

# *Three Rivers Rhine Cruise Tour*

## *with Keukenhof's Tulip Spectacle*

### *14-26 April 2026*

Join us on our thirteen-day **Three Rivers Rhine Cruise Tour** aboard the **MS Lisabelle**. All meals and much more are included. Unpack just once and enjoy a luxurious cruise experience!

One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to the annual Keukenhof Tulip Spectacle.

The special group rate is **R52,990 per person**, which includes five land excursions valued at R6,500.

#### Itinerary

##### **Day 1: Tuesday, 14 April CAPE TOWN / JOHANNESBURG →**

The big day has finally arrived! We depart in the evening from Cape Town and Johannesburg to **Europe**. Overnight flight with dinner on board.

##### **Day 2: Wednesday, 15 April – AMSTERDAM → UTRECHT**

After landing in **Amsterdam**, we travel by bus to the **MS Lisabelle**. On our way to Utrecht (approximately 45 km from Amsterdam), we make a stop in the heart of Amsterdam to experience a glimpse of this extraordinary city.

Upon arrival in **Utrecht**, the captain and crew of the MS Lisabelle will warmly welcome us on board with a drink. This evening, we enjoy a special five-course welcome dinner!



***We board the MS Lisabelle for our eleven-day Three Rivers Rhine Cruise!***

##### **Day 3: Thursday, 16 April UTRECHT → KEUKENHOF → UTRECHT →**

After a delicious buffet breakfast, we depart by bus at **08:00** for **Keukenhof** (entrance fees included) to explore this tulip wonderland. Keukenhof is the largest flower garden in the world, boasting nearly seven million flowers. We have a few hours to take in the breathtaking tulip spectacle before returning to the MS Lisabelle.

At **15:00**, our Rhine cruise officially begins as we set sail from Utrecht! Sit back and relax in your cabin, the cozy lounge, or on the upper deck, and enjoy the stunning landscapes as we cruise along.



***Utrecht*** is the fourth-largest city in the Netherlands



***Keukenhof*** covers an area of 32 hectares.



**Day 4: Friday, 17 April → COLOGNE →**

**13:00** Our ship arrives in **Cologne**, Germany.

**14:00** We depart by bus for a walking tour of this beautiful city, led by a local English-speaking guide (one Kölsch beer per person included!). A highlight of the tour is the Cologne Cathedral (Kölner Dom), the tallest twin-spired church in the world. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a bottle of "4711", the original Eau de Cologne!

**23:00** Our ship departs from Cologne.

**Day 5: Saturday, 18 April → RÜDESHEIM →**

After breakfast, one of the tour's highlights awaits:

A spectacular morning cruising through the dramatic RHINE GORGE, the most scenic stretch of the river. Here, ancient castles perch on towering 400-foot cliffs, standing guard over the Rhine. We pass the legendary Rock of Lorelei, where echoes of an enchanted siren's song were said to lure unsuspecting sailors to their fate.

**11:30** We sail past the Lorelei Rock, admiring the fairytale castles dotting the Rhine's hillsides.

**14:00** Arrival in Rudesheim, where we have free time to explore this charming town on foot.

Rudesheim is a typical Rhine Valley wine town. Wander along the narrow, cobblestone Drösselgasse, where colorful flowers, open-air wine gardens, and live music create a festive atmosphere. It's the perfect place to pick up a souvenir!

**23:00** Our ship departs from Rudesheim.



*Rhine river bend by the Lorelei cliff*



*Explore Rudesheim's charming and historic streets.*

**Day 6: Sunday, 19 April → MAINZ → FRANKFURT →**

**02:00** Arrival in **Mainz**.

After breakfast, enjoy free time to explore the authentic Old Town.

Strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers, **Mainz** has roots dating back to 38 BC. The Altstadt (Old Town) is filled with intriguing shops and features the whimsical Fastnachtsbrunnen (Carnival Fountain) on Schillerplatz. Mainz is also the birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg, the father of modern printing, and there is an opportunity to visit the fascinating Gutenberg Museum.

