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**EXPLORE QUAIN TOWNS OF EUROPE
ON AN UNFORGETTABLE RIVER CRUISE**

CRANSTON, R.I., Jan. 4, 2006 - Travelers looking for a unique way to explore the European countryside should consider taking to the water.

Traversing the waterways of Europe – primarily the Rhine, Danube and Volga rivers – on a cruise provides an unforgettable experience for even the most seasoned voyagers.

CruiseBrothers.com, one of the largest family-owned cruise travel agencies in the country, has seen growing interest in European river cruises.

The 7-21 day sailings most often attract veteran cruisers, older travelers and people interested in visiting European castles, cathedrals and picturesque towns and villages. The specially designed river ships only hold 140-160 people, providing a more intimate travel experience than your typical cruise.

“Most people aren’t aware that such European river cruises are even available but, when we tell them about these trips, they say that is exactly what they are looking for,” said Dee Lemme, European cruise specialist at CruiseBrothers.com. “It’s a great alternative to a land-based European vacation.”

Unlike traditional cruises, the ships cruising European rivers do not travel at night, providing guests the opportunity to enjoy plenty of evening activities in the quaint ports on the river routes.

In addition to onboard accommodations and dining, river cruise packages also feature a variety of shore excursions, including walking, biking and bus tours of the European river ports.

Most, if not all, crew members on the river ships speak fluent English. Guest lecturers teach foreign languages to cruise travelers and other speakers highlight the history of the region during the cruises. Another highlight of each cruise is the nightly sampling of various local wines.

“There’s no better way to experience Europe than on one of these cruises, especially for travelers who want to see more than just the largest cities,” Lemme

said. "It's also very affordable when you consider most of your expenses are covered and there are minimal port charges."

2006 European itineraries include, among others:

- **Tulip Time Cruise** – Guests cruise through Holland and Belgium in the spring (9 days).
- **Legendary Danube Cruise** – Guests spend three nights in Prague, then travel by ship from Nuremberg to Budapest (12 days).
- **Europe's Heartland Cruise** – Guests spend three nights in Paris, a seven-night cruise from Luxembourg to Nuremberg, plus two nights in Prague (14 days).
- **Blue Danube Discover Cruise** – Guests spend two nights in Budapest, enjoy an unforgettable seven-night cruise then spend three nights in Prague (14 days).
- **Magnificent Europe Cruise** – Guests enjoy a spectacular cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest through the heart of Europe and across the continental divide (16 days).
- **Ultimate River Cruise** – Guests spend three nights in Paris, then a stunning cruise from Trier to Budapest (21 days).
- **Christmas Time Cruise** – Guests enjoy two nights in Prague, and then experience the Christmas festivities between Nuremberg and Vienna (11 days).
- **Russian Waterways Cruise** – Guests travel from Moscow to St. Petersburg (14 days).

For current pricing on any of these European river cruises and others, travelers should contact CruiseBrothers.com.

CruiseBrothers.com, located in Providence, R.I., has been in business for more than 30 years and recently celebrated its 500,000th cruise booking. They are a top producer for Princess Cruises and many other lines. The travel agency has been recognized by MSNBC and travel expert Arthur Frommer as a top “Web Player” in the cruise vacation category.

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