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SCENIC RHINE & RAIL



Enjoy the Glacier Express rail journey | Photo ©Glacier Express AG - Stefan Schlumpf

Embark on a grand European journey that carries you from the historic grandeur of London to the breathtaking peaks of the Swiss Alps. The heart of your adventure is a relaxing river cruise, a seamless and comfortable way to travel through the region's stunning landscapes. Unpack once and enjoy the view as you sail the UNESCO-listed Rhine Gorge, with its fairytale castles, and explore historic cities like Heidelberg and Strasbourg on guided tours. This incredible trip culminates in Switzerland with an unforgettable journey aboard the Glacier Express and a stay in Zermatt, beneath the shadow of the Matterhorn.

Here, more of your time is unstructured, providing the freedom to explore independently and dine where you choose, whether discovering a classic pub or a charming mountain café. This journey is the perfect blend of guided exploration and independent discovery, curated for a comfortable, in-depth, and personal experience.

Our Cruise Ship • Emerald Destiny

Unveiled in 2017, the Emerald Destiny is one of Emerald Cruises' Europe Star-Ships, designed for effortless river cruising through the heart of Europe. On board you'll find contemporary style and smart engineering, with spaces that feel both open and inviting. On the Sun Deck, enjoy panoramic views, the walking track, and the putting green. The Horizon Deck features The Terrace for morning coffee, the Horizon Bar & Lounge for evening entertainment, and a pool with a sliding glass roof that transforms into a cinema on selected nights. On the Vista Deck, savour dining in the Reflections Restaurant or visit the Wellness Area for fitness or spa sessions. The Riviera Deck houses staterooms and suites. With a capacity for no more than 180 guests, the Emerald Destiny offers an intimate and relaxed way to experience Europe's rivers.



Inclusive Features

- Return economy airfare from Canada
- 7-night cruise in an outside cabin on Emerald Destiny
- 3 nights first-class hotel accommodations in London, 2 nights in Zermatt and 1 night in Zurich
- Baggage handling at hotels and shipside
- All meals during the cruise plus complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- Guided shore excursions as indicated
- All gratuities (including guides and ship crew) and taxes for included services (including departure & port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value included with the purchase of group airfare
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director and local guides
- Two iconic European rail experiences: the ride under the English Channel to the continent and the scenic Glacier Express through the heart of the Swiss Alps

OCT 2, Saturday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members board their overnight flight to London.

OCT 3, Sunday

ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND

Upon arrival in London, we transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or begin your own exploration of this dynamic metropolis. Stroll through one of the Royal Parks, follow the banks of the River Thames, or simply soak in the rhythm of a city that has shaped world history for centuries. **Hotel to be announced** (3 nights)

OCT 4, Monday

LONDON

Our guided tour begins in Westminster with views of the iconic clock tower of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey, the historic site of royal coronations for nearly a thousand years. At Buckingham Palace, the official royal residence, witness the famous Changing of the Guard. Our exploration also includes the famed monuments of Trafalgar Square and the vibrant avenues of the West End, the world's premier theatre district.

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Zermatt | Photo ©Glacier Express - Stefan Schlumpf

OCT 5, Tuesday**LONDON**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to create your own London adventure. You might delve into history at the Tower of London, home to the Crown Jewels, or explore the British Museum. For stunning views of the city skyline, a ride on the iconic London Eye is a must. Let the city's diversity be your guide, whether you seek out the creative street art of Shoreditch or a dazzling performance in the West End. B

OCT 6, Wednesday **AMSTERDAM / EMBARKATION**

After breakfast, we transfer to St. Pancras station to board our train to Amsterdam. Our ride takes us through the famous English Channel, an incredible feat of engineering with a 38-kilometre section running underwater. Upon arrival in the vibrant Dutch capital, we will proceed to the port to embark on our cruise ship, our floating home for the next leg of our adventure. **Emerald Destiny** (7 nights) BLD

OCT 7, Thursday**AMSTERDAM**

Visit the quintessential Dutch town of Alkmaar, known for its centuries-old cheese market, a lively spectacle where traditional cheesemakers showcase their craft and engage in spirited auctions. Alternatively, you may sign up for a guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside. Relax on the Sun Deck this afternoon as you watch the beautiful scenery of the Rhine glide by. Later, we gather to celebrate the start of our voyage with a special welcome dinner. BLD

OCT 8, Friday**DUSSELDORF / COLOGNE**

Our day begins with a guided walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city celebrated for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the Rhine River and admire the blend of modern and historic architecture that shapes its skyline. Later, travel to Cologne, one of Germany's oldest cities, renowned for its lively atmosphere and impressive Gothic Cathedral. This masterpiece of High Gothic architecture is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a testament to centuries of faith and craftsmanship. Discover Cologne's Old Town and experience the unique character of this remarkable city. BLD

