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There's good reason that the [river cruise](#) boom is moving full steam ahead into 2016: quite simply, unceasing market demand. Why are travelers so crazy about river cruising? For one, it sits at that coveted crossroads where travelers can cover maximum ground with minimum hassle. And, as opposed to traditional ocean cruises, which take you to a country's coastline, river cruises take you *through* a country's heartland, allowing for more destination-intensive immersion. Plus, long gone are the days where European rivers were pretty much the industry's sole domain: today, offerings on the rivers of Asia, South and North America, and beyond give travelers a spectrum of choices. For the new year, nearly all of the major river cruise lines are expanding with new riverboats and/or innovative itineraries—accordingly, here are our picks for the 10 most noteworthy ways to get rollin' on the river in 2016.

—*Elissa Garay*