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As the leader in the river cruise industry, CroisiEurope continues to pursue our development in Europe and throughout the world. We are proud to announce our 2019/2020 schedule, which includes 170 itineraries on 54 ships across 39 waterways in 37 countries. Our spirit of innovation has provided us with brand-new ships, updated river and sea itineraries, and contemporary themed cruises for families, hikers, food lovers, and cycling enthusiasts. In addition, we have new, exclusive exotic-destination cruises arriving in spring 2020.

In southern Africa: The RV Zimbabwean Dream

The highly anticipated arrival of a new, Premium category sister ship to the RV African Dream on Lake Kariba—the RV Zimbabwean Dream—will take place in spring 2020. The ship boasts eight exterior-facing cabins (two with balconies), a panoramic-view restaurant, lounge and bar, “roof top” terrace with chaise lounges, and a pool at the front of the Upper Deck. This ship will host four-day/three-night safari-cruises for up to 16 passengers. Rounded out with another four days and three nights in CroisiEurope’s luxury lodge—offering land and water safaris and a full day at Victoria Falls—this exclusive cruise is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/boat/zimbabwean-dream

In Canada: The MV La Belle des Océans

The MV La Belle des Océans (formerly the Silver Discoverer) is CroisiEurope’s newest acquisition. Purchased in 2019, this reasonably scaled, top-comfort ship has seven decks, measures 338 feet long (103 m) and 49 feet wide (15 m), and will set out on privileged itineraries in North America.

In 2020, our new vessel will reach its summer port in Quebec and cruise the Saint Lawrence River on eleven-day cruises through to the splendid month of October. The colorful ports of call during this exceptional cruise include Saint Pierre and Miquelon, the Magdalen Islands, Tadoussac, Quebec, Trois-Rivières, and Montreal.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/boat/mv-la-belle-des-oceans

A new ship: The MS Amalia Rodrigues

In April 2019, CroisiEurope christened its newest Premium category ship, the MS Amalia Rodrigues. It joins our other five ships already cruising the Douro River in Portugal.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/boat/ms-amalia-rodrigues

A new look for the MS Victor Hugo

The MS Victor Hugo was revamped from top to bottom and will continue to provide great getaways on the Rhine, Danube, Elbe, Sava, and Tisza Rivers. It remains one of our Standard category ships.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/boat/ms-victor-hugo
Exclusive cruises in Europe

On the Canal Bianco in northern Italy, from Venice to Mantua

An unforgettable cruise on board our Standard-category ship the MS Michelangelo from Venice to Mantua, in the heart of Italy. The region of Veneto possesses some of the most legendary Italian cities such as Venice, Vicenza, and Verona, and the region of Lombardy, with Mantua and Cremona, is a carpet of rich and diverse landscapes. Top it all off with a gourmet excursion in Parma to taste the best the country has to offer.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/canals-venice-renaissance-infused-mantua-classic
https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/renaissance-infused-mantua-canals-venice-classic

On the Rhine from Cochem to Basel:

- The picturesque Moselle and the romantic Rhine
- Charming Alsace and stylish Switzerland

Cruise the magic Moselle River and enjoy the gentle waters of the Romantic Rhine Valley on this exceptional vacation. Discover the steep cliffs, majestic castles, and impressive vineyards in an area teeming with history. Ports of call include Koblenz and Rudesheim, known for their wines and cafés, Heidelberg, one of the most romantic cities in Germany; and Strasbourg, where the stone “lacework” on its red cathedral is not to be missed. Along the Alsatian Wine Route: explore traditional villages and Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle, perched on a peak in the Vosges Mountains.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/moselle-river-romantic-rhine-valley-enchanting-alsace-switzerland-classic
https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/enchanting-alsace-switzerland-romantic-rhine-valley-moselle-river-classic

The rivers of southwestern France, from Bordeaux to Royan

This new itinerary travels along the Gironde Estuary though the heart of southwestern France from Bordeaux to Royan. Famous for its idyllic landscapes, renowned wines, and historic monuments and sites, this age-old maritime area bursting with French culture is waiting to be explored.


