

Jewels of Europe



Tour Name: Jewels of Europe

Tour Code: STC

Days: 15

- Day 1 Amsterdam (D)**
Your journey into wonder begins here. Relax and raise your glass to the days ahead at this evening's welcome reception.
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- Day 2 Amsterdam (B,L,D)**
Explore wonderful Amsterdam, with its wealth of canals, museums and bicycles.
Freechoice: Hop aboard one of our e-bikes and take a guided bicycle tour outside the city, or join a flavours of Holland walking tour and taste some Dutch favourites such as herring, cheese and poffertjes. Alternatively, take the opportunity to experience an iconic canal cruise and see the city from a different angle, or step outside of Amsterdam and visit the villages of Alkmaar & Schermerhorn, home to authentic windmills dating back to the 16th century.
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- Day 3 Cologne > Marksburg (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Take a stroll through Cologne and get up close to the filigree twin towers of the famous cathedral, or explore the city's past and present, from Roman times to its Jewish heritage, during a guided tour. Alternatively, if you are feeling more active, cycle to Cologne from the charming medieval village of Zons.
Enrich
Delight in the medieval ambience of Marksburg Castle, which has remained virtually unchanged since the middle ages. Partake in a magnificent medieval feast, with an abundance of fine fare and free flowing local wine.
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- Day 4 Rhine Gorge > Rudesheim (B,L,D)**
Enjoy the unrivalled views of the spectacular World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge. Then alight in Rudesheim and board the Winzerexpress mini train for a guided visit of Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, before enjoying a cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument for spectacular views of the river.
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- Day 5 Miltenberg (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Meet a monk at a local monastery for a tour and insight into regional beer production, or meet a winemaker for a taste of his fine wines. Alternatively, meet a Baron and Baroness and learn about aristocratic life, or opt to visit a local Schnapps producer or a farming family and taste some of their home made products.
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- Day 6 Würzburg (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Traverse the famous Romantic Road to Rothenburg where you'll tour the charming walled city, home to many beautiful half timbered houses. Alternatively, visit Würzburg's Bishop's Residenz Palace and sample some exquisite local wine in the underground cellars.
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- Day 7 Bamberg (B,L,D)**
Immerse yourself in the World Heritage-listed Old Town of Bamberg and walk the same cobbled streets as medieval traders once did.
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- Day 8 Nuremberg (B,L,D)**
Enjoy this fascinating and ancient Bavarian city, dating back to the 11th century.
Freechoice: Explore Nuremberg by foot on a guided walking tour, or visit moving WWII sites and learn about this dark era in the city's history. Alternatively, stay on board for a beer tasting experience.
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- Day 9 Regensburg (B,L,D)**
There is much to explore in the 2,000-year-old town of Regensburg, situated at the confluence of three rivers.
Freechoice: Enjoy a walking tour of Regensburg, or hop on board a local ferry and sail the Danube Gorge to Weltenburg Abbey and sample beer from one of the world's oldest monastic breweries. Alternatively, join a local guide for a cycle to the Walhalla monument, or take an active walking tour to Thurn und Taxis Palace.
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- Day 10 Salzburg (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Enjoy a guided tour of the Baroque Old Town of Salzburg, learn about one of its most famous residents, Mozart, and be mesmerized by the city's history and architecture. Alternatively, you may choose to join a walking tour focusing on sights from the classic movie 'The Sound of Music' including the beautiful Mirabell Gardens.
Enrich
Based on the timeless movie of the same name, the exclusive 'Best of The Sound of Music and Salzburg Show' will wow you with its stage sets. Enjoy a delicious Austrian lunch before an afternoon humming along to some of the catchy classics.
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- Day 11 Melk > Dürnstein (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Experience Melk's magnificent 18th century Benedictine Abbey on a guided tour, or if you are feeling more active, embark on an enjoyable guided bike ride along the river from Melk to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the region. Alternatively, visit the fairytale castle of Burg Aggstein. Built in the 12th century, the castle ruins offers spectacular views across the Danube.
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- Day 12 Vienna (B,L,D)**
Acquaint yourself with this opulent city by taking a fascinating guided tour of its most famous sights, including the Ringstrasse.
Enrich
Breathe in the opulence and luxury of Palais Liechtenstein while enjoying a glass of fine Austrian Sekt. Then be enthralled by an enchanting private classical evening concert featuring the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart. Even in elegant Vienna, Palais Liechtenstein is one of the grandest of all venues.
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- Day 13 Vienna (B,L,D)**
Freechoice: Take a tour of the Slovakian capital Bratislava, or visit Schönbrunn Palace and witness the sheer opulence of the Habsburg Empire. Alternatively, discover Viennese coffee culture during a guided tour. Or, those feeling more active can explore a different side of Vienna on a cycling tour to Danube Island.
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- Day 14 Budapest (B,L,D)**
Today we find ourselves in Budapest, the capital of Hungary and one of Europe's oldest and prettiest cities.
Freechoice: Make the most of a guided tour of Budapest including a piano concert, or relax and unwind at the Thermal Baths and Spa. Choose to experience the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock, or join a local guide for a walking tour focused on the past and present of Budapest. Alternatively, if you're feeling more active, you may choose to join a hike to Buda Hill.

Day 15

Budapest (B)

Depart after breakfast, taking with you a lifetime of wonderful memories.

This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above.