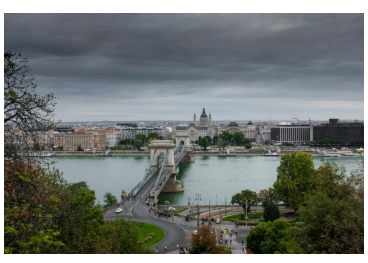


With so many scenic rivers to choose from, it's no wonder why cruisers often opt for a European itinerary. Perfect for both newbie and seasoned river cruisers, Europe's rivers promise history, culture, arts, and architecture, all to be enjoyed up close and personal.

Each river, however, has a distinct personality, so let's "meet" the rivers that wind their way through the beautiful countryside and capitals of Europe.

Danube



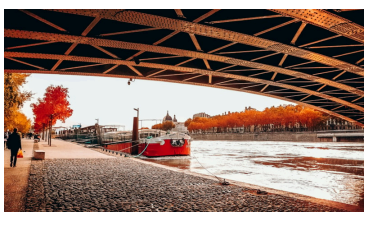
The Danube flows through ten countries in Central Europe and past four major capital cities. There are sixteen national parks along the river's path and a cycling trail that is perfect for a leisurely storybook bike ride. Castles, vineyards, medieval fortresses, and churches also dot the river, and lounging on the top deck of your ship with a glass of wine is a relaxing way to see these passing sights. The Danube is the most popular river for those new to river cruising, but it is also perfect for past cruisers who have sailed elsewhere.

Rhine

The Rhine flows through six countries from the Swiss Alps to the Netherlands, with itineraries generally sailing between Amsterdam, Netherlands and Basel, Switzerland. This river is perfect for castle-crazed travelers, as ships pass many along the journey. Scenic cruising is also top-notch because of the varied landscapes and UNESCO-listed sites, so the river is a good match for those who are more interested in views than famous landmarks. This Rhine is popular with both new and seasoned river cruisers, with Christmas Market cruises being highly coveted. (Book early!)



Rhone



The Rhone is for those who wish to experience the France of Van Gogh, Cezanne, and Gauguin. Passing lavender fields and hilltop villages, eating delectable French cuisine, and sipping local wines is both romantic and enchanting. A Rhone River cruise itinerary is perfect for those who are captivated by the allure of France and truly want to immerse themselves in the country and culture.

Seine

The Seine combines urban and rural France for a comprehensive dip into the country's history and culture. Itineraries here particularly appeal to history buffs who are interested in the Middle Ages and World War II. Passing beneath 37 bridges and viewing the iconic landmarks of Paris (Notre Dame, The Eiffel Tower, and The Louvre) provides ample oohs and aahs, so keep cameras at the ready.



Moselle



The Moselle is the little sister to the Rhine and flows through France, Luxembourg, and Germany. It's a quiet and peaceful river with a beautiful wine region and fairytale scenery. Wine aficionados seek itineraries on the Moselle because of its endless vineyards. Moselle River itineraries pair nicely with the Rhine, so those desiring a longer vacation might want to explore their options for combining itineraries.

Douro

The Douro passes through pretty Portugal, allowing for time to explore some of the country's most iconic cities like Lisbon and Porto. Sipping Port wine while passing through terraced vineyards and small villages among the rolling hills of the country is the perfect way to end a day. Douro itineraries are growing in popularity, as is Portugal as a tourist destination.



Europe's rivers provide the backdrop for an incredible trip, and I'd love to help you determine which river and itinerary is your best fit!