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Sea cruises

After cruising through the Canary Islands, the Red and Aegean Seas, and in the Gulf of Naples, the moderately sized MV La Belle de l’Adriatique will set sail for a new horizon during the 2019/2020 winter season in the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

New winter itinerary for 2019 on board the MV La Belle de l’Adriatique

Apollonia • Corfu • Croatia • Greece • Albania • Montenegro

February: 21 • 28 / March: 7 • 14 • 21 / April: 4
8-day/7-night cruise - Unprecedented itinerary with new ports of call
Excursions included: Apollonia: the largest archaeological site in Albania; Berat, the city with a thousand views; and Tirana, the capital of Albania. Optional discoveries: Corfu: paradise in the Ionian Sea; East meets West in Albania: the captivating ancient ruins of Butrint; the old town in Gjirokaster; the wild beauty of Montenegro, and the ancient city of Bar and its ruins.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/treasures-adriatic-croatia-greece-albania-montenegro-classic
On the Rhône

1. All the must-see sites on the Rhône between Lyon, Provence, and the Camargue.

Experience Provence and all its colors, scents, and tastes. The sublime countryside along the Rhône is the highlight of this vacation. Located in the heart of the Provencal countryside, Gordes and its cobblestone streets and dry-stone wall homes are typical of the region. The Sénanque Abbey is a fantastic example of Cistercian work. When traveling from Tain-l’Hermitage to Collonges-au-Mont-d’Or, passengers can indulge in an extraordinary French gastronomic experience at Paul Bocuse’s Abbaye de Collonges.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/must-see-sites-rhone-lyon-provence-camargue-port-to-port-cruise-classic

On the Rhine

2. December traditions on Rhine cruises.

Strasbourg • Sarrebourg • Sarrethal • Rudesheim • Mainz • Gamburg • Strasbourg

Holiday traditions are the focus on this Rhine river cruise, with visits to some of the most famous and oldest European Christmas Markets. Enjoy authentic recipes, mulled wine, ginger bread, festive decorations, and good cheer!

Plunge into the holiday spirit on our exclusive European Christmas cruise.


Sea cruises on board the MV La Belle de l’Adriatique

After cruising through the Canary Islands, the Red and Aegean Seas, and in the Gulf of Naples, the MV La Belle de l’Adriatique will set sail for a new horizon during the 2019/2020 winter season in the beautiful Mediterranean Sea with updated excursions to optimize experiences.

3. An exceptional cruise between Cyprus and Israel.

An additional full day in Israel dedicated specifically to Jerusalem offers more free time, and a new excursion explores Jericho and Bethlehem.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/exceptional-cruise-cyprus-holy-land-classic

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4. The Mediterranean Beauty of Malta and Sicily.

The time in Sicily encompasses an included excursion to Noto and an exciting visit to Mount Etna. Our program in Malta has been reworked to provide more free time in Valletta, and a revised excursion explores the best Maltese villages and temples on the island.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/exclusive-cruise-mediterranean-malta-sicily-1-classic/

5. The return of the hiking cruise between Croatia and Montenegro.

Treking through heavenly landscapes in national parks and typical villages along with urban hikes in preserved Dalmatian-Coast cities.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/beautiful-walking-trails-islands-mountains-croatia-montenegro-hiking#cruise
New itineraries in faraway destinations

Dates for upcoming cruises on the MV La Belle Des Océans
subject to change

Exploring India
January 11 - 21, 2020
MADRAS • TRINCOMALE • COLOMBO • KOCHI • GOA • BOMBAY

From Abu Dhabi to Oman
January 27 - February 4, 2020
ABU DHABI • DUBAI • KHASAB • SUR MUSCAT

Spring 2020:
- From Athens to Naples: An 8-day cruise March 1 - 8, 2020
- From Naples to Nice: An 8-day cruise March 8 - 15, 2020
- From Nice to Ajaccio: An 8-day cruise April 14 - 21, 2020
- Four dates to tour Corsica: An 8-day cruise April 21 - 28, April 28 - May 5, May 5 - 12, and May 12 - 19, 2020
- From Ajaccio to Lisbon: A 12-day cruise May 19 - 30, 2020
- Between Lisbon, Madeira, and the Azores: A 9-day cruise May 30 - June 7, 2020

Cruise on the Saint Lawrence River in Canada
Beginning in 2020, the MV La Belle des Océans will reach its summer port in Quebec and cruise the Saint Lawrence River on eleven-day cruises up through to the splendid month of October.

