



RIVER CRUISES

35
YEARS
of
exceptional
experiences
est. 1984

DISCOVER OUR 2019/2020
RIVER CRUISE COLLECTION



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“ The cruise director was charming and very efficient. All staff on board were friendly, polite and helpful; they couldn't do enough for us. ”

Mrs Garlick

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“ What a wonderful holiday! It far exceeded our expectations – memories of it are beginning to settle in my mind and will last forever. ”

Ms Ford

LET OUR PASSION INSPIRE YOURS

Welcome to our 2019-2020 river cruise collection. At Riviera Travel, we listen to our clients and based on your feedback, we've added two new cruises for 2020. Set off on a brand-new adventure along the Danube on our 8-day Vienna, Bohemia & Treasures of the Danube cruise. Or cruise the Seine from France's iconic capital city to the heart of Normandy on our 8-day The Seine, Paris & Normandy cruise.

In 35 years, we have not once rested on our laurels and 2019 is no different. We have introduced two brand-new five-star ships: MS George Eliot and MS William Wordsworth. Furthermore, 2020 will see the addition of another all-suite five-star vessel, MS Geoffrey Chaucer. This makes Riviera Travel's fleet the youngest in Europe and one of the most advanced, so an unforgettable experience is assured.

We also plan to introduce more improvements to enhance your on-board experience. Our commitment to making your holiday the best it can be is one of the reasons why Riviera Travel is the UK's leader in river cruising.

Join us in exploring the iconic waterways of Europe. Whichever itinerary you choose, we look forward to welcoming you on board.

David Clemson
Managing Director

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THE RIVIERA TRAVEL DIFFERENCE

Since 1984, Riviera Travel has been creating exceptional holidays that offer the very best value. Our commitment to outstanding quality and our passion for our customers have made us the UK's leader in river cruising.

OUTSTANDING CRUISE HOLIDAYS

Expect only the best on a Riviera Travel river cruise: the most luxurious ships; surprisingly spacious suites with everything you would expect from a superbly appointed boutique hotel; a gastronomic journey sampling the finest cuisine; and first-class service from a crew ready to tend to your every need.

FIVE-STAR EXPERIENCES

Our enthusiastic experts will bring to life Europe's most fascinating destinations, so you come away with a greater appreciation of culture, history and more. We personally select every aspect of your river cruise and ensure our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced, so there's time to explore at a relaxing pace.

FINE CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Indulge in the finest cuisine throughout your stay on board, from early risers' breakfast to midnight snacks. Our menus feature a varied selection of European specialties and international favourites, so there's something to suit every palate. Enjoy a variety of dining experiences in a choice of superb restaurants, where unlike the regimentation of many cruise ships, the seating policy is informal and relaxed.

“ The ship was superb and the places we visited were very interesting, but what made it really special were the crew and staff. It felt like one big happy family and I was very impressed. ”

Ms Ryder

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE GUARANTEED

Our luxury river cruise holidays offer incredible value for money and include everything you need for an unforgettable experience: your choice of beautifully appointed suites or cabins, meals on board, all land visits, guided tours and taxes. Please compare the quality and prices of everything we offer – you won't find better for less.

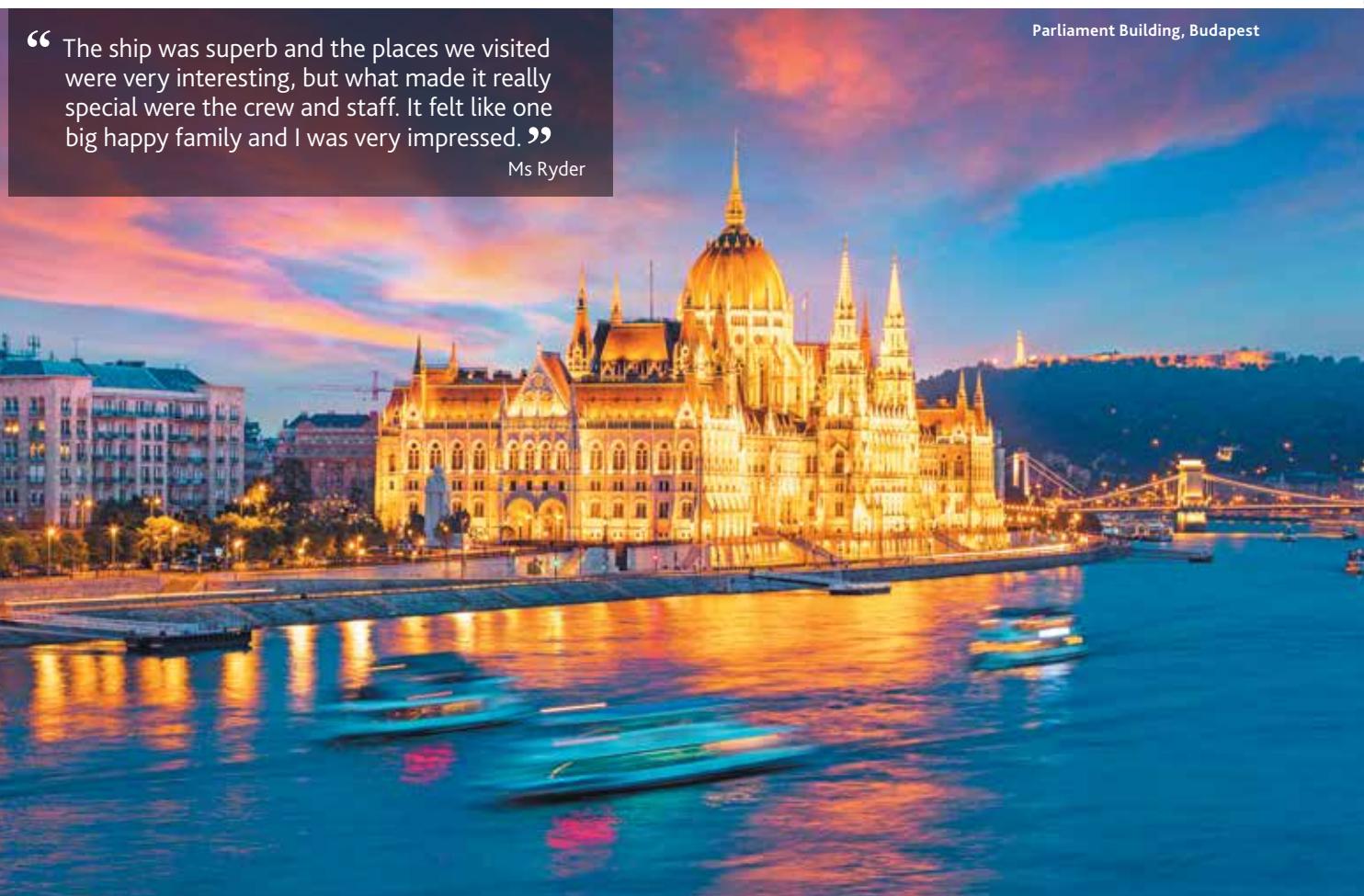
OUR PRICE PROMISE

We guarantee there are never any hidden surcharges or fees to be added later, so the cost will not increase no matter what happens after you book. We do not inflate our prices or offer artificial discounts, nor do we automatically include gratuities, so the choice is entirely yours.

A GENUINE PASSION FOR CUSTOMERS

We care about making your cruise holiday the best it can be. Our time is devoted to considering the minutest of details and improving what we do. Our staff are selected not only for their expertise but also their passion for delighting customers. This is, and always has been, our philosophy to ensure your time with us is not just time away – it is always a pleasure.

Parliament Building, Budapest





Lucerne

“ We had the most amazing time, the ship was fantastic and the crew were exceptional. Would highly recommend to anyone looking for a little luxury mixed with intellect, history and a lot of fun. ”

Mr & Mrs Parsons



Fatima church, Lisbon tour extension



Matterhorn, Switzerland

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

1. So much more included

Insightful guided tours and visits, all included in the price.

2. Fully protected by ABTA

We've been in the business for 35 years, so we're fully bonded by ABTA for your complete peace of mind.

3. Prices that feel just right

No discounts, no sales, no gimmicks. Just honest and straightforward pricing all year round.

DISCOVER UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES

Wake up to a different view every morning from the comfort of your luxurious suite. What wondrous sights await when you step out on to your private balcony? Dramatic terraced vineyards, gentle rolling countryside or astounding fairy-tale castles? It may seem like a dream but it's not – you're on a Riviera Travel river cruise, carefully choreographed to ensure your journey will always be a memorable one.

Every single detail is meticulously inspected before a friendly crew welcomes you on board, ready to tend to your every need. As your floating boutique hotel gracefully glides between towns and cities, relax in the privacy of your spacious suite, unwind on deck with a refreshing drink, or enjoy the finest cuisine in a choice of superb restaurants on board. What better way is there to discover Europe's most awe-inspiring landscapes?



FASCINATING EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



Bernese Oberland

Join us on an unforgettable journey through time and culture, breaking through any obvious veneer to the real destination beyond. See the classic sights of Europe – many on our insightful guided tours, all conducted in English – and become acquainted with the lesser-known places that are often even more intriguing.

Our highly engaging and informative excursions will take you further so you can truly appreciate the destinations. We take you to Baroque Salzburg in Austria with its storybook Old Town; to medieval Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy in France, where we enjoy a wine tasting; and to the scenic Puszta, where the beauty of the Hungarian Great Plain will take your breath away.

Our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced, so there is ample time to relax and watch the world go by. If you wish to immerse yourself in local culture, there are opportunities to explore at leisure or personalise your holiday with a special excursion.

We are known for our outstanding service, thanks to our experienced team who are passionate about travel. Our cruise directors and cruise concierges are always at your service and ready to help you personalise your holiday. Our local guides will bring to life the places we visit – you'll learn far more from them than you would from any guidebook.



Strasbourg old town

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

There is plenty of time to explore on a Riviera Travel river cruise. Make your voyage more memorable with a visit to a world-renowned gallery, a tour of a famed riding school, or a wine tasting at a celebrated vineyard. Refer to our cruise itineraries for further details.

To make a booking, simply inform your dedicated cruise director, who will make the necessary arrangements on your behalf.



Louvre, Paris

LIFE ON BOARD IS FULL OF DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES

When you're on board a Riviera Travel river cruise ship, you're staying in a floating, luxury boutique hotel. Our fine fleet of five-star vessels are hallmarks of distinction and truly world-class. Primarily Swiss-built and operated, they are rated by the *Berlitz Guide to River Cruising* as some of the finest river cruise ships to grace Europe's waterways.

Sustainable hardwoods, gleaming brass, polished copper, intricate wrought iron, and sparkling glass combine harmoniously with soft leather furnishings and tasteful colour palettes. Immediately striking is just how remarkably spacious and beautifully illuminated these vessels are. Set foot in the grand marble-floored lobby and you are bathed in natural light, streaming in through the glass roof of the impressive atrium above.

Every step is taken to ensure our customers receive unparalleled standards of service and comfort. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Our

English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet, graceful and friendly.

The exceptional pedigree continues through to our on-board facilities. Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the surrounding scenery. Take in sweeping views from a panoramic observation lounge and bar, complete with sumptuous seating and plush carpets. Most of our vessels feature a sauna, steam room, pool, fitness suite, library, and even a hair salon or treatment room. Complimentary Wi-Fi is also available on every ship.



Spa,
MS Robert Burns

Lounge, MS Jane Austen



WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES



Deluxe balcony suite, MS Thomas Hardy

LUXURIOUS CABINS AND SUITES

Our suites and cabins are among the largest on any river cruise vessel – 83% of our cabins feature a French or full balcony. They are well-appointed with all the facilities you'd expect from a luxury boutique hotel.

Choose from a range of standard or superior suites and cabins. For the ultimate in luxury, treat yourself to a stay in a deluxe suite with floor-to-ceiling doors that open up to a French balcony or lead to a private balcony. Here, you can enjoy a refreshing drink while watching the ever-changing landscapes drift by. Our largest suite measures a generous 29 square metres (312 square feet) so there's plenty of room for relaxation.

Step beyond the wooden door into a beautifully designed room, complete with hotel-style bed, crisp cotton linen and sumptuous pillows. Your cabin comes with an en-suite bathroom and shower, thick fluffy towels and complimentary toiletries. All cabins are equipped with air-conditioning or heating, a small desk, flat-screen TV, hairdryer, safe, telephone and complimentary Wi-Fi. To make you feel at home, there are facilities for making coffee and tea – our thoughtful planning means we can offer you well-loved brands.



Deluxe suite,
MS Douro Elegance



Standard suite,
MS Emily Brontë

Standard bathroom,
MS Robert Burns



FINE CULINARY EXPERIENCES

A river cruise is a wondrous journey of discovery that should also be a culinary pleasure. With Riviera Travel, we offer a wide variety of fine dining experiences waiting to be savoured. From sumptuous breakfasts with over 60 options to superb buffet lunches and fine four-course dinners, our menus feature international classics and regional specialities.

Quality is an integral part of dining with us, and our ships take this to the highest five-star levels with delicious cuisine prepared by a brigade of professional chefs. Friendly and smartly uniformed staff are always ready and at your service.

At Riviera Travel, we want you to feel like you're at home with friends, so we have a policy of informal free seating and smaller tables, unlike the typical regimentation of many cruise ships. Our wine list includes an extensive range of local wines in addition to classic favourites. We cater for most dietary requirements – just remember to tell us about them when booking your river cruise.

YOUR CHOICE OF DINING EXPERIENCES

Enjoy first-class cuisine in the ship's excellent main restaurant, or if you prefer a more intimate setting, on our five-star vessels (apart from Douro Elegance and Douro Splendour) the Stern Bar transforms into our 'chef's restaurant' with seating for no more than 34 diners. Here, take in the fantastic views through panoramic windows, as the chefs present their signature dishes made with the freshest seasonal produce.



FINE DINING

Warm smoked duck breast with apple red wine chutney,
mandarin and cranberry salad

or

Arugula strawberry salad grissini with Dutch smoked ham
and white balsamic honey dressing

Foamy pumpkin soup with cinnamon croutons

or

Bouillabaisse à la Marseillaise

Pan seared sea bass with tomato vinaigrette,
grilled parsnips, snow peas and pearl barley

or

Herb crusted rack of lamb with sweet rosemary sauce,
mint jelly, horseradish flageolet beans, roasted tomatoes,
dauphinoise potatoes

or

Swiss chard and salsify gratin with garlic cream
and oyster mushrooms

or

Warm crisp pear tart

or

Apple sorbet and cider foam
or
Fresh fruit or continental cheeses

Coffee or tea

Sample menu

YOUR CHOICE OF DRINKS

While we include everything you might need in our prices, we never charge for something you might not. If you prefer to pre-order your drinks, you can purchase our drinks package which offers a selection of drinks during lunch and dinner. Simply relax and when it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of: draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines; and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass.

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE



Surprisingly spacious cabins and suites with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views



Exceptional dining from early risers' breakfast to midnight snacks



Fascinating tours and excursions with expert guides



Complimentary tea, coffee and Wi-Fi on board



Our professional crew is on call 24/7 to make your stay more enjoyable



WHERE CAN WE TAKE YOU?



For centuries, Europe's majestic rivers have carried travellers for many reasons – to explore, trade and sometimes, conquer. Steeped in history and culture, these aqueous arteries connect the continent's greatest and most renowned destinations, bridging the past with the present, flowing through some of the world's most stunning scenery. From picturesque countryside to historic landmarks, enjoy a different perspective on a variety of destinations in style and luxury.

THE DOURO

Linking Spain and Portugal, the Douro weaves through one of the most photogenic river valleys and the sun-soaked Iberian countryside, past lovely hillside villages and vineyard terraces.

THE DUTCH WATERWAYS

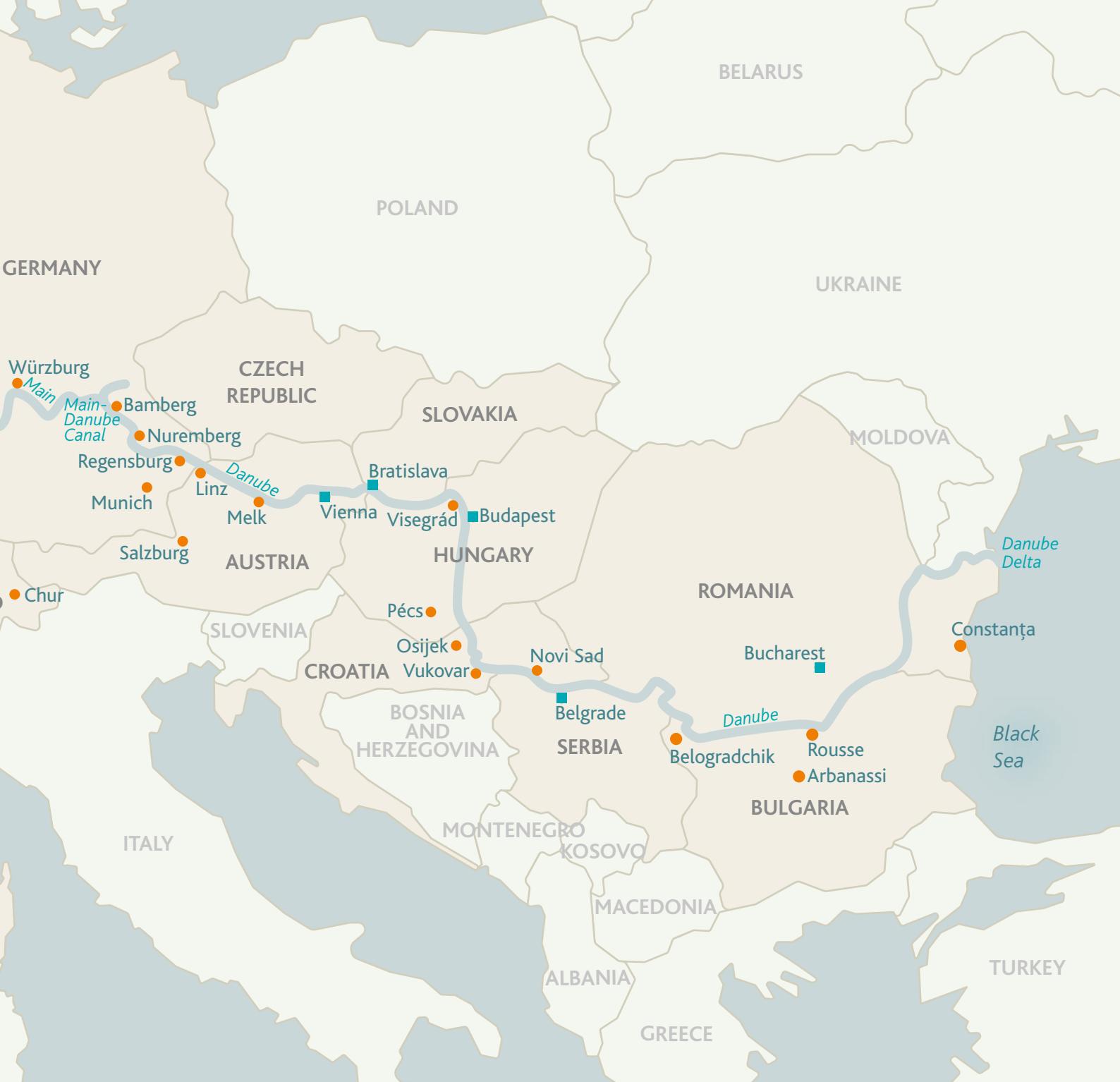
On the delta of three major rivers – the Rhine, Maas and Scheldt – these waterways flow past traditional windmills, colourful bulbfields and the old Zuiderzee.

THE SEINE

The main commercial waterway of Paris takes you around sweeping bends, past stunning chalk cliffs and through lush green countryside into the heart of picturesque Normandy.

THE SAÔNE

Flowing through the famous Burgundy wine region in France, the Saône offers wonderful views of vine-clad hills and extraordinary medieval villages.



THE RHÔNE

Flowing through the south of France, take in the beautiful Provençal scenery, the sun-baked vineyards, charming villages, and colourful fields of wild flowers.

THE MOSELLE

Meander along the serene and beautiful river valley past ancient ruined castles, impossibly steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages.

THE RHINE

Steeped in myth, the famous Rhine has captivated writers and warriors alike, flowing past fairytale castles, medieval towns and lush vineyards.

THE MAIN

Experience the gentle meandering bends that characterise the Main, its lush green landscapes strewn with pretty medieval villages and quintessentially quaint timber houses.

THE MAIN-DANUBE CANAL

From Bamberg on the Main to Kelheim on the Danube, this is an amazing feat of German engineering with many iconic locks.

THE DANUBE

Cruise along Europe's most famous and cultured river which flows through and along 10 countries. Absorb the breathtaking views of Baroque architecture, medieval cities and sights that inspired Strauss and Mozart on the Upper Danube, while the Lower Danube takes us through the spectacular Iron Gates Gorge and the Danube Delta, home to numerous species of flora and fauna.

AMSTERDAM, KINDERDIJK & THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS

5 days from only \$1,369pp
Departing April 2020



Experience historic maritime cities, where innovation meets the traditions of the past, plus the authenticity of iconic windmills and the floral masterpiece of the colourful bulbfields.

CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

Embark the ship in Amsterdam and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – ENKHUIZEN

Enjoy a visit to the quaint port of Enkhuizen, nestled at the edge of the Zuiderzee before a relaxed afternoon's cruising.

DAY 3 – ROTTERDAM & KINDERDIJK

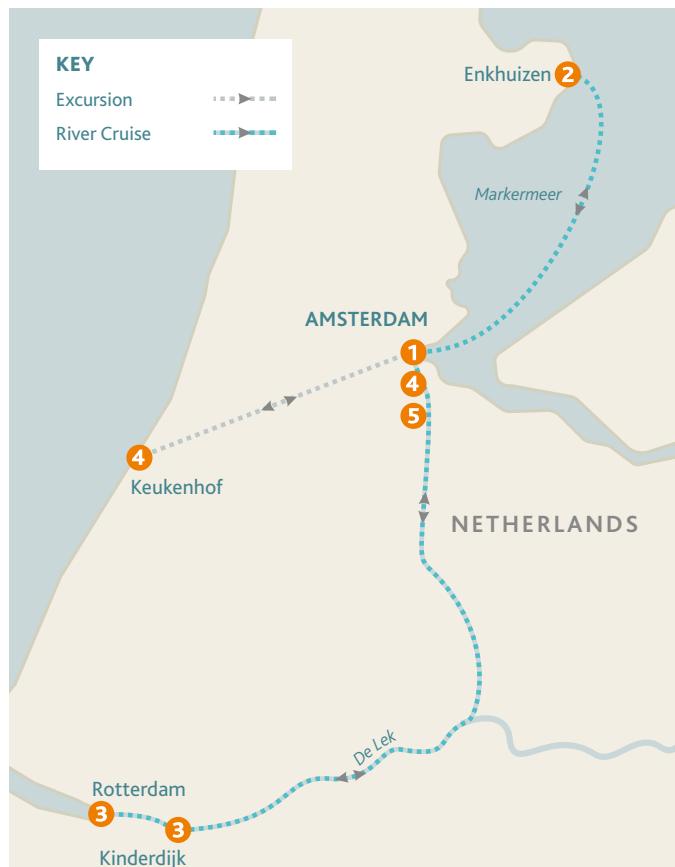
Discover historic Rotterdam, a vibrant metropolis at the gateway to Europe with a strong maritime heritage, plus a visit to the stunning windmills at Kinderdijk, an authentic and iconic gem of Dutch history.

DAY 4 – KEUKENHOF & AMSTERDAM

Drive through the heart of the stunning bulbfields to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, a world-famous floral display and then enjoy a guided tour of fascinating Amsterdam, one of the world's most distinctive cities, in a glass-topped canal cruiser.

DAY 5 – DISEMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before your disembark.



SOLQ

Exclusive departure
available for solo
travellers. See page
17 for details.

Enkhuizen - Day 2



See the iconic windmills of
Kinderdijk - Day 3



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 5 visits and tours including visits to the Keukenhof Gardens, Enkhuizen, Kinderdijk and Rotterdam, and a canal cruise in Amsterdam
- 4 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges
- No surcharges guaranteed

Keukenhof Gardens - Day 4



Rotterdam - Day 3



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

Arrive in Amsterdam, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. The friendly crew welcomes you on board, helping you settle into your spacious and exquisitely furnished accommodation – you'll feel immediately at home.

DAY 2 – ENKHUIZEN

Overnight the ship slips its moorings, steering a course north. As dawn breaks, you're greeted by views of Enkhuizen, a picturesque port nestling at the edge of the former Zuiderzee. During the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th century, the Netherlands dominated world maritime trade, becoming fabulously prosperous. Enkhuizen, as one of the country's principal ports specialising in trade in the East Indies, flourished. Merchants keen to display their wealth created this town of gabled houses, narrow streets, bridges and waterways. It's a delight to explore, taking in the atmosphere of its little streets and jumble of sailing boats in the harbour. Fittingly, it is also home to the Zuiderzee Museum. This superbly recreates the 19th-century heritage of Holland's inland bay and combines permanent exhibits with demonstrations of the artisan skills of yesteryear such as sailmaking, fish curing and blacksmithing, to make our visit here a fascinating experience.

After a delicious lunch on board, we cruise along the Markermeer, the southwestern part of the IJsselmeer, the great freshwater lake created when the Zuiderzee was separated from the North Sea by a series of dams and dykes built during the 1920 and '30s. This mammoth engineering achievement, now protects low-lying areas from flooding and has allowed the reclamation of 626 square miles of fertile land. Before long, thoughts turn to tonight's à la carte dinner, served with panache by the restaurant staff, after which why not unwind with a digestif at the bar to the soothing sound of the ship's pianist.

DAY 3 – ROTTERDAM & KINDERDIJK

Wake this morning in historic Rotterdam, the Netherlands' second largest metropolis, situated where the Rhine flows into the North Sea. Known as the 'Gateway to Europe', it is the largest European cargo port and has been a conduit for trade since the 14th century. Unsurprisingly, its logistical significance made it a target for bombing during the Second World War and its old town was destroyed, with only the Church of Saint Lawrence left standing. During the following decades Rotterdam was reconstructed with typical Dutch optimism and engineering expertise and now boasts an abundance of innovative and imaginative architecture. Highlights include Europe's



Amsterdam

largest swing bridge, the cable-stayed Erasmus Bridge (known as 'the Swan'), arched Markthal (market hall) and Cube Houses built on stilts and tilted at bizarre angles. There are also excellent museums, such as the vast Boijmans Van Beuningen, which houses a world-class collection of works by old and modern masters, from Rembrandt to Van Gogh to Dalí, and some rare and beautiful glassware.

During lunch on board you can enjoy a kaleidoscope of views through the restaurant's panoramic windows as we leave Rotterdam's skyline behind. A significant part of the Netherlands lies up to 22 feet below sea level, but an intricate network of dykes and polders, the Netherland's unique drainage systems, has kept the seawater at bay and allowed land reclamation. At the very heart of this fascinating reclaimed region is Kinderdijk, our next port of call. Here, you can witness a truly iconic polder scene – a series of 19 authentic windmills lining the canal banks, set against a starkly beautiful backdrop of pancake-flat marshland.

Windmills are symbolic of Dutch history and the never-ending battle with the sea, and visiting these beautifully preserved structures is like stepping back in time. Later we return to the cruise ship, where the chef has prepared a sumptuous dinner.

DAY 4 – KEUKENHOF & AMSTERDAM

A long spring season and the polders' well-drained soil create the perfect environment for growing the Netherlands' world-famous tulips, first imported into the country from the Ottoman Empire in the late 16th century. This morning we drive through the scenic bulb fields to Keukenhof, the world's largest flower garden, covering nearly 80 acres. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling carpet of colours created by the seven million tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other blooms arranged in rows, swirls

and every other imaginable shape. The art of flower planting reaches breathtaking heights in Keukenhof's themed areas, and wandering among this dramatic pageant of hues set in a landscape of lakes, trees, pavilions and water features is magical – and provides gardeners with a wealth of inspiration to take home!

We return to Amsterdam to explore this beautiful city on a classic glass-topped canal cruiser. A network of 165 canals built in rings during the 17th century defines life in its centre, and our 'water's-eye view' is the best way to absorb Amsterdam's history. Relax and watch this unique cityscape unfold as our guide explains the many intriguing aspects of life here. You'll see moored houseboats, quirky bridges, cobbled streets lined with tall, narrow merchants' houses, gabled civic buildings and homes of famous former residents such as Rembrandt, the greatest Dutch Golden Age artist, and Anne Frank, whose diaries tell a poignant tale of life under the Nazis.

Amsterdam is the ideal walking city and we remain moored dockside so you can explore its characterful streets at your leisure. Exceptional art is always close by, from small galleries to the world-class Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, both holding huge collections. You might choose to discover the interior of Anne Frank's house, rummage through the Waterlooplein flea market or relax at a café sipping a rich Dutch coffee and watching the locals trundle over cobbles along the canals on their high-handlebar bicycles. Wrapping up a memorable day is the lavish Captain's Dinner in the ship's restaurant, as evening falls and the lights of this unforgettable city sparkle in the night.

DAY 5 – DISEMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

After breakfast this morning, your friendly crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing.

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
Cabin Type							
01/04/20	\$1,369	\$1,719	\$1,829	\$2,169	\$2,059	\$2,399	\$2,969
05/04/20	\$1,489	\$1,839	\$1,949	\$2,289	\$2,179	\$2,519	\$3,089
09/04/20	\$1,599	\$1,949	\$2,059	\$2,399	\$2,289	\$2,629	\$3,199

MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER, MS OSCAR WILDE & MS EMILY BRONTË Five-star

Deck	Lower			Middle			Upper	
	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
Cabin Type								
02/04/20	\$1,369	\$1,829	\$2,289	\$2,059	\$2,519	\$2,289	\$2,969	
04/04/20	\$1,489	\$1,949	\$2,409	\$2,179	\$2,639	\$2,409	\$3,089	
06/04/20, 08/04/20	\$1,599	\$2,059	\$2,519	\$2,289	\$2,749	\$2,519	\$3,199	
10/04/20	\$1,719	\$2,179	\$2,639	\$2,409	\$2,869	\$2,639	\$3,319	
14/04/20, 18/04/20	\$1,829	\$2,289	\$2,749	\$2,519	\$2,979	\$2,749	\$3,429	
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ								
30/03/20 Δ	\$1,829	\$2,289	\$2,749	\$2,519	\$2,979	\$2,749	\$3,429	

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above. Δ The departure on 30/03/20 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.



MS George Eliot see p112



Standard cabin, MS George Eliot

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$129pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & WI-FI

Enjoy coffee or tea in your cabin and stay connected throughout the ship. Connection speeds may vary.



INSIGHTFUL TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Our thoughtfully balanced itineraries include many guided tours with local experts. Our complimentary headsets will ensure you never miss a word.



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Expect five-star service from our hand-picked crew, the best cruise directors and concierges.

BRUGES, MEDIEVAL FLANDERS, AMSTERDAM & THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS

8 days from only \$2,399pp
Departing April 2020



Discover the artisanal traditions of what was once the world's greatest naval power, the remarkable art of Flemish masters and the old Zuiderzee.



CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

Embark the ship in Amsterdam and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM & HOORN

Guided tour of Amsterdam, one of the world's most fascinating cities, in a glass-topped canal cruiser; then cruise along the Zuiderzee to visit historic Hoorn.

DAY 3 – ARNHEM

Visit Arnhem, synonymous with the 1944 battle vividly depicted in the film, *A Bridge Too Far*, and the former British HQ at Oosterbeek, plus the poignant Commonwealth War Cemetery.

DAY 4 – ANTWERP

Sightseeing tour of Antwerp, birthplace of Rubens and a city steeped in history.

DAY 5 – GHENT & YPRES

Guided tour of medieval Ghent with its delightful waterfront, followed by a visit to Ypres, home to the Menin Gate, Tyne Cot Cemetery and the infamous battlefield of Passchendaele.

DAY 6 – BRUGES

Drive to Bruges and enjoy a guided tour of this perfectly preserved medieval town.

DAY 7 – KEUKENHOF & AMSTERDAM

Visit the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens with their world-famous floral display, returning to the ship in Amsterdam for a free afternoon.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



Bruges' historic centre at night - Day 6



Tyne Cot Cemetery - Day 5



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 8 visits and tours including visits to Hoorn, Arnhem and Keukenhof Gardens, a canal cruise in Amsterdam and guided tours of Antwerp, Ghent, Ypres and Bruges
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
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Amsterdam - Day 2

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

The Rijksmuseum's vast collection boasts more than 5,000 paintings in a beautifully restored building. See incredible works by the likes of Rembrandt, Van Gogh and countless other Dutch greats. From €17.50 per person.



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

Arrive in Amsterdam, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. The dedicated crew welcomes you aboard, ensuring you settle in to your extremely comfortable and well-appointed cabin. There's time to familiarise yourself with your first-class floating hotel before experiencing the chef's specially chosen menu for your first dinner on board.

DAY 2 – AMSTERDAM & HOORN

Breakfast is an on-board institution and you're always assured of an enticing range of choices. We're moored in the heart of delightful Amsterdam, and there's no better way to explore than taking a classic glass-topped boat tour through the network of canals that infuse every aspect of life here. The tour brings a real insight into the history and everyday life of Amsterdam, a maritime, financial and cultural powerhouse uniquely located facing both the sea and the heartlands of Europe. As we glide over the calm canal waters, you'll see a fascinating variety of typically Dutch narrow gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges immortalised by the great artists, and learn about its famous canalside residents, from the tragic Anne Frank, who wrote her diaries hidden in a merchant's house, to Rembrandt, the Dutch Old Master.

A splendid buffet lunch awaits our return as we slip away from the quayside towards the IJsselmeer, the enormous inland lake created when the Zuiderzee was cut off from the North Sea by a series of dykes and dams. Our port of call is Hoorn, once a prosperous port of the Dutch East India Company. Reminiscent of another age, it's a charming mix of imposing buildings dating from the 15th century onwards, brick-built warehouses, cobbled squares and twisting alleys. Hoorn's ships traded the world over, with one sailor even naming the southern tip of South America after his home town – Cape Horn. There's time to explore this intriguing spot before returning to our cruise ship to enjoy dinner and maybe a nightcap in the lounge.

DAY 3 – ARNHEM

One of the delights of river cruising is the enchanting experience of waking somewhere new, the water gently lapping as the ship glides almost imperceptibly along. We're now deep in the heart of Holland, passing flower-decked houseboats, flocks of wildfowl and, of course, windmills! We soon arrive in Arnhem, synonymous with the ill-fated 1944 aerial assault depicted in the film *A Bridge Too Far*. We visit the battle HQ of the British 1st Airborne Division at Oosterbeek, now an excellent museum, and the Commonwealth War



Amsterdam - Day 2

Cemetery, the final resting place of so many. Back on board, we continue our passage along the mighty River Rhine, one of Europe's most important arterial waterways, before enjoying another sumptuous dinner on board, as distant lights glint on the waterfront as we silently slip by.

DAY 4 – ANTWERP

This morning there's a chance to marvel at the Captain's skill as he calmly navigates the busy River Scheldt and moors in Antwerp, birthplace of the Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens. This morning we enjoy a tour led by a local guide

taking in its numerous highlights and lesser-known features. At its heart is the captivating main square – the Grote Markt – dominated by ornately gabled guildhouses, the Renaissance town hall and opulent Brabo Fountain. This afternoon is free to explore as you wish, perhaps visiting Rubens' extravagant former home and studio, the magnificent Gothic cathedral or even the painstakingly restored train station, of such architectural splendour it is often called the 'Railway Cathedral'.

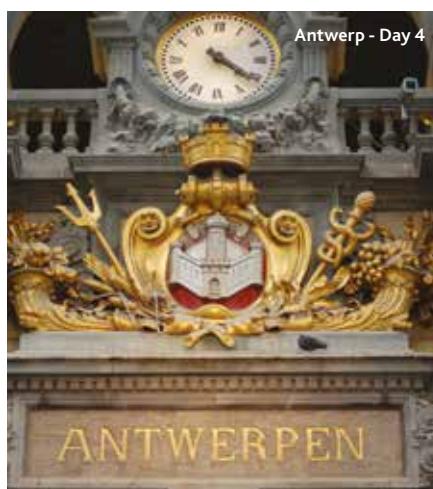
DAY 5 – GHENT & YPRES

Today we awake in picturesque Ghent, once

See Amsterdam by night - Day 7



Memorial site of the Battle of Arnhem - Day 3



you can see Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child*, a work of incomparable beauty carved in white Carrara marble. You'll be reluctant to leave this enchanting place, although the promise of more first-class dining in the ship's restaurant will lure you back.

DAY 7 – KEUKENHOF & AMSTERDAM

Early risers discover the ship making effortless progress along the delightful waterways and you experience the somewhat surreal effect of cruising above the surrounding reclaimed polders – it's almost like flying! Today we visit Keukenhof, the heart of the glorious Dutch bulbfields. On arrival, nothing prepares you for the dazzling spectrum of colours stretched out before you in the world's largest flower garden, covering nearly 80 acres. The art of flower planting reaches breathtaking heights at Keukenhof, a gardener's heaven created by more than seven million tulips, daffodils and other blooms set among a beautiful landscape of shimmering lakes, ancient trees, flowering shrubs and water gardens.

We re-join our ship in Amsterdam and after lunch you're free to explore as you wish. Amsterdam is an art-lover's dream. The Rijksmuseum is an architectural marvel itself, but it holds a magnificent collection of works by Dutch masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer, while admirers of Post-Impressionism might prefer the Van Gogh Museum, housing the world's greatest collection of works by this genius of a man. Tonight there's another culinary highlight – the Captain's Dinner, when the chef prepares his superb 'signature' dishes for you to enjoy in the splendid surroundings of the ship's restaurant, with a chance to reflect on the fascinating places you have discovered, poignant stories you have heard and the new friends you have made.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN AMSTERDAM

After breakfast this morning, your friendly crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

Western Europe's second largest city after Paris. Fortunate to escape the ravages of the 20th century and often overlooked by tourists, Ghent is a medieval gem we explore in the company of an experienced guide. Highlights include a gorgeously unspoilt waterfront, the 13th-century skyline punctured by soaring belfries, the 12th-century Gravenstein fortress towering above the river, and one of the world's foremost art treasures – the van Eyck brothers' *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*, the altarpiece adorning Saint Bavo's Cathedral.

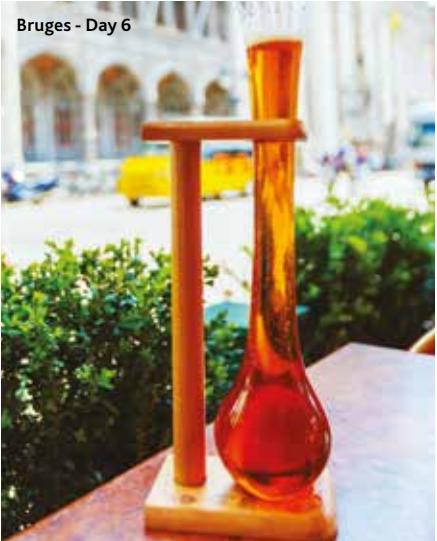
After lunch on board, there's the option to spend the afternoon in Ghent, maybe taking a horse-drawn carriage ride or finding a cosy spot in a quintessential Flemish café.

Alternatively, you can join our tour to Ypres, a name synonymous with the horrors of the Great War. Almost totally destroyed during a series of battles, Ypres is now a place of peace, reverence and reflection. You may wish to visit the award-winning In Flanders Fields Museum that tells the haunting story of the conflict, providing a thought-provoking insight into the extraordinary lives of the soldiers and civilians; it's located in the Cloth Hall in the heart of Ypres' beautifully restored town centre. Nearby are many battlefields synonymous with the horrors of trench warfare, including

Passchendaele, where around 600,000 perished. In addition we visit Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world. Ypres is also the home of the Menin Gate, the deeply moving memorial to the missing where the 'Last Post' is played every evening.

DAY 6 – BRUGES

After breakfast we take the short drive to Bruges and have a guided walk of this beautiful town, which really does carry its remarkable medieval legacy with charm and to perfection. The atmosphere here is pure romance and its streets are crammed with fascination. Exquisitely compact, its entire historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site made up of serene canals, narrow cobbled streets, romantic gabled houses, exquisite churches and myriad shops selling artisan goods – including its legendary chocolate! Its main square is dominated by the soaring Belfry, whose 47 bells chime to create an idyllic atmosphere. It's a 366-step climb to the top, but the breathtaking views are well worth it. You'll also see the City Hall and the Basilica of the Holy Blood, home to a venerated relic – a phial of Jesus's blood reputedly brought back from the Crusades. Another must is the Church of Our Lady, where



MS Oscar Wilde see p110

Standard bathroom, MS Oscar Wilde



MS Emily Brontë see p110

Standard suite, MS Emily Brontë

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

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MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
13/04/20	\$2,859	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$4,119	\$3,779	\$4,349	\$5,149
20/04/20	\$3,089	\$3,549	\$3,779	\$4,349	\$4,009	\$4,579	\$5,379

MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER, MS EMILY BRONTË & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
03/04/20	\$2,399	\$3,199	\$3,779	\$3,429	\$3,999	\$3,779	\$4,689
10/04/20	\$2,629	\$3,429	\$4,009	\$3,659	\$4,229	\$4,009	\$4,919
12/04/20	\$2,859	\$3,659	\$4,239	\$3,889	\$4,459	\$4,239	\$5,149
17/04/20, 19/04/20	\$3,089	\$3,889	\$4,469	\$4,119	\$4,689	\$4,469	\$5,379
22/04/20, 26/04/20	\$3,199	\$3,999	\$4,579	\$4,229	\$4,799	\$4,579	\$5,489
29/04/20	\$3,319	\$4,119	\$4,699	\$4,349	\$4,919	\$4,699	\$5,609

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.



MS George Eliot see p112

Standard cabin, MS George Eliot

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$199pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & WI-FI

Enjoy coffee or tea in your cabin and stay connected throughout the ship. Connection speeds may vary.



