

CRUISE WITH KIDS VACATIONS AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY SHIPS

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This is one of the world's largest river cruise companies operating more than 40 river cruises and barges with the added bonus of being very French — service and food are excellent. There's a friendly, multilingual staff, and shore excursions (included in rates) emphasize expert guided tours of local arts and history. CroisiEurope, while new to Americans, is very popular among European families because it's the only river cruise where children under 2 travel free and children under 10 travel at a discount.

What's New: Special Family Cruises in the summer months sail in Portugal, Italy, and Croatia, where children 16 and under travel free or half-priced. Multigenerational groups and groups of friends may prefer the privacy of one of their elegant, crewed barges which ply the canals through the gorgeous French countryside. Both options are very good value and you can see in our review of a [CroisiEurope cruise](#).

For Kids: CroisiEurope features river cruises with cycling shore excursions for families who like to actively explore together and, with such superb cuisine, you won't have to feel guilty about sampling everything.

For Teens: Tweens and teens with a cultural bent or an interest in practicing their French will love this river cruise. Look for itineraries offering hiking, biking and other off-beat shore tours for more adventurous travelers.

Around the Ship: CroisiEurope is the global leader in river cruiser building, so their vessels are extremely comfortable and able to navigate in unusual waters. There's always a main restaurant, bar, lounges, library and roof deck space for sightseeing. Each ship is unique and designed for the smallest harbors at the destination, with easy access that's ideal for family elders. Don't expect constant activities or kids clubs because the focus is on the destinations and local culture.