship's contact details in case of an emergency.

When You Get Home

When you're back in the UK, to discuss any aspects of your holiday you can complete the online form located in the 'Contact Us' section of our website. Alternatively, you can write to us at the address below. Remember to give us your booking reference details.

After Travel Customer Support, TUI UK, Contact Centre, Alexandra House, Alexandra Road, Swansea, SA1 5ED

Travel Agent Support

If you're a travel agent and need our help, please contact us on **0203 451 2688***.

*Calls from UK landlines cost the standard rate, but calls from mobiles may be higher

TUI MAYA						
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MAR	22	SUN	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
	29	SUN	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
APR	5	SUN	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
	12	SUN	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
	19	SUN	15	Amsterdam	Icons of Europe	
MAY	4	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	11	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	18	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	25	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
JUN	1	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	8	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
	8	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
	12	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
	15	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	22	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
JULY	29	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	6	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
	6	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
	10	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
	13	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	20	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
AUG	27	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	3	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	10	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	17	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	24	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
SEP	31	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Gems	
	7	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	14	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
	14	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
	18	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
OCT	21	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	28	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Gems	
	5	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	12	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
	12	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
NOV	16	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
	19	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	26	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	2	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	9	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
DEC	18	WED	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
	22	SUN	5	Vienna	Yuletide Delights 2	
	27	FRI	5	Vienna	Yuletide Delights	36
	2	WED	5	Vienna	Yuletide Delights	36
	7	MON	5	Vienna	Yuletide Delights	36
	12	SAT	5	Vienna	Yuletide Delights	36
NOV	17	THU	4	Vienna	Flavours of Christmas	35
	21	MON	7	Vienna	Danube Christmas Wonderland	40
	28	MON	7	Vienna	A Danube New Year	48

TUI ISLA						
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MAR	23	MON	7	Passau*	Diamonds on the Danube	
	30	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
APR	6	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	13	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	20	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	27	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
MAY	4	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	11	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	18	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	25	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Gems	
JUN	1	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	8	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	15	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	22	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Gems	
	29	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
JULY	6	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	13	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	20	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	27	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
AUG	3	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
	3	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
	7	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
	10	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	17	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	24	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	31	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
SEP	7	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	14	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	21	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	28	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
OCT	5	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Delights	
	12	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	19	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
	26	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
NOV	2	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	9	MON	7	Budapest	Enchanting Danube^^	
	18	WED	4	Vienna	Danube Wonders	
	22	SUN	5	Vienna	Yuletide Magic	33
	27	FRI	5	Vienna	Festive Danube Delights	24
DEC	2	WED	5	Vienna	East Danube Christmas Charm	
	7	MON	5	Vienna	Festive Danube Delights	24
	12	SAT	5	Vienna	Yuletide Magic	33
	17	THU	4	Vienna	Yuletide Getaway	
	21	MON	7	Vienna	A Magical Danube Christmas	38
	28	MON	7	Vienna	New Year on the Danube	46

* Itinerary operates in reverse

^ Themed sailing

^^ Dedicated solo sailing

Information about river cruises without a page number can be found on our website

TUI SKYLA

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2026	AUG	3	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
		10	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
		17	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Capitals	
		17	MON	4	Budapest	Danube Flavours 2	
		21	FRI	3	Vienna	Three Grand Capitals 2	
		24	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	SEP	31	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
		7	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
		14	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
		21	MON	7	Budapest	East Danube Explorer	
	OCT	28	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
		5	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
		12	MON	7	Budapest	Magical Danube	
		19	MON	7	Budapest	Danube Treasures	
	NOV	26	MON	8	Budapest	Danube Icons	
		3	TUE	7	Nuremberg	Majestic Main & Rhine^	
		10	TUE	8	Amsterdam	Moselle & North Rhine 2	
		18	WED	3	Frankfurt	German Gems	
		23	MON	5	Cologne	Rhine Festive Flavours 2	
	DEC	28	SAT	5	Cologne	A Christmastime on the Rhine	31
		3	THU	5	Cologne	Rhine Festive Flavours	
		8	TUE	5	Cologne	A Christmastime on the Rhine	31
		13	SUN	5	Cologne	A Christmastime on the Rhine	31
		18	FRI	4	Cologne	Gluwhein on the Rhine	32
		22	TUE	7	Cologne	Festive Fairy Tale	44
		29	TUE	7	Cologne	A New Year on the Rhine	52

TUI ARIA

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2026	AUG	2	SUN	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
		9	SUN	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
		16	SUN	7	Amsterdam	North Rhine & Netherlands Explorer	
		23	SUN	7	Frankfurt	The Moselle Valley: Vines & Views	
		30	SUN	7	Frankfurt	Rhine Gems	
	SEP	6	SUN	7	Frankfurt	The Moselle Valley: Vines & Views	
		13	SUN	7	Frankfurt	Rhine Gems	
		20	SUN	8	Frankfurt	Moselle & North Rhine	
		28	MON	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
	OCT	5	MON	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
		12	MON	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
		19	MON	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
		26	MON	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
	NOV	2	MON	7	Basel*	Rhine Explorer	
		9	MON	7	Amsterdam	Rhine Explorer	
		16	MON	5	Basel*	Southern Rhine Delights	
		23	MON	5	Dusseldorf	Wonders of the Rhine	
		28	SAT	5	Dusseldorf	Mistletoe and Rhine	29
	DEC	3	THU	5	Dusseldorf	Mistletoe and Rhine	29
		8	TUE	5	Dusseldorf	Mistletoe and Rhine	29
		13	SUN	5	Dusseldorf	Mistletoe and Rhine	29
		18	FRI	4	Dusseldorf	Christmas Carols & Castles	30
		22	TUE	7	Dusseldorf	North Rhine Noel	42
		29	TUE	7	Dusseldorf	A New Year Sail Away	50

TUI BAHAREYA

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		10	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		17	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		24	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
	DEC	1	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		8	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		15	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		22	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		29	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
	JAN	5	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		12	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		19	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		26	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
	FEB	2	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		9	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		16	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		23	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
2027	MAR	2	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		9	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		16	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		23	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		30	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
	APR	6	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		13	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		20	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26

TUI AL HOREYA

		DATE	DAY	NIGHTS	DEPARTS	ITINERARY	PAGE
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		10	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		17	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		24	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
	DEC	1	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		8	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		15	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		22	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		29	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
	JAN	5	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		12	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		19	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		26	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
	FEB	2	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		9	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		16	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		23	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
2027	MAR	2	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		9	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		16	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		23	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
		30	TUE	7	Luxor	Ancient Gods & Famous Pharaohs	26
	APR	6	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		13	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24
		20	TUE	7	Luxor	Legends of the Nile	24

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