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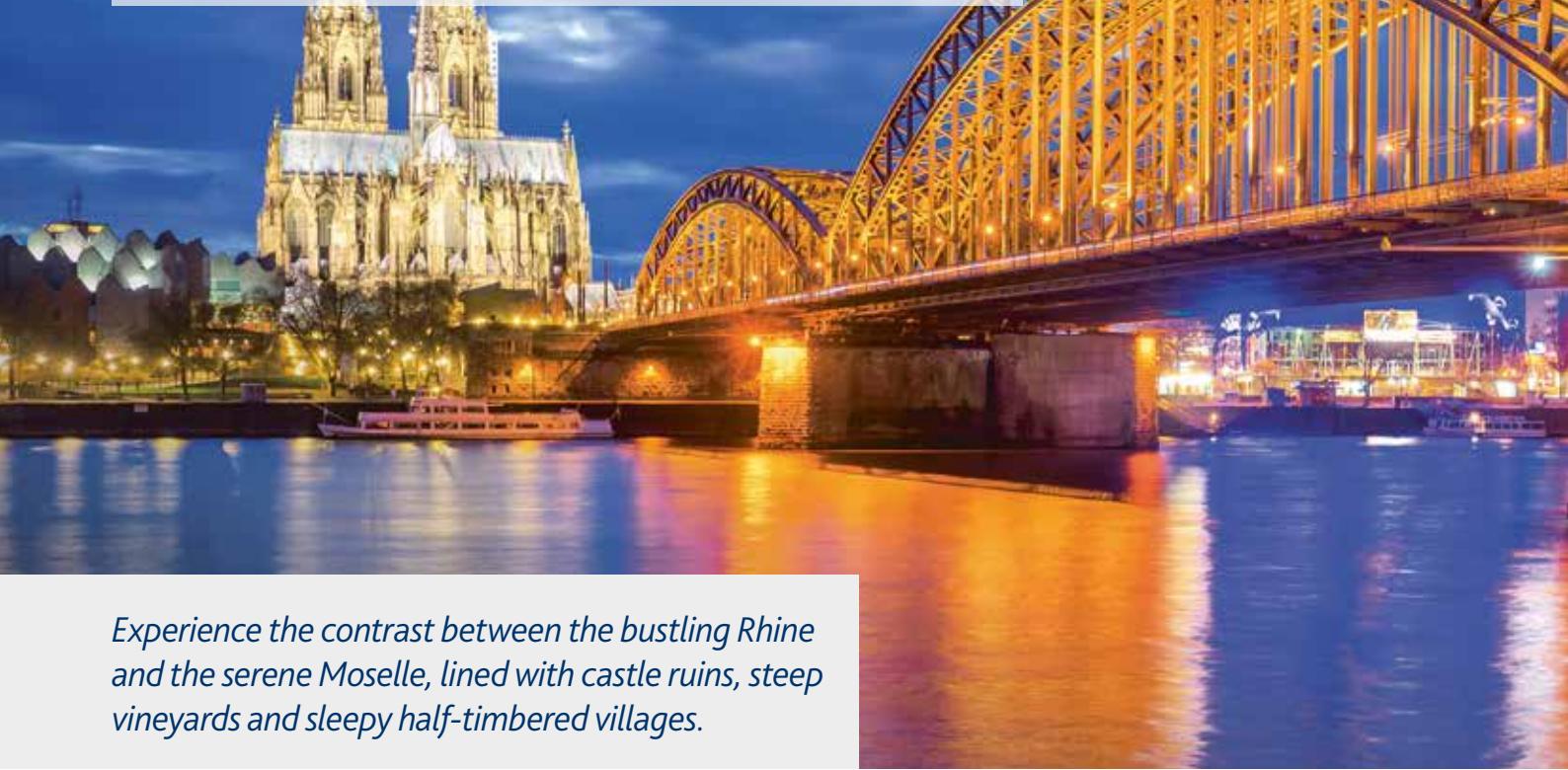
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8 days from only \$2,559pp

**Departing up to October 2019
and April to October 2020**



Experience the contrast between the bustling Rhine and the serene Moselle, lined with castle ruins, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages.

CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Embark the ship in Cologne and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – COCHEM

Cruise along one of the most famous and dramatic waterways in Europe, before arriving in charming Cochem with time to explore this delightful town.

DAY 3 – TRIER

Cruise through the Moselle's stunning winelands then enjoy a guided tour of fascinating Trier, the oldest city in Germany.

DAY 4 – BERNKASTEL

Wander the ancient streets of picturesque Bernkastel with its quaint cobbled market square and half-timbered houses before enjoying an afternoon at leisure on board.

DAY 5 – KOBLENZ & BOPPARD

Enjoy a guided tour of Koblenz, dramatically situated at the confluence of these two mighty rivers, before cruising on to Boppard. There is time to wander around this enchanting village, often called the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.

DAY 6 – RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the world famous and dramatic Rhine Gorge before arriving in the renowned wine town of Rüdesheim. Spend the afternoon wandering the narrow streets of this charming spot.

DAY 7 – COLOGNE

Experience spectacular river views before arriving in Cologne to enjoy an afternoon guided tour of this beautiful city and see its impressive Gothic cathedral.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



Koblenz - Day 5



Discover Cologne and its renowned cathedral - Day 7

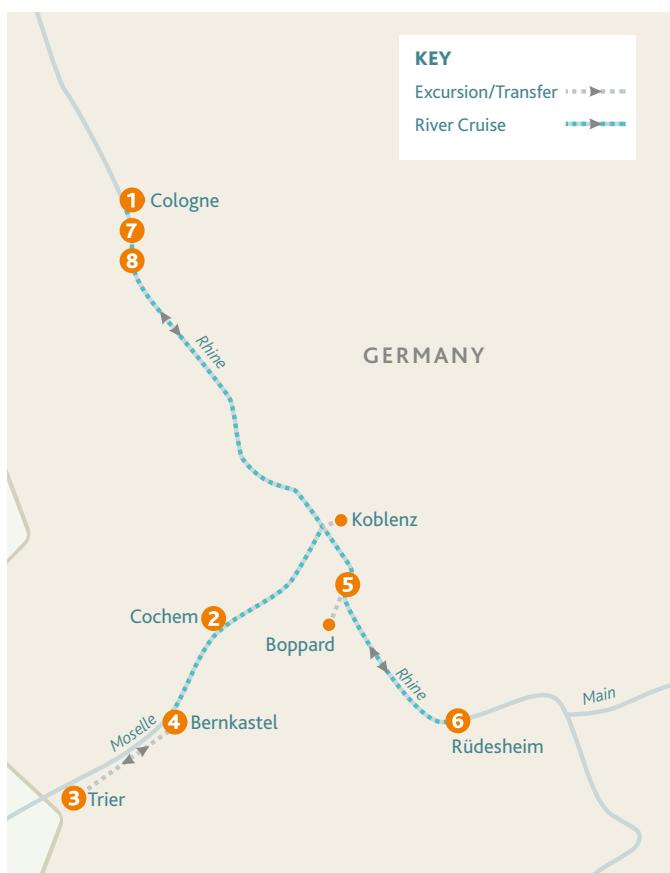


SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 7 visits and guided tours including guided tours of Cologne, Koblenz and Trier; and visits to Boppard, Bernkastel, Rüdesheim and Cochem
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges
- No surcharges guaranteed



PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

Moselle wine tasting

Sample a selection of the delightful wines produced in the stunning Moselle valley, reputedly the steepest cultivated vineyards in the world.

From € 11.50
per person.



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne, where your five-star floating hotel is moored in the picturesque historic centre. The friendly crew will welcome you and help you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and well-equipped accommodation, it's time to familiarise yourself with the many first-class aspects of this floating boutique hotel.

DAY 2 – COCHEM

The first morning on board a river cruise is always a thrill, awakening to the peaceful lapping of the water outside as the scenic valley sides slip past your cabin window – there's no other holiday experience quite like it. Breakfast is a leisurely affair; life on board is unhurried, so you can linger over that extra cup of tea or coffee.

You're cruising some of Europe's most dramatic and romantic waterways – the mighty River Rhine and its tributary the Moselle. The Sun Deck is perfect for an invigorating mid-morning stroll, watching picture-postcard villages with slanting timber-framed houses pass by. After a delicious lunch we glide into our moorings at Cochem, the traditional centre of the Moselle wine trade. Dominating the scene is a multi-turreted castle crowning a vineyard-covered hillside, but Cochem's real charm is its jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel-coloured buildings and peppered with quirky shops and wine cellars. There's ample time to explore here, immersing yourself in the relaxed ambience of this quintessential riverside town, before stepping back on board to enjoy the chef's choices for dinner, served in the splendid environs of the ship's restaurant.

DAY 3 – TRIER

Leaving Cochem, we pass through an impressive series of four locks. All around are steep, tree-crested slopes covered in a patchwork of vineyards, crisscrossed by narrow tracks and roads giving workers access to the vines – it's a miracle that anything can be cultivated on such terrain. Before long we approach the delightful town of Zell.

After lunch we drive to Trier for an afternoon tour of one of Germany's most fascinating cities – and its oldest. Founded by the Romans, it was the capital of much of their empire, encompassing present-day Spain, France, Britain and parts of Germany. The city had a population of 80,000 people – an enormous number in ancient times – and the Emperor Constantine lived here. Many of its Roman monuments, including the amphitheatre, baths and bridge, have survived surprisingly intact, but most impressive is the Porta Nigra, a fortified gate made of huge stone blocks



that towers above the surrounding medieval buildings. This is the largest and best-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps and stands as testimony to their architectural genius. Such is the significance of Trier's Roman heritage and its other buildings, including its Cathedral, the oldest bishop's church in Germany, that together they form a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We return to our ship, moored in the charming town of Bernkastel, in time for another exquisite meal.

DAY 4 – BERNKASTEL

The ship remains moored, so after an unhurried breakfast you're free to explore Bernkastel, a romantic wonder from another age. Wander its cobbled streets – to the market square, where you'll be surrounded by some of the finest, most ornate half-timbered houses you'll ever see, many dating from the 15th century. Most famous is the Pointed House, a jewel of the rustic middle-class building tradition from the Middle Ages and a classic example of a Moselle vintner's dwelling.

We have lunch on board as the ship slips its moorings and our cruise back downstream commences. This afternoon, just sit back on one of the comfortable deck chairs on the Sun Deck and soak up the atmosphere of this magical river, breathing in the clean air, listening to the rippling water and absorbing the scenery in all its majesty. Another gourmet experience awaits



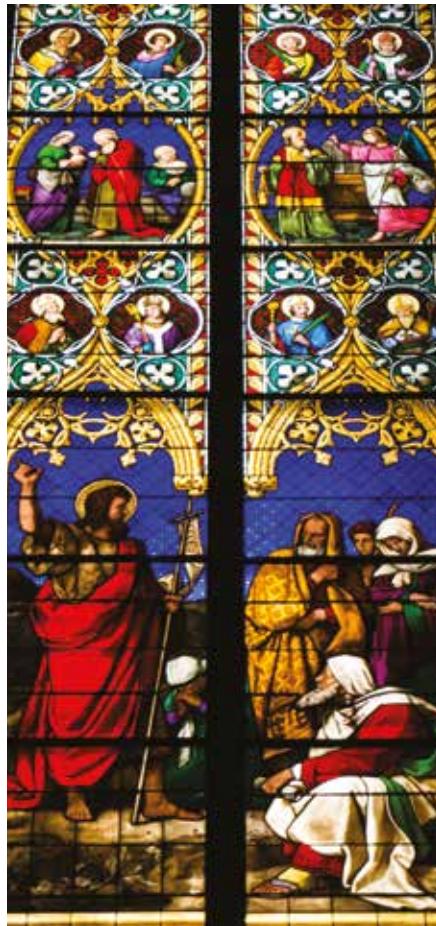
this evening in the ship's restaurant, possibly followed by a nightcap in the company of newly made friends.

DAY 5 – KOBLENZ & BOPPARD

Early this morning, we reach Koblenz. Strategically situated at the confluence of these two great rivers, this 2,000-year-old city, with its mighty fortress towering above, is full of appeal. A knowledgeable local guide accompanies us around its principal monuments and intriguing centre, taking in historic squares, highlighting painstakingly restored house frontages and revealing hidden



Reichsburg Castle, Cochem - Day 2



The famous Boppard 'S' bend on the Rhine - Day 5

aspects of the city that only locals know. Koblenz is a joy to wander through, pausing to window shop while trying to resist the aromas of fresh coffee and cakes drifting from the numerous traditional cafés.

Returning to our ship for lunch, we proceed to Boppard, also known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine', a famously picturesque town located on a long, looping bend of the river. Captivating cobble streets, lined by half-timbered houses, tucked-away shops selling traditional goods and characterful restaurants, lead into the town and its main square. Like many riverside settlements in the area, the Romans founded Boppard and

their legacy remains in the superbly preserved town walls, the finest in Germany. There's time to explore or promenade along the river, gazing at views of the vineyard-covered hillsides. Or you can simply pass time on board in anticipation of more fine dining in the ship's restaurant this evening.

DAY 6 – RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Leaving Boppard, as the sun crests the surrounding hilltops, expectation rises at what lies in store as we journey through the outstanding natural beauty of the Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, at every

dramatic turn of the river, towering valley slopes are crowned by the precarious ruins of castles built by princes to display their power and extort tolls from passing river traffic. The Gorge is home to medieval legends, tales of mysterious happenings and dark deeds, most famously the Lorelei – or 'murmuring rock' – said to have lured passing boats onto the rocks with its irresistible song.

The villages drifting by – Saint Goar, Bacharach and Kaub – are synonymous with wine production and one of the many thoughtful details of this cruise is the carefully compiled wine list, from which you can choose fine Rhine and Moselle wines to enjoy with the foods sourced from the region. During lunch, we arrive in Rüdesheim, perhaps the best known of all the wine towns, with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. There's a range of options to experience here, including visiting the Asbach brandy distillery (a tasting of this speciality wine is assured, of course) or you could take the unusual gondola lift for its panoramic river views. Especially worth a visit is the excellent mechanical music museum: a collection of around 350 intricate antique musical instruments and musical boxes from all over the world, many in working order, still playing the delicate sounds of yesteryear.

DAY 7 – COLOGNE

We slip our mooring early this morning as you enjoy another fine breakfast with views of pretty riverside towns, backed by the rolling volcanic hills for which the area is renowned. It's not long before we reach the railway bridge at Remagen, captured intact towards the end of the Second World War, thereby arguably shortening the war in Germany. Not long after, we draw in to the heart of Cologne, in the shadow of the magnificent dual-spired Gothic cathedral for which the city is so famous. It's a truly monumental building, taking over 600 years to build and featuring myriad religious and art treasures and perhaps the most intricate stained glass windows in Europe. After lunch, we join a local guide for an informative tour of the city, with time to explore its tree-lined squares and perhaps visit one of its traditional bars, many of which still brew their own beer. This evening the Captain's Dinner takes place on board, during which delicious specialities of the regions you've visited will be served, hosted by the Captain himself, of course. After dinner, enjoy a final digestif in the bar while reflecting on the memories made on this wonderful cruise through the romantic heartlands of Germany's most iconic rivers.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

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MS EMILY BRONTË, MS THOMAS HARDY & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
Cabin Type	Suite	\$4,619	\$5,079	\$4,849	\$5,309	\$5,079	\$5,989
30/05/19	\$3,929						
15/07/19	\$3,359	\$4,049	\$4,509	\$4,279	\$4,729	\$4,509	\$5,419
01/08/19	\$3,359	\$4,049	\$4,509	\$4,279	\$4,729	\$4,509	\$5,419
04/09/19	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$5,309	\$5,079	\$5,529	\$5,309	\$6,219
02/10/19	\$3,249	\$3,929	\$4,389	\$4,159	\$4,619	\$4,389	\$5,309

MS JANE AUSTEN Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite
24/07/19	\$3,249	\$3,479	\$3,929	\$4,279	\$4,159	\$4,509	\$4,389	\$5,079
24/10/19	\$2,559	\$2,789	\$3,249	\$3,589	\$3,479	\$3,819	\$3,709	\$4,389

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite
10/05/19	\$3,709	\$3,929	\$4,389	\$4,729	\$4,619	\$4,959	\$5,759
14/06/19	\$3,929	\$4,159	\$4,619	\$4,959	\$4,849	\$5,189	\$5,989
09/08/19	\$3,359	\$3,589	\$4,049	\$4,389	\$4,279	\$4,619	\$5,419
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MS Emily Brontë see p110



Standard suite, MS Emily Brontë



MS Jane Austen see p114



Superior suite, MS Jane Austen

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MS EMILY BRONTË & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
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10/08/20	\$3,709	\$4,509	\$5,089	\$4,739	\$5,309	\$5,089	\$5,999
05/09/20	\$4,389	\$5,189	\$5,769	\$5,419	\$5,989	\$5,769	\$6,679
03/10/20	\$3,709	\$4,509	\$5,089	\$4,739	\$5,309	\$5,089	\$5,999

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
22/07/20	\$3,709	\$4,169	\$4,399	\$4,969	\$4,629	\$5,199	\$5,999	
22/10/20	\$2,789	\$3,249	\$3,479	\$4,049	\$3,709	\$4,279	\$5,079	

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper	
		Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
30/04/20	\$3,249		\$3,939	\$4,169	\$5,539
28/05/20	\$3,709		\$4,399	\$4,629	\$5,999
16/07/20, 27/08/20	\$3,479		\$4,169	\$4,399	\$5,769
24/09/20	\$4,159		\$4,849	\$5,079	\$6,449

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DAY 3 – RHINE GORGE & MAINZ

Cruise through the world-famous and dramatic Rhine Gorge before enjoying a visit to historic Mainz.

DAY 4 – HEIDELBERG

Discover delightful Heidelberg with its lovely historic old town on a guided walking tour, with some time at leisure before rejoining the ship.

DAY 5 – STRASBOURG & COLMAR

This morning you arrive in charming Strasbourg for a guided tour of this fascinating capital of Alsace. Then enjoy a scenic drive to wonderfully preserved 16th-century Colmar.

DAY 6 – RÜDESHEIM

Experience more spectacular river views today before mooring in the renowned wine town of Rüdesheim, with time to explore this charming spot.

DAY 7 – COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne for an afternoon guided tour of this beautiful city and see its impressive Gothic cathedral.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet

Embark on a fantastical adventure into the world of automatic musical instruments. See the impressive collection of fascinating musical instruments that function like computers, ranging from tiny, delicate music boxes to an enormous orchestrion. From €6.50 per person.





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available for solo
travellers. See page
34 for details.



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 8 visits and tours including guided tours of Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Cologne and Koblenz; and visits to Rüdesheim, Mainz, Colmar and Boppard
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
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- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
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Visit picturesque
Heidelberg - Day 4



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne, where your five-star floating hotel is moored in the picturesque historic centre. The dedicated English-speaking crew welcomes you on board and helps you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this splendid ship.

DAY 2 – KOBLENZ & BOPPARD

When you peek out from your cabin this morning, you'll realise the ship has slipped quietly away from Cologne; the view that greets you is of vine-covered valleys sides aglow in the morning light, bidding you a warm welcome to the charms of the Rhine. There's nothing quite like that feeling of anticipation when gliding alongside the promenade of a river port, snatching tantalising glimpses of what lies ashore, and Koblenz – beautifully located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers – doesn't disappoint. The city is immersed in two millennia of history: founded by the Romans, it was successively occupied by the Franks, chosen as a residence of the German prince electors, conquered by the French and fortified by the Prussians! All have left their marks in the city's rich array of castles, churches and historic buildings.

Koblenz is a romantic's dream – forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, while the lower slopes are strewn with pretty, half-timbered buildings so typical of the Rhineland. After a satisfying breakfast, we disembark to enjoy an insightful guided tour through 'Old Koblenz', a patchwork of narrow streets and squares, many lined with exquisitely restored traditional houses and cosy cafés. There's time to explore on your own, maybe taking in a little shopping, before ambling back to the cruise ship. We continue upstream as we enjoy our first relaxing lunch on board and before long we arrive in Boppard, a gorgeous town on a dramatic, almost U-shaped river bend. Known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine', Boppard is renowned for its storybook medieval atmosphere of cobbled streets and ancient houses. It's a delight to explore, or you can simply relax on board and watch life go by. The early evening is an ideal time to wander along the town's attractive riverside Rheinallee promenade before thoughts turn to tonight's menu, prepared by the ship's chef and served to your delight in the restaurant.

DAY 3 – RHINE GORGE & MAINZ

Slipping our mooring in Boppard we cruise through the Rhine Gorge, where the waters narrow to one-fifth their normal width and flow more swiftly. Sheer valley walls soar 600



feet and magnificent birds of prey glide on the thermals above. Teutonic knights built the numerous redoubtable castles as symbols of their power and to extract tolls from ships, but the fortresses now stand as silent ruins on forested hillsides as reminders of how fortunes change with the passage of history. This really is the magical Rhine of our imagination, so find a comfortable spot on the Sun Deck or in the forward observation lounge and enjoy the experience of cruising this famous stretch of water.

