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Spectacular European River Cruise 25 DAYS DEPARTING SATURDAY 29 JULY 2017

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4 night stay in Paris the City of Love
- 15 day luxury river cruise onboard the Exclusive Evergreen Emerald Star Ship
- 3 night stay in Medieval Prague
- Exploring 17 different cities, towns and villages with included guided sightseeing (as per itinerary)
- Paris city sights tour including Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House and Champs Elysses
- Prague city sights tour including Hradcany Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Market Square and Astronomical Clock
- Canal boat cruise in Amsterdam
- Walking tour of vibrant Cologne
- Walking tour of medieval town of Miltenberg
- City sights tour of Wurzburg
- City sights tour of Bamberg
- Tour of Melk's Benedictine Abbey
- City sights tour of Vienna
- City sights tour of Bratislava
- City sights tour of Budapest
- Welcome to Paris dinner
- Captain's welcome reception onboard Emerald Star Ship
- Captain's gala dinner onboard Emerald Star Ship
- Traditional Hungarian dinner
- Plenty of free time to explore your destination at leisure
 Optional activities are available to pre book (*subject to availability)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Evergreen Emerald Star Ship features the following:

- Sun Deck with comfortable Deck Chairs
- Sky Barbecue
- Golf Putting Green
- Giant Tic Tac Toe
- Club Swimming Pool, Bar & Evening Cinema
- Retractable Roof
- Al Fresco TerraceHorizon Bar
- Reflections Restaurant
- Fitness Room
- Massage/Beauty Centre
- Hairdresser
- Walking Track
- Maximum 182 passengers onboard

Cabin Category Information:

- Cat ES Riviera Deck Single Stateroom 130sq feet (small fixed picture window)
- Cat A Vista Deck Indoor Balcony Suite 180sq feet Cat R Horizon Deck - Indoor Balcony Suite - 180sq feet



Twin Share Cat A Twin Share Cat R Single Supplement Cat R Twin Cat R / Single Land \$13,299.00 per person \$13,399.00 per person \$6,175.00 \$14,599.00 per person

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Personally escorted from Melbourne by a Sisterhood Tour Hostess who is on hand to ensure your tour is a memorable one
- ** FLY FREE ** Return Economy Airfares including taxes with Singapore Airlines (taxes are subject to price increase) – (flight times are also subject to change)
- (Once our fly free deal sells out our tour price will increase by an additional \$2,500.00 – FLY FREE subject to availability or until sold out)
- Please contact the office for other capital city departure information
- Transportation throughout (shared sightseeing)
- Services of a Cruise Tour Director
- All sightseeing as per detailed itinerary
- 4 night stay in Paris including breakfast daily
- 15 day Luxury River Cruise onboard the Exclusive
- Evergreen Emerald Star Ship
- All port charges and taxes
- All tipping and gratuities included (except when enjoying free time)
 All meals as per our itinerary including breakfast, lunch and dinner
- whilst cruising
- Complimentary wine, beer and spirits when dining onboard
 Emerald Star Ship
 - 3 night stay in Prague including breakfast daily
- Willing to share option
- Meet and greet prior to tour departure (subject to minimum numbers)
- Optional Activities are available to pre book (*approximate pricing and subject to availability)

DAY 1 Saturday 29 July 2017 Melbourne to Paris

Welcome to your next Sisterhood adventure! Join your Sisterhood Tour Hostess and fellow travellers at the designated meeting point at Melbourne Airport for our mid afternoon flight to Paris via Singapore. Sit back, relax and enjoy the inflight entertainment and hospitality of Singapore Airlines as we head towards Paris.

DAY 2 Sunday 30 July 2017 Welcome to Paris ~ (B)

Ohhh La La! Welcome to Paris! Upon our early morning arrival we'll be met and transferred to our hotel where the remainder of our day is free. Tonight we'll get together and enjoy a "Welcome to the City of Love" dinner at a nearby restaurant.

DAY 3 Monday 31 July 2017 Paris ~ (B)

Good morning Paris. A day at leisure; your tour hostess will be on hand to point you in the right direction to start your sightseeing of Paris. This evening we are met by our tour director and other cruise travellers for a welcome drink and reception at our hotel. Dinner at our hotel (own cost).

DAY 4 Tuesday 1 August 2017 Paris ~ (B,D)

This morning a sightseeing tour with a local guide takes us to see Notre Dame Cathedral famous for the tale of Quasimodo, the hunchback of Notre Dame. We'll see the Obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and drive along the elegant Champs Élysees to the Arc de Triomphe. Enjoy a sightseeing cruise on the River Seine finishing at the Eiffel Tower. This tour will give us an excellent overview of the city. Our day is completed with a Parisian dinner.

DAY 5 Wednesday 2 August 2017 Paris ~ (B)

Sightseeing is an endless pleasure in Paris, and your tour hostess and director are on hand to help you plan your day to explore the romance capital of the world. Perhaps view the Mona Lisa at The Louvre or stroll the Champs Elysees. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**: *Palace* of *Versailles - \$110pp and/or Lido Parisian cabaret \$260pp*.

