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Emerald Cruises and Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours Unveil 2026 European River Cruising with Extended Season, Available for Booking Now at 2025 Rates

Special offers available during National Plan a Cruise Month, Including Scenic Group's "Fall into Savings" Flash Sale, October 7-20, 2024

Hollywood, FL (October 9, 2024) – Emerald Cruises is excited to announce its 2026 European river cruise season on the Rhine, Danube, Rhône and Douro rivers, now available for booking. With an extended sailing schedule on the breathtaking Rhine and Danube rivers, guests can look forward to an expanded range of itineraries and enticing promotions, including 2-for-1 fares at 2025 prices plus Free Airfare on select voyages.

2026 Extended Sailing Season and New Itineraries

Emerald Cruises' 2026 season will span from February through December, offering travelers a wider choice of seasons and experiences throughout the year. Highlights include:

- **Early Season Sailings**: Experience the quiet beauty of Europe earlier in the year with February and early March departures on the Rhine and Danube.
- **Spring Blooms**: Enjoy the vibrant colors of Europe in bloom with new spring sailings that highlight tulips, windmills, and springtime delights along the <u>Dutch and Belgian waterways</u> and the Rhine river from Amsterdam to Basel.
- **Holiday Magic**: Celebrate the festive season with Emerald Cruises' <u>Christmas Markets</u> cruises in November and December.
- **New Rhine & Moselle Journey**: Explore the picturesque villages and valleys of the Rhine and Moselle in the summer and fall seasons, roundtrip from Mainz, Germany.

Travelers can explore renowned routes like <u>Splendours of Europe</u> and <u>Jewels of the Rhine</u>, enjoying the 2026 journeys at 2025 fares for a limited time. The timing is ideal for groups and charters looking to secure their preferred dates and suites in advance of peak booking season.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours' 2026 European River Season

For discerning travelers seeking ultra-luxury within the Scenic Group family of brands, **Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours** also presents its **2026 Ultra-Luxury European River Cruise Season**. Scenic's all-inclusive Space-Ships will introduce several exciting new offerings:

- Winter Departures: Discover Europe without the crowds in February and March.
- New 7-Day Voyages: Enjoy shorter, convenient luxury trips, including the return of the *Charming Castles & Vineyards of the Rhine & Moselle* itinerary.
- **New Land Extensions**: Explore destinations like Bavaria, London, and Porto as part of Scenic's new land extension options.
- **Ultimate Journeys**: Scenic's extended cruises range from 54 to 85 nights, offering an immersive experience on their Space-Ships and Discovery Yachts.

- **Christmas Market Sailings**: With 18 Christmas market sailings and extension options in Paris, Prague, and Switzerland, guests can fully embrace Europe's festive season.
- **Spring Highlights**: Six new departures along the Rhine promise a delightful journey through Europe's vibrant spring landscapes, including tulip fields and iconic windmills.

Exclusive Promotions

Travelers booking 2026 European river cruises with Emerald Cruises or Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours can benefit from 2025 rates, 2-for-1 fares and Free Airfare through February 15, 2025.

Fall Into Savings Flash Sale – Limited-Time Offer!

For travelers who can't wait until 2026 to embark on their river cruise adventure, Scenic and Emerald Cruises are offering an exclusive **Fall Into Savings Flash Sale** from **October 7 – 20, 2024**. During this booking window, guests can take advantage of **2 for 1 Fares** plus **Free Air** on select 2024 and 2025 river cruises. In addition, new non-refundable fares will provide even **greater savings of up to 10%**, offering unbeatable value for early bookers. A **deposit is required at the time of booking**, and for non-refundable fares, **full payment must be made within 48 hours**.

Scenic is offering up to \$1,750 in bonus savings per suite on popular itineraries, including <u>Danube</u> <u>Christmas Markets</u>, <u>Rhine Highlights</u>, <u>Beautiful Bordeaux</u>, and <u>Gems of the Danube</u>. For those interested in Emerald Cruises, savings of up to \$1,250 per suite are available on itineraries like <u>Majestic Rhine</u> and <u>Christmas Markets on the Rhine</u> to celebrate the holiday season in both <u>2024</u> and <u>2025</u>.

This offer is a perfect opportunity for travelers to lock in their European river cruise adventure now with these exceptional savings. For more information about Scenic Group's award-winning river cruises, or to book travel, please visit scenicusa.com or call 844-788-7985; and emeraldcruises.com or call 844-428-8389. Discerning guests may also contact their Professional Travel Advisor to book their river journey. For any further inquiries, please visit Scenic Group's Media Center.

About Scenic Group

Over 38 years, Scenic Group has redefined luxury travel, embodying exploration and elegance across its esteemed brands: Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, Emerald Cruises, Mayflower Cruises & Tours, and Evergreen Tours. Offering award-winning river and ocean cruises, along with handcrafted land journeys, Scenic Group transports guests to the world's most captivating destinations on all seven continents. Since its inception, Scenic has revolutionized the river cruise market in Europe and Southeast Asia, offering all-inclusive, five-star journeys, and extending its luxury cruises to Egypt's Nile. In 2019, the launch of *Scenic Eclipse*, The World's First Discovery YachtTM, marked a new benchmark in ultra-luxury cruising, a legacy continued by its sister, *Scenic Eclipse II*, in 2023.

Emerald Cruises, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2024, excels with nine Star-Ships that navigate the rivers of Europe and the Mekong. 2022 saw the advent of *Emerald Azzurra*, the first luxury yacht under the Emerald Cruises banner, sailing the Mediterranean, Adriatic, Caribbean, and Central America, followed by *Emerald Sakara* in 2023. The fleet will be further enhanced with the introduction of *Emerald Kaia*, promising a new era of luxury yacht cruising.

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