



MS OSCAR WILDE · RHINE CRUISE TO SWITZERLAND · DEPARTING 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

## An important update: an exciting new ship, and a new route

Low water on the upper Rhine means we cannot reach Switzerland, so rather than cancel your holiday we have moved you onto our brand new MS Riviera Resplendence, sailing our Holland and Belgium cruise across the same eight days. Switzerland, Strasbourg and the Rhine Gorge are not part of it. In their place: a guided tour of Cologne, an overnight in Amsterdam to see the city at night and a full day in Bruges.

### THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team check the gauges and the weather every day, and judge what they mean for your ship rather than the river in general. Downstream is a different river: the lower Rhine carries far more water and much of your route is lock controlled, so levels are managed rather than left to the weather. It is the best plan we can give you rather than a promise, and your Cruise Director will tell you if anything changes.

### YOUR NEW SHIP, AND WHERE YOU JOIN HER

MS Riviera Resplendence entered service on 4th July 2026: 178 guests, three restaurants and a split-level design that opens up the views. You join her in Düsseldorf, moored overnight in the city.

<https://www.rivieratravel.co.uk/ships/riviera-resplendence>

### YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

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| Day 1 | Join your new ship in Düsseldorf, moored overnight in the city.                    |
| Day 2 | A guided tour of Cologne in the morning, then Düsseldorf at leisure.               |
| Day 3 | Amsterdam: a canal cruise past the gabled merchant houses, then overnight in port. |
| Day 4 | Kinderdijk: nineteen working windmills along the canal banks, UNESCO listed.       |
| Day 5 | Ghent on a guided walk, or a full day in Bruges: the Markt and the Belfry.         |
| Day 6 | Antwerp: the Grote Markt, its guildhouses and the Brabo Fountain.                  |
| Day 7 | Nijmegen, then Oosterbeek: the British headquarters and Commonwealth cemetery.     |
| Day 8 | Disembark in Düsseldorf after breakfast and travel home.                           |

*We offer many of these destinations on our other itineraries, which you can view on the link below:*

[Holland & Belgium: Amsterdam, Antwerp & Medieval Flanders | Riviera Travel](#)

*We are rearranging your flights from the UK. On the Bruges day we give you £25 per person for lunch.*

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

We would love you to travel with us, and if you do there is something extra by way of a gesture and compensation from us.

**Travel, and take a voucher.** A future travel voucher worth 75% of your cruise price, valid for six months from issue.

**Travel, and take cash and a voucher.** A 15% cash refund now, plus a 30% voucher, same six month terms.

**Move to next year.** The same cruise in 2027, at the 2026 price.

**Or cancel.** We will refund what you have paid.

### YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Your Cruise Director and Cruise Host are aboard throughout. Everything you booked is unchanged: exceptional dining, all inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences.

For the latest on river conditions and our 5-point promise:

[rivieratravel.com/update](https://www.rivieratravel.com/update)

*Any questions at all, please do call us.*