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There is just something about viewing Europe from its historic and cultural lifelines—its rivers—that captures the heart and imagination. Cruise back in time as Europe's great cities fade into untouched wilderness and mile after mile of castle-dotted hillsides. Vineyards, quaint villages and a laid-back way of life abound along Europe's waterways. So sit back and enjoy the Old World from the comfort of your distinctly New World cruise ship.

THE DANUBE

RIVER

From the Black Forest in Germany to the Black Sea in Romania, Europe's second longest river winds its way through Europe's most picturesque countryside and sensational cities. The "Blue Danube" has been an important international waterway for centuries, as it remains today. Known to history as one of the long-standing northern borders of the Roman Empire, the river flows through key European cities including Regensburg, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and Belgrade.

THE MAIN

RIVER

The Main is formed near Kulmbach, Germany, where its two headstreams, the Roter (red) Main and Weisser (white) Main join together. Connected to the Danube in 1992 by the 100-mile Main-Danube Canal, an incredible feat of engineering, the Main is now a vital link in the European "Corridor VII," the inland passageway from the North Sea to the Black Sea. In addition to being such a crucial economic waterway for Europe, the Main River is the main way to cruise through the heart of Bavaria, complete with medieval villages, storybook castles and breathtaking views.

THE MOSELLE

RIVER

Cutting through the scenic mountain ranges of France, Luxembourg and Germany, the Moselle River is the perfect spot from which to enjoy Europe's most pristine views. With plenty of sun and green rolling hills all around, it's no wonder that famous German wines like Riesling, Ebling and Kerner are produced here in abundance.

THE RHINE

RIVER

The "romantic Rhine" finds its start as crystal clear streams in the Swiss Alps. It then creates the border of France and Germany before crossing into the Netherlands and eventually pouring out into the North Sea. The ancient Romans viewed the Rhine as the outermost border of civilization and reason, beyond which were mythical creatures and the "wild Germans." This air of mysticism remains to this day, as the rolling waters weave through castle-dotted hills and serve as a witness to some of nature's most incredible feats.

THE RHÔNE

RIVER

The Rhône (literally "that which rolls") winds its way through the most breathtaking wine growing regions of France and the magnificent Romanesque architecture of the Rhône valley. Its course, shaped by the neighboring mountain systems, crosses the Swiss Alps, Lake Geneva and the Jura Mountains, and continues on through Lyon, Avignon, Tarascon, and Arles, where it finally divides into two arms and enters the Mediterranean Sea.

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WEB SITES

<i>Budapest</i>	<i>www.budapestinfo.hu/en</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>www.francetourism.com</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>www.germany-tourism.de</i>
<i>The Netherlands</i>	<i>www.holland.com/us</i>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>www.turism.ro/english</i>
<i>Vienna</i>	<i>info.wien.at</i>

AVERAGE

TEMPERATURES

	January	April	July	October
Amsterdam	37°	46°	58°	53°
Bratislava	30°	51°	69°	51°
Bucharest	30°	51°	70°	53°
Budapest	30°	52°	70°	52°
Mainz	33°	49°	66°	50°
Prague	30°	48°	67°	49°
Strasbourg	34°	48°	64°	50°
Vienna	28°	48°	66°	48°

Temperatures are in °F. For specific weather information, visit www.accuweather.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *At the end of WWI, the Rhineland was subject to the Treaty of Versailles, which created quite a bit of bitterness in Germany and was one of the many reasons for WWII. The reoccupation of the Rhineland by Nazi Germany increased Hitler's popularity in Germany.*
- *The Danube is famously mentioned in the Strauss waltz Blue Danube, but it was Romanian composer Ion Ivanovici who took the world by storm when his waltz titled The Waves of the Danube was performed at the 1889 World Exposition in Paris.*
- *The name "Rhine" comes from the Celtic Renos, literally "that which flows," from the Proto-Indo-European root rei- ("to flow, run"), which also gave birth to the verb "to run" in English.*
- *The German tradition of landscape painting, the Danube school, was developed in the Danube valley in the sixteenth century.*
- *The winding course of the Main River is the reason for its considerable length—239 miles. If it were straight, from beginning to endpoint, it would be probably be less than half its current length.*