

New for 2024!



# Rhine Connoisseur: Brussels to Montreux

*Swiss highs, culinary secrets, cultural charms in the Netherlands – and a luxury resort in Montreux*

11 DAYS | BEGINS BRUSSELS

## 1. Arrive Geneva / Montreux

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Geneva Airport, Geneva train station (approximately 1.5 hour drive) or Montreux train station to Fairmont Montreux Palace, nestled on the shores of Lake Geneva in Switzerland, overlooking the Alps. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your elegant hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. Lavaux Vineyards

Internationally famous as a terraced wine-growing region on the shores of Lake Geneva, the Lavaux region is a

designated UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to the 12th century when Cistercian monks built miles of terraces and walls on sloping glacial terrain for the purpose of cultivating wine. Explore the vineyards on a choice of excursions that includes a mini-train tour of the vineyards, a visit to one of the area's quaint villages and a wine tasting at a local cooperative wine cellar; or a gentle walk on unpaved paths through the vineyards, ending with a wine-tasting at a local winery. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own along the shores of Lake Geneva, and spend the remainder of the day at leisure in Montreux. Your hotel is located in the city center, with attractions and dining venues a walk away. **Meals B**

## Uniquely Tauck

- Experience a taste of Swiss wine centuries in the making when you explore the historic Lavaux Vineyards aboard a mini train or a guided walking tour, followed by a wine tasting
- Become king of the castle during a Tauck Exclusive dinner at Slot Loevestein, enjoying a private island setting open only to Tauck
- Explore the charms of Montreux during a three-night stay at the elegant Fairmont Montreux Palace, considered "The Pearl of the Swiss Riviera"
- Savor an epicurean taste of Strasbourg on a guided tasting tour that indulges with wine, cheese, and other Alsatian specialties



*Tauck's exclusive dinner at 14th-century Slot Loevestein in the Netherlands puts an entire island kingdom at your feet.*

### 3. Freddie Mercury or Glacier 3000

Montreux has been a favorite lakeside resort destination since the 19th century when artists and writers sought inspiration in its peaceful surroundings and scenic Alpine beauty. Ever since, it has been a magnet for the rich and famous, musicians included, who head here for its mild climate, hilltop Old Town, and premier jazz festival. Take a

virtual walk with a local guide who shares insights on Queen, Freddie Mercury and the time the band spent here, using a tablet to view a collection of videos and photos that are not available to the general public, and listen to the music they made here. Or, venture to Glacier 3000 for an Alpine adventure that truly makes your spirit soar. Ride a cable car to the summit for time to enjoy the attractions at the top. Walk across the Peak Walk by Tissot, the only suspension bridge connecting two peaks in the world, amidst head-turning scenery of the Matterhorn, Mont-Blanc and Jungfrau, and experience a wonderland of glacier fun as you wish. Have dinner as you like in Montreux this evening. **Meals BL**

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 Cruise Days

#### Geneva to Brussels

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Geneva / Montreux Fairmont Montreux Palace</b>
2	Lavaux Vineyards
3	Montreux / Glacier 3000
4	Basel / Embark ship
5	Strasbourg
6	Rüdesheim / Koblenz
7	Düsseldorf
8	Gorinchem
9	Antwerp
10	Brussels
11	<b>Depart Brussels</b>

#### Brussels to Geneva

Day	Destination
1	<b>Arrive Brussels</b>
2	Brussels / Antwerp
3	Gorinchem
4	Düsseldorf
5	Middle Rhine / Boppard
6	Mannheim
7	Strasbourg
8	Basel / Montreux <b>Fairmont Montreux Palace</b>
9	Lavaux Vineyards
10	Montreux / Glacier 3000
11	<b>Depart Geneva</b>







*Journey to the summit of Glacier 3000, the only place in the world where you can walk peak-to-peak across a suspension bridge high above the Alps; Belgian ales rule in Antwerp and your beer tasting offers you an opportunity to experience the ones you like best.*

#### 4. Château Chillon / ■ Embark ship in Basel

After breakfast, visit nearby Chillon Castle, in a spectacular setting on the shore of Lake Geneva. On a locally guided tour, view some of its 40 rooms, including the Castellan's Dining Hall, with walls depicting painted family crests. Drive to a picturesque Swiss village for free time and lunch before continuing on to Basel. Embark your riverboat in Basel; attend a Discovery Briefing and enjoy cocktails before dining onboard your ship. **Meals BD**

#### 5. ■ Specialties of Strasbourg

Spend the morning in Strasbourg, disembarking for a choice of excursions after breakfast. Blending Franco-Germanic culture, architecture, and ambiance, this Alsatian city is nestled on the Rhine across the border from Germany and boasts a compelling and complex history. Join a local guide for an epicurean-inspired walking tour of its city center, along with tastings of wine, cheese and other Alsatian specialties. See its Gothic-inspired Notre Dame Cathedral and half-timbered houses and explore its Petite France quarter, criss-crossed by canals and a swing bridge reminiscent of days gone by. Or do as the locals do and explore the sights by bicycle as your local guide leads the way. Have lunch onboard your riverboat as it sails for the Middle Rhine Valley. **Meals BLD**