Your next port of call is historic Mainz, renowned today as Germany's wine capital but whose most famous son was Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the movable type printing press. You can visit the excellent museum housing a reconstruction of his workshop and, outstandingly, two original 1455 Gutenberg Bibles. The museum is in a beautifully restored 17th-century building in the heart of Mainz's Old Town, opposite the impressive Romanesque cathedral.

DAY 4 – HEIDELBERG

Overnight we cruise further downstream and, after breakfast, we take a short drive to Heidelberg, undoubtedly one of Germany's most perfect architectural treasures and all the more remarkable because it escaped bombing during the Second World War. Set in an almost idealised German landscape, this jewel sits on the banks of the River Neckar, surrounded by forests and with an imposing castle dominating the church spires and terracotta gabled roofs of the compact Aldstadt – the romantic old town. Its 14th-century university, one of the most prestigious in Europe, lends Heidelberg a genteel atmosphere rather similar to its 'twin' town – Cambridge. During the 19th century it was

the centre of Germany's Romantic Movement, on the route of the 'Grand Tour' and visited by many artists including JMW Turner, who captured its splendours for eternity. There are few more delightful places to explore, as you'll discover on our guided walking tour, which reveals its principal attractions – including the magical stone bridge with its twin white towers – and local secrets. Afterwards, you'll have time to explore on your own before returning to the ship to enjoy the gorgeous views as the sun sets.

DAY 5 – STRASBOURG & COLMAR

By breakfast we've arrived in France and the charming city of Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region. The city is a complete delight – its centre a mosaic of winding alleys and lanes lined with quirky crooked, half-timbered houses largely unchanged since the 14th century. During its history Strasbourg has been both German and French, and you see influences of both in its language, cuisine and appearance, creating a truly individual ambience. This morning, we explore this delightful city on a walking tour with a local guide leading us to its enchanting centre – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – taking in the Petite France quarter of pretty canals lined with classic pastel-coloured houses crisscrossed with timbers and with flower-filled window boxes, the famous multi-towered Ponts Couverts, or covered bridges, and, of course, the stunning Gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral, which Victor Hugo memorably described as a 'veritable tiara of stone'.

Just south of Strasbourg lies a picturesque wine route, virtually an open-air museum of romantic medieval villages, cobbled streets and Renaissance chateaux strung like pearls

Strasbourg old town - Day 5



Mainz - Day 3



Assmannshausen,
near Rüdesheim - Day 6



on a necklace against a sweeping backdrop of rolling hills. We enjoy all this on a splendidly scenic drive, soon arriving in the medieval town of Colmar, the best-preserved in Alsace. Little known outside the area, it's a magical concoction of canals, former merchants' houses, ancient religious buildings and antique shops. The cathedral quarter is surrounded by pastel-coloured half-timbered houses displaying the intricate wrought-iron hanging signs so typical of this area of Europe. We've plenty of time here to sit, enjoy a coffee and watch the world go by or just wander. We return to the ship in Strasbourg for dinner.

DAY 6 – RÜDESHEIM

One of the joys of life aboard our cruise ship is the sheer sense of relaxation it brings: time

to catch up on some reading, enjoy a game of chess or perhaps improve your 'putting' on the Sun Deck golf green. Why not enjoy a coffee with your congenial travelling companions or simply watch the river traffic still using this vital artery through central Europe?

In the late afternoon we visit Rüdesheim – if you imagine a typical Rhine town, then this would be it! Narrow crooked streets lead down to the sweeping river with a backdrop of wooded and vine-covered slopes. Riesling is the speciality grape here and Rüdesheim has many atmospheric Weinstuben where you can sample local wines produced from the surrounding vineyards.

On board tonight, we enjoy a culinary spectacular – the Captain's Dinner – featuring a range of irresistible specialities from the

countries and regions we visit during our cruise. This special occasion is hosted, of course, by the Captain himself.

DAY 7 – COLOGNE

This morning, early risers can enjoy phenomenal views as once again we pass through the Rhine Gorge where, in Wagner's Ring Cycle, the Rhine Maidens guard lost treasure, the 'Rheingold'. What better way to spend the morning than relaxing on the Sun Deck beneath dramatic rocky, vineyard-topped valley sides dotted with romantic ruined castles.

The valley sides dissolve and hills give way to plains as we progress majestically to Cologne. This afternoon you can discover this fascinating city on our tour led by a local guide who'll help you get the most out of your visit, which of course takes in the twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, miraculous survivor of Second World War bombing and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took six centuries to complete, and among its many treasures are the magnificent stained glass windows and gilded sarcophagus said to contain the remains of the three kings from the Nativity story. We also see the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and cosy bars, some of which still brew their own beer. As night falls, a sumptuous dinner provides the perfect finale to this memorable cruise through the romantic River Rhine.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

After breakfast, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing.

MS EMILY BRONTË, MS THOMAS HARDY & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
20/06/19	\$3,929	\$4,619	\$5,079	\$4,849	\$5,309	\$5,079	\$5,989	
22/07/19, 25/07/19	\$3,479	\$4,159	\$4,619	\$4,389	\$4,849	\$4,619	\$5,529	
28/08/19	\$3,709	\$4,389	\$4,849	\$4,619	\$5,079	\$4,849	\$5,759	
25/09/19	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$5,309	\$5,079	\$5,529	\$5,309	\$6,219	
23/10/19	\$2,559	\$3,249	\$3,709	\$3,479	\$3,929	\$3,709	\$4,619	

MS JANE AUSTEN Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite
17/07/19	\$3,359	\$3,589	\$4,049	\$4,389	\$4,279	\$4,619	\$4,509	\$5,189

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
17/05/19	\$3,709	\$3,929	\$4,389	\$4,729	\$4,619	\$4,959	\$5,759	
07/06/19	\$3,929	\$4,159	\$4,619	\$4,959	\$4,849	\$5,189	\$5,989	
02/08/19	\$3,479	\$3,709	\$4,159	\$4,509	\$4,389	\$4,729	\$5,529	
13/09/19	\$4,159	\$4,389	\$4,849	\$5,189	\$5,079	\$5,419	\$6,219	
11/10/19	\$3,249	\$3,479	\$3,929	\$4,279	\$4,159	\$4,509	\$5,309	

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite		
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ								
21/10/19 Δ		\$3,929		\$4,619		\$4,849		\$5,989



MS Emily Brontë, MS Thomas Hardy & MS Oscar Wilde see p110



Standard suite, Emily Brontë



MS George Eliot see p112



Standard cabin, MS George Eliot

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing.

MS EMILY BRONTË & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
Cabin Type	Suite	\$4,959	\$5,539	\$5,189	\$5,759	\$5,539	\$6,449
08/06/20	\$4,159	\$4,959	\$5,539	\$5,189	\$5,759	\$5,539	\$6,449
20/07/20, 01/08/20	\$3,709	\$4,509	\$5,089	\$4,739	\$5,309	\$5,089	\$5,999
31/08/20	\$3,929	\$4,729	\$5,309	\$4,959	\$5,529	\$5,309	\$6,219
26/09/20	\$4,159	\$4,959	\$5,539	\$5,189	\$5,759	\$5,539	\$6,449
24/10/20	\$2,789	\$3,589	\$4,169	\$3,819	\$4,389	\$4,169	\$5,079
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
31/10/20 Δ	\$3,249	\$4,049	\$4,629	\$4,279	\$4,849	\$4,629	\$5,539

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
28/04/20	\$3,249	\$3,709	\$3,939	\$4,509	\$4,169	\$4,739	\$5,539
15/07/20	\$3,709	\$4,169	\$4,399	\$4,969	\$4,629	\$5,199	\$5,999

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper	
			Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
07/05/20	\$3,709	\$4,399	\$4,629	\$5,999
18/06/20	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$5,079	\$6,449
09/07/20, 20/08/20	\$3,479	\$4,169	\$4,399	\$5,769
17/09/20	\$4,279	\$4,969	\$5,199	\$6,569

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above. Δ The departures on 21/10/19 and 31/10/20 are exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$199pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



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Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN MAINZ

Embark the ship in Mainz and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – MAINZ

Explore the Roman city of Mainz with its 12th-century cathedral and museum dedicated to Gutenberg, the father of modern printing, before an afternoon at leisure on board.

DAY 3 – MILTENBERG & WERTHEIM

Visit pretty medieval Miltenberg before cruising on to delightful Wertheim, where you have time to explore this undiscovered gem with its lovely castle and old town.

DAY 4 – WÜRZBURG

This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of Bavarian Würzburg, impressively situated on the banks of the Main.

DAY 5 – ROTHENBURG & OCHSENFURT

After breakfast, we take a drive along the Romantic Road to hilltop Rothenburg with its marvellous views. This afternoon wander the attractive town of Ochsenfurt.

DAY 6 – BAMBERG

After a relaxing morning on board, we moor in beautiful UNESCO-listed Bamberg and have a guided tour before joining the Main-Danube Canal.

DAY 7 – NUremberg

Spend another morning on board at leisure taking in the stunning views. Later we enjoy a guided tour of Nuremberg, an intriguing Bavarian city steeped in history.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN NUremberg

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PLEASE NOTE

On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. Please see the Pricing & Departures page for details.



Miltenberg - Day 3

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Exclusive departure available for solo travellers. See page 41 for details.



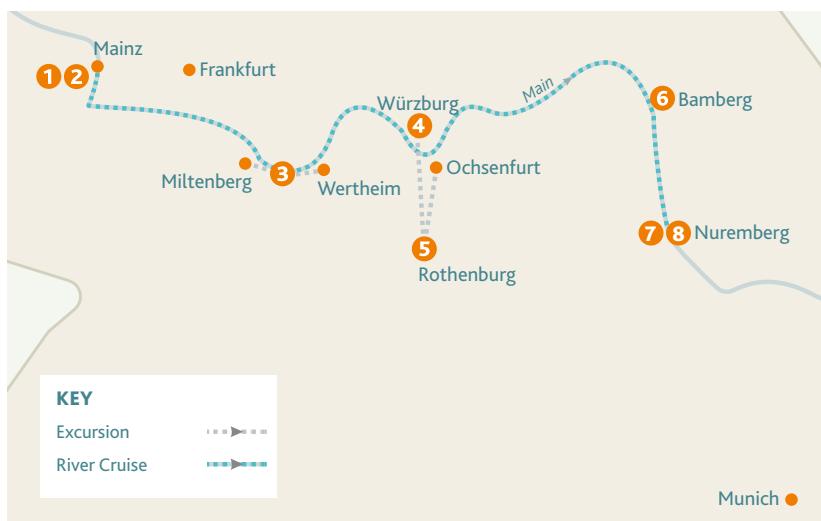
Journey back in time in
fairy-tale Rothenberg - Day 5

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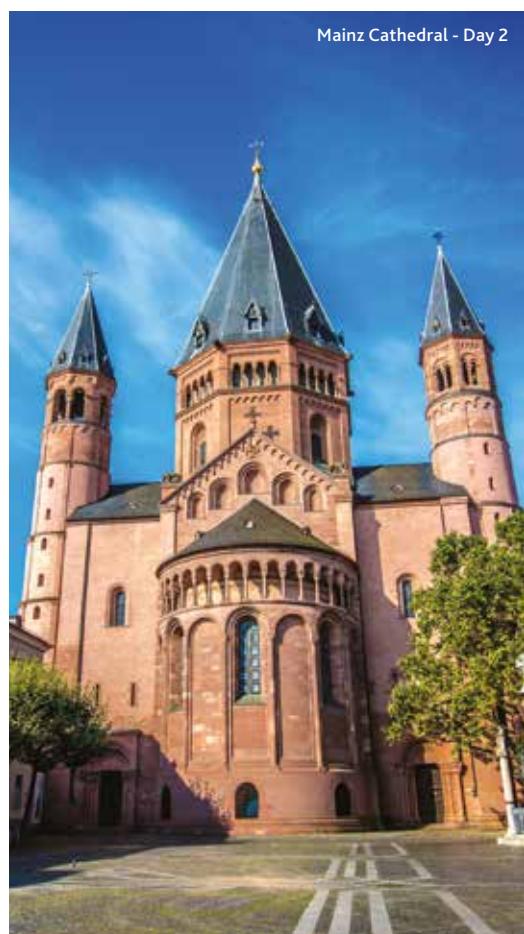
- 7 visits and tours including guided tours of Bamberg, Würzburg and Nuremberg; and visits to Rothenburg, Mainz, Wertheim and Miltenberg
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
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Würzburg Residenz - Day 4



Mainz Cathedral - Day 2

YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN MAINZ

Arrive in Mainz, where your great Bavarian adventure begins. The friendly crew welcomes you, and there's an air of anticipation and excitement as you acquaint yourself with the luxury surroundings of the ship that will be your home for the next seven days. You'll soon be settled into your exceptionally well-equipped, spacious cabin and looking forward to a first-night dinner to start off your cruise in style.

DAY 2 – MAINZ

Whether you decide to take breakfast in bed or set yourself up for the day at the plentiful buffet, afterwards you can enjoy a morning exploring bustling Mainz. Dominating its skyline is the colossal six-towered 12th-century cathedral – Martinsdom – a pinnacle of German Romanesque architecture that houses a spectacular nave, many elaborate tombs and a peaceful colonnaded cloister. Also unmissable is Saint Stephen's Church, which features nine breathtaking stained glass windows, created by the artist Marc Chagall, that bathe the interior in magical blue light. Book-lovers will appreciate the Gutenberg Museum, located in a gorgeous 17th-century building in Mainz's Old Town, whose star attractions are two 1455 Gutenberg Bibles, among the first books ever printed.

Of course, Mainz is also at the heart of Germany's wineyards, so it's a pleasure to seek out a traditional wine tavern in the pastel-painted, timber-crisscrossed buildings of the old town to sample a glass. If you prefer beer, the vaulted chambers of the Eisgrub-Bräu beer hall are a fine place for a mug of the local dark brew.

Back on board your floating boutique hotel in the afternoon, find a relaxing seat in the lounge to take in the lovely views of lush woodland and fertile vineyards seamlessly idling by. As evening approaches, why not enjoy an apéritif in the bar before choosing a table in the restaurant to enjoy the chef's masterful creations for dinner?

DAY 3 – MILTENBERG & WERTHEIM

Awaking refreshed, look out of your cabin window to find a complete change of scenery. We're moored in Miltenberg, a beautifully preserved medieval village whose labyrinth of winding alleys and lanes begs exploration. Admire the impressive gatehouse which stands like a proud guardian of the village, and wander across the charming marketplace, lined by traditional fachwerk buildings instantly recognisable by their grids of timber framing. The story goes that locals were allowed free wood from the surrounding forests, hence the abundance of this architectural style. Highlights of this beautiful square include the trickling fountain, ornately carved from stone



and complete with dancing cherubs, and the intricately detailed Gasthaus Zum Riesen, which claims to be Germany's oldest tavern.

In the afternoon we pass under Miltenberg's red-brick bridge and continue to Wertheim, navigating the gentle meandering bends typical of the Main River. Relax and take in the scenery while sipping your choice of tea or coffee or maybe something a little more fortifying from the bar.

Wertheim is completely off the main tourist trail, making it a delightful surprise, all the better for its untouched ambience. We pass the fishing boats riding at anchor while admiring the muted colours of the sage-green, pale lilac and buttercup-yellow houses opposite. A russet-walled 12th-century castle overlooks the old town, surveying the church spires, turrets and patchwork of multicoloured buildings below. There's time to explore here and, as you wander the quaint and colourful market square, look out for the blink-and-miss-it Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany.

This evening you'll be served another delectable dinner, and overnight we cruise to Würzburg.

DAY 4 – WÜRZBURG

One of the delights of river cruising is indulging in complete relaxation. Catch up on some reading, relax as you watch the world float by or maybe indulge in a little pampering in the sauna and steam room. This afternoon we arrive at

elegant Würzburg, which contrasts with the quaint towns and villages you've encountered so far. We have a guided tour of this Bavarian city sitting resplendent on the banks of the Main, founded in the 10th century as the centre of the kingdom known as Franconia. The impressive Marienberg Fortress overlooks the neat blocks of grand pastel-coloured buildings punctuated by the spires and domes of the city's many churches. The jewel in Würzburg's illustrious crown is the Residenz, a magnificent Baroque palace that whisk you back to a more romantic age. Originally conceived to rival the Palace of Versailles in scale, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and features one of Germany's most spectacularly ornate staircases and dozens of interconnecting rooms adorned with gorgeous frescoes, priceless tapestries, sculptures and paintings. There's ample time to explore here as you wish before returning to the ship, enjoying another evening of exceptional cuisine and a drink in the bar as the pianist works his magic at the keyboard.

DAY 5 – ROTENBURG & OCHSENFURT

After breakfast we take a drive along the Romantic Road – the perfectly named route made up of a spellbinding procession of folkloric scenery, medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces, so picture-perfect they could all serve as film sets. We arrive at gorgeous Rothenburg, crowning a hill with glorious views over the meandering river below. The old town

Nuremberg - Day 7



is cradled within immaculately preserved walls, and there's time to explore its narrow, cobbled streets lined with tall gabled half-timbered houses.

A short drive takes us to Ochsenfurt, nestled on the banks of the Main where our ship and another superb lunch await. This afternoon you may choose to explore this picturesque little town with its romantic, half-timbered houses and ancient ramparts. Wander the old town, stopping to admire the façade of the town hall with its impressive mechanical clock and a lovely 13th century church with its strikingly colourful interior before returning to the ship.

DAY 6 – BAMBERG

Another day dawns and this morning is free to enjoy the ship's five-star facilities while admiring the magnificent undulating landscape. There's nothing quite as refreshing as the gentle breeze as we progress along the serene waters of the Main. Alternatively, why not find a quiet al fresco seat at the Lido Lounge at the stern of the ship and admire one enchanting vista after another?

We moor this afternoon in Bamberg, undoubtedly one of the prettiest small towns in the whole of Europe and so precious that UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site. Planned by Emperor Heinrich II in the 11th century as a Franconian capital, it sits on seven lush green hills, a similar setting to the city whose grandeur it was meant to equal – Rome!

You'll discover its history and many architectural highlights on our informative tour led by a local guide, which takes in the exquisite Old Town and impressive multi-spired cathedral. Perhaps the most noticeable and intriguing landmark is Bamberg's old town Hall, which sits on an island in the middle of the burbling river, flanked by bridges either side. From here you can also see 'Little Venice' – a delightful cluster of former fishermen's houses built along the waterfront, mostly dating from the Middle Ages. Leaving Bamberg, we join the Main–Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering guiding us to our next fascinating stop, Nuremberg.

DAY 7 – NUREMBERG

Of course, this Bavarian city is intriguing for its association with the Second World War, as the site of many pre-war Nazi rallies and, later, the war crimes trials. What's little known, however, is that Nuremberg also captivates visitors with its cobbled streets with classic half-timbered houses, an enchanting castle (rebuilt after wartime bombings) and many historic landmarks. These include the Church of

Saint Lawrence, a stunning example of Gothic architecture, and the intricate Church of Our Lady, which features a working mechanical clock dating from 1506 and overlooks the bustling Hauptmarkt square, itself renowned for its intricate fountain resembling a Gothic church tower. Amid all this splendour, spare a moment to taste Nuremberg's famous gingerbread, perhaps stocking up with a packet to spice up the biscuit tin back home! Afterwards you return to the ship for your final dinner on board, perhaps selecting a local white from the wine list and, later, enjoying a coffee in the lounge with your travel companions while sharing memories of your exploration of Germany's medieval heart.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN NUREMBERG

This morning after breakfast, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

PLEASE NOTE: On some dates, this tour operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See the Pricing & Departure page for details.