DAY 6 Thursday 3 August 2017 Paris to Amsterdam Embarkation ~ (B,D)

This morning travel by coach from Paris to Amsterdam. A warm welcome awaits us from our Captain and crew as we board our luxury Evergreen River Cruise Ship. This evening we'll join our fellow cruise travellers for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome dinner.

DAY 7 Friday 4 August 2017 Amsterdam ~ (B,L,D)

This morning the choice is ours; board a glass top canal boat and explore Amsterdam's maze of canals, cruising past 16th century merchant houses and charming churches, dating back to Holland's Golden Age. Alternatively, join Emerald Active for a city tour including a guided walk around the famous landmarks of Amsterdam. Both options are followed by free time in the city centre. After lunch on board, we'll depart on our first day sailing through the Dutch countryside, including canals, locks and windmills.

DAY 8 Saturday 5 August 2017 Cologne ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll relax onboard our beautiful ship before arriving into Cologne. Founded by the Romans, and one of Germany's oldest cities, Cologne is famous for its magnificent world–heritage listed Gothic Cathedral. Join our guide and explore the city including the Old Town with its beautiful squares and historical monuments. During our free time we'll have the opportunity to shop for handicrafts or visit a local market before returning to our ship. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** take a tour to Bruhl Castle - \$100 pp - passengers on this tour will have the guided tour of Cologne afterwards.

DAY 9 Sunday 6 August 2017 Rhine Gorge – Rudesheim ~ (B,L,D)

Speaking from experience today's cruising will be a highlight of our trip, as we cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge. Keep your camera at the ready as around every bend there are stunning vistas of castles perched above steep vine–covered slopes. We'll also pass the infamous Lorelei Rock where sailors are said to have been lured onto treacherous rocks by enchanted temptresses. We also pass the impressive Pfalzgrafenstein Castle which was formerly a toll gate perched on an island in the middle of the river. In the afternoon we arrive at the gorgeous village of Rüdesheim, one of Germany's most popular towns. Enjoy a cable car ride up to the impressive Germania monument with stunning views of the Rhine Valley, then free time to shop for handicrafts or taste the famous Rudesheim ice coffee.

DAY 10 Monday 7 August 2017 Miltenberg ~ (B,L,D)

Welcome to Miltenberg, another picturesque village on the Main River, which creates an imitable feeling of Bavarian life in medieval times due to the Old Town being lined with well-preserved halftimbered buildings. The choice of a guided tour of Miltenberg or you might like join Emerald Active for a guided hike to Wertheim Castle (active fitness level) and well worth for the spectacular views.

DAY 11 Tuesday 8 August 2017 Wurzburg ~ (B,L,D)

Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road", Würzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. After breakfast, visit the Bishops' Residenz, one of Germany's largest and most ornate baroque palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our tour highlights the palace's unique staircase, elaborate 18th century frescoes and the amazing 3-dimensional stuccowork. Then join our guide for a walking tour of Würzburg. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** Rothenburg, a perfectly preserved fortified town. Step back to the middle ages as you walk the cobbled streets admiring the gothic, renaissance and baroque architecture - \$110pp.

DAY 12 Wednesday 9 August 2017 Bamberg ~ (B,L,D)

This morning the opportunity to relax on board this morning as we cruise through the Main–Danube Canal, to Bamberg. Feel the magic of the past as we explore this UNESCO World Heritage city with your guide. Boasting one of Europe's largest intact medieval town centres, Bamberg is bursting with character and charm. At the town centre is the largest preserved old quarter in Europe. Around 2,400 listed buildings and the centuries-old garden quarter form a special cultural heritage. Admire hundreds of building façades richly decorated in fascinating detail with spectacular ornamentation.

DAY 13 Thursday 10 August 2017 Nuremberg ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll take a sightseeing tour of the historic city of Nuremberg. See the storybook 900-year-old ramparts, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. The city tour leads us to the major sights, from the early beginnings to the present. Alternatively, journey to the Nazi Party rally grounds, where rallies were held from 1933 until 1938 and take a self-guided tour of the WWII Documentation Centre. This evening we have the opportunity to enjoy an EU lecture.

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DAY 14 Friday 11 August 2017 Kelheim / Regensberg ~ (B,L,D)

This morning takes us through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Kelheim. Continue cruising along the Danube River to Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. On our guided walking tour we'll have the chance to see one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube. Tonight we enjoy a Bavarian band on board. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** *local Brauhaus excursion* -*\$95pp. Traditional Bavarian beer meets art and architecture. Includes tastings.*

DAY 15 Saturday 12 August 2017 Passau ~ (B,L,D)

Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome us to the beautiful city of Passau. On this morning's walking tour, stroll through the old town's narrow alleys and see the hilltop Oberhaus Fortress from the town below. Visit St Stephen's Cathedral, a wonderful example of baroque architecture and home to Europe's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. Return for lunch and an afternoon cruising along the Danube River. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** *enjoy a day tour to Salzburg, the home of 'The Sound of Music' and the birth place of Mozart; or Cesky Krumlov a UNESCO World Heritage site which has been preserved as an example of medieval life - \$165pp.*

