

EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE

2 - 16 August 2026



'Sharing the journey, takes 'alone' out of solo travel.' ®

Extend Your European River Cruise Experience

Make the most of your journey with our exclusive pre- and post-river cruise options. Enhance your holiday by arriving early to enjoy more of Amsterdam before boarding your cruise, or stay on after disembarking in Budapest for a few extra days of culture, history, and discovery.

These options are designed especially for our travellers looking to get more from their European river cruise experience.

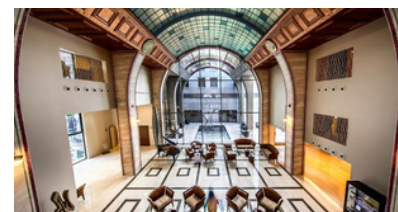
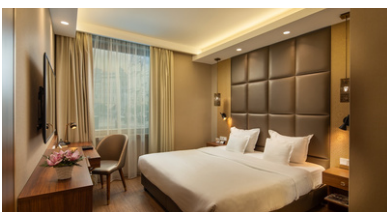
Pre Cruise Options | Amsterdam

Before your river cruise begins, consider arriving in Amsterdam earlier to settle in and experience more of this vibrant city.

Staying two or more nights allows time to explore Amsterdam's canals, museums, and café culture at an easy pace, and gives you the chance to join our optional Dutch Countryside Discovery day tour for a taste of traditional Holland. As a minimum, we encourage everyone to arrive at least one night before the cruise to allow a valuable buffer for any unexpected travel delays.

Post Cruise Options | Budapest

After your river cruise, consider extending your stay in Budapest to make the most of this captivating city. Our two-night Budapest & Danube Bend Extension is the ideal way to continue your journey, blending culture, history, and cuisine with the ease of a small 'Solos Only' group experience. If you prefer a more independent pace, you can also add extra nights at our group hotel to unwind, explore the city's cafés, thermal baths, and river views, and enjoy more time discovering the beauty of this remarkable Eastern European capital.



AMSTERDAM

Pre-Cruise Hotel Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre

This four-star hotel boasts spectacular views over the city and river, located just 25 minutes from Schiphol Airport and within walking distance of Amsterdam's historic centre, central station, and many museums. The Classic Room (26 sqm) includes free Wi-Fi, access to the health club, sustainable climate control, and a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. Bathrooms feature either a walk-in shower or a bathtub with shower, a hairdryer, and a magnifying mirror. All 408 rooms in this non-smoking hotel offer great views, organic fair-trade linen, and wellness area access. Executive Rooms and suites also enjoy access to the Executive Lounge.

Check-in: from 3:00 PM | Check-out: by 12:00 PM

Dutch Countryside Tour | 1 August 2026 9AM - 3PM

A wonderful way to experience more of the Netherlands beyond the city and discover the charm of the Dutch countryside. We depart from our group hotel at 9:00 AM for our first visit, Zaanse Schans, a picture-perfect open-air village that captures the essence of 18th and 19th-century life in the Netherlands. See working windmills, enjoy a clog-making demonstration, and taste locally produced cheeses. From there, we continue to Volendam, a historic fishing village known for its lively harbour, pretty waterfront homes, and local culture. You'll have time to stroll, shop, or perhaps take a fun photo dressed in traditional Dutch costume.

By mid-afternoon, we return to Amsterdam with time to relax before the evening. It's a lovely three-quarter-day outing that adds another layer to your Dutch experience and a perfect prelude to joining the group for our Welcome Dinner that evening.

- Zaanse Schans is in the Zaan region north of Amsterdam, often described as a living museum of Dutch heritage and craftsmanship.
- Volendam lies in the Waterland region, along the IJsselmeer (a large inland lake), and is one of the Netherlands' most photographed villages, known for preserving its fishing traditions and folk costumes.

Welcome Group Dinner | 1 August 2026

Join us for a 3 course group dinner hosted by Encounter Travel at the restaurant in our group hotel in Amsterdam. It's a wonderful way to meet your fellow solo travellers before the river cruise begins. You do not have to be staying at our group hotel to join this event.

Pre dinner drinks meet up: 6:15PM
Dinner: 7PM



BUDAPEST

Budapest & the Danube Bend

Sunday 16 – Tuesday 18 August 2026 | 2 Nights

Make the most of your time in Hungary with our exclusive post-cruise extension, designed especially for our solo travellers. After your river cruise, settle in for two more unforgettable days of culture, history, and gourmet discoveries. Explore the beautiful Danube Bend, uncovering medieval towns, charming riverside streets, and centuries-old traditions.

Enjoy lunch together with drinks in Visegrád, wander the cobblestone lanes of Szentendre, and sample the flavours of Budapest on a guided food walk. Your last evening brings us together for a farewell dinner in the heart of the city.

Inclusions:

- Two nights superior 4-star group hotel in Budapest (own room)
- Daily breakfast (2)
- Fully guided day tour from Budapest to the Danube Bend (Visegrád & Szentendre)
- Group lunch with drinks in Visegrád
- Guided food walking tour in Budapest
- Three-course farewell dinner with drinks
- Hotel portorage (1 piece)
- Encounter Travel group host
- Private 'Solos Only' group experience

Post-Cruise Hotel, The Continental Budapest

A superior 4-star hotel that blends historic elegance with modern sophistication and located in the heart of Budapest.

Check-in: from 3:00 PM | Check-out: by 11:00 AM

PRICES

Prices in Australian Dollars

Pre Cruise - Amsterdam

Dutch Countryside Tour Saturday 1 August 2026 \$160

Amsterdam Group Welcome 1 August 2026 \$85

Amsterdam Group Hotel: includes breakfast, hotel to river cruise group transfer and a morning Amsterdam private group canal cruise on embarkation day.

Solo occupancy: 1 Night \$720 | 2 Nights \$1306 | 3 Nights \$1875 *

**Hotel prices inclusive of city taxes @ higher rate set to take effect 1 January 2026*

Post Cruise - Budapest

Tour: Budapest & The Danube Bend 3 day / 2 night package: \$1360

Budapest Group Hotel: Rate per night, solo occupancy \$365 inclusive of breakfast & city taxes.

Deposits:

Hotel \$50 per hotel | Amsterdam Tour \$25 | Group Dinner \$25 | Budapest Tour \$50

Prices subject to change until deposit paid. Cancellations prior to final monies incur deposit loss. After final monies due date, our standard cancellation terms apply.