City Hall building in Bamberg - Day 6





MS Jane Austen see p114



Superior suite, Jane Austen



MS George Eliot see p112



Standard cabin, MS George Eliot

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$199pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

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MS JANE AUSTEN Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite
08/05/19	\$2,359	\$2,589	\$3,039	\$3,389	\$3,269	\$3,609	\$3,499	\$4,189
15/05/19*	\$2,809	\$3,039	\$3,499	\$3,839	\$3,729	\$4,069	\$3,959	\$4,639
22/05/19	\$3,039	\$3,269	\$3,729	\$4,069	\$3,959	\$4,299	\$4,189	\$4,869
29/05/19*	\$3,269	\$3,499	\$3,959	\$4,299	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$5,099
05/06/19, 12/06/19*	\$3,499	\$3,729	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$4,759	\$4,639	\$5,329
19/06/19	\$3,499	\$3,729	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$4,759	\$4,639	\$5,329
26/06/19*	\$3,269	\$3,499	\$3,959	\$4,299	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$5,099
29/08/19	\$3,499	\$3,729	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$4,759	\$4,639	\$5,329
05/09/19*, 12/09/19	\$3,729	\$3,959	\$4,409	\$4,759	\$4,639	\$4,989	\$4,869	\$5,559
19/09/19*	\$3,729	\$3,959	\$4,409	\$4,759	\$4,639	\$4,989	\$4,869	\$5,559
26/09/19	\$3,269	\$3,499	\$3,959	\$4,299	\$4,189	\$4,529	\$4,409	\$5,099
03/10/19*	\$2,359	\$2,589	\$3,039	\$3,389	\$3,269	\$3,609	\$3,499	\$4,189

2020

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MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite
06/05/20	\$2,589	\$3,049	\$3,279	\$3,849	\$3,509	\$4,079	\$4,879
13/05/20*	\$3,039	\$3,499	\$3,729	\$4,299	\$3,959	\$4,529	\$5,329
20/05/20	\$3,499	\$3,959	\$4,189	\$4,759	\$4,419	\$4,989	\$5,789
27/05/20*	\$3,609	\$4,069	\$4,299	\$4,869	\$4,529	\$5,099	\$5,899
03/06/20	\$3,839	\$4,299	\$4,529	\$5,099	\$4,759	\$5,329	\$6,129
10/06/20*, 17/06/20	\$3,959	\$4,419	\$4,649	\$5,219	\$4,879	\$5,449	\$6,249
24/06/20*	\$3,609	\$4,069	\$4,299	\$4,869	\$4,529	\$5,099	\$5,899
13/08/20, 20/08/20*	\$3,499	\$3,959	\$4,189	\$4,759	\$4,419	\$4,989	\$5,789
27/08/20	\$3,729	\$4,189	\$4,419	\$4,989	\$4,649	\$5,219	\$6,019
03/09/20*, 10/09/20, 17/09/20*	\$4,069	\$4,529	\$4,759	\$5,329	\$4,989	\$5,559	\$6,359

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
24/10/20 Δ	\$3,959		\$4,649		\$4,879		\$6,249

Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Frankfurt and Nuremberg. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the lido bar and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above. Δ The departure on 24/10/20 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & WI-FI

Enjoy coffee or tea in your cabin and stay connected throughout the ship. Connection speeds may vary.



INSIGHTFUL TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Our thoughtfully balanced itineraries include many guided tours with local experts. Our complimentary headsets will ensure you never miss a word.



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Expect five-star service from our hand-picked crew, the best cruise directors and concierges.

RHINE CRUISE TO SWITZERLAND

8 days from only \$2,379pp

**Departing up to October 2019
and May to October 2020**

Take in some of the most breathtaking views, such as the spectacular Rhine Gorge, the beautiful Black Forest and the majestic Swiss alpine peaks.

CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Embark the ship in Cologne and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – KOBLENZ

Spend the morning at leisure on board enjoying the spectacular river scenery before arriving in Koblenz; explore this Roman city with its stunning waterfront.

DAY 3 – RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the world famous and dramatic Rhine Gorge before arriving in the renowned wine town of Rüdesheim with time to wander the narrow streets of this charming town.

DAY 4 – SPEYER

Unwind on board whilst cruising through the picturesque winelands, before berthing in delightful Speyer. Enjoy discovering this medieval gem as you wander its ancient streets.

DAY 5 – STRASBOURG

More beautiful landscapes unfold on our cruise this morning which takes us to Strasbourg. Enjoy a guided tour of the capital of Alsace.

DAY 6 – BREISACH & BLACK FOREST

Absorb the breathtaking vistas of the Vosges and Black Forest as we arrive in historic Breisach. Later drive through the heart of this stunning region to the archetypal lakeside town of Titisee.

DAY 7 – LUCERNE & BERNESE OBERLAND

Drive to Lucerne and enjoy some free time discovering Switzerland's most beautiful city, then take a stunning rail journey into the magnificent Bernese Oberland.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN BASEL

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PLEASE NOTE

On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. Please see the Pricing & Departures page for details.



Marvel at the magnificent peaks of the Bernese Oberland - Day 7



Ehrenfels Castle



Speyer Cathedral - Day 4



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 7 visits and tours including a guided tour of Strasbourg, a drive through the Black Forest to Titisee, and a full-day excursion to Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland. Plus visits to Koblenz, Rüdesheim, Breisach and Speyer
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

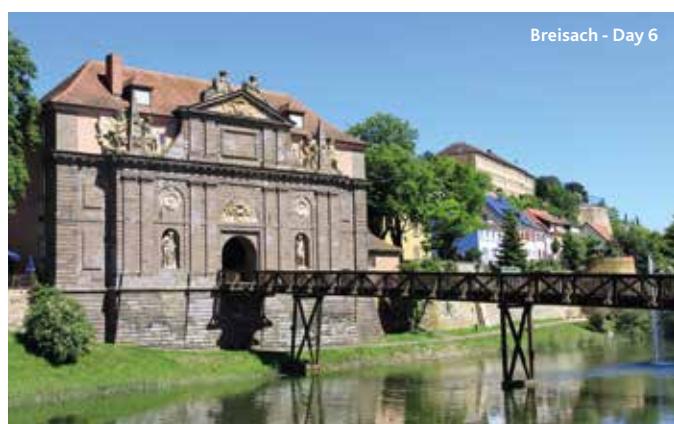
Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges
- No surcharges guaranteed

Lucerne - Day 7



Breisach - Day 6



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne, where your five-star floating hotel is moored in the picturesque historic centre. The dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard your first-class floating hotel, ensuring you settle into your luxurious, well-equipped cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship.

DAY 2 – KOBLENZ

As you wake and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast, the delights of this river cruise begin to emerge as we drift past the first rolling hills of the Rhine Valley. The forested Siebengebirge – Seven Mountains – a cluster of ancient volcanic hills that inspired many of the Brothers Grimm's legends, including 'Snow White', act as the overture for even more dramatic scenery upstream. We cruise past the famous ruined bridge at Remagen, which was captured intact by the Allies towards the end of the Second World War, allowing thousands of troops to cross into Germany's heartland. Pretty waterfront towns and carefully tended vineyards come into view as we glide gently into our mooring to visit delightful Koblenz.

Founded by the Romans, this historic city is beautifully located at the confluence of the Rhine and its sister river the Moselle. Your afternoon is free to explore Koblenz's maze of medieval buildings in the Altstadt – old town – which is studded with a fine array of traditional shops and classic Rhineland cafés. As you wander, historic buildings appear seemingly at every turn; see a former mint, the Four Towers – 17th-century houses with striking turrets set at a crossroads – and many fascinating squares and churches, including the 9th-century Basilica of Saint Castor.

Wherever you wander you're never far from a riverbank, and it's worth crossing the 14th-century stone Balduin Bridge across the Moselle for fine views back across the spires of the Altstadt. If you can resist the many tempting cakes on offer from beckoning pavement cafés you'll be ready for your meticulously prepared dinner on board, and afterwards perhaps a quiet stroll along the riverside promenade to the Deutsches Eck – 'German Corner' – where the great rivers Rhine and Moselle meet.

DAY 3 – RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Slipping our mooring at Koblenz we proceed upstream on the Rhine and soon encounter the impressive Marksburg Castle, a fortress dating back to the 13th century. We then weave through the huge looping bend – one of the most impressive on the river – at Boppard, a wonderfully picturesque town known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.

Journeying further, you explore the most

famous of all the river's reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the dramatic Rhine Gorge: steep vineyards give way to almost vertical rocky outcrops towering more than 600 feet above the sweeping valley sides. Sailing past Saint Goar and the many ruined castles, there's a real sense of the myths surrounding this historic river coming alive around you. No legend is more famous than that of the Lorelei – or 'murmuring rock' – where beautiful nymphs distracted sailors and lured them to their deaths in the treacherous waters.

After lunch we moor in Rüdesheim, a classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. The afternoon is free to relax in its bustling cafés, find a traditional Weinstube to enjoy a glass of excellent local wine, take a quiet stroll through the vineyards or maybe a gondola ride to the striking statue of Germania overlooking the river's exit from the Gorge. After dinner this evening, another sumptuous affair prepared by your chef, maybe sample a small Asbach – the famous brandy distilled in Rüdesheim – while watching the last of the ferries crossing the river in the moonlight glow.

DAY 4 – SPEYER

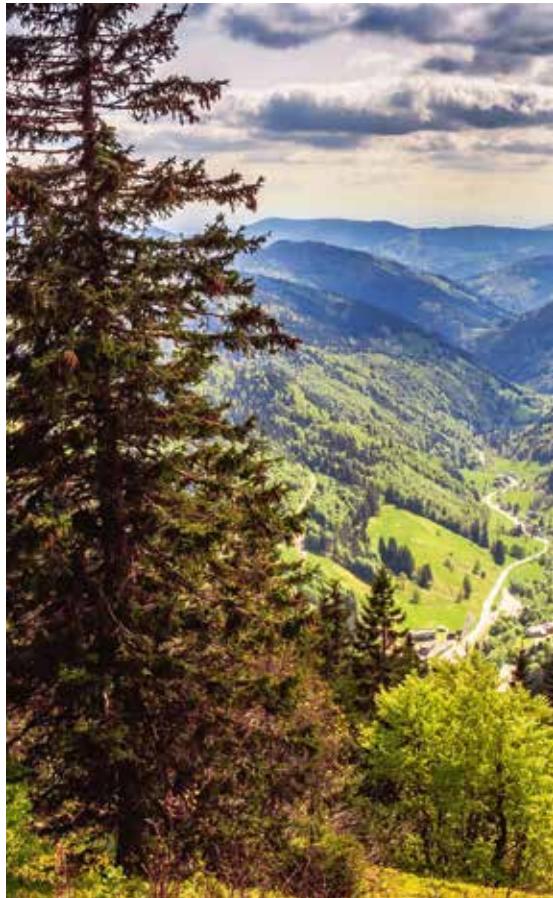
Still sailing upstream, the landscape becomes much wider and flatter, with gently rolling hills and vineyards that are home to the Liebfraumilch wines. Occasionally the excited chatter of birdlife breaks out as we pass oxbow lakes, long deserted by the river flow, which are now havens for over a hundred bird species.

Today we berth in historic Speyer, founded by the Celts and one of Germany's oldest cities, celebrated for its illustrious past. The breathtaking Imperial Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is among the largest Romanesque churches in the world; it's also one of the finest. Its beautiful four-roomed crypt is the resting place of many Holy Roman emperors and German kings. Another landmark is the magnificent neo-Gothic Gedächtniskirche, built at the turn of the 20th century to commemorate the 1529 'Protestation at Speyer', a significant event when a group of Martin Luther's followers protested against his imperial ban – henceforth Luther's religious followers were known as 'Protestants'. There's free time to explore here before stepping back on board for another splendid dinner.

DAY 5 – STRASBOURG

This morning we cruise gently upstream, passing through two spectacular locks, whose elaborate engineering never ceases to fascinate. Why not find a comfortable chair and catch up on some reading, play chess or watch the rolling kaleidoscope of scenery from the Sun Deck?

We soon arrive in France and moor in



Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region. This afternoon we have a walking tour of its picturesque old town, bisected by canals and made up of a maze of narrow streets lined with timber-framed houses and sculptured portals. Unforgettable sights include the stupendous Gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral, multi-towered Ponts Couverts – covered bridges – and the





Feldberg mountain -
Black Forest - Day 6



Strasbourg - Day 5

pretty Petite France quarter of pastel-coloured former artisans' houses lining the canals. Don't be surprised if you're tempted to linger a while in a typical Alsatian café to sample some of the region's world-famous wines – a crisp Riesling or that particular speciality of Alsace, spicy Gewürztraminer. Back on board this evening there's a truly memorable occasion – the 'Captain's Dinner', featuring delicious specialities of the countries and regions we visit during our cruise.

DAY 6 – BREISACH & BLACK FOREST

Your final day cruising is spent gliding through the dramatic scenery of the rift valley separating the Vosges and Black Forest mountains. We arrive at the ancient town of Breisach, whose

historic heart is surrounded by stone ramparts and dominated by the impressive Saint Stephan's Cathedral.

This afternoon you drive through some of Central Europe's most stunning scenery – the Black Forest Mountains. This is a fabled landscape of rugged valleys, white-water rivers, cascading waterfalls and rolling hillsides covered with huge, densely packed pine trees – exactly as you expect it to be. Our destination is the idyllic village of Titisee, nestling on the

shores of its crystal-clear lake.

Rejoining the ship, we resume our stately passage upriver. As the sun sets and the riverside lights begin to twinkle there are wonderful views over the imposing Vosges massif. You enjoy this evening's dinner en route to Switzerland and our next mooring at Basel.

DAY 7 - LUCERNE & BERNESE OBERLAND

For many today will be the highlight of the cruise. You firstly take the short drive to Lucerne, often considered Switzerland's most beautiful city, spectacularly situated among stunning mountain views. It has been attracting well-heeled visitors for two centuries, including our very own Queen Victoria. Highly recommended is an invigorating stroll along the Chapel Bridge, a unique covered wooden walkway crossing the lake, supported by stilts and lined with colourful flower-filled window boxes. Not only is it the city's most iconic structure, it's a superb way to absorb Lucerne's regal atmosphere.

As you enter the Bernese Oberland in central Switzerland, the views become quite literally breathtaking! This is the grand alpine heart of Europe with some of the finest mountain scenery on earth, described by the composer Mendelssohn as 'the most wonderful of all in this unbelievably beautiful country'. On viewing the legendary snow-capped peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau you'll be quite simply awestruck.

We then ascend by mountain railway for more extraordinary vistas, with the crystal-clear lakes reflecting the grassy meadows and lush forests below. This truly magical landscape is sure to enchant you. Later we'll descend again by mountain railway before returning to the ship.

Please note, temperatures will be significantly lower at altitude, even during the summer months, so it's advisable to pack suitable clothing. Lunch is not included on this full day excursion; however the ship will offer a packed lunch.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN BASEL

This morning after breakfast, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

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EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Add four days to your trip, staying in Chur and Zermatt, travelling on the Glacier Express, and seeing the most iconic peak in Switzerland, the Matterhorn. See details on the next page.

FOUR-DAY SWITZERLAND EXTENSION

4 days from only \$1,499pp

Departing up to October 2019
and May to October 2020

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 3 nights in charming hotels with breakfast
- Explore Switzerland by train
- Visit historic Chur, spectacularly located at the heart of this magical Alpine landscape
- Experience the legendary Glacier Express, Europe's most scenic rail journey
- Stay in world-famous Zermatt, home to the iconic Matterhorn and a perfect base for exploring the breathtaking Alpine scenery

Extension Itinerary

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – CHUR

Journey by InterCity train from Basel to Chur, Switzerland's oldest city with a magnificent cathedral at the heart of its Old Town. Stay one night at the historic Hotel Stern or the Hotel Drei Könige hotel on selected dates.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – GLACIER EXPRESS

Board the legendary Glacier Express to Zermatt. See the iconic Matterhorn. Stay two nights at the Hotel Simi in the heart of this idyllic village.

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – ZERMATT

Option to ride the highest open-air cog railway to the Gornergrat for astounding views. Or simply explore Zermatt under your own steam.

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – RETURN HOME

Check out of your hotel at the appropriate time.

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – CHUR

We leave our cruise ship and take the train to historic Chur at the heart of Graubünden, the largest canton in Switzerland. As we leave behind Basel's city skyline the scenery becomes ever more picturesque – a wild landscape of deep isolated valleys, sheer rocky summits and thick pine forests. Glittering sunlight pours from the blue skies above on to sparkling glaciers oozing from the lofty summits; this is truly some of the most awe-inspiring mountain scenery in the world.

We arrive in Switzerland's oldest city, nestled in a forested valley with the Alps rising like an amphitheatre around it. Chur has been inhabited for over 5,000 years; the Celts, Romans, Ostrogoths and Franks have all ruled here due to its strategic position as a gateway to high alpine passes and important trade routes. Its characterful old town is a maze of winding cobbled alleys, handsome townhouses, refreshing fountains and quiet courtyards. Set high above the streets, its rising spires puncturing the sky, is the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Mary's Ascension, a fascinating mix of Gothic and Romanesque styles with a fantastically ornate interior.

Officially trilingual, Chur has a distinctly cosmopolitan, almost Mediterranean ambience. It's a centre for outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing, but also a spot to indulge in the more leisurely pastimes of eating and window-shopping – its streets are lined with restaurants, boutiques and traditional shops. If you're feeling hungry, look out for the regional speciality of Bündnerfleisch – prime beef traditionally air-dried in the eaves of a barn or open attic, then carved into wafer-thin slices. It's usually enjoyed with other cold meats and washed down with a cooling glass of the purest local mineral water. For something stronger, enjoy a refreshing drink in your choice of the city's many atmospheric bars and cafés.

There's free time to explore the city at your leisure. We stay one night with breakfast at the Hotel Drei Könige, superbly situated in the heart of the old town. The hotel enjoys a history dating back to 1793 and all the rooms are comfortably furnished in a traditional style. Some dates stay at the historic Hotel Stern Chur, with breakfast. Centrally located, this charming former inn dates back over 300 years and has a welcoming atmosphere, with echoes of a typical Swiss chalet in its authentic wooden beams and floors. All the rooms are comfortably furnished in warm, relaxing tones. This evening you can choose to dine in the hotel's excellent traditional restaurant serving seasonal dishes, or sample one of the city's many local establishments.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – GLACIER EXPRESS

After breakfast we embark on an unforgettable scenic and spectacular rail journey – the legendary Glacier Express. Our starting point at Chur is the lowest point of the route to Zermatt

and the iconic Matterhorn, Switzerland's most famous mountain and a 'must-see' highlight for many. The train first winds its way through the 'Swiss Grand Canyon', a dramatic section of the Upper Rhine where the river has carved deep into an eerie landscape of white rocks, climbing ever higher along the Oberalp Pass to a height of 6,673 feet.

At this altitude the mountain landscape becomes ever more eye-catching – lush wild flower meadows are studded with tiny shepherds' shelters, dense forests sweep up scree-covered mountainsides and snow-capped mountains glisten in the sunshine. You could be lucky and catch a glimpse of an elusive ibex or chamois negotiating a rocky ledge, or even a golden eagle soaring high above.

It's impossible not to marvel at the engineering achievements as the track traverses jaw-dropping precipices and snakes into tunnels hewn through mountain walls into the Upper Rhône Valley, with dramatic views at every turn. We pass countless torrential mountain streams and tumbling waterfalls before arriving at the legendary village of Zermatt, nestling at the foot of the instantly recognisable Matterhorn.

Zermatt itself is iconically Swiss. It's a car-free jumble of chalets and wooden farm huts strewn across the valley floor, surrounded by lush pastures alive with the sound of cowbells, while

dramatic cable cars and soaring footpaths weave ever upwards to a majestic amphitheatre of lofty summits. Overseeing it all is the ultimate attraction in this alpine wonderland – the mighty, mythical Matterhorn. Seeing this pyramid-shaped symbol of Switzerland in its unrivalled glory is truly one of life's 'wow' moments and it doesn't disappoint!

We stay two nights at chalet-style Hotel Simi, with breakfast. This comfortable hotel at the heart of the village provides an excellent base for exploring the numerous restaurants and cafés that cater for every taste.

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – ZERMATT

Today you may wish to explore Zermatt further under your own steam, or you can take Europe's highest open-air cog railway to the Gornergrat for more stupendous vistas. This extraordinary train service departs from Zermatt and climbs through a glorious landscape of mountains, valleys, lakes, streams and grassy meadows; you won't be surprised that some of the country's best hiking trails are here. The train stops at the summit of the Gornergrat, an altitude of



just over 10,000 feet, where you're surrounded by 29 snow-capped peaks – including the Matterhorn – and numerous glaciers, together creating an absolutely jaw-dropping mountain panorama. Sit back and admire a view of some of the mightiest peaks in the world – their magnitude and beauty will simply astound you.

Maybe enjoy a leisurely lunch against this most dazzling of backdrops before descending to Zermatt. Perhaps take a cable car ride for more dramatic views or visit the Alpine Museum with its intriguing collection of mountaineering memorabilia. Or you can simply relax over afternoon tea in a cosy café and soak up the magical alpine ambience.

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – RETURN HOME

Today we check out of the hotel at the appropriate time and take the train from Zermatt to Zürich airport.

REVERSE ITINERARY

On some dates this extension operates as a pre-stay before the start of your cruise from Basel.

