# Craig travel SCENIC RHINE & RAIL

LONDON, THE RHINE & GLACIER EXPRESS EMERALD CRUISES • EMERALD SUN SEP 2-16, 2026 | 15 DAYS | 26 MEALS JOURNEY LEADERS: DAVID & ROSLYN CRAIG

Europe's beauty and history come alive along its legendary rivers, where culture and heritage have flourished for centuries. This extraordinary river cruise adventure begins with a three-night stay in London before journeyina through four captivating countries-the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. As we sail the majestic Rhine, we'll glide past fairytale castles, towering cathedrals, and charming marketplaces steeped in history. Following the wonderful cruise experience, we enjoy two unforgettable nights in Zermatt, where the iconic Matterhorn rises majestically against the sky, plus a night in Zurich, offering the perfect blend of charm and sophistication. It's a wonderful place to reflect on the incredible experiences we've shared along our journey.

A true highlight of this journey is our unforgettable rail adventure through the Swiss Alps aboard the legendary Glacier Express. Sit back, relax, and take in the breathtaking alpine landscapes as they unfold before you.

This journey strikes the perfect balance between breathtaking scenery and cultural discovery. Travelling at a relaxed pace, we'll have ample time to explore historic cities and landmarks, while also enjoying the comforts of our elegant staterooms. With delectable cuisine and wine at lunch and dinner, and the peace of mind knowing that most meals, taxes, gratuities, and shore excursions are included, we'll be free to savour every moment.

#### **Inclusive Features**

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed •
- 7-night cruise in an outside cabin on Emerald Sun
- 3-nights first class hotel accommodations in London, plus, plus 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
- Welcome and Farewell Reception and Dinners
- Guided shore excursions in each port of call .
- All gratuities (including guides and ship crew) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value included with the purchase of group airfare
- Knowledgeable local guides
- Services of your journey leaders and/or cruise director •

#### Journey Leaders

David Craig, Chairman of Craig Travel, and Roslyn bring with them many years of travel experience both as leaders and as tour operators. After attending the University of Toronto and York University, David travelled around the world and lived in Australia for a number of years before returning to Canada and Craig Travel. For almost fifty years,



David has devoted his working life to arranging and operating tours and cruises to scores of destinations around the world. An Australian by birth, Roslyn, has lived and worked in the travel industry for most of her life. For over three decades, they have led tours and cruises visiting over 100 countries and all seven continents. They look forward to sharing this exciting river cruise journey with you.



#### **Our Cruise Ship • Emerald Sun**

The spectacular Emerald Sun debuted in 2015, a river cruise ship designed for luxury travel along European waterways. Like other Emerald Star class ships the Sun features spacious and well appointed staterooms, most of which include balconies. Riverview Staterooms (fixed window) are 153-160 sq. ft., Panorama Balcony Staterooms are 160-180 sq. ft. while spacious Suites are 285-300 sq. ft. Suites feature a sitting area with chairs, and all staterooms feature complimentary internet access and Wi-Fi as well as in-room safes, flat-screen TVs with infotainment and on demand content, and an umbrella.

The Emerald Sun also features a Sun Deck offering unimpeded panoramic views with lounge chairs and a swimming pool, as well as a fitness centre, and spa. The Horizon Bar & Lounge with a bar and a piano is a relaxing way to spend an evening and make new friends. Dining is a delight with sophisticated cuisine drawing on the best of the region with gourmet and al fresco options to complement the free-flowing local wines, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner.

The Sun carries a maximum of 180 passengers in 91 staterooms/suites, with a crew of 52 onboard.



#### SEP 2, Wednesday

#### **DEPART CANADA**

Tour members board their overnight flight to London.

#### SEP 3, Thursday

#### LONDON, ENGLAND

Arrive in the historic capital of Great Britain and transfer to the hotel for our 3-night stay in this enthralling city. Feel free to rest and relax in preparation for the adventure ahead, or explore this centuries-old, multicultural metropolis at your own pace. Immerse yourself in London's vibrant atmosphere, wander through London's historydrenched streets, or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the River Thames or through its beautiful urban parks.

Hotel TBA (3 nights)

#### SEP 4, Friday

#### LONDON

Join a guided tour of London's iconic landmarks, from Big Ben and Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square. Experience the buzz of the West End and witness the Changing of the Guard, all while immersing yourself in the city's rich history. R

#### SEP 5, Saturday

#### LONDON

Today is yours to leisurely explore the rest of London at your own pace. You might consider taking in the panoramic views across the city from the iconic London Eye, a visit to the esteemed British Museum, or strolling through the verdant urban landscape of Hyde Park. You could also check out the striking street art in Shoreditch, or enjoy a show at one of the many renowned theatres in the West End. B