OCT 9, Saturday**KOBLENZ**

We arrive today in Koblenz, a 2,000-year-old city set against a backdrop of sloping vineyards. A guided walking tour leads us through this ancient Roman town to the German Corner, the point where the Rhine and Moselle rivers converge, and past the twin-towered façade of the Church of Our Lady. This afternoon we cruise through the Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Watch as romantic castles appear atop forested hills and charming, half-timbered villages seem suspended in time, creating a landscape that has inspired artists for centuries. BLD

OCT 10, Sunday**HEIDELBERG**

Heidelberg, a UNESCO City of Literature, has long captured the hearts of writers and artists, including Mark Twain. A guided tour leads us to the romantic, red-sandstone ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Explore its magnificent courtyard and thoughtfully designed gardens, known for their serene water features, sculptures, and colourful flowerbeds. For those seeking a more active outing, you may choose to hike from Mount Königstuhl to Heidelberg, for panoramic views over the castle and the Old Town below. Tonight, join a captivating private concert in a historic venue. BLD

*Freiburg, Germany**Wonderful canals in Amsterdam, Netherlands**The traditional cheese market in Alkmaar, Netherlands**Petite France, Strasbourg*

OCT 11, Monday KEHL / STRASBOURG

After docking in Kehl, Germany, we will travel by coach into France to explore the Alsace region and its capital, Strasbourg. A guided walking tour will lead us through the city's medieval heart, a charming landscape of cobbled squares and iconic half-timbered houses. The excursion will also provide insight into the unique culinary traditions of this region. BLD

OCT 12, Tuesday BREISACH / FREIBURG

Today, we visit Freiburg, the city widely known as the "Capital of the Black Forest". Our tour will introduce you to the city's sights and includes an opportunity to sample authentic Black Forest delicacies. For a more active option, you may join a guided bike tour through Breisach. BLD

OCT 13, Wednesday BASEL / ZERMATT

Our cruise concludes this morning as we disembark in the charming Swiss town of Basel. From here, we journey by coach into the heart of the Swiss Alps, a scenic drive through beautiful mountain landscapes. Our destination is the world-renowned resort of Zermatt, a village famed for its traditional chalets and unparalleled views of the Matterhorn. **Hotel to be announced** (2 nights) B

OCT 14, Thursday ZERMATT

Soak in the unhurried atmosphere of Zermatt with a walking tour to appreciate its preserved architecture and stunning mountain landscapes. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure, perhaps to browse the elegant boutiques, relax at a café, or stroll through this car-free alpine wonderland at your own pace. B

OCT 15, Friday GLACIER EXPRESS / ZURICH

A highlight of this trip awaits today as you board the Glacier Express for an unforgettable rail journey. From the comfort of your seat, watch the spectacular alpine world unfold through your window. This remarkable train navigates a breathtaking route, crossing dramatic viaducts and passing deep gorges and snow-capped peaks. We then continue by coach to Zurich, Switzerland's vibrant cultural and financial hub. **Hotel to be announced** (1 night) B

OCT 16, Saturday DEPART ZURICH

All too soon our journey comes to an end as we bid farewell to Zurich and prepare for our return flight home. B

Important Travel Information: ETIAS Authorization

Starting in late 2026, Canadian citizens travelling to Europe will need to complete an online application for the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). This is not a visa but a pre-travel screening for visa-exempt visitors entering the Schengen Area. The authorization costs about €20 and is each traveller's responsibility. For details and to apply, visit the official ETIAS website well before departure.

CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often on cobblestones (used in many European cities). Access to some decks and shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.

SECURE THE BEST PRICE NOW!

Prices increase by \$900 - \$1,000pp after NOV 24, 2026

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise / Tour Only* (Join / Leave hotel).....	\$8,490
Toronto	\$10,185
Ottawa / Montreal	\$10,335
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$10,485
Halifax / St. John's	\$10,435
Regina / Saskatoon	\$10,585
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$10,485
Victoria.....	\$10,585

*Cruise/Tour only price is based on joining at the London hotel and leaving at the Zurich hotel. Rates are per person based on sharing in category E Twin on Riviera Deck. Cruise/Tour only costs exclude airfares and airport transfers. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Supplement to Upgrade to a Higher Category

CATEGORY/DESCRIPTION/DECK	PER PERSON
D Riverview (Riviera - Window).....	\$330
C Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony)	\$890
B Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,180
A Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony)	\$1,290
S Deluxe Suite (Horizon)	\$2,430
SA Owners Suite (Horizon)	\$3,140

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking. See the deck plan for full details on various categories available. Singles are extremely limited; please enquire for availability and rates. River cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with a private bathroom. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective October 2025, and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due November 24, 2026**Deposit is \$700 per person**

To reserve your spot on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:

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