#### 6. ■ Cruise the Middle Rhine Valley

Spend a leisurely morning cruising through the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage region renowned for iconic landscapes crowned by castles and fortresses, along with terraced vineyards established more than 1,000 years on the steep slopes of the valley. The strategic location of this dramatic stretch of the Rhine between Bingen, Rüdesheim

and Koblenz reflects its importance as a transportation route; the sixty small towns, terraced vineyards and the castles ruins found here reflect how prosperous this trade route once was since prehistoric times. Your Tauck Director provides commentary as you glide past vine-covered, terraced slopes, and rocky bluffs, sharing the stories of the Lorelei Rock and ancient castles standing watch onshore. Arrive in Koblenz this afternoon for a guided e-bike ride\* or an orientation walk and a gondola ride. Enjoy dinner and musical entertainment onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

#### 7. ■ A taste of Düsseldorf

Wake up in Düsseldorf, one of Germany's wealthiest cities, known for its charming Altstadt (Old Town) and avant-garde architecture. Walk off the riverboat into town for your choice of a walking tour focused on the city's history, architecture and culinary traditions, along with some tasty local treats; or a bicycling excursion along the city's Rhine River waterfront. After lunch, experience a craft beer tour that visits a number of breweries for a sampling of the varieties of dark Altbier the region is known for. Dinner is at leisure onboard the riverboat this evening. **Meals BLD**

#### 8. ■ Gorinchem & an island castle

Voted "the most beautiful fortified town in the Netherlands," Gorinchem was founded in 1000 AD, fortified in the 13th and 14th centuries, and today boasts the largest fully intact fort in the Netherlands. Join our local guide for a walking tour of its historic heart, viewing its charming canals, the well-preserved Renaissance-style and medieval architecture, and pretty parks and gardens. Explore as you wish this afternoon, before joining us for a Tauck Exclusive reception and dinner at Slot Loevestein. Set in a nature reserve on

a private island, the 14th-century castle has served as a prison, residence and toll taker, reigning unrivaled over its strategic location where the Maas and Waal rivers come together. Tonight it will be yours to enjoy as the island and castle are open for Tauck guests only. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ A choice of activities in Antwerp

With a history dating back to the Middle Ages, the port city of Antwerp was one of Europe's most important cities in the mid-16th century. Home to the artist, Peter Paul Rubens, it welcomes with cobblestone charms, a riverside fortress, guildhalls and a Gothic cathedral that took 169 years to build. Join a local guide for an insightful walking tour of the Old Town or choose to visit the acclaimed Royal Museum of Fine Arts to view its collection of paintings, sculptures and drawings from the 14th to the 20th centuries, as well as the spectacular architecture of the building itself. A beer tasting after lunch showcases the city's famous Belgian ales. Dinner is at leisure aboard the riverboat tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ The best of Brussels

Explore the best of Brussels today on your choice of guided excursions, including an informative city tour that views its landmark sights or a guided look at the Art Nouveau and Art Deco architecture that's found throughout the city. Belgian chocolate is renowned the world over; a chocolate demonstration this afternoon reveals its delectable secrets. Join us tonight for a farewell toast and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 11. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Brussels.** Disembark ship by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your riverboat to Brussels Airport is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



*Cruise through the Middle Rhine Valley where 40 majestic castles keep watch over this strategic stretch of the river.*



## Culinary Cruise with host Chef Jacques Haeringer L'Auberge Chez Francois

Pre-Stay August 3 Hotel Amigo

August 4 - August 14

Per Person Pricing

Category 1

Single \$8,490 Double \$8,490

Category 2 - Double \$8,740

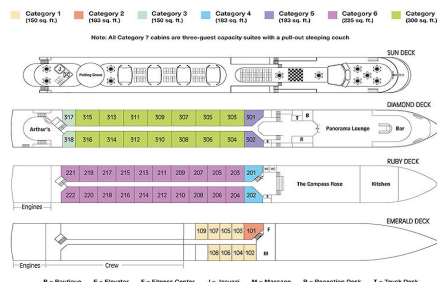
Category 3 - Double \$8,890

Category 4 - Double \$9,640

Category 5 - Double \$10,240

Category 6 - Double \$10,440

Category 7 - Double \$10,940



\*Indicates Amsterdam to Brussels southbound direction.

**Please go to [tauck.com](https://tauck.com) for up-to-the-minute space availability.**

### SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS

On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1,000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6 on the Apr 4, Aug 8 and Oct 27 departures. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit [tauck.com](https://tauck.com) for complete pricing.

### 2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

25 meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$4,228.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Go to [tauck.com](https://tauck.com) for Brussels to Montreux day-by-day details; north and south itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



## Tauck River Cruise Personal Information Form

IMPORTANT: Please complete and return by e-mail [grouppservice@tauck.com](mailto:grouppservice@tauck.com) or fax (203) 899-6607

Tauck River Cruise \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tauck # \_\_\_\_\_  
Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Category Requested  
Cat 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cat 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cat 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cat 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cat 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Cat 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cat 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Tauck Cruise Protection Plan \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Name(s) exactly as it appears on your passport:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date)

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be charged: Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ Cruise Protection Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, phone and relationship)

Have you traveled with Tauck previously \_\_\_\_\_

Are you are celebrating a special occasion \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise us of any medical issues, food allergies, or medications requiring special storage:

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