#### SEP 6, Sunday

## LONDON / AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, transfer to St. Pancras station for your train to Amsterdam. Upon arrival, we board our luxury European cruise, carrying memories of London's iconic landmarks, and fascinating royal heritage. BD

#### SEP 7, Monday

#### AMSTERDAM

Explore Alkmaar's charming canals, medieval buildings, and famous cheese market, where tradition comes to life. Opt for a bike tour through the countryside or simply soak in the town's atmosphere. In the afternoon, relax as we cruise the Rhine, enjoying the scenery. Later, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner on board. BLD

#### SEP 8, Tuesday

# DUSSELDORF/COLOGNE

Enjoy a walking tour of Düsseldorf, a vibrant city renowned for its stylish boutiques and charming Old Town. Stroll along the picturesque Rhine River, admire the stunning architecture, and discover hidden gems off-the-beaten path. Later today, you'll arrive in Cologne, one of Germany's oldest cities, famous for its UNESCO World Heritage-listed, Gothic Cathedral. BLD

#### SEP 9. Wednesday

**KOBLENZ** Sail into the fairytale charm of Koblenz, where vineyards and mountain ranges create a postcard-perfect backdrop. On your included walking tour, explore this Roman-era town, from the twin-towered Church of Our Lady to the German Corner, where two great rivers meet. This afternoon, cruise through the UNESCO-listed Rhine Gorge, where romantic castles perch atop forested cliffs, and halftimbered medieval villages feel frozen in time. BLD

#### SEP 10, Thursday

This morning we will explore Heidelberg, a UNESCO City of Literature that inspired Mark Twain and William Turner. A guided tour reveals its rich history, starting at the Renaissance ruins of Heidelberg Castle, with its serene gardens and sculptures. For a more active option, join a hike for panoramic city views. Tonight, we will enjoy an enchanting private concert at a historic venue. BLD

#### SEP 11, Friday

#### **KEHL/STRASBOURG**

HEIDELBERG

Arrive in Kehl this morning and transfer to charming Strasbourg, where medieval charm meets cobblestone squares and half-timbered houses. We can savour the rich flavours of Alsace on our delicious included excursion, or opt for a guided hike through the scenic countryside. BLD



Heidelberg, Germany



Wonderful canals in Amsterdam, Netherlands



Discover Breisach, Germany!



Petite France Quarter, Strasbourg

#### SEP 12, Saturday

#### **BREISACH / FREIBURG**

We explore Freiburg today, the charming 'Capital of the Black Forest.' Enjoy its stunning sights and sample authentic local delicacies. For a more active adventure, opt for a guided bike tour through Breisach. BI D

#### SEP 13, Sunday

### **BASEL / ZERMATT**

Welcome to Switzerland and the quaint Rhine-side town of Basel. After breakfast, you will be transferred by coach to the mountain resort village of Zermatt, including a two-night stay. Hotel TBA (2 nights)

#### SEP 14, Monday

ZERMATT

Zermatt lies at the foot of the Matterhorn, which could be described of one of the world's most famous mountains. This picturesque village nestled on the Swiss Alps is also a sustainable destination for being car-free zone, and for having its original character preserved. Enjoy a guided walking tour in this elegant village. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time or opt for a guided excursion on the iconic cogwheel train from Zermatt to the breathtaking 3089metre-high Gornergrat summit (additional cost, price pending). R

#### SEP 15, Tuesday

### **ZERMATT / ZURICH**

This morning, you will experience the highlight of this tour, which is the rail journey through the Swiss Alps, known as the Glacier Express. Sit back and relax while taking in the amazing views of the Alps. When you arrive at the station, you will be taken by coach to Zurich for your overnight stay. Hotel TBA (1 night)

#### SEP 16, Wednesday

#### **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



Enjoy the Glacier Express rail journey (©Glacier Express AG - Stefan Schlumpf)

CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. 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!**

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PER PERSON

### **Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

| Cruise / Tour Only* (Join / Leave hotel) | \$8,325  |
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| Toronto                                  | \$10,045 |
| Ottawa / Montreal                        | \$10,195 |
| Winnipeg / Thunder Bay                   | \$10,345 |
| Halifax / St. John's                     | \$10,295 |
| Regina / Saskatoon                       | \$10,445 |
| Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver           | \$10,345 |
| Victoria                                 | \$10,445 |

\*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

| E Riverview (Riviera - Window)       | Included |
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| D Riverview (Riviera - Window)       | \$320    |
| C Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) | \$840    |
| B Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) | \$1,120  |
| A Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony) | \$1,220  |
| S Deluxe Suite (Horizon)             | \$2,010  |
| SA Owners Suite (Horizon)            | \$2,970  |

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking - book early for the best choice. See the deck plan for full details on various categories available. Singles are extremely limited, please enquire for availability and rates or visit our website. 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 January 2025, and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This river 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. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

#### Final payment is due October 24, 2025 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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