Day 1 Extension – Zermatt

Day 2 Extension – Zermatt

Day 3 Extension – Glacier Express

Day 4 Extension – Chur & Basel



Matterhorn, Switzerland - Day 9

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2019

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MS EMILY BRONTË, MS OSCAR WILDE & MS THOMAS HARDY Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite
02/05/19†	\$3,179	\$3,869	\$4,319	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,319	\$5,239
09/05/19*	\$3,289	\$3,979	\$4,439	\$4,209	\$4,669	\$4,439	\$5,349
16/05/19, 20/05/19*†	\$3,409	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,319	\$4,779	\$4,549	\$5,469
06/06/19†, 13/06/19*, 27/06/19	\$3,869	\$4,549	\$5,009	\$4,779	\$5,239	\$5,009	\$5,919
04/07/19*, 11/07/19, 18/07/19*	\$3,409	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,319	\$4,779	\$4,549	\$5,469
29/07/19†, 05/08/19*, 08/08/19	\$3,409	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,319	\$4,779	\$4,549	\$5,469
14/08/19†, 15/08/19*, 21/08/19*	\$3,409	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,319	\$4,779	\$4,549	\$5,469
11/09/19†, 18/09/19	\$3,979	\$4,669	\$5,119	\$4,889	\$5,349	\$5,119	\$6,039
09/10/19	\$3,069	\$3,749	\$4,209	\$3,979	\$4,439	\$4,209	\$5,119
16/10/19*	\$2,609	\$3,289	\$3,749	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$3,749	\$4,669

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite
03/05/19*	\$3,179	\$3,409	\$3,869	\$4,209	\$4,089	\$4,439	\$5,239
24/05/19†, 31/05/19*	\$3,409	\$3,639	\$4,089	\$4,439	\$4,319	\$4,669	\$5,469
21/06/19†, 28/06/19*	\$3,869	\$4,089	\$4,549	\$4,889	\$4,779	\$5,119	\$5,919
16/08/19†, 23/08/19*	\$3,409	\$3,639	\$4,089	\$4,439	\$4,319	\$4,669	\$5,469
30/08/19†	\$3,639	\$3,869	\$4,319	\$4,669	\$4,549	\$4,889	\$5,689
06/09/19*†	\$3,979	\$4,209	\$4,669	\$5,009	\$4,889	\$5,239	\$6,039
27/09/19	\$3,639	\$3,869	\$4,319	\$4,669	\$4,549	\$4,889	\$5,689
04/10/19*	\$3,289	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,319	\$4,209	\$4,549	\$5,349
18/10/19†	\$2,609	\$2,839	\$3,289	\$3,639	\$3,519	\$3,869	\$4,669
25/10/19*	\$2,379	\$2,609	\$3,069	\$3,409	\$3,289	\$3,639	\$4,439

MS JANE AUSTEN Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite
03/07/19†, 07/07/19*†	\$3,289	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,319	\$4,209	\$4,549	\$4,439	\$5,119
31/07/19†, 07/08/19*	\$3,289	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,319	\$4,209	\$4,549	\$4,439	\$5,119
14/08/19, 21/08/19*	\$3,289	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,319	\$4,209	\$4,549	\$4,439	\$5,119
10/10/19	\$2,949	\$3,179	\$3,639	\$3,979	\$3,869	\$4,209	\$4,089	\$4,779
17/10/19*	\$2,379	\$2,609	\$3,069	\$3,409	\$3,289	\$3,639	\$3,519	\$4,209

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
07/07/19, 14/07/19*, 21/07/19†, 28/07/19*		\$3,179		\$3,869	\$4,089	\$5,239	

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
26/04/19	MS George Eliot	\$1,499	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
02/05/19, 20/05/19*	MS Emily Brontë	\$1,499	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
24/05/19	MS George Eliot	\$1,499	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
06/06/19	MS Emily Brontë	\$1,599	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
21/06/19	MS George Eliot	\$1,599	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
03/07/19, 07/07/19*	MS Jane Austen	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
21/07/19	MS Charles Dickens	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
29/07/19	MS Thomas Hardy	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
31/07/19	MS Jane Austen	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
14/08/19	MS Oscar Wilde	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
16/08/19, 30/08/19, 03/09/19*	MS George Eliot	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
11/09/19	MS Oscar Wilde	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
18/10/19	MS George Eliot	\$1,559	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi

*On these dates, the extension operates before the cruise.

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION - 4 days
The dates shown have the option to extend your stay for 3 nights in Chur and Zermatt, this is to be added to the cost of your cabin. Prices are per person based on two sharing. Single rooms are available subject to availability at a supplement of \$189 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: For a Glacier Express Extension taken at the end of the cruise, the Departure Point (Resort) will be Zurich Airport. Where the Extension is operated as a pre-stay, the Arrival Point (Resort) will be Zurich Airport.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

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Dates marked with a † have the option of an extension in Switzerland.

MS EMILY BRONTË & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
Cabin Type							
11/05/20	\$3,409	\$4,209	\$4,789	\$4,439	\$5,009	\$4,789	\$5,699
18/05/20*, 25/05/20	\$3,639	\$4,439	\$5,019	\$4,669	\$5,239	\$5,019	\$5,929
01/06/20*, 15/06/20, 22/06/20*	\$4,089	\$4,889	\$5,469	\$5,119	\$5,689	\$5,469	\$6,379
06/07/20, 13/07/20*, 27/07/20†, 03/08/20*, 08/08/20†, 15/08/20*, 17/08/20†, 24/08/20*, 22/08/20	\$3,519	\$4,319	\$4,899	\$4,549	\$5,119	\$4,899	\$5,809
29/08/20*	\$3,979	\$4,779	\$5,359	\$5,009	\$5,579	\$5,359	\$6,269
12/09/20†, 19/09/20*	\$4,209	\$5,009	\$5,589	\$5,239	\$5,809	\$5,589	\$6,499
10/10/20†	\$3,519	\$4,319	\$4,899	\$4,549	\$5,119	\$4,899	\$5,809
17/10/20*	\$2,609	\$3,409	\$3,989	\$3,639	\$4,209	\$3,989	\$4,899

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite
01/07/20†, 08/07/20*, 29/07/20, 05/08/20*	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,209	\$4,779	\$4,439	\$5,009	\$5,809
24/09/20†	\$3,979	\$4,439	\$4,669	\$5,239	\$4,899	\$5,469	\$6,269
01/10/20*	\$3,749	\$4,209	\$4,439	\$5,009	\$4,669	\$5,239	\$6,039
08/10/20	\$3,519	\$3,979	\$4,209	\$4,779	\$4,439	\$5,009	\$5,809
15/10/20*	\$2,609	\$3,069	\$3,299	\$3,869	\$3,529	\$4,099	\$4,899

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper	
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
14/05/20†, 21/05/20*	\$3,519	\$4,209	\$4,439	\$5,809		
04/06/20†, 11/06/20*, 25/06/20†	\$3,979	\$4,669	\$4,899	\$6,269		
02/07/20*, 23/07/20, 30/07/20*, 06/08/20, 13/08/20*	\$3,289	\$3,979	\$4,209	\$5,579		
03/09/20, 10/09/20*	\$3,979	\$4,669	\$4,899	\$6,269		
01/10/20†	\$3,519	\$4,209	\$4,439	\$5,809		
08/10/20*	\$3,289	\$3,979	\$4,209	\$5,579		

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
14/05/20	Charles Dickens	\$1,599	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
25/05/20	Emily Brontë	\$1,599	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
04/06/20	Charles Dickens	\$1,719	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
25/06/20	Charles Dickens	\$1,719	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
01/07/20	George Eliot	\$1,669	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
27/07/20	Emily Brontë	\$1,669	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
08/08/20	Oscar Wilde	\$1,669	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
17/08/20	Emily Brontë	\$1,669	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
12/09/20	Oscar Wilde	\$1,719	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
24/09/20	George Eliot	\$1,719	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
01/10/20	Charles Dickens	\$1,599	Hotel Drei Könige/Hotel Simi
10/10/20	Oscar Wilde	\$1,599	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION - 4 days
The dates shown have the option to extend your stay for 3 nights in Chur and Zermatt, this is to be added to the cost of your cabin. Prices are per person based on two sharing. Single rooms are available subject to availability at a supplement of \$169 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: For a Glacier Express Extension taken at the end of the cruise, the Departure Point (Resort) will be Zurich Airport. Where the Extension is operated as a pre-stay, the Arrival Point (Resort) will be Zurich Airport.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$199pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

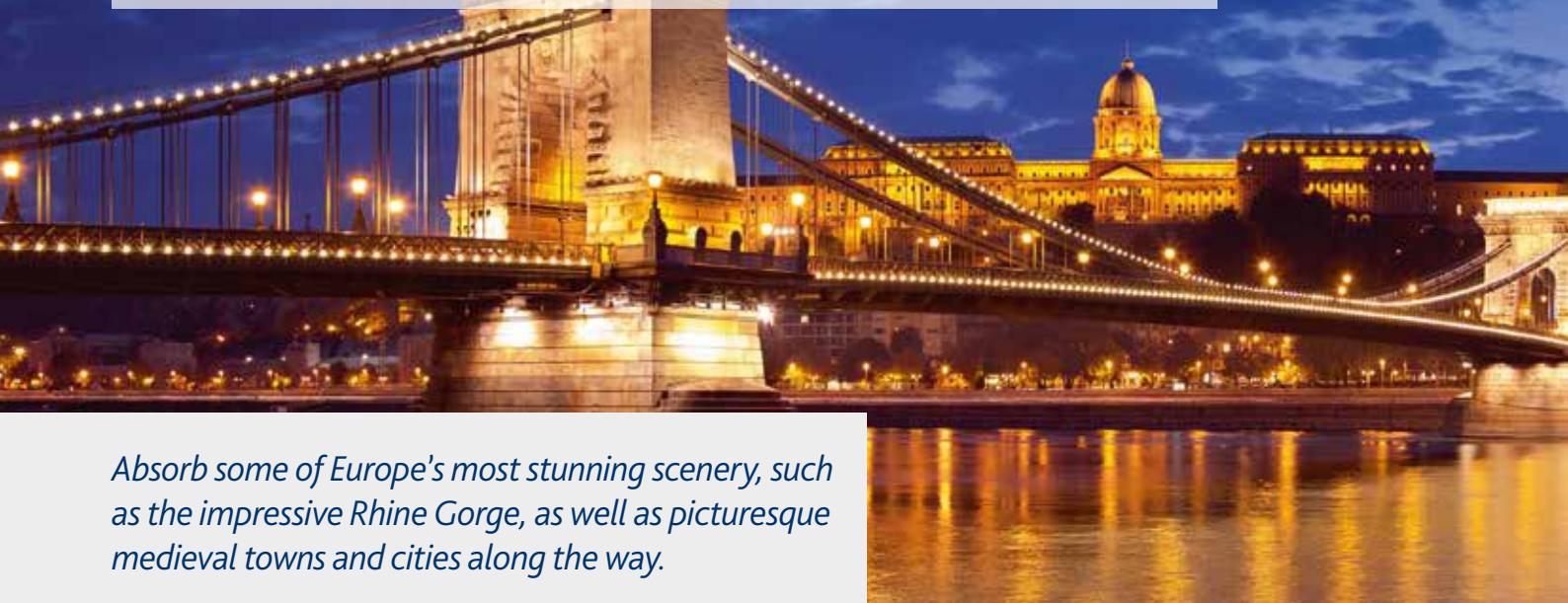
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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Embark the ship in Cologne and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – KOBLENZ & BOPPARD

Enjoy a guided tour of Koblenz, before cruising on to Boppard. There is time to wander around this enchanting village, often called the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.

DAY 3 – RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the world famous Rhine Gorge before arriving in the wine town of Rüdesheim with time to explore.

DAY 4 – MAINZ

Explore the Roman city of Mainz, with its 12th-century cathedral and museum dedicated to Gutenberg, the father of modern printing.

DAY 5 – MILTENBERG & WERTHEIM

Visit medieval Miltenberg before cruising to Wertheim with time to discover its charming highlights.

DAY 6 – WÜRZBURG

Enjoy a guided tour of Bavarian Würzburg before an afternoon at leisure on board.

DAY 7 – BAMBERG

We have a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site before joining the Main-Danube Canal.

DAY 8 – NUREMBERG

We enjoy a guided tour here before enjoying another relaxing afternoon on board taking in the stunning views.

DAY 9 – REGENSBURG

After a leisurely morning on board, wander the Roman city of Regensburg, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 10 – PASSAU

Moored in Passau this morning, spend some time exploring this picturesque town before an afternoon on board.

DAY 11 – MELK & VIENNA

This morning, we have a tour of the Benedictine Melk Abbey before cruising on to Vienna.

DAY 12 - VIENNA

Today we enjoy a guided tour of Vienna and the afternoon is then free to explore the city further. Tonight a string quartet performs a recital on board.

Discover Budapest,
the 'Little Paris of
Middle Europe' - Day 14



Nuremberg - Day 8



Budapest - Day 14

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 15 visits and tours including guided tours in Budapest, Vienna, Nuremberg, Bamberg, Bratislava, Koblenz and Würzburg; plus a visit to the Benedictine monastery, Melk Abbey
- 14 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Live classical quartet recital on board
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
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DAY 13 - BRATISLAVA

This morning we explore Bratislava on a guided tour. Wander the winding streets of the restored Baroque old town before an afternoon's cruising.

DAY 14 - BUDAPEST

We have a guided tour of this beautiful capital before you have the rest of the day to explore at your leisure.

DAY 15 - DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PLEASE NOTE

On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See the Pricing & Departures page for details.



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1—EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne, where your five-star floating hotel is moored in the picturesque historic centre. The dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard your first-class floating hotel, ensuring you settle in to your luxurious and well-equipped cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship.

DAY 2—KOBLENZ & BOPPARD

The first morning on a river cruise is always a thrill as you awake to the gentle lapping of the water and the colourful valley sides slipping effortlessly past your cabin window – there really is no other holiday experience quite like it. We call at historic Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers and dominated by the immense Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. This morning we take a guided walk around the old town, exploring its twisting streets and charming squares.

During a relaxed lunch we cruise to Boppard, known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine'. Wonderfully situated on a sweeping meander, it is one of the Rhineland's most attractive villages. Its stone quayside is lined with boats of all descriptions

set against a backdrop of archetypal half-timbered buildings and cobbled streets. There are also some superb Roman walls, reputed to be the finest in Germany.

DAY 3—RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Today you experience one of the real highlights of your cruise – the passage through the Rhine Gorge. Here the river narrows, the current is swifter and the towering valley sides soar 600 feet, while the ruins of castles, which once held sway over passing mariners, crown every tortuous turn. We pass rocky outcrops and cruise around endless twisting bends to the famous Lorelei or 'murmuring rock', where according to legend, enchanting maidens lured unsuspecting sailors to watery graves. Next we call at Rüdesheim, a true Rhine wine town surrounded by vineyards whose fruits you can sample in the many wine taverns you'll find in its cobbled streets.

DAY 4—MAINZ

This morning we take the short cruise to the town of Mainz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers. An important Roman city for over 450 years with the largest amphitheatre north of the Alps, Mainz is also

home to the magnificent Romanesque Saint Martin's Cathedral and the fine Saint Stephen's Church, whose interior is filled with beautiful blue light flooding through stained-glass windows featuring intricate biblical figures – a masterpiece by the great artist Marc Chagall. Mainz's most famous son is Johannes Gutenberg, father of modern printing, and there's an excellent museum housing a reconstruction of his workshop and two original 1455 Gutenberg Bibles, among the earliest books ever printed. This afternoon our ship cruises up the Main River.

Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Mainz and Passau. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the lido bar and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible.

DAY 5—MILTENBERG & WERTHEIM

The views this morning are of dense emerald-green forests as we cruise to Miltenberg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval villages. It became prosperous during the Middle Ages under the protection of its castle and today its colourful half-timbered houses and market square with its octagonal Renaissance fountain are an atmospheric reminder of times past.

During lunch we cruise around the first of the many meandering bends that characterise the Main River, pausing at Wertheim, one of those towns that's a joy to stumble across because it's completely unknown on the mainstream tourist trail. A russet-walled 12th-century castle overlooks the old town, with views of the church spires, turrets and patchwork of multicoloured buildings below.

DAY 6—WÜRZBURG

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning as we glide towards Würzburg, situated at the head of Germany's Romantic Road, so called because of its spellbinding procession of captivating scenery, medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces. Würzburg is best explored on foot and we have a walking tour through neat streets dotted with fine pastel-coloured Baroque and Rococo buildings. Its crowning jewel is the truly magnificent Residenz, the former seat of the prince-bishops and one of Europe's finest Baroque palaces, constructed to compete with the greatest courts of the day such as Vienna and Versailles.

DAY 7—BAMBERG

Today we visit Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's quite simply one of the most outstandingly preserved and beautiful small towns in Europe, easily on a par with Prague. The masterpiece you see today began its artistic journey during the 11th century



Budapest - Day 14

when Emperor Heinrich II chose Bamberg as the location for a capital city he planned to be as grand as Rome. Although it never became as large as Italy's capital, Bamberg nevertheless has a wealth of fine buildings including a stupendous cathedral, a town hall built in the middle of the Regnitz River, a network of canals and former fishermen's houses called 'Little Venice' and hundreds of medieval buildings in the tangled lanes of its old town.



DAY 8 – NUremberg

Today we call at Nuremberg, the Bavarian city which will always be associated with the Nazi period – Hitler's pre-war rallies and the international war crimes trials that brought down the final curtain on that notorious regime. What is less well known is that Nuremberg is regarded as the unofficial capital of Germany's First Reich, better known as the Holy Roman Empire, which was founded with the coronation

of Charlemagne in 800 AD and lasted for over a thousand years.

This morning we have a fascinating guided tour taking in the city's great ramparts and many fine historic buildings, including the enormous Kaiserburg castle, Craftsmen's Court, the Church of Saint Lawrence and the Market Square, with its exquisite fountain that resembles a Gothic church tower.

DAY 9 – REGENSBURG

This morning we cruise along the Main–Danube Canal to Kelheim, where we join the enchanting Danube River. Our next port of call is Regensburg, formerly an important garrison guarding the most northwesterly point of the Roman Empire whose camp gate, the Porta Praetoria, can still be seen.

Regensburg was spared war damage and today its historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's a delight to explore. This afternoon take a stroll along the iconic stone bridge; see the Altes Rathaus – the seat of the Diet, or parliament, of the Holy Roman Empire from 1663 to 1806 – and gaze in wonder at the Gothic cathedral, the most exceptional in Bavaria. Regensburg calls itself 'Germany's medieval miracle', and it's hard to argue as you wander along the glorious winding streets and elegant squares of the old town.

City Hall building, Bamberg - Day 7





DAY 10 – PASSAU

Another day dawns as our journey brings us to Passau, the last town we stop at in Germany, nestling where the Inn and Ilz Rivers join the Danube. After a leisurely breakfast take the opportunity to explore the 'Three Rivers City', overlooked by the Veste Oberhaus, a 13th-century hilltop fortress. The old town below is known for its Baroque architecture including Saint Stephen's Cathedral, where the world's largest cathedral organ sounds.

Back on board this afternoon, make sure to keep an eye on the superb riverside views slipping silently by as we cross into Austria. It's a country synonymous with superb scenery, but this beautiful section of the Danube Valley is something of a secret.

DAY 11 – MELK

On a striking rocky bluff above the town of Melk is the enormous Benedictine Abbey, which we visit this morning. This extraordinary building

was originally a castle that was subsequently bequeathed to the Benedictine order during the 11th century and has been a monastery ever since. Reconstructed in full Baroque style during the 18th century, the Abbey has many fine rooms and a stupendous library with 100,000 priceless volumes, including some intricate illuminated manuscripts.

As lunch is served we cruise downstream through the delightfully picturesque Wachau Valley before approaching our next destination: Vienna, the city of Strauss. To celebrate Vienna's wonderful legacy we have arranged a recital on board by a quartet of talented classical musicians. Listening to this exquisite music while in the city of its creation makes a wonderful finale to the day.

DAY 12 – VIENNA

Imagine Vienna and you think of an elegant imperial city that's one of the gems of Central Europe, and perhaps the world's most musical

city. Its name conjures up an image of culture, ornate architecture, resplendent cafés, aristocratic palaces and imposing cathedrals, with the romantic music of the great composers filling the air. In fact, the reality is little different and there's an absolute wealth of things to see in this former capital of the Habsburg Empire, which held sway over much of Central and Eastern Europe for centuries until its demise at the end of the First World War. For such a grand city Vienna is quite compact and this morning we enjoy an enlightening guided tour. This most civilised of cities first rose to prominence in the 17th century, and over the next 200 years a magnificent array of galleries, churches and palaces was built. At its heart we have the lovely Saint Stephen's Cathedral with its dazzling patterned roof of glazed tiles, then the awe-inspiring Hofburg Palace, the former royal court that's now a collection of museums, home to the Crown Jewels and relics of the Holy Roman Empire as well as the famous Spanish Riding

Danube River



School, and where the Vienna Boys' Choir performs. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy this wonderful city at your leisure.

DAY 13 – BRATISLAVA

This morning we explore Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, which has shrugged off the greyness of the communist era and rekindled the splendour of its imperial past in its painstakingly restored Baroque old town. Wander the winding streets to the main square where you'll find the former old town Hall, now housing a museum dedicated to the history of the city and where you may climb the tower for some lovely views. Equally impressive is the great 9th-century castle that dominates the city, with its expansive views across the Danube. Or head to the neoclassical Primatial Palace with its fabulous Hall of Mirrors and rare collection of 17th-century English tapestries. For something more relaxing, perhaps enjoy a refreshing homemade lemonade – a speciality of the city – in one of the many cafés.

Our cruise reaches another highlight this afternoon as we navigate the dramatic Danube Bend, one of the most spectacular stretches of this mighty river. Winding our way through a narrow twisting valley flanked by high mountains and verdant hillsides, we pass a kaleidoscope of exceptional river views, ancient castle ruins and historic towns. We reach our journey's end cruising into Budapest and enjoying spectacular views of this breathtaking city on our stately final approach.

