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**Scenic's New Freechoice Excursions for 2023**  
**Are Sure to Excite New and Returning Scenic Guests**

*Booking by Mar. 31, 2023 enjoy savings of up to \$1,500 per couple; Paying in full brings more rewards.*

Hollywood, FL - January 2023 – [Scenic Luxury Cruises and Tours](#) has introduced a selection of new Scenic [Freechoice](#) shore excursions for their 2023 season of European river cruises. These 'off the boat' experiences invite guests to explore historical places, sample delicious delicacies, and take in the local cultures and wildlife. New bookings made by March 31, 2023 receive savings of up to \$1,500 per cabin and paying in full within 72 hours of booking opens a menu of savings choices: free or two-for-one airfare, depending on itinerary length; or a free or two-for-one multi-day land extension; or up to an additional \$2,000 per couple savings on sailings of eight days or longer.

A sampling of new shore excursions include:

**A visit to 'The Versailles of Holland' in Nijmegen**

The 15-day [Romantic Rhine & Moselle](#) voyage sails between Amsterdam and Basel, offering picturesque scenery and romantic experiences through Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. This extensive voyage through Central Europe now features a visit to the incredible 17<sup>th</sup>-century [Het Loo Palace](#) in Nijmegen. Built in the Dutch Baroque style, the palace was home to William III and remained a royal summer residence right up until 1962. It is famed for its symmetry and has been dubbed the 'Versailles of Holland'. Prices for this 15-day voyage start at \$7,895 per person, double.

**Spotting eagles in the wetlands of Croatia**

Exploring the reaches of Eastern Europe's rivers, the nine-day [Black Sea Explorer](#) sails between Budapest and Bucharest on the historically rich Danube River. Guests can now discover the [Kopacki Rit Nature Park](#) by boat in Osijek. Home to more than 260 species of bird, of which

140 nest permanently or temporarily in the Park, the incredibly preserved wetlands host the great white egret, white stork, black stork, white-tailed eagle, and Eurasian coot. Prices for this nine-day voyage start from \$4,995.

### **Learning local recipes in rural France**

The 11-day [Spectacular South of France](#) cruise sails roundtrip from Lyon, down the rivers of the Saône and the Rhône to the Mediterranean Sea. On this beautiful voyage through France's southern towns and cities, guests can now experience the 'Ancestry of the Kitchen' excursion, with a visit to a family run olive farm, followed by a cooking class where the host divulges local recipes. Alternatively, guests can choose to visit the charming medieval hilltop village of Les Baux. Prices for this voyage start at \$7,045.

### **A bird's eye view of the Rhine Valley and Niederwald monument**

Sailing from Amsterdam to Budapest, Scenic's 15-day [Jewels of Europe](#) voyage travels along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, porting at a selection of Europe's most iconic cities along the way. New to this cruise, the [Winzerexpress](#) mini train in Rudesheim has been added, transporting guests to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, where they learn about the more than 350 musical instruments on display, before hopping onto a cable car ride to the impressive Niederwald Monument which marks the 19<sup>th</sup>-century unification of Germany. Fares start at \$7,795.

### **Truffle hunting on the banks of the Rhône**

The eight-Day [Idyllic Rhône](#) cruise voyages from Lyon to Marseille, taking in the spirit of Southern France along the way. Now for the first time, Scenic's guests can visit the beautiful provincial town of Grignan in Viviers and take in a truffle nursery. Guests can learn how the exquisite (and expensive) funghi are produced, while being educated on their many uses. Prices for this eight-day voyage start at \$5,295.

All Scenic river cruises are truly all-inclusive, meaning guests can leave their wallet in a safe place and relax, knowing everything is taken care of. Flights, transfers, fine dining experiences, premium branded beverages and once in-a-lifetime immersive excursions are all included in the fare paid.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 37-year history to include award-winning river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land journeys that take guests to many of the world's most fascinating destinations. Since 2008, Scenic has set the benchmark for truly all-inclusive, luxury five-star river cruises in Europe and Southeast Asia as well as luxury cruises on Egypt's Nile on board a private luxury charter. In 2019, Scenic introduced *Scenic Eclipse*, The World's First Discovery Yacht™, a 228-guest ultra-luxury ship, and plans to deliver a second yacht, *Scenic Eclipse II*, in 2023. Scenic is part of Scenic Group, which includes Emerald Cruises, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours.

Scenic can be found on Twitter at @ScenicLuxury, on Facebook as @ScenicCruises and on Instagram as @Scenic.luxurycruisestours.

Additional information on these and other cruises, brochures and reservations can be obtained via travel advisors; or in the USA: [www.scenicusa.com](http://www.scenicusa.com), phone (844) 788-7985, [info@scenicusa.com](mailto:info@scenicusa.com). Brochures can also be downloaded directly from the websites.

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