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DAY 1

Destination	 Amsterdam
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Fly into Amsterdam and transfer to your premium river ship. Perhaps grab a map to explore this carefree, cosmopolitan city. This evening meet your Cruise Director and fellow passengers at a Captain's Welcome Reception.


Stay: 14 Nights, aboard your premium TravelMarvel river ship

DAY 2

Destination	 Amsterdam, Utrecht
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Board a glass-top boat and glide through Amsterdam's maze of waterways with a local guide, before enjoying some free time to explore this lively city. Later, travel by coach to Utrecht, via Rembrandt's Windmill. From here, your ship will set off along the Rhine as you prepare for tonight's special Gala Dinner.

DAY 3


Destination	 Cologne, Brühl
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Step back in time during a visit to the World Heritage-listed Augustusburg Castle. Listen to enthralling stories and enjoy a walk through the landscaped parks and gardens between the castle and the lodge.

Learn how the twin spires of Cologne's famous cathedral, the Kölner Dom, took over six centuries to complete as you cruise into this picturesque city. Disembark and take the short drive to Brühl for your Insider Experience.

DAY 4

Destination	 Rhine Gorge, Rudesheim
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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Dock in Rudesheim, and board the Winzerexpress mini-train, bound for Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum.

DAY 5

Destination  Miltenberg

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Get a glimpse into local life as you are welcomed into the home of a friendly Miltenberg family. Enjoy coffee and cake made by your gracious hosts.

Discover Miltenberg today, exploring this well-preserved town's half-timbered buildings dating from the 15th to 18th century.

DAY 6

Destination  Würzburg

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Board a coach and travel through the rolling hills to Würzburg. Admire the baroque palace and walk through the beautiful Court Garden. Later, perhaps enjoy an optional visit to medieval Rothenburg, a true fairytale town.

DAY 7

Destination  Bamberg

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Cruise along the last stretch of the Main River before arriving at Bamberg. Here, choose between an afternoon of free time or a guided tour. Later on this evening, your ship will reach the Main-Danube Canal.

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DAY 8

Destination	 Nuremberg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Explore Nuremberg, the site of Hitler's now infamous rallies. Wander the cobblestone streets, discovering hidden boutiques and artisan stores. Finish your day cruising through the Main-Danube Canal, crossing Europe's Continental Divide thanks to the canal's 16 stair-step locks.

DAY 9


Destination	 Regensburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

This evening, enjoy an authentic Bavarian experience on board as you sample local beer and snacks, accompanied by traditional folk music, song and dance.


Today's adventure begins as you leave Interlaken and travel through the foothills of the Alps Regensburg Having reached the Danube River overnight, Regensburg awaits. Spend the day in this charming city, conveniently docked right in the heart of town so you can have easy access to all the main sites.

DAY 10

Destination	 Passau
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

As you enjoy your breakfast, arrive in the 'Three Rivers City' of Passau, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. Explore the city at your leisure this morning, or grab a bike and set out to explore. Alternatively, join an optional tour to Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or travel to Salzburg and enjoy the sights from 'The Sound of Music'.

DAY 11

Destination	 Melk, Dürnstein
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


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Join a local guide to see Melk Abbey, an active Benedictine monastery since 1089. Cruise through the picturesque Wachau Valley, then continue to Dürnstein, where you have a free afternoon to explore.

DAY 12

Destination	 Vienna
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


In Vienna, join a walking tour of St Stephen's Cathedral, the Graben, Hofburg Palace and the Albertina. Afterwards, you may enjoy visiting the Naschmarkt. This evening, perhaps enjoy an optional concert featuring music from Mozart to 'The Sound of Music'.

DAY 13

Destination	 Vienna
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A



Today is yours to explore Vienna. Perhaps visit the Hofburg area and the Imperial Treasury. Otherwise, enjoy an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, or head to Bratislava.

DAY 14

Destination	 Budapest
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, join a local guide to explore the city. Tonight after a Captain's Farewell Dinner, set off on a magical twilight cruise through Budapest.

DAY 15

Destination	 Budapest  Munich
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your included flight from Budapest to Munich. On arrival,

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transfer to your hotel. Located within view of the Alps, lively Munich is the capital of Bavaria, as well as one of Germany's best-loved cities.

Stay: Two Nights, Munich, Pullman Hotel (or similar)

DAY 16

Destination	Munich
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Become immersed in the illustrious sights of Munich. With a rich culture and heritage, the city has a wonderful collection of museums, galleries and architecture. Enjoy a guided walking tour to introduce you to the highlights of Munich, before time at leisure.

DAY 17

Destination	Munich [Train] Salzburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Leaving Munich behind this morning, take the train into Austria. Arrive in Salzburg, a city known the world over as the birthplace of Mozart, and the setting for the classic film, 'The Sound of Music'. On arrival, you will embark on a sightseeing tour with a local guide. Discover the Old Town, the World Heritage-listed centre with its pretty collection of medieval and baroque buildings, plus gorgeous views of the mountains. Afterwards, the rest of the day is at leisure. This lovely city will be your home for the next three nights.

