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THE OCEAN VS RIVER  
CRUISE  
DILEMMA

## Differences Between an Ocean Cruise and a River Cruise

Whether you're an avid ocean cruiser or you're new to the idea of cruising in general, knowing the differences between an ocean cruise and a river cruise will help you decide which appeals to you more and give you an idea of what type of cruiser you really are.

### ► No Big Line-Ups

Waiting in restaurant line-ups, waiting for the tether to arrive so you go ashore, searching endlessly for a spot by the crowded pool, does any of that sound like fun? Of course not. One of the best aspects of river cruises is that you never wait for your meals, getting a coffee is a cinch, and it takes mere moments to step off of the ship.

### ► Highly Personalized Service

Because of a high passenger-to-staff ratio, river cruisers experience a much higher level of personalization on board. River Cruise staff not only know your name but also your preferences and take pride in trying to wow you at every opportunity.

### ► Clear Pre-Cruise Documents

From the moment you book your cruise, you are provided with electronic documents that are clear, concise, and extremely thorough. Every question you could think of is answered; you are provided information about your departure city, all ports you visit, your onboard experience, important emergency numbers, and anything else that pertains to your trip.



### ▶ Locally Sourced Foods

Nothing beats dining on local cuisine, mere miles from where it originates. Chefs carefully curate their dishes so they are reflective of the local culture.

This is unquestionably one of the best reasons to take a river cruise, and something you're not going to find on an ocean cruise.

### ▶ Excursions Are Included

Who wants to keep shelling out hundreds of dollars after they've already paid for their cruise vacation? River cruises are far more inclusive which means you get to choose from a selection of incredible pre-paid shore excursions and spend your money on other things like fun souvenirs to bring home.

### ▶ Approachable & Accessible Management

If you ever need anything you never have to look to get some help or a question answered. Both the hotel manager and cruise manager can be found easily, in fact, they sit at a desk so they're always on hand.

### ▶ Always Steps from the Action

One of the biggest reasons so many travelers choose river cruising over ocean cruising is because of the port of call accessibility. Because so many river cruise ports are part of old trade routes, they dock in the heart of all of the action. You can step off your ship and be downtown in a few moments. And if you want to come and go from the ship, it's much simpler on a river cruise ship.

### ▶ Affordable Laundry Services

If you're an ocean cruiser, you likely let out a groan because you know full well how much laundry services cost onboard an ocean cruise and, you know how long it can take to get your things back. You can pack light onboard your river cruise and rest assured that if you do need anything laundered, it can be done efficiently.



### ► Stay Connected for Free

No, you're not dreaming – Wi-Fi is free! It's important to have the option of checking in with loved ones back home, or maybe you'll want to post some photos with friends along the way.

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### ► A Perfect Pace of Travel

For anyone looking for a less frenzied, quieter, more immersive way of experiencing Europe and beyond, river cruises offer all of that and more. With varying departure and arrival times, and longer stays in port, you're able to get more out of every port of call than you would onboard an ocean cruise.

### ► Luxuriously Cozy Cabins

River cruise cabins are meant to feel like home. The interior is designed to be chic, warm, and inviting as if you were staying in a beautiful floating boutique hotel. You'll be happy to know that everything you'll find on an ocean cruise, including TV entertainment, spacious balconies, and luxurious bedding is part of the river cruising experience.

### ► Cruise Managers Make it Personal

If you are flying in early for your river cruise (as you should) during your pre-cruise stay you will be able to meet your Cruise Manager. Cruise managers are hand-selected, multi-lingual, highly trained hospitality experts that are there to ensure your river cruise vacation is perfect.

The differences between ocean  
cruising and river cruising are  
vast.

If you're an avid ocean cruiser,  
hopefully, you've been convinced  
to book your first river cruise.

If you're after a culturally  
immersive, slower-paced, more  
intimate cruising experience, a  
river cruise should be your next  
vacation option.



# a cruise experience like *no other*

Whether you are an avid ocean cruiser looking for new experiences or perhaps a lover of land tours wanting to see the world from a different perspective, river cruising may be for you.

And how do we know all of this amazing information? Because we have personally experienced it. I believe that River Cruising is the best way to experience Europe and all of its history. My first trip to Europe was a River Cruise, and I truly loved everything about it.

Whether you're looking to celebrate a special occasion, a life milestone, or maybe just the return to travel, we'd love to match you to the perfect ship and itinerary to suit your personal travel style and goals.

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Join us as we embark on our next River Cruise. Group Information coming soon.

*Teri Leonhard*

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