



# CRUISE PORTS EUROPEAN RIVERS

A GUIDE TO PERFECT DAYS ON SHORE

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## Welcome to European Rivers

*Sip your wine while watching picture-perfect European scenery breeze past – castles, medieval villages and fields of flowers. European river cruises are elegantly casual affairs, perfect for exploring the arts and culture that beckon ashore.*

Active travellers, nature and culture aficionados, as well as families of all sizes, have discovered that cruising down a quiet, traffic-free river, surrounded by scenic riverfront views, is an ideal way to see Europe. This change in European travel is unfolding in real time, as each year more and more cruise lines offer immersive learning experiences such as cooking classes and home visits, or activities like bicycle trips and long hikes. In fact, a river cruise is often the best way to experience destinations for the first time.

And, of course, there's the food. Many cruise lines offer a regional menu or serve almost solely local cuisine. They know their guests are keen to indulge and cook accordingly. Look for cruises offering cooking classes with the chef as an added bonus.

By necessity, European riverboats are far smaller than the vessels that cruise the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas. Passenger numbers are usually fewer than 200, making these cruises a far more social and intimate experience. More frequent stops mean much more onshore activity.

Additionally, there are no inside cabins on a European river cruise. Cabins come with a large window at the very least, and a great many have their own balcony or floor-to-ceiling panoramic views. You might even forego the ship's entertainment just to watch the scenery breeze past.

*picture-perfect European scenery: castles, medieval villages and fields of flowers*



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(Black Forest cherry cake)



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# Symbols & Map Key
















## Look for these symbols to quickly identify listings:

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|---|---|
|  Sights             |  Eating                  |
|  Activities         |  Drinking                |
|  Courses            |  Entertainment           |
|  Tours              |  Shopping                |
|  Festivals & Events |  Information & Transport |
















## These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

 Sustainable or green recommendation




**FREE** No payment required

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Telephone number |  Bus                   |
|  Opening hours    |  Ferry                 |
|  Parking          |  Tram                  |
|  Nonsmoking       |  Train                 |
|  Air-conditioning |  English-language menu |
|  Internet access  |  Vegetarian selection  |
|  Wi-fi access     |  Family-friendly       |
|  Swimming pool    |   |




















## Find your best experiences with these Great For... icons.

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|---|---|
|  Art & Culture |  History           |
|  Beaches       |  Local Life        |
|  Budget        |  Nature & Wildlife |
|  Cafe/Coffee   |  Photo Op          |
|  Cycling       |  Scenery           |
|  Detour        |  Shopping          |
|  Drinking      |  Short Trip        |
|  Entertainment |  Sport             |
|  Events        |  Walking           |
|  Family Travel |  Winter Travel     |
|  Food & Drink  |   |











## Sights

-  Beach
-  Bird Sanctuary
-  Buddhist
-  Castle/Palace
-  Christian
-  Confucian
-  Hindu
-  Islamic
-  Jain
-  Jewish
-  Monument
-  Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
-  Ruin
-  Shinto
-  Sikh
-  Taoist
-  Winery/Vineyard
-  Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Other Sight












## Points of Interest

-  Bodysurfing
-  Camping
-  Cafe
-  Canoeing/Kayaking
-  Course/Tour
-  Diving
-  Drinking & Nightlife
-  Eating
-  Entertainment
-  Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
-  Shopping
-  Skiing
-  Sleeping
-  Snorkelling
-  Surfing
-  Swimming/Pool
-  Walking
-  Windsurfing
-  Other Activity



















## Information

-  Bank
-  Embassy/Consulate
-  Hospital/Medical
-  Internet
-  Police
-  Post Office
-  Telephone
-  Toilet
-  Tourist Information
-  Other Information

## Geographic

-  Beach
-  Gate
-  Hut/Shelter
-  Lighthouse
-  Lookout
-  Mountain/Volcano
-  Oasis
-  Park
-  Pass
-  Picnic Area
-  Waterfall

## Transport

-  Airport
-  BART station
-  Border crossing
-  Boston T station
-  Bus
-  Cable car/Funicular
-  Cycling
-  Ferry
-  Metro/MRT station
-  Monorail
-  Parking
-  Petrol station
-  Subway/S-Bahn/Skytrain station
-  Taxi
-  Train station/Railway
-  Tram
-  Underground/U-Bahn station
-  Other Transport



## Simon Richmond

Journalist and photographer Simon Richmond has specialised as a travel writer since the early 1990s and first worked for Lonely Planet in 1999 on their Central Asia guide. He's long since stopped counting the number of guidebooks he's researched and written for the company, but countries covered include Australia, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Poland, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar (Burma), Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey and the USA. For Lonely Planet's website he's penned features on topics from the world's best swimming pools to the joys of Urban Sketching – follow him on Instagram ([simonrichmond](#)) to see some of his photos and sketches.

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Born and raised in the UK in a town that never merits a mention in any guidebook (Andover, Hampshire), Brendan spent the holidays of his youth caravanning in the English Lake District and didn't leave Blighty until he was 19. Making up for lost time, he's since squeezed 70 countries into a sometimes precarious existence as a writer and professional vagabond. When not scribbling research notes, Brendan likes partaking in ridiculous 'endurance' races, strumming old Clash songs on the guitar, and experiencing the pain and occasional pleasures of following Southampton Football Club.

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Regis grew up in a small town in the American Midwest – the kind of place that fuels big dreams of travel – and he developed an early fascination with foreign dialects and world cultures. He spent his formative years learning Russian and a handful of Romance languages, which served him well on journeys across much of the globe. Regis has contributed to more than 50 Lonely Planet titles, covering destinations across six continents. His travels have taken him from the mountains of Kamchatka to remote island villages in Melanesia, and to many grand urban landscapes. When not on the road, he lives in New Orleans. Follow him on Instagram [@regisstlouis](#).

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## Leonid Ragozin

Leonid Ragozin studied beach dynamics at the Moscow State University, but for want of decent beaches in Russia, he switched to journalism and spent 12 years voyaging through different parts of the BBC, with a break for a four-year stint as a foreign correspondent for the Russian Newsweek. Leonid is currently a freelance journalist focusing largely on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine (both his Lonely Planet destinations), which prompted him to leave Moscow and find a new home in Riga.

## Kevin Raub

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## Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Franklin, London, Melbourne, Oakland, Dublin, Beijing and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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