**13:00** Optional five-hour excursion to **Frankfurt** by bus with a local tour guide (R1,460 per person).

Frankfurt is located approximately 40 km northeast of Mainz. In the heart of the city, we visit Römerberg, the oldest town square, home to beautiful 14th-century buildings. Highlights include the historic town hall, Römer, which dates back to the 15th century.

**13:30** Our ship departs from **Mainz**.

**18:30** The group that participated in the optional Frankfurt tour is picked up and rejoins the cruise.



*Explore Mainz's Altstadt (Old Town)*



*The fascinating Wertheim in Germany.*



**Day 7: Monday, 20 April → WERTHEIM →**

- 11:30** Our ship arrives in **Wertheim**, and we have free time to explore this interesting town on foot. *Wertheim is a town in southwestern Germany, in the state of Baden-Württemberg, with a population of around 23,400. Located at the confluence of the Tauber and Main Rivers, Wertheim is best known for its landmark castle and medieval town center.*
- 17:30** Our ship departs from Wertheim.

**Day 8: Tuesday, 21 April → WÜRZBURG →**

- 07:30** Our ship arrives in **Würzburg**.
- 08:30** We depart by bus to the Residence Palace, where we enjoy a guided walking tour of this impressive palace (entrance fees included). Afterward, we will take a city tour with a local guide.
- 12:30** Our ship departs, continuing our journey through the German countryside.

**Day 9: Wednesday, 22 April → BAMBERG →**

- 08:30** Arrival in **Bamberg**.  
After breakfast, we depart by bus for a walking tour of the city center, guided by a local tour guide. *Known for its symphony orchestra and distinctive smoked beer (Rauchbier), this medieval city boasts narrow, winding streets lined with Baroque patrician houses. The Old Town, the 11th-century cathedral, and the Bamberg Reiter statue were declared a World Heritage Site in 1993. One of the most impressive sights is the Old Town Hall (Rathaus), which sits on a twin-arched bridge over the river.*
- 16:30** Our ship departs from Bamberg.



*Nuremberg se kenmerkende boustyl*



*Passau langs die Donau-rivier*

**Dag 10: Donderdag, 23 April → NUREMBERG →**

- Terwyl ons slaap, arriveer ons om **04:30** in **Nuremberg**, die tweede grootste stad in Bavaria. Na ontbyt vertrek ons per bus, met 'n plaaslike toergids, op 'n stadstoer om die hoogtepunte van Nuremberg te sien. *Half-timbered houses, cobble streets, Gothic churches and grand gateways are all part of the architectural heritage of Nuremberg, as is the almost intact 5km city wall with its 80 defense watchtowers. Did you know, Peter Henlein invented the world's first pocket watch in Nuremberg in 1510, and the world's first globe was also made here.*

**14:00** Ons boot vertrek verder op die Main-rivier deur die Bavariese woud na die Main-Donau-kanaal. Ons verlaat dan die Main-rivier deur die kanaal om verder op die Donau-rivier te vaar.

**Dag 11: Vrydag, 24 April → REGENSBURG →**

- 08:00** Ons arriveer in **Regensburg** en het vrye tyd om hierdie stad, wat ouer as 2 000 jaar is, te verken. *Founded by Marcus Aurelius over 2 000 years ago, Regensburg is one of the best-preserved of all European medieval cities, having escaped the bombing of World War II. It is the oldest city on the entire length of the Danube. The city's 12<sup>th</sup>- to 14<sup>th</sup>-century Patricians' Houses are architecturally fascinating. Don't miss the ancient Stone Bridge, cathedral and Neupfarrplatz, the heart of the city.*
- 16:00** Ons boot vertrek vanaf **Regensburg**. Vanaand sit ons aan by die *Captain's Gala Farewell dinner*, met 'n spesiale opgegradeerde vyfgang-maaltyd.

**Day 10: Thursday, 23 April → NUREMBERG**

- While we sleep, we arrive at **04:30** in **Nuremberg**, the second-largest city in Bavaria. After breakfast, we depart by bus, with a local tour guide, for a city tour to see the highlights of Nuremberg. *Half-timbered houses, cobble streets, Gothic churches, and grand gateways are all part of the architectural heritage of Nuremberg, along with the nearly intact 5km city wall with its 80 defense watchtowers. Did you know, Peter Henlein invented the world's first pocket watch in Nuremberg in 1510, and the world's first globe was also made here.*
- 14:00** Our boat departs further on the Main River through the Bavarian Forest towards the Main-Danube Canal. We then leave the Main River through the canal to continue cruising on the Danube River.

