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River cruising has long been an excellent way to explore Europe. You simply unpack once, and then visit a different destination on the river each day. Instead of spending time traveling to your next destination or finding a hotel, you have leisurely hours to explore towns and villages along the way.

[Adventures by Disney](#) brings that unique river cruising experience to families on kid-friendly sailings with AmaWaterways along the Danube, Seine, and Rhine Rivers. Combining the luxury and convenience of a river cruise with the magic of Disney creates a memorable family vacation. Biking along the Danube, cruising the canals of Amsterdam, and riding a toboggan through the Black Forest are just a few things that families can experience.

It is recommended that children be at least 8 years old at time of travel; however, children ages 4 and up are welcome onboard. This is based on several factors, including jet lag, time zone differences, extended hours, and the level of physical activity often required on excursions.

Although, sailing with Adventures by Disney isn't just for kids. There are several adults-only river cruises available for guests who want to experience wine tastings or Oktoberfest-inspired activities.

While most Adventures by Disney river cruises take place in the summer, the ever-popular Christmas Markets cruises along the Danube are offered in December. With the ship decked out, you'll have a front row seat to the holiday lights from your balcony. This is a magical time in small towns and cities of Germany, Austria, and Hungary. One of the highlights is, not only visiting the famous Salzburg Christmas Market, but also seeing the medieval Mondsee Abbey—the church featured in *The Sound of Music*.

Experience something new

Adventures by Disney river cruises are an excellent way to introduce kids to the world, from new cultures and traditions to rich history and classic art. At each stop, you can choose the excursion that is right for you and your family.

Kids who like horseback riding can take a private horseback riding tour along the scenic trails of the Champ du Feu in France or meet real Hungarian cowboys in Budapest. Families can soak in Mother Nature while hiking to Germany's highest waterfalls or climb

the famous Tree Path Kopfung. Those who like to create things in the kitchen can take in a strudel-making demonstration in Vienna.

History comes to life through signature Disney storytelling during immersive historical tours to Dürnstein Castle, the Rembrandt House and Normandy's Omaha Beach. These are just a few exciting ways that children—and their parents—can experience European destinations in an authentic way.

A river of luxury

While large cruise ships can feel like floating cities, river cruise ships feel more like a floating hotel. Fewer passenger numbers mean guests often get to know each other. This is especially fun for children, who often make new friends on the cruise. Onboard, staterooms work well for families of all sizes. Newer ships even have connecting staterooms, offering triple, and quadruple, occupancy. Dining together is an important part of any family vacation, and AmaWaterways provides their award-winning cuisine, as well as kid-friendly staples like burgers, fries, and pastas.

“We’re seeing an increase in the number of multi-generational families on board,” says Kristin Karst, executive vice president and co-owner of AmaWaterways. “Guests really appreciate the wide choice of tours offered that meet the needs of all three generations—from gentle, regular and active walkers to more challenging hiking and biking tours. Teens seem to appreciate our specially designed activities, late-riser tours, freedom to explore on their own, and, of course, free Wi-Fi onboard.”

Everything's included

Adventures by Disney river cruises are all-inclusive, with meals, drinks, and excursions included. Every cruise has up to eight Adventure Guides who serve as hosts in each destination and on board. English-speaking adventure guides at each port provide a variety of experiences for the whole family, allowing you to engage with the people, cultures, and traditions you'll encounter along the way.

New in 2020

Starting in 2020, Adventures by Disney will offer river cruises on the Rhone River through southern France, including the scenic region of Provence. Stops include Lyon, Tournon, Avignon and Arles, with authentic experiences at every destination. Families that want to see more of Europe, can add three-day, two-night stays in Paris, Amsterdam, and Budapest before or after their river cruise. These guided group itineraries led by two Adventure Guides highlight each destination's top attractions, as well as some unexpected gems.

River cruising is one of the most relaxing ways to explore Europe—that’s especially true when it comes to cruising with kids. [Adventures by Disney](#) has removed many of the hassles of family travel, leaving time to create precious memories that can be treasured for years to come.

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