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## Ocean Cruising vs. River Cruising

*What are the biggest differences—and which one's right for you?*

Category	 Ocean Cruising	 River Cruising
<b>Ship Size</b>	Large ships (2,000–6,000+ passengers)	Small ships (100–200 passengers)
<b>Destinations</b>	Islands, coastal cities, international oceans	Inland cities, riverside villages, historic towns
<b>Excursions</b>	Optional, wide variety, sometimes extra cost	Often <b>included</b> and more culturally focused
<b>Entertainment</b>	Broadway-style shows, casinos, clubs, games	Local music, lectures, cooking demos—more intimate
<b>Motion/Smoothness</b>	Possible seasickness during rough weather	Very smooth—little to no motion
<b>Atmosphere</b>	Resort-style: bustling, fun, multi-generational	Elegant, relaxed, more adult-oriented
<b>Dress Code</b>	Varies—casual to formal nights	Mostly casual with some smart casual evenings
<b>Dining</b>	Multiple restaurants, buffets, room service	Fewer dining venues, often open seating, local flavors
<b>Cost Structure</b>	Base fare + optional add-ons	Often <b>more all-inclusive</b> (tours, wine, gratuities)
<b>Best For</b>	Families, couples, adventure seekers	Mature travelers, cultural explorers, river lovers
<b>Port Access</b>	Big-name cities & tropical ports	Dock <b>in the heart of towns</b> (Vienna, Amsterdam, etc.)
<b>Time in Port</b>	Short (6–10 hours typical)	Often <b>longer or overnight</b> stays

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