### **Day 11: Friday, 24 April → REGENSBURG**

**08:00** We arrive in Regensburg and have free time to explore this city, which is over 2,000 years old. Founded by Marcus Aurelius over 2,000 years ago, Regensburg is one of the best-preserved European medieval cities, having escaped the bombings of World War II. It is the oldest city along the entire length of the Danube. The city's 12th to 14th-century Patricians' Houses are architecturally fascinating. Don't miss the ancient Stone Bridge, the cathedral, and Neupfarplatz, the heart of the city.

**16:00** Our boat departs from Regensburg. This evening, we gather for the Captain's Gala Farewell dinner, with a special upgraded five-course meal.

### **Day 12: Saturday, 25 April → PASSAU → MUNICH**

**05:00** We arrive in **Passau**.

*Passau is located at the confluence of three rivers: the Danube, Ilz, and Inn. The city has been a bishopric for 1,200 years. St. Stephen's magnificent Baroque-style cathedral houses the world's largest cathedral organ, which has 17,774 pipes! Liszt wrote his Hungarian Coronation Mass for this cathedral in 1857.*

After a final delicious breakfast, we have a few more hours to enjoy Passau. Then, it's time to say goodbye to the **MS Lisabelle** and depart for Munich Airport for our return flight to South Africa. On our way to the airport, we'll visit Munich's famous Marienplatz, with its Glockenspiel, located in the heart of this Bavarian capital. This evening, dinner will be served on our flight.

### **Day 13: Sunday, 26 April → JOHANNESBURG / CAPE TOWN**

Early morning, breakfast will be served on our flight. After an unforgettable **Drie Riviere River Cruise tour**, we land in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

**The Dalai Lama has said on occasion:**

***“Once a year go someplace you’ve never been before.”***

### **INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:**

- ✓ International flights in economy class to and from Johannesburg. An additional cost of **R1,850** applies for the return flight to and from Cape Town.
- ✓ Airport taxes and fuel surcharges for all flights.
- ✓ Ten nights on the Three Rivers Rhine Cruise aboard the **MS Lisabelle**.
- ✓ All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) on board the **MS Lisabelle**.
- ✓ 24-hour coffee/tea station in the lounge.
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi in cabins and all public areas on the ship.
- ✓ Luxury L'Occitane-en-Provence (or similar) bathroom products in all cabins.
- ✓ Welcome and farewell events with wine and juice.
- ✓ A variety of international TV channels via satellite in all cabins.
- ✓ Luxury bus transport as indicated in the itinerary, with all parking and toll fees.
- ✓ Five land excursions (worth R6,500) with local English-speaking tour guides and entrance fees where necessary for visits to Keukenhof, and in Cologne, Würzburg, Bamberg, and Nuremberg.
- ✓ All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary.
- ✓ The services of experienced tour leaders throughout the journey.







*Aboard the well-appointed MS Lisabelle.*

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The tour cost of **R52,990** is based on airfare and land arrangement costs as of March 2025. It is based on an exchange rate of €1 = R20 and is subject to changes in the exchange rate.
- Visa costs of approximately **R1,800** for a German Schengen visa, as well as about **R500** for handling fees at the visa application center, are not included in the tour cost. We will assist with all Schengen visa applications and provide the necessary documents to everyone.
- The supplement for those wishing to book a single cabin is available on request.
- Tour members can already book their preferred cabins when making the booking.
- Tour members can upgrade from a cabin on the main deck to a cabin on the middle deck or upper deck. The costs range from R2,260 to R4,980 per person sharing a cabin for the eleven-day cruise. See the graphic breakdown of the different decks and cabin costs below.
- Reasonable and comprehensive group travel insurance from **TIC Europ Assistance** is available for all tour members under the age of 76 years at **R460** for the thirteen days (for those over 75 years, an additional charge applies).
- Mandatory service fees of **R1,680** per person for the cruise are not included in the tour cost.
- A deposit of **R8,000** must be paid as soon as possible to secure a spot on the tour.
- A second deposit of **R7,000**, required by the cruise company, must be paid by **31 October 2025**.
- The balance of the tour cost must be settled by **10 January 2026**.
- Credit card payments are unfortunately not accepted.