Parliament Building, Budapest - Day 14



DAY 14 – BUDAPEST

You rise refreshed in this breathtakingly beautiful imperial capital that straddles the great Danube River, and we have a whole day to enjoy it. Dominated by its castle, Budapest has been called 'Little Paris of Middle Europe' and, with its truly magnificent skyline of soaring spires and grand domes, it's not hard to see why. It's renowned for the bewitching blend of monuments reflecting Hungary's national culture and those of the foreign

powers that have dominated most of the city's history. Today Budapest is a collage of Roman ruins, Turkish baths from the Ottoman Empire, palatial buildings, Baroque churches and sensational Art Nouveau architecture and design – all wrapped up in a wonderful atmosphere enhanced by the unique sound of Hungary's music and language.

You'll really get to know this beguiling city on our guided tour of the main sights, such as the iconic Parliament Building, a huge neo-Gothic building that dominates the river bank with its striking central dome and multitude of soaring spires. You have the rest of the day free to explore at your leisure, and culturally you're spoilt for choice with the city's array of fine museums and art galleries. Alternatively you might want to wander the ancient streets of the Castle District while you enjoy panoramic views of the city, stroll down elegant Andrassy Avenue or visit the spectacular Central Market Hall, where you can find everything from traditional foods to handicrafts.

The main event this evening is the 'Captain's Dinner', the chef's delicious selection of specialities from the countries and regions we've visited during our cruise. Afterwards, perhaps retire for a digestif in the bar to reflect on all the wonderful sights you've seen and the people you've met on this unforgettable river cruise through the heart of Europe.

DAY 15 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

This morning after breakfast, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

PLEASE NOTE: On some dates, this tour operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See the Pricing & Departure page for details.



Bridge Tower and tower of Town Hall in Regensburg - Day 9

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

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MS EMILY BRONTË, MS OSCAR WILDE & MS THOMAS HARDY Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Suite	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
01/07/19*, 12/08/19	\$6,009	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$7,389	\$7,839	\$7,839	\$7,609	\$8,759
31/07/19*	\$6,009	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$7,389	\$7,839	\$7,839	\$7,609	\$8,759
22/08/19	\$6,009	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$7,389	\$7,839	\$7,839	\$7,609	\$8,759
31/10/19*	\$3,959	\$4,869	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$5,789	\$5,789	\$5,559	\$6,699

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
05/07/19	\$6,009	\$6,359	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$7,389	\$7,839	\$7,839	\$8,759
19/07/19*	\$6,009	\$6,359	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$7,389	\$7,839	\$7,839	\$8,759

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
05/05/19	\$5,789	\$6,699	\$7,159	\$8,529			
23/06/19*	\$6,009	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$8,759			
04/08/19	\$5,789	\$6,699	\$7,159	\$8,529			
29/09/19*	\$6,009	\$6,929	\$7,389	\$8,759			



MS George Eliot see p112



Standard cabin, MS George Eliot



MS Charles Dickens see p116



Standard cabin, MS Charles Dickens

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing. Dates marked with an asterisk * operate a reverse itinerary.

MS EMILY BRONTË, MS OSCAR WILDE & MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
07/05/20	\$6,239	\$7,389	\$8,069	\$7,729	\$8,419	\$8,069	\$9,329
18/07/20*	\$6,469	\$7,619	\$8,299	\$7,959	\$8,649	\$8,299	\$9,559
07/09/20	\$6,699	\$7,849	\$8,529	\$8,189	\$8,879	\$8,529	\$9,789
26/10/20*	\$4,189	\$5,339	\$6,019	\$5,679	\$6,369	\$6,019	\$7,279



MS Emily Brontë see p110



Standard suite, MS Emily Brontë

Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Mainz and Passau. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the lido bar and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$389pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & WI-FI

Enjoy coffee or tea in your cabin and stay connected throughout the ship. Connection speeds may vary.



INSIGHTFUL TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Our thoughtfully balanced itineraries include many guided tours with local experts. Our complimentary headsets will ensure you never miss a word.



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Expect five-star service from our hand-picked crew, the best cruise directors and concierges.

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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Embark the ship in Budapest and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

This morning visit Esztergom's renowned Renaissance Basilica boasting one of the world's largest altars. Spend the afternoon at leisure on board cruising to your next destination.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Today explore Bratislava's imperial history on a guided tour, so evident in its astonishing Baroque Old Town and atmospheric 17th-century fortress guarding the Danube, before cruising towards Austria.

DAY 4 – DÜRNSTEIN & MELK ABBEY

Dürnstein is famous for its outstanding ice-blue Baroque basilica. This afternoon visit the Benedictine monastery above the town of Melk, on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube.

DAY 5 – SALZBURG OR LINZ

Today you have the choice to tour atmospheric Salzburg with its timeless architecture from the medieval to the 18th century, dominated by its huge Hohensalzburg Fortress, or discover the Baroque old town of Linz on a guided tour.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

Enjoy a guided tour of the seat of the Habsburg Emperor with its former royal court, the Hofburg, now a collection of museums, home to the Vienna Boys' Choir, the Spanish Riding School, the crown jewels and the world's largest art collection. Tonight enjoy a recital on board.



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available for solo
travellers. See page
64 for details.



Natural History Museum,
Vienna – Day 6



Mozart statue in
Vienna – Day 6



Melk Abbey – Day 4

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 7 visits and tours including guided tours in Vienna, Salzburg or Linz, Budapest and Bratislava; and visits to Esztergom, Dürnstein and Melk Abbey
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Live classical quartet recital on board
- Hungarian folklore show on board
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
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Plus, of course...

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- All port charges
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DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Visit this imperial city of two halves, Buda and Pest, built on opposite banks of the Danube on a guided tour. Tonight a Hungarian folklore show will follow the gala dinner.

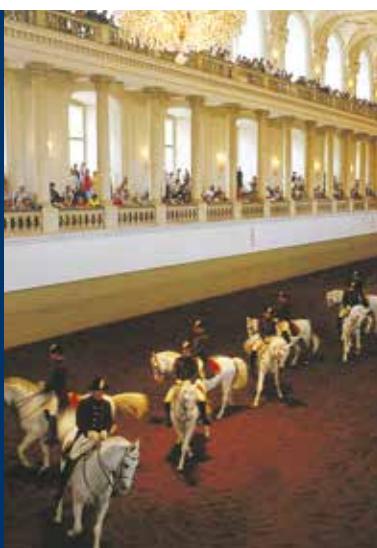
DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

Visit the Spanish Riding School, Vienna

Enjoy a visit to the Spanish Riding School, the only institution in the world that has practised classical equitation in the Renaissance tradition of the haute école for over 440 years and continues to do so. From €15 per person.



Budapest – Day 7



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Arrive in Budapest, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. The dedicated crew are there to welcome you on board, ensuring you settle in and familiarise yourself with this first-class floating hotel. There's always a sense of expectancy and excitement on the eve of a cruise and, after an excellent dinner in the stylish restaurant, conversation is sure to revolve around the delights ahead.

DAY 2 – ESZTERGOM

Overnight we have cruised upstream to Esztergom, one of Hungary's oldest towns, a royal capital during medieval times and today the seat of the country's archbishop. Esztergom is famous for its enormous neoclassical basilica, standing sentinel over the Danube on the border with Slovakia, and boasting one of the world's largest altarpieces and a wealth of priceless religious artefacts. The castle is also worth exploring; it was the seat of government until the Ottomans invaded in the 16th century. Nestling below are myriad atmospheric churches resonating with the enchanting sounds of choir; this is the best of provincial Hungary and is little changed since Habsburg times. As you enjoy your first lunch on board we gently leave Esztergom in our wake, affording a fascinating opportunity to compare the different landscapes, towns and villages of Hungary on one river bank and of Slovakia on the other.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

This morning we explore Slovakia's fast-emerging capital city, Bratislava, on a guided tour. Until recently swathed in the drab uniformity of Communism, the city has rekindled the splendour of its imperial past in its beautifully restored old town. Equally impressive is the imposing 17th-century castle

commanding expansive views across the Danube.

This afternoon we cruise into Lower Austria, a peaceful, bucolic region and home to some of the country's best wines. By now the stresses of everyday life seem distant as you absorb the ever-changing scenes we pass: children playing on the river banks, young couples strolling arm in arm like generations before them, vigneronns carefully pruning their vines, and cobbled quaysides lined by half-timbered buildings. You'll marvel as the Captain skilfully navigates the ship along the serene river and through locks whose mechanisms never cease to fascinate, as we cruise towards Dürnstein during dinner.

DAY 4 – DÜRNSTEIN & MELK

Dürnstein is known principally for two things: first, for the ice-blue tower of its abbey, which dominates the view, and second, for the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192 after being shipwrecked on his return from the crusades. Set on a rocky outcrop high above the river, the castle is now ruined, but it's easy to imagine England's legendary monarch seething with frustration far from home, while waiting for his family to raise funds to pay his ransom.

After lunch you visit the remarkable Melk

Abbey. Nothing quite prepares you for your first sight of this enormous honey-coloured building, standing resplendent above the surrounding countryside. Originally a castle, it was gifted to the Benedictine Order in the 11th century and, although reconstructed in Baroque style during the 18th century, it has remained a monastic school and monastery ever since. The Abbey is renowned for its 214-yard-long Emperor's Gallery lined with portraits, many fine rooms and an ornate library. After we re-join the ship, dinner is served during the final part of our cruise upstream through the pretty Nibelungengau, immortalised in the music of Wagner.

DAY 5 – SALZBURG OR LINZ

Reaching Linz, **you will have the choice** to stay in the city and take a guided walking tour, exploring its charming Baroque old town. At its heart you'll see one of the finest squares in Austria, lined by grand pastel-coloured facades with an impressive central Trinity Column of white marble, crowned by a gilded sunburst. There's also the fortress-like castle, built high above the city by Emperor Friedrich III, now a museum housing a fine collection of nineteenth and twentieth-century artworks. Alternatively, we drive to Salzburg, once an independent



Bratislava – Day 3



Salzburg – Day 5



Dürnstein – Day 4

state whose archbishops turned it into one of the most sophisticated cities north of the Alps. Dominating the skyline is one of Europe's largest stone fortresses, the Hohensalzburg, while beneath its walls church domes and spires rise from the delightful Altstadt, or old town. Then there's the wonderful Hellbrunn Palace and the splendid formal gardens of the Mirabell Palace – a must for horticulture fans.

This morning discover some of the city's main sights in the company of an expert local guide, then you're free to explore as you wish. Everywhere there are sights associated with the city's most famous resident, Mozart, who played the harpsichord aged three, composed rudimentary music at five and wrote his first opera when he was 11! Please note lunch is not included on this full day excursion to Salzburg; however, the ship will offer a packed lunch. We return to the ship for another splendid dinner.

DAY 6 – VIENNA

For many, today's visit to Vienna will be one of the highlights of the cruise. The city's very name provokes images of elegance, fine music, wide boulevards, Baroque architecture and a rich tapestry of peoples who were drawn here from all corners of Europe. For 200 years until the

First World War, Vienna was the cultural centre of Europe and many of the showpiece buildings, galleries, aristocratic palaces and magnificent churches you see today were built to reflect its imperial status.

The city's most iconic monument is the breathtaking Saint Stephen's Cathedral, whose striking multicoloured roof and huge Gothic South Tower dominate the skyline. There's also the colossal Hofburg, the former royal court that is now home to a collection of museums, the Crown Jewels and the Spanish Riding School, and where the Vienna Boys' Choir performs. Then there are the lavish Imperial Apartments and an outstanding collection of relics of the Holy Roman Empire, including, allegedly, the sabre of Charlemagne himself. The Kunsthistorisches Museum, which contains the world's fourth largest collection of paintings, is just across the road.

This morning we have a tour with a local guide offering insights into why Vienna is one of Europe's great capitals – the seat of

the Habsburg emperors and home to some of the world's finest classical composers, including Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and, of course, a whole family of Strauss. During the afternoon you're free to explore as you wish. Take a stroll in the Prater, notable for the huge Ferris wheel that features in several Cold War spy thrillers. Or, for something quite different, visit the Schönbrunn Palace, a former royal residence now housing a range of world-class museums and galleries. Perhaps, though, just take a stroll through Vienna's atmospheric side streets, or enjoy a coffee and a slice of delicious Sachertorte in one of the lovely coffee houses.

This evening we've arranged truly the 'icing on the cake': no visit to Vienna is complete without a live musical experience, so after dinner we have a classical recital on board. To hear this exquisite music played in the city of its creation makes a wonderful finale to the day.

DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a leisurely morning as we cruise majestically through Hungary's peaceful pastoral landscape towards Budapest. After lunch we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city, which truly lives up to its reputation as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. The twin cities of Buda, built around the hilltop fortress, and Pest, with its wide boulevards, were fought over through the centuries. The Ottomans ruled here for 150 years before being ousted in the late 17th century, but their legacy lives on in the many thermal baths fed by hot springs, giving rise to Budapest's other sobriquet – the 'City of Spas'. After the end of Ottoman rule, Budapest became an imperial city of the Habsburg Empire, attracting great cultural and commercial wealth.

Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm: two churches, seven museums and a theatre among streets and squares with their own special atmosphere and a dramatic view across the river to the awe-inspiring neo-Gothic Parliament Building. Budapest's endless galleries, museums, outstanding Art Nouveau architecture and excellent shopping offer a fittingly elegant end to your Danube cruise. This evening's Gala Dinner closes with a Hungarian folklore show, giving you time to bid farewell to your travelling companions and reflect on all the inspirational places, sights and sounds you have experienced on a truly 'imperial' cruise.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

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- Visit the famous National Gallery with its world-class collection of Hungarian masterpieces and antiquities
- Tour of the Royal Palace and stunning gardens at Gödöllő, former summer residence of the Habsburgs
- Experience the dramatic 'Puszta' on our scenic tour into Hungary's Great Plain and after lunch, watch a performance by some of the region's most famous horsemen

Extension Itinerary

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – VISEGRÁD & SZENTENDRE

See the medieval town of Visegrád and perhaps explore the beautifully restored Royal Palace and gardens. After a tasty Hungarian lunch, spend a relaxing afternoon in delightful Szentendre.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a guided visit of the iconic Parliament Building, followed by a visit to the National Gallery with its impressive collection of Hungarian masterpieces. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – GÖDÖLLŐ & PUSZTA

Tour the impressive Royal Palace at Gödöllő this morning before enjoying a scenic drive through the 'Puszta', Hungary's Great Plain. After lunch, watch a performance by some of the region's most skilled horsemen at the famous Equestrian Park.

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – CHECK OUT

Check out of the hotel at the appropriate time.

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – VISEGRÁD & SZENTENDRE

For those continuing their holiday with our three-night extension, we leave the ship and return to the dramatic Danube Bend to explore some of the region's hidden gems. First we visit the medieval town of Visegrád, renowned for its historic Royal Palace and fantastically preserved citadel. The palace, now beautifully restored, was originally built by King Charles Robert in the 14th century when he decided to move the royal court to Visegrád from Budapest. It was abandoned after the Ottoman conquest and lay buried for centuries under mud washed down from the surrounding hills until a chance discovery by an archaeologist in 1934 helped

identify the building's location. You may wish to visit the palace, gardens and remarkable royal chapel featuring a stunning gilded wooden ceiling before enjoying a tasty lunch. There's also a chance to visit Solomon's Tower, a 13th-century hexagonal keep housing a museum with fascinating Gothic and Renaissance discoveries excavated from the town.

We spend the rest of the day in picturesque Szentendre. Nestling below the rolling hills behind, this charming riverside town has a lovely Baroque square lined with brightly painted facades and pretty churches. Described as the 'Montmartre of the Danube', the rich, rusty reds and warm orange and yellow hues of its handsome townhouses dazzle in the rosy light.

This is the perfect spot to while away a lazy afternoon, exploring the old town's delightful maze of cobblestone streets.

We return to Budapest where we stay for the next three nights at the **K+K Opera Hotel**. Superbly located next to the State Opera House, this boutique-style hotel has a sophisticated yet welcoming ambience. The stylishly furnished rooms are well-appointed with all the facilities you would expect in a hotel of this quality. Some departures will stay at the **Museum Hotel Budapest** which enjoys an excellent central location, stylish lobby bar and wellness centre. All the rooms are fully air-conditioned, elegantly furnished and well-appointed.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – BUDAPEST

Budapest is truly a magnificent city – an alluring collage of palatial buildings and grand churches with dramatic spires and magnificent domes straddling the vast waters of the Danube. Numerous foreign powers have ruled here and this is reflected in the city's eclectic architectural mix, including Roman ruins and Turkish baths recalling the days of the Ottoman Empire, but the greatest influence on its architecture was Hungary's union with Austria in 1867, which initiated a period of huge growth continuing up to the First World War. This resulted in some sensational buildings in a range of styles, including the elegant Art Nouveau Gellert Hotel and its sumptuous thermal baths, resplendent with gleaming majolica tiles and colourful mosaics.

The iconic Parliament Building – the world's third largest – was also built during this period. Constructed in neo-Gothic style and arguably grander than our own Houses of Parliament, it dominates the river bank with its striking central dome and spires soaring into the sky above. Its cathedral-like interior is breathtakingly ornate, with fabulous frescoes, stained glass and mosaics. During an included tour we'll see the Domed Hall, home to the Hungarian

Crown Jewels, the 16-sided Central Hall with its stunning gilded ceiling and intricate carvings, and the astonishing Golden Staircase.

Our next stop is the impressive National Gallery, which is located in Buda Castle and includes a phenomenal collection of Hungarian masterpieces spanning the centuries as well as a crypt containing tombs of several members of the Habsburg dynasty. We enjoy a visit to this world-famous collection, then the rest of the day is free for you to explore this fantastic city and its multitude of cultural attractions.

When it's time for a well-earned break, try one of Budapest's many cellar cafés or sample local cuisine in a cosy restaurant. Hungary is legendary for its goulash and dumplings, but you'll find many other hearty dishes on offer, often seasoned with the locally produced paprika, which ranges from sweet to hot and is said to be the best in the world due to its rich colour and robust flavour.

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – GÖDÖLLŐ & THE PUSZTA

Today we leave the bustling city behind for something different. The landscape gradually begins to change as the thickly forested hills of the uplands to the north come into view,

while isolated sleepy villages and remote ruined castles are all that interrupt the swathes of lush vineyards of this world-class wine-producing region. Our first port of call is the attractive Baroque town of Gödöllő, where we have a tour of the impressive Royal Palace. Known as 'Hungary's Versailles', it was used by Queen Elisabeth of Hungary as a residence during the spring and autumn hunting seasons and is surrounded by a large park and gorgeous manicured gardens. Inside we see the stately private apartments, lavishly decorated with exquisite furniture and antiques, and the Queen's secret staircase linking her bedroom to the library.

Our scenic drive continues south into the Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, which covers half the entire country. Although prone to flooding the soil was rich with volcanic silt, and in medieval times vast numbers worked the land here. But in the decades of war that followed, villages were deserted and the once-thick forests destroyed so entirely that the region became an inhospitable swamp. Today this huge, flat expanse is a protected prairie stretching endlessly for miles into the horizon; romantically desolate, the wild, lonely silence of this landscape is broken only by the sound of livestock on the occasional whitewashed farm, where ruby-coloured peppers dry in the hazy sun before being ground into paprika.

We visit the renowned Equestrian Park owned by the Lazar brothers – world coach-driving champions! After a welcome drink, we enjoy a traditional fortifying lunch accompanied by the authentic sounds of Hungarian gypsy music. Later we sit back to watch a spectacular performance by some of the most skilled horsemen in the area, and you'll have the opportunity to take a scenic carriage ride to experience this unique landscape from a different perspective.

