

Our Best River Cruise Videos From 2017

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Few things tell a story like video, and in 2017, we produced more than half a dozen videos featuring river cruises in Europe. The intent of these river cruise videos was to capture the experience in order to help you make better informed decisions about your own river cruises. By showing you what it's like to cruise the Douro, the Rhine, the Rhone, the Seine and more, hopefully you can decide which river you want to tackle next.

The Moselle On Avalon Waterways



I cruised Avalon Waterways in the spring of 2017 and loved three things in particular:

1. The large window that opened in my stateroom to create a huge open-air balcony. I called it Europe in HD.
2. Avalon Fresh, a new dining program that includes really good Vegetarian and Vegan options, as well as healthy breakfast items.
3. Active Discovery, a new program that immerses you into the destinations through active tours, such as walking and bicycling, and cultural immersion. See [On Avalon Waterways In Amsterdam: Channeling Our Inner Van Gogh](#)

I also came to appreciate Avalon's so-called "Suite Ships." Staterooms are large by industry standards. The top two decks have 200- and 300-square-foot suites with beds facing the sliding glass wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling windows. The lower deck has 172-square-foot staterooms with windows that don't open and smaller bathrooms than in staterooms a deck above. To see the staterooms on Avalon, click on [From Amsterdam To Paris On An Avalon Waterways](#).

The Rhine On Viking River Cruises



Viking strives to provide "affordable luxury." To give you just one example of what Viking means by "affordable luxury," the bathroom floors in your stateroom are heated. There are little touches like the heated bathroom floors all throughout Viking's Longships, such as leather-encased hand-railings on the stairwells and more. Viking's Longships are some of the most beautiful ships afloat. I cruised the Rhine on Viking Hlin in May of 2017. Check out these posts:

1. [What I Learned About Viking River Cruises While Cruising The Rhine](#)
2. [Q&A From My Viking River Cruises Rhine Getaway Cruise](#)
3. [Viking River Cruises: Rhine Getaway Excursions, My Favorites](#)

The Rhone On AmaWaterways



A Rhone river cruise serves up the very best of France. From gorgeous wine-producing countryside to storied cities to UNESCO World Heritage sites and well-preserved vestiges of Roman occupation, a river cruise along the Rhone mixes France's heritage and history with the country's ever-present charm and beauty.

I cruised the Rhone with AmaWaterways in the spring of 2017. I particularly enjoyed AmaWaterways' friendly service and refined ambience as well as its excursions. See [Rhone River Excursions On AmaWaterways](#), and check out our two videos featuring the Rhone on AmaWaterways.



The Seine On AmaWaterways



The Normandy region is renowned for its beauty, its palatable flavors, its gorgeous countryside and the D-Day Landing Beaches. Bookended by Paris, a cruise along the Seine speaks to the sublime pleasures of exploring a narrow ribbon of river that inspired a handful of French Impressionists and that continues to inspire Francophiles today. I cruised the Seine in August of 2017 on AmaWaterways. Check out our videos.



Petit-Seine & Yonne Rivers On CroisiEurope



Watch the recap of my September 2017 barge trip along France's Petit-Seine & Yonne rivers on CroisiEurope's Raymonde.

Want to cruise with me next year?

This year, I'll be back on the barge. Beginning on September 14, 2018, CroisiEurope's Anne-Marie, a 22-person luxury hotel barge, will take us from Sete to Arles. This **all-inclusive voyage** spans six days, ending on September 20 in Arles. This trip was so good the first time that I did it that I had to do it again. Learn more and reserve your space now: [Cruise With Me: Barging From Sete To Arles](#)

The Douro On Emerald Waterways

The Douro is one of my favorite cruising regions. In November 2017, I cruised the Douro with Emerald Waterways. Check out the beautiful inspirational video below.



With more than 20 ships operating Douro River Cruises, your choices are abundant. Why choose Emerald Waterways? After spending eight days on the new Emerald Radiance, I identified six ways that the company differentiates itself from its competitors on the Douro. Check out the video below and see [Douro River Cruises: Six Reasons To Choose Emerald Waterways](#)



Bonus Video, Surfing The Mascaret

Bordeaux is a beautiful cruising region and unusual for European river cruises in several ways. First, the city of Bordeaux serves as a hub, with the destinations spoked out along (also unusual) three waterways, the Dordogne and Garonne rivers, and the Gironde estuary.

Second, tidal fluctuations impose strict timetables on ships, and the region is subject to an unusual natural phenomenon, the *Mascaret*, a strong tidal "bore" that causes waves sometimes large enough for surfing.

I cruised Bordeaux in July of 2018. Check out an incredible moment during the Mascaret ...