Cruise on the Ganges River from Kolkata to Varanasi
Our new cruise on the Ganges River from Kolkata to Varanasi travels along the lifeline and vital waters of India. Discover little-traveled, authentic areas on board our Premium category ship, the RV Ganges Voyager.

Cruise the Nile from Luxor to Aswan
Our new cruise across the Land of Pharaohs promises amazing sites and discoveries between Luxor and Aswan. Majestic temples, tombs, pyramids, and lively villages are waiting to be explored in this part of the cradle of civilization. Wind down from the everyday grind and step back in time on a cruise through Upper Egypt on board the Premium category ship Jaz Royal. Extended vacations to Cairo and Alexandria are available.

https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/cruise/cruise-nile-land-pharaohs-1-classic
**Exclusive offer on the beautiful Blue Danube: The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany**

This exceptional production involves over 2,000 performers, musicians, and stage hands—all current or former residents of the village of Oberammergau. For over 400 years, the Passion Play has been performed once every decade in a magnificent outdoor theater. This extraordinary event attracts visitors from all over the world. Cruising on the Danube, passengers will discover the fascinating history and gorgeous sites in European cities such as Passau, Vienna, Esztergom, and Budapest.

**First-rate cruise on the Saône to celebrate France’s Beaujolais Nouveau**

The Saône River winds through some of the most renowned vineyards, and what better way to enjoy France than to celebrate the annual release of France’s Beaujolais Nouveau.


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- Exclusive excursions along the Seine: 4-day/3 night cruises. [Visit here](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/excursions/excursions-seine).
- The Seville Fair: 8-day/7-night cruise.
- The Rhine in Flames: 5-day/4-night cruise.

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**THEMED CRUISES**

**Gastronomic cruises**

- Haute cuisine on the Rhine with Marc Haeberlin and Serge Dubs. A 4-day/3-night cruise, November 3 - 6, 2020.
- A gastronomic trip to heaven. A 4-day/3-night cruise, November 8 - 11, 2020.

[https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/gourmet-cruises](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/gourmet-cruises)

**Biking cruises**

- Canal Latéral à la Loire: Secret bike paths on a 7-day/6-night cruise between Nevers and Briare (either direction). We offer the possibility of transport from Paris and traveling through Champagne to Epernay or in the other direction.
- The Marne: A 7-day/6 night cruise with bike itineraries, departing from Paris and traveling through Champagne to Epernay or in the other direction.
- Marne-Rhine Canal: Picturesque 7-day/6 night cruise with bike itineraries from Strasbourg to Lagarde or in the other direction.
- The Rhine-Rhône Canal: A 7-day/6 night cruise with bike itineraries along the canal from Besançon to Dijon or the other direction.
- From Burgundy to Provence: the Rhône and Saône on bike. 7-day/6-night cruise. Bike itinerary along the Burgundy Canal from Dijon to Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune or the other direction) or Dijon to Port-sur-Saône or the other direction.

[https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/cycling-cruises](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/cycling-cruises)

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**Music and humor along the Rhine River GALAXSAX**

A new cruise is jazzing up our weekend themed cruises leaving from Strasbourg. Crossover musician Philippe Geiss stars in a melody-filled fantasy on the Rhine, inspired by the experiences of French astronaut Thomas Pesquet.

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**Hiking cruises**

- The Douro Valley, a nature lover’s dream. An 8-day/7-night cruise, April 20 - 27, 2020.
- Hiking cruise in Croatia and Montenegro, 8 days/7 nights, June 4 - 12, 2020.
- Hiking cruise along the Danube, 8 days/7 nights, September 14 - 21, 2020.

[https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/hiking-cruises](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/hiking-cruises)

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**Biking cruises**

Our CroisiBike cruises are crafted especially for people who want to be on the move during their vacation. Everything has been taken care of upfront and includes bikes, different choices of itineraries, road service, and a professional team at your disposal. This “custom” package is available for groups on request.

[https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/cycling-cruises](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/cycling-cruises)

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**Hiking cruises**

- The Little Carpathians and urban treks along the Danube, an 8-day/7-night cruise, September 30 to October 7, 2019.
- Hiking in and around Venice: a 7-day/6-night cruise. October 11 - 17, 2019.

[https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/hiking-cruises](https://www.croisieurope.co.uk/destination/hiking-cruises)

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