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – CHECK OUT

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Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
		Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite
08/05/19†, 15/05/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
22/05/19†	\$3,229		\$3,909		\$4,369	\$4,139	\$4,599
29/05/19	\$3,339		\$4,029		\$4,479	\$4,249	\$4,709
05/06/19†, 12/06/19	\$3,449		\$4,139		\$4,599	\$4,369	\$4,829
19/06/19, 24/06/19†	\$3,449		\$4,139		\$4,599	\$4,369	\$4,829
26/06/19	\$3,449		\$4,139		\$4,599	\$4,369	\$4,829
26/07/19, 01/07/19, 03/07/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
05/07/19†, 08/07/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
10/07/19†, 12/07/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
15/07/19, 17/07/19, 19/07/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
22/07/19, 24/07/19, 29/07/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
02/08/19, 05/08/19†	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
09/08/19, 12/08/19, 16/08/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
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19/09/19, 26/09/19	\$3,679		\$4,369		\$4,829	\$4,599	\$5,049
03/10/19, 07/10/19	\$3,229		\$3,909		\$4,369	\$4,139	\$4,599
10/10/19, 11/10/19	\$2,999		\$3,679		\$4,139	\$3,909	\$4,369
14/10/19	\$2,769		\$3,449		\$3,909	\$3,679	\$4,139
17/10/19, 18/10/19	\$2,539		\$3,229		\$3,679	\$3,449	\$3,909
21/10/19†	\$2,309		\$2,999		\$3,449	\$3,229	\$3,679
24/10/19	\$2,079		\$2,769		\$3,229	\$2,999	\$3,449
25/10/19†, 28/10/19	\$1,849		\$2,539		\$2,999	\$2,769	\$3,229
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ							
28/10/19 Δ	\$2,769		\$3,459		\$3,919	\$3,689	\$4,149
01/11/19 Δ	\$2,769		\$3,459		\$3,919	\$3,689	\$4,149
04/11/19 Δ	\$2,769		\$3,459		\$3,919	\$3,689	\$4,149

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Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper	
		Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
19/05/19	\$2,879		\$3,569	\$3,799	\$4,939
26/05/19	\$3,109		\$3,799	\$4,029	\$5,169
02/06/19, 09/06/19, 16/06/19	\$3,229		\$3,909	\$4,139	\$5,279
18/08/19	\$2,769		\$3,449	\$3,679	\$4,829
25/08/19	\$2,999		\$3,679	\$3,909	\$5,049
01/09/19†, 08/09/19, 15/09/19†, 22/09/19	\$3,449		\$4,139	\$4,369	\$5,509

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08/05/19	MS Oscar Wilde	\$1,069	Museum Hotel Budapest
22/05/19, 05/06/19	MS Oscar Wilde	\$1,179	Museum Hotel Budapest
24/06/19	MS Robert Burns	\$1,069	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
05/07/19	MS William Wordsworth	\$1,069	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
10/07/19	MS Oscar Wilde	\$1,069	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
05/08/19	MS Robert Burns	\$1,069	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
26/08/19	MS Thomas Hardy	\$1,069	Museum Hotel Budapest
01/09/19, 15/09/19	MS Charles Dickens	\$1,179	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
21/10/19	MS Robert Burns	\$1,069	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
25/10/19	MS William Wordsworth	\$889	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest

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Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
		Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite
03/04/20†, 06/04/20	\$2,059	\$2,859	\$3,439	\$3,089	\$3,659	\$3,439	\$4,349
10/04/20	\$2,289	\$3,089	\$3,669	\$3,319	\$3,889	\$3,669	\$4,579
13/04/20	\$2,519	\$3,319	\$3,899	\$3,549	\$4,119	\$3,899	\$4,809
17/04/20	\$2,749	\$3,549	\$4,129	\$3,779	\$4,349	\$4,129	\$5,039
20/04/20†, 24/04/20	\$2,969	\$3,769	\$4,349	\$3,999	\$4,569	\$4,349	\$5,259
09/05/20, 16/05/20†	\$3,199	\$3,999	\$4,579	\$4,229	\$4,799	\$4,579	\$5,489
21/05/20†, 23/05/20	\$3,429	\$4,229	\$4,809	\$4,459	\$5,029	\$4,809	\$5,719
28/05/20, 30/05/20	\$3,659	\$4,459	\$5,039	\$4,689	\$5,259	\$5,039	\$5,949
04/06/20†, 06/06/20, 13/06/20, 20/06/20, 22/06/20†, 25/06/20	\$3,889	\$4,689	\$5,269	\$4,919	\$5,489	\$5,269	\$6,179
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10/09/20	Geoffrey Chaucer	\$1,259	Museum Hotel Budapest
21/09/20	Emily Brontë	\$1,259	Museum Hotel Budapest
05/10/20	Emily Brontë	\$1,149	K+K Opera Hotel Budapest
12/10/20	Robert Burns	\$1,149	Museum Hotel Budapest

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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN VIENNA

Embark the ship in Vienna and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

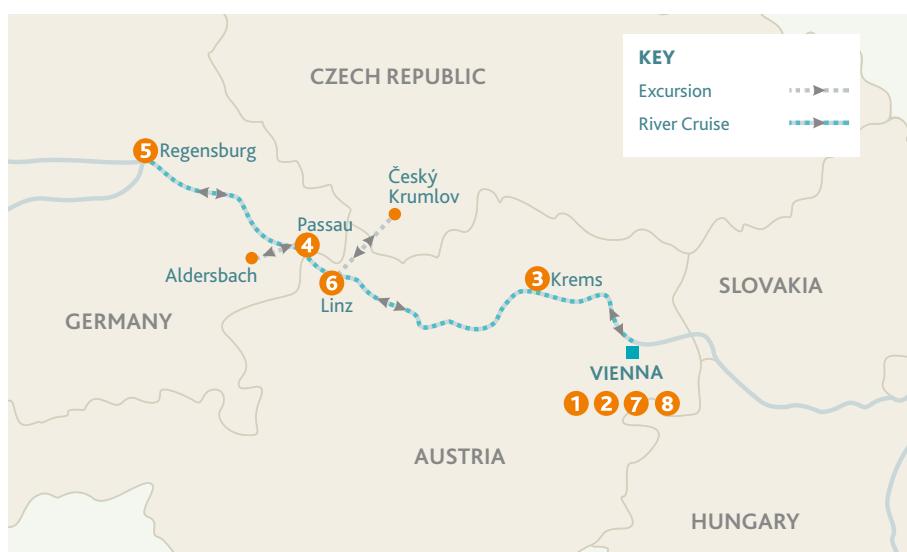
Enjoy a guided tour of the seat of the Habsburg Emperor with its former royal court, the Hofburg, now a collection of museums, home to the Vienna Boys' Choir, the Spanish Riding School, the crown jewels and the world's largest art collection. Tonight as we arrive in Krems, enjoy a recital on board.

DAY 3 – KREMS

From our mooring in the medieval town of Krems we take the short drive to visit the striking Göttweig Abbey, a Benedictine monastery set high on a hilltop with magnificent views of the Danube Valley, before enjoying an afternoon's scenic cruising.

DAY 4 – PASSAU & ALDERSBACH

Late morning we moor in Passau and you'll have some free time to explore its picturesque old town. After lunch we visit the former site of the Cistercian monastery at Aldersbach with its stunning Baroque church, brewery and museum.



Vienna - Days 2 and 7



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 9 visits and tours including guided tours in Vienna, Regensburg, Linz; full day excursion to Cesky Krumlov with guided tour; guided tour of Göttweig Abbey; and visits to Krems, Passau, Aldersbach Abbey and Schönbrunn Palace
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
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DAY 5 – REGENSBURG

After a leisurely breakfast we arrive in the Roman city of Regensburg and enjoy a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, Germany's 'medieval miracle' with its winding streets and elegant squares. Spend the afternoon relaxing on board as we cruise onwards to Linz.

DAY 6 – LINZ

You may wish to spend today exploring Linz's charming Baroque old town on our guided tour or join our excursion to the UNESCO town of Cesky Krumlov, with its majestic castle overlooking the Vltava River and wealth of fine renaissance and Baroque architecture.

DAY 7 – VIENNA

Head for the sun deck this morning to watch the ever-changing river scenery drifting by before we arrive in imperial Vienna once again. After lunch you may choose to visit the Schönbrunn Palace, former royal residence, now housing world-class museums and galleries or opt to stay in the city and explore under your own steam.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN VIENNA

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN VIENNA

Embark in Vienna, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. On arrival the professional friendly crew welcome you on board as you familiarise yourself with the ship and settle in to your cabin. Reconvene with your fellow travelling companions in the bar before tonight's excellent dinner in the elegant restaurant.

DAY 2 – VIENNA

The Viennese have a reputation for 'Gemütlichkeit', quite literally 'cosiness', and there can be fewer European capitals more supremely nostalgic or elegantly civilised than Vienna. The imperial grandeur of its magnificent architecture speaks for itself – awash with dazzling palaces, grand avenues fringed with fine Baroque facades and a majestic cathedral amongst a tangle of historic streets. Home to world-class art collections, museums, orchestras and opera, its cultural heritage is equally extraordinary with countless composers such as Mozart, Strauss and Haydn, all inextricably linked to this 'City of Music'. Like so many other European cities, Vienna has been fought over since Roman times, with varying tribes throughout the centuries leaving their mark, until the arrival of the Habsburgs in 1278, who despite two Turkish sieges then ruled for 640 years. During its golden age, which ended in 1918 with the collapse of the empire, Vienna became a cultural centre and the city's coffee houses were crammed with artists and intellectuals from all over Europe. The first foreign capital to fall to the Nazis during World War II, then remaining under allied occupation for the following decade, today Vienna serves as one of the headquarters of the United Nations. Surprisingly compact, at the heart you'll find the colossal landmark Gothic Saint Stephen's Cathedral with its striking multicoloured roof. Former royal court of the Habsburgs, the vast Hofburg, now a complex of excellent museums and galleries, also houses the crown jewels and the world-famous Vienna Boys' Choir and Spanish Riding School. On our guided tour we will see some of the many sights and enjoy an insight into Viennese life with our local guide. There's some free time to explore under your own steam before returning to the ship for lunch.

This afternoon our cruising commences, so head up on to the sun deck to take in the glorious views from the comfort of a sun lounger as we get our first tantalising glimpses of the lush green slopes of the Danube Valley, sprinkled with sleepy little towns - clusters of red roofs swarming around a pretty Baroque church spire. Wooded hills give way to wide fields of maize and sunflowers, and the carefully tended terraces of the region's vineyards, famed



Aldersbach monastery - Day 4



Vienna - Days 2 and 7

state rooms plus other precious artworks and treasures from the Abbey's private collection.

As lunch is served in the ship's restaurant, just sit back and enjoy the exceptional views from the panoramic windows. We are cruising through the Wachau, one of the most stunning stretches of the Danube as it snakes its way between the vine-clad hills, passing the tiny walled town of Dürnstein with its beautiful blue and white Baroque church and the spectacular mustard-yellow monastery at Melk, teetering on a granite slab high above the mighty river; so spend a lazy afternoon enjoying the ship's facilities – perhaps book an appointment with the on-board hairdresser or just find a shady spot on deck and watch the riverbanks, laced with swathes of apricot trees, slipping by.

Evening falls on this wonderful landscape and thoughts turn to what might be on the menu this evening; there's time to chat with your travelling companions over an aperitif before the chef serves tonight's excellent dinner.

for their wine. During tonight's dinner we arrive in the medieval town of Krems, after which retire to the lounge to enjoy a live classical recital.

DAY 3 – KREMS

We take the short drive to visit the hilltop monastery, Göttweig Abbey – its brick-red onion-shaped domes and vast white walls a striking sight amidst the thickly forested verdant slopes. Majestically sited with far-reaching views down into the valley below, the original building was destroyed by fire in the eighteenth century and rebuilt in Baroque style; on our guided tour we will see the impressively decorative staircase – up which Napoleon is said to have ridden his horse, exquisite frescoes, impressive

DAY 4 – PASSAU & ALDERSBACH

Overnight we have made steady progress upstream and on rising this morning, draw back the curtains to another captivating view – a scenic landscape peppered with idyllic little towns and ancient riverside castles against a hilly backdrop. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before heading up on deck to witness our arrival in Passau, 'Town of the Three Rivers'; uniquely situated where the Danube meets the rivers Inn

and Ilz, an imposing citadel watches over the colourful jumble of quaint houses, Baroque churches, palaces and spires, rising from the water's edge. There will be time to wander the old town, exploring its network of winding streets, and picturesque squares, quaint shops and cafés, swarming around the impressive cathedral with its magnificent ornate frescoes and the gothic-style town hall with its lovely decorative clock tower.

This afternoon we visit the attractive town of Aldersbach, principally famed as the site of a former Cistercian abbey. Earliest records show the abbey was founded in 1127 and well-regarded for its religious discipline, became widely influential and went on to flourish for more than six centuries until the secularisation of Bavaria in the early nineteenth century when the buildings were sold, and the church converted to serve the local parish. We enjoy a guided tour seeing the breathtaking interior of one of the most important Baroque churches in southern Germany, with its flamboyant stuccowork, intricate gold-leaf and elaborate ceiling frescoes and learning more about the monks who made their life here. We'll also visit the abbey's historic brewery and museum.

DAY 5 – REGENSBURG

Our ship reaches the northernmost point of the Danube and the delightful city of Regensburg, a former Roman garrison town and Germany's 'medieval miracle'. After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a guided tour through the twisting streets of the old town, admiring the warmly painted facades of the picturesque houses, the wondrous gothic cathedral and old town hall with its lofty eight-storey tower, and the hefty stone remains of a Roman gateway that once marked the city's northern entrance. Afterwards enjoy some free time exploring under your own steam; take a stroll over the iconic thirteenth century bridge and take in the view, much as it has been for centuries, before retiring to a cosy, tucked-away café to enjoy the enchanting ambience of this historic place.

You'll have worked up an appetite so return to the ship for lunch as our elegant ship smoothly commences our return cruise into Austria. Spend the afternoon at leisure on board; perhaps in the lounge with newly-made friends or up on deck enjoying the views as fortified castles and ancient churches idly drift by. There will be ample photo opportunities as we cruise through the iconic natural wonder of the Danube Loop, where the water spectacularly carves its path in an almost 360-degree bend, flanked on all sides by steep lushly forested slopes.

Evening falls and our chef serves up tonight's excellent dinner in the relaxed ambience of the ship's restaurant, after which retire to the

Regensburg - Day 5



bar to enjoy the relaxed tones of the on-board pianist whilst sipping your favourite digestif.

DAY 6 – LINZ

Dawn breaks and we reach vibrant Linz, the capital of Upper Austria. Straddling the banks of the river, the Romans recognised its geographical importance at the crossroads of the Danube Valley and the old salt road into Bohemia and today it is still a significant port. You may wish to remain in the city and join our guided tour as we wander through the old town, stopping to admire the elegant merchants' houses encircling one of the finest squares in Austria. There's the grand regional parliament building plus a host of interesting little churches and, surveying the river below, the vast fortress-like castle now housing a museum with various historic exhibits and artworks, plus the modern art museum or for technology enthusiasts there's the remarkable Ars Electronica. Alternatively, you may choose to join our excursion to the beautiful medieval town of Cesky Krumlov, in the heart of scenic Bohemia, amidst a fairytale landscape of rolling hills, tumbling mountain streams and glassy lakes, with a wonderful mountain backdrop. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, nestling on the banks of the Vltava River: the magnificent castle, set in extensive gardens, dating back to medieval times with one of the best preserved Baroque theatres in the world, perches high above a jumble of terracotta roofs below. There will be time to wander the shady tangle of alleyways, discovering tiny shops tucked away, soaking up the atmosphere of this truly magical place before we return to the ship in time for dinner. Please note lunch is not included on this full day excursion to Cesky Krumlov, however the ship will offer a packed lunch.

DAY 7 – VIENNA

The end of our journey may be in sight but there's still plenty more to enjoy during the final stretch of cruising, so head up on deck to enjoy the invigorating air and soak in the last spectacular river views once more. During another superb lunch, you can tweak those final plans as to how you intend to spend the rest of the day. For art lovers, the renowned Kunsthistorisches Museum is a must; containing the fourth largest collection of paintings in the world. You might choose to return to one of the Hofburg's museums, perhaps the Imperial Treasury, containing the Habsburgs' crown jewels or take a stroll in the Prater with its huge famous Ferris wheel. There's a spot of window-shopping to enjoy along the chic boulevards of Graben and Kohlmarkt and don't forget to leave time to indulge in the Viennese institution of a coffee in one of the beautiful atmospheric cafés where you can sit and watch the world go by over a slice of Sachertorte. Alternatively, you might choose to join our visit to Schönbrunn, the Habsburgs' splendid summer palace. Your included entrance allows you into the dazzling state rooms, with their wealth of priceless artworks, furnishings, stunning parquet floors, exquisite china and tapestries plus the family's impressive royal carriages and an audio guide helps to give you a fascinating insight into the lives of this powerful dynasty. Take a stroll through the charming formal gardens, admiring the beautifully tended flowerbeds and neatly clipped hedges.

Tonight as a fitting finale, the magnificent Captain's Dinner is served, after which retire to the lounge one last time, to share memories of this magical cruise with newly-made friends.

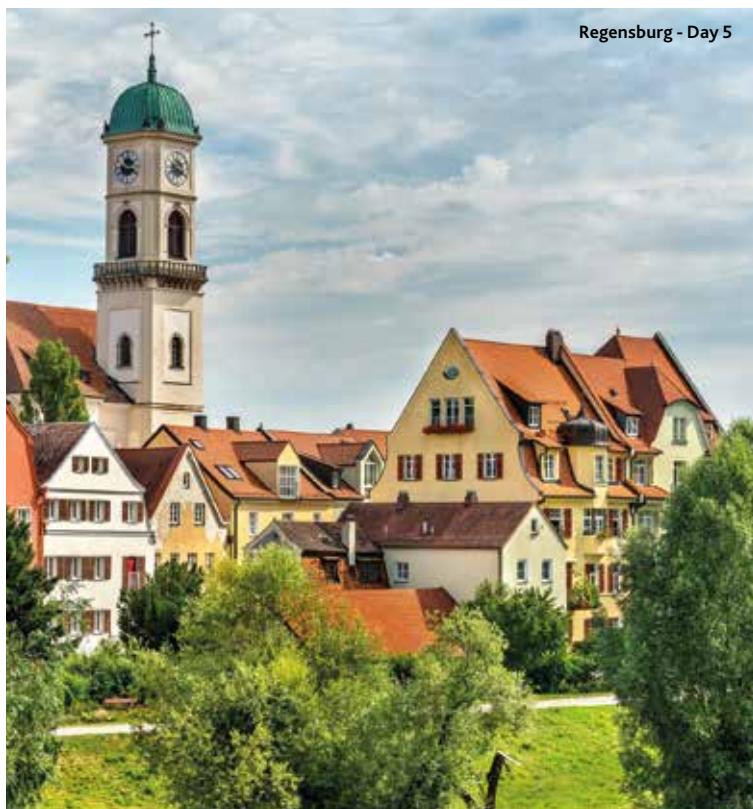
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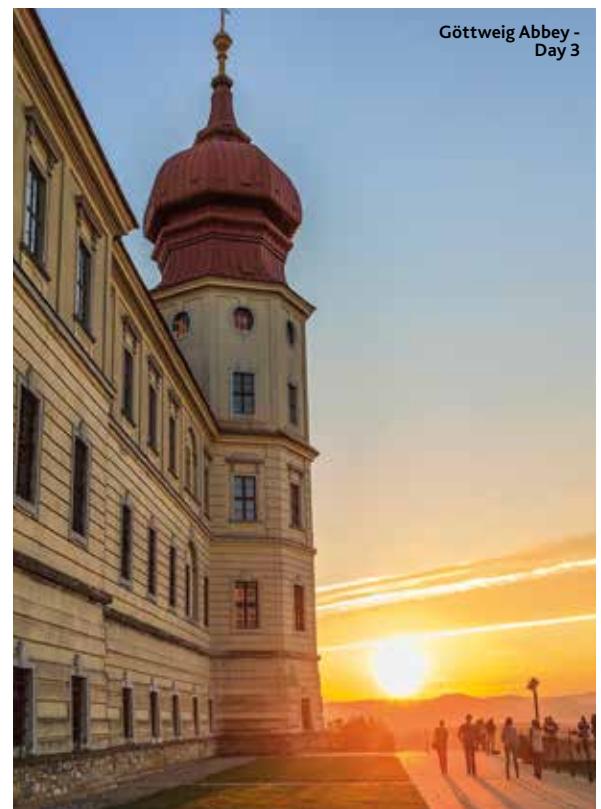
Cesky Krumlov - Day 6



Regensburg - Day 5



Göttweig Abbey -
Day 3



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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Embark the ship in Budapest and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – KALOCSA & PÉCS

Arrive in Kalocsa and either take a walking tour seeing the cathedral, Archbishop's Palace and Paprika Museum. Or enjoy a visit to a paprika house then a scenic drive into the 'Puszta' and watch a performance by skilled horsemen. Later enjoy a visit to historic Pécs.

DAY 3 – BELGRADE

Tour the historic city of Belgrade, seeing one of the world's largest church buildings and the magnificent Kalemegdan Fortress with its superb views.

DAY 4 – IRON GATES GORGE

Today cruise through one of the most spectacular stretches of the entire Danube, the Iron Gates Gorge, and pass through the Djerdap locks, the largest European dam outside Russia.

DAY 5 – PLEVEN

Visit Pleven, the scene of a major battle during the Russo-Turkish War and the Pleven Panorama depicting these historic events. Or explore Nikopol with its ruined fortress and ancient churches.

DAY 6 – BUCHAREST

Guided tour of Bucharest, Romania's capital, known as 'Little Paris', seeing the main sights of this beautiful city with its wealth of belle-époque buildings and tree-lined boulevards.

DAY 7 – DANUBE DELTA

Experience the vast nature reserve of the Danube Delta and enjoy a cruise on smaller boats into the heart of Europe's largest area of wetlands and marshlands, a UNESCO-listed site.

DAY 8 – CONSTANTA

After a relaxed morning's cruising, visit the ancient Romanian port of Constanta on the Black Sea. Explore its old town and museums,





Visit the astonishing
Palace of the Parliament
in Bucharest – Day 14



one of which houses the world's largest and best preserved Roman mosaic.

DAY 9 – ROUSSE – IVANOVO & VELIKO TARNOVO / ARBANASSI

Visit fascinating Veliko Tarnovo, spectacularly sited on three hills, the village of Arbanassi and its ancient Church of the Nativity with lovely frescoes, plus the magnificent Churches of Ivanovo, hewn out of solid rock.

DAY 10 – BELOGRADCHIK

We moor in Vidin, home to the impressively preserved Baba Vida medieval fortress, and take a scenic drive to the spectacular rock formations at Belogradchik, at the foothills of the Balkans.

