

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A RIVER CRUISE?

Big luxury cruises that sail from country to country are wonderful, but have you ever enjoyed a river cruise? These give you the opportunity to experience a country or continent from the inside, giving you a better representation of the culture without all the tourist traps on the way. And with fewer passengers, service is more personal and exclusive. Here are some of the most luxurious ways to travel up and down the rivers of the world.

Aqua Expeditions

Start in Peru and make your way up the incredible Amazon River in the Aqua Nera or Aria Amazon with Aqua Expeditions. This is your opportunity to discover one of the most biodiverse areas of the world – see creatures you didn't even know existed and enjoy the lap of luxury under the forest canopy.

You'll spend your days in the relaxing spa, plunge pool, jacuzzi, gym and movie room, or you'll follow one of the various itineraries which takes you to explore the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest. You'll have the opportunity for canoeing and kayaking, biking and discovering the indigenous communities that live along the riverbanks. This is possibly one of the most exciting river cruise options around.

www.aquaexpeditions.com



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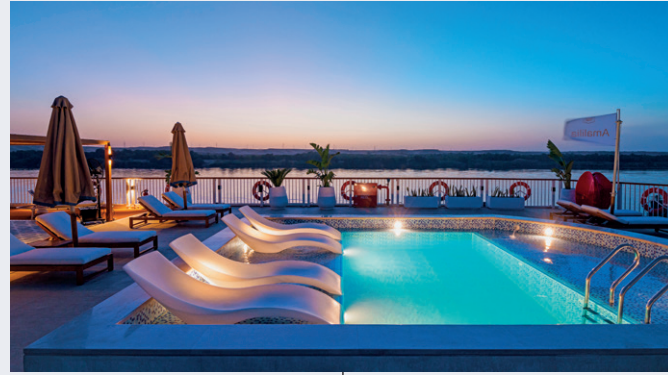


Scenic

This is another cruise company that travels up and down the rivers of Europe. If you want to see as much of the continent as possible, you can cruise along the Danube, taking in views of Budapest, Austria and Germany. But there are other more specific itineraries to check out too.

The ships promise world-class dining and personalised journeys, with spacious areas to relax and unrivalled service. There are butlers for each of the suites and all the health and wellness amenities you'd expect, like a gym, walking track and a vitality pool. At the same time as offering all-inclusive luxury, the company is keen to promote sustainable travelling.

www.scenic.co.uk



AmaWaterways

Like the other companies, AmaWaterways has ships on European waters. But its network stretches much further than that. If you've ever dreamed of travelling on through Egypt and learning all of the secrets of the River Nile, then this is the way to do it! These luxury liners are as close to sea ships as you'll get, with swimming pools and sunbathing decks, hair and nail salons and a massage parlour.

With incredible evening entertainment and a choice of delicious foods, you'll have a wonderful time on board AmaDahlia or AmaLilia. And, of course, each ship has its own tour guide, so you can understand the culture and history of each destination.

www.amawaterways.co.uk



Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Uniworld has lots of ships around the world, but doesn't a trip on the Mekong Jewel along the Mekong River sound amazing?

Taking you through some of the most beautiful spots of southeast Asia, you'll get to see an incredible part of the world while living in the lap of ship luxury. Combining comfort with sustainability, you'll find a swimming pool, spa, sauna, steam room, gym, hair salon, nail bar, two lounges and a library on board!

With four decks and two restaurants, plus excursions around Vietnam and Cambodia, this is the ideal way to explore these exotic destinations.

www.uniworld.com



Riverside Luxury Cruises

This luxury river cruise company is based in Hamburg, Germany, but the ships cruise all over the rivers of Europe. With a ratio of two staff for every one passenger and with each suite coming with a butler, to arrange dinner reservations and spa appointments, amongst other things, you'll be well looked after on your journey. Itineraries can be tailored to suit your needs, with short and long trips, depending on your required destination and stops. Head to Vienna, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, or the other end of Germany and see some of the most beautiful parts of every country.

www.riverside-cruises.com