### **HOW TO BOOK:**

Complete the **booking form** and **disclaimer form** as soon as possible and email them to [info@vandyktours.co.za](mailto:info@vandyktours.co.za). Deposits must be paid into (or transferred to) the following account:

**Nedbank:** 119 1533 964

**Branch:** George

**Branch Code:** 198 765

**Account Holder:** Van Dyk Travel

**Account Type:** Current/Business

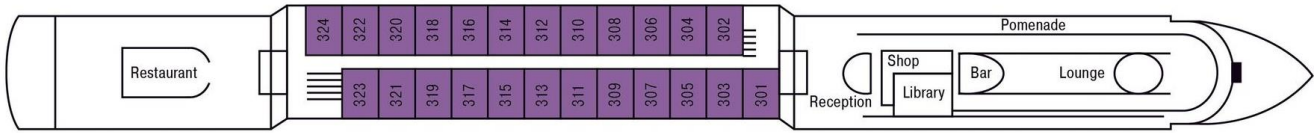
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For any further inquiries, please contact the tour leaders, **Gerhard** or **Renhard van Dyk**:

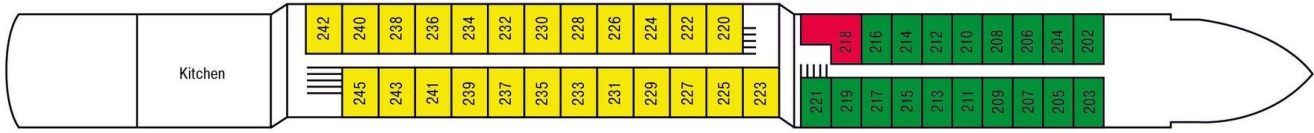
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# MS LISABELLE

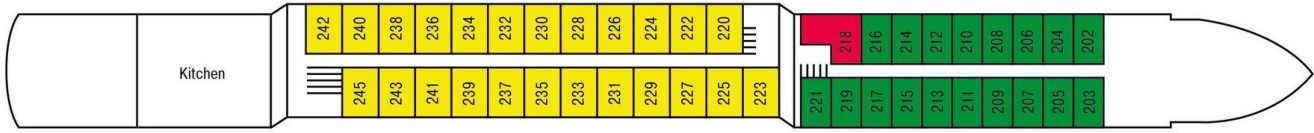
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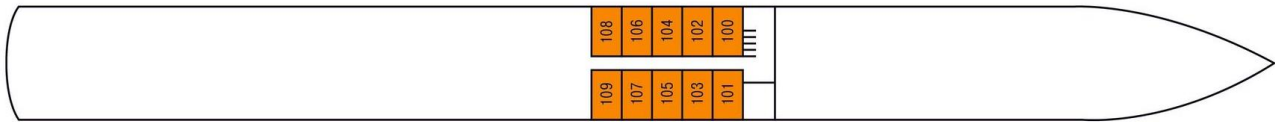
## Middle deck



## Middle Front deck



## Main deck



Standard cabin  
Main Deck



Standard cabin  
Middle Front Deck



Deluxe cabin  
Middle Front Deck



Deluxe cabin  
Middle Deck



Deluxe cabin  
Upper Deck



### Cabin Booking Details for MS Lisabelle:

Cabin numbers 100-109 on the **Main Deck**: No additional charge.

Cabin numbers 202-217, 219 & 221 on the **Middle Deck** (with larger panoramic windows than those on the main deck): Additional charge of **R2,260** per person.

Cabin numbers 220, 222-245 on the **Middle Deck** (with **floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass doors and a French balcony**): Additional charge of **R3,590** per person.

Cabin numbers 301-324 on the **Upper Deck** (with floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass doors and a French balcony): Additional charge of **R4,980** per person.

Tour members can book their preferred cabin number (from available cabins) upon request.