Stay: Three Nights, Salzburg Hotel

DAY 18

Destination	Salzburg
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is free for you to relax in Salzburg. Perhaps visit the Salzburg Fortress, also known as Hohensalzburg Castle, which is perched high above the city with great views from its peak.

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DAY 19

Destination	Austrian Lake District
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Discover the beauty of the Austrian Lake District today, heading first to Bad Ischl, before pressing on to St Gilgen, filled to the brim with baroque and rococo character. Continue to St Wolfgang and enjoy a lake cruise. Enjoy time at leisure in Wolfgangsee before continuing to Mondsee for free time. Perhaps visit the town's cloister church, used as the site of the wedding in 'The Sound of Music'. Return to your hotel in Salzburg for dinner.


DAY 20

Destination	Salzburg  Innsbruck
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, travel by train to Innsbruck. This city is nestled right in the heart of the Austrian Alps and is cradled by steep, snow-capped mountains. Take a guided tour through the city and learn about its main attractions, admiring the colourful architecture in the centre. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore Innsbruck on your own. A climb up to the top of the Town Tower will reward you with amazing views.

Stay: Two Nights, Hotel Innsbruck

DAY 21

Destination	 Neuschwanstein Castle, Zugspitze Railway
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Join an enthralling journey on the Zugspitze Railway which ascends the summit of Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany.

Your travels today will take you to the glorious Neuschwanstein Castle. Nestled in the Alps, it is a stunning sight, with a storied history. Enjoy time at leisure in Hohenschwangau. Enjoy your Insider Experience this afternoon.

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DAY 22

Destination	Innsbruck 🚆 Swiss Alps 🚆 St Moritz
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today it's time for a rail journey through the Swiss Alps. Pass Liechtenstein and head into the Swiss town of Sargans. Here you change trains and travel alongside the Rhine to Chur, before continuing to the resort town of St Moritz.

Stay: Three Nights, St Moritz, Hotel Schweizerhof

DAY 23

Destination	🚆 Bernina Express, Tirano
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Ride the Bernina Express, which passes glaciers, rushing mountain streams and flower-sprinkled alpine meadows.

Travel through stunning scenic surrounds on a famous train line, arriving in the Italian town of Tirano. Here you'll have free time to explore before making your return journey.

DAY 24

Destination	St Moritz 🚆 Kitzbuhel 🚆 Salzburg
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Spend today as you please, soaking up the glitz and glamour of St Moritz.

DAY 25

Destination	St Moritz 🚆 Glacier Express, Interlaken
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Step aboard the famous Glacier Express for a journey from St Moritz to Brig, enjoying the incredible views through the panoramic windows of your First Class carriage.

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Journey from St Moritz to Brig aboard the iconic Glacier Express on a thrilling Insider Experience. Enjoy a tasty two-course lunch at your seat. The train climbs steadily and steeply up and over the Oberalp Pass, then spirals downward past little villages on the way to Brig. Here you change trains and continue on to Interlaken.

Stay: Three Nights, Hotel Interlaken

DAY 26

Destination	Lauterbrunnen, Jungfrau Railway
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Journey on the iconic Jungfrau Railway. See spectacular views at two observation stops, hewn out of solid rock between the rail tunnel and the infamous north face of the Eiger.

Today's adventure begins as you leave Interlaken and travel through the foothills of the Alps to Lauterbrunnen. You will then join the Wengeralp Railway to Kleine Scheidegg, before journeying on the Jungfrau Railway. Your final destination is the Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station. Enjoy free time at the summit station and perhaps explore its Ice Palace.

DAY 27

Destination	Interlaken
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Wake to the breathtaking mountain vistas of Interlaken – this beautiful town is all yours to explore today. Spend time as you like, perhaps exploring the glacier-fed lakes.

DAY 28

Destination	Interlaken  Zurich
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Your incredible journey reaches an end this morning. After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Zürich for your onward flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

14 nights cruising on a premium Travelmarvel river ship
13 nights in premium accommodation
Services of a Travelmarvel Cruise Director, Entertainment & Activities Coordinators, Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort, and local guides
63 meals - 27 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 22 dinners
Onboard water stations, plus tea and coffee, soft drink, beer and local wine during lunch and dinner on your cruise
Transfers, port charges and tipping
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$3000 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$3,134 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

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OPTIONAL TOURS	None
EXCLUSIONS	<p>Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional</p>
CABIN BEDDING AND UPGRADES	<p>7 Nights onboard a premium Travel Marvel River Ship</p> <p>Window Stateroom - Included Each stateroom features an en suite bathroom and personal climate control; great storage; queen or twin bedding with plush linen; plus a TV, safe and mini-fridge.</p> <p>*Upgrade prices may vary depending on which category of cabin is chosen. Please enquire within to receive the exact upgrade prices for each Cabin.</p>
HOTEL LIST	<p>14 nights cruising on a premium Travelmarvel river ship</p> <p>Munich - Pullman Hotel Salzburg - Salzburg Hotel Innsbruck - Hotel Innsbruck St Moritz - Hotel Schweizerhof Interlaken - Hotel Interlaken</p>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$5,450 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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