

Know Before You Go – River & Small Ship Cruising

River & small ship cruising has gained in popularity for many good reasons. It's a relaxing and convenient way to experience world-wide attractions while enjoying the comfort of a luxurious vessel. However, please note that small ship cruising carries with it certain risks associated with water and weather conditions. While most of the time these sailings operate exactly as planned, unforeseen weather conditions may result in high or low water levels which impact a ship's itinerary and, on occasion, render a ship unable to sail at all. Other events such as heavy winds, fog, a damaged lock or dock, or an incapacitated vessel blocking the waterway (traffic jam), may affect a sailing. These events typically occur with little or no advance notice.

In the very rare occasion that a cruise is partially or completely impacted, we and our ground handlers will do everything in our power to honor the original itinerary by utilizing deluxe motor coaches, accompanied by Tour Directors, with overnights in hotels. The itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, based on the travel time and distances required, as well as all promised meals. While we understand that using buses and hotels cannot recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailing on board a ship, we will endeavor to provide a similar itinerary and we alone will bear ALL the additional costs at our expense. For more detailed information on our liability please read our [Terms & Conditions and our Force Majeure clause](#) contained therein. Your payment for a cruise will assume that you have read and agree to **all** of our terms as outlined. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!