DAY 16 Sunday 13 August 2017 Melk / Durnstein ~ (B,L,D)

Situated within Austria's wine–growing region, Melk is home to an imposing 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey which features Austria's finest Italian baroque architecture, with its ornate gold leaf walls, 640ft Imperial Corridor and fresco ceilings. Later our ship sails through the spectacular Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages of the Wachau wine region. This is the site of the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the crusades in the 12th century. **EMERALD ACTIVE:** *the opportunity to enjoy a guided biking tour along the Danube River.*

DAY 17 Monday 14 August 2017 Vienna ~ (B,L,D)

Welcome to Vienna, the "City of Waltzes". Today we explore Austria's capital beginning with a drive along the Ringstrasse, where we will see Vienna's world famous Opera House, Burgtheatre, Spanish Riding School, Town Hall, St Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Imperial Palace. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** *exclusive Viennese concert with music from Mozart and Strauss \$110pp and/or Schonbrunn Palace tour \$85pp.*

DAY 18 Tuesday 15 August 2017 Bratislava ~ (B,L,D)

Set on the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, embodies various cultures – primarily Celtic, Roman and Slavic. Today we'll enjoy a sightseeing tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Mirbach Palace and the Gothic Cathedral of St Martin. Our highlight will be a home hosted afternoon tea with a local Slovakian family. This evening the Captain will be delighted to welcome us to the Captain's Gala Dinner.

DAY 19 Wednesday 16 August 2017 Budapest ~ (B,L,D)

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Today we'll enjoy a guided tour of the city sights including the Royal Palace of Buda, hilltop castle complex and the Chain Bridge linking Buda and Pest. This evening the ship will take us for a gorgeous nighttime cruise along the Danube, passing under the city's numerous bridges, whilst enjoying a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner, complete with folk dancing and music. A magical way to end our Evergreen Cruise.

DAY 20 Thursday 17 August 2017 Budapest / Prague ~ (B)

After breakfast we journey by coach to Prague, one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Situated on the banks of the River Vltava in central Bohemia we'll enjoy a 3 night stay in Prague.

DAY 21 Friday 18 August 2017 Prague ~ (B,D)

This morning we explore the sights of the Old Town Square on a guided walking tour. We see Mozart's Theatre, Little Square and Astronomical Clock. We continue our tour and walk across the Charles Bridge spanning the River Vltava and full of portrait artists and small vendors, to board our coach to drive to the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle area. With our local guide we walk through Hradcany Square, for the spectacle of the Changing of the Guard. See the magnificent Loreta Monastery, and arrive at Hradcany Castle. Here we see Old Kings Palace, St George's Monastery, The National Gallery painting exhibition and Golden Lane (Golden Lane extra expense). This evening we'll experience a night of dancing and entertainment at a Czech Highlight Dinner in a local tavern.

DAY 22 Saturday 19 August 2017 Prague ~ (B)

Today your tour hostess and tour director is on hand to help plan your day's exploring. The baroque quarter of Mala Strana is a must see, as is Josefov, the Jewish quarter. You will no doubt return to the lively atmosphere around the Charles Bridge for another look or perhaps a visit to the world's most beautiful library. Tonight we'll get together at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner to celebrate great times shared with new friends. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** Blatná Castle - \$130pp. Castle Blatna is one of the most beautiful historical country houses in the Czech Republic. Meet the owner and afterwards enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** a night at the Ballet (additional cost - POA).

DAY 23 Sunday 20 August 2017 Prague ~ (B)

Another free day to explore Prague. We'll check out of our hotel midmorning and store our luggage for our mid-afternoon transfer to the airport to begin our flight home to Australia. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:** *Old Car City Sightseeing - see behind the scenes of Prague with a fancy car ride around the city - Approx EUR25.*

DAY 24 Monday 21 August 2017 Prague / Frankfurt / Singapore ~ (Meals Inflight)

Sit back, relax and reminise about great times shared with new friends. Enjoy the inflight entertainment and hospitality of Singapore Airlines.

DAY 25 Tuesday 22 August 2017 Welcome Home!

Welcome Home! Arriving into Melbourne early morning. *Thank you for travelling with Sisterhood Womens Travel and we look forward to welcoming you back for your next adventure!*

** This tour is operated in conjunction with Evergreen Tours and will involve shared sightseeing and transfers** ** All optional activity pricing is subject to change.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please read through our full terms and conditions for this tour which are found on page 4 of this document. It is a condition that upon booking this tour you have read and fully understood this important information. Minimum numbers are required to operate this tour. Travel Insurance is mandatory.

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Booking Conditions

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'. It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available

EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expeltion.

VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are: International 25% deposit within 7 days 35% deposit within 120 days Final Payment 90 days prior to departure Domestic 25% deposit within 7 days Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost. Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived. After Departure: No refund Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers

and may vary from tour to tour.

AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non- australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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