



Enjoy gourmet meals in a relaxed yet elegant atmosphere



Sail into the heart of Europe's most fascinating cities

While on board – EUROPE RIVER CRUISING

Meals Enjoy regional specialities with an international flair. The chefs on board take fresh ingredients found locally and create dishes evocative of the countries you will be visiting while on board.

Breakfasts – For early risers, self-serve coffee and teabags are available daily in the Lounge from 6.00 a.m. A sumptuous breakfast buffet is usually served from approximately 7.00 a.m. for 1½ hours offering a wide variety of breads, cereals, fruit, cold cuts, cheeses, pastries, yoghurts and juices. Hot items such as scrambled eggs, sausages and bacon can vary from day to day. You can luxuriate in a leisurely meal, chat with friends, or come for a quick bite before daily sightseeing tours, which typically start at 9.00 a.m.

Lunches – Depending on the cruise schedule, a delicious buffet lunch is served on board from around 12:30 p.m. offering a range of appetisers, soups, two main courses which may include a succulent roast, sandwiches, cold cuts, breads, salad bar and a dessert table plus a cheese board and fresh fruit.

Dinners – Your ship is a floating hotel with fine dining in an elegant, single-seating restaurant lined with panoramic windows. European cities light up the night as you savour regional specialities from an ever-changing menu. A sit-down dinner is usually served at 7.30 p.m. with a choice of delicious mains. Complimentary red and white wines are served with dinner while on board (excludes Portugal itinerary). Bask in the warm, personal service of the friendly, english-speaking staff.

Dining Ashore – Most meals are enjoyed aboard ship but, depending on your itinerary, the occasional highlight dinner on shore will introduce you to some of the finest local fare.

Entertainment Gather around the piano in the Main Lounge for nightly musical entertainment. On certain evenings, local musicians and dancers such as gypsy violinists or a Bavarian Oompah Band will come aboard.

While on Tour Shore Excursions – For our River Cruising program, all shore excursions as listed in the itinerary are included in your tour price.

Getting Around – Some drives will be on fast motorways, although every effort is made to take scenic routes where time and traffic allows. Some rest/comfort stops

will be made. Remember that Europe is a continent of a similar size to Australia, but that the population of Europe numbers over 400 million people. Town and city centres are busy, and the traffic often dense, making progress slow. Towns and cities established over a thousand years ago are not necessarily the easiest of places to get around in a coach, and in many centres, coaches are banned and sightseeing tours may be conducted primarily on foot.

Smoking For the comfort of all our passengers, coaches and cruise ships (except for designated areas) are non-smoking.

Tipping In Europe it is customary to tip for services including taxis, door service, hairdressing and particularly in restaurants and bars. Your Tour Director can answer any questions you have about when to tip and how much.

Tipping is a personal way to express appreciation for good service. The end-of-tour gratuity to the ship's staff and cruise manager is not included in your tour price and is customary subject to your satisfaction with the services rendered. As a guide, the suggested amount is US\$/Euro 10 per passenger per day, which will be distributed among the ship's staff. For the Cruise director US\$/Euro 2 per passenger per day are recommended. Gratuities for local guides on shore excursions are not included and are at your discretion, with a suggested amount of US\$/Euro 1 per tour.

Money For your convenience, all purchases and paid services on board are billed with a signed guest check and added to your personal shipboard account. At the end of the cruise you will receive a total, which can be paid with cash (US Dollars or Euro) or charged to a credit card. Credit cards accepted on board are Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diner. A fee is charged for the use of Traveller's Cheques.

Most of the countries you will be visiting use the Euro. Exceptions are the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Budapest and Romania, who all have their own currencies but where Euros are accepted in many establishments. Many locations accept major credit cards; however in small towns they are not widely accepted. In these cases and for incidentals or small vendors you will need some local currency. ATMs are located on shore at some stops. Prior to your departure, confirm with your bank that your ATM or credit card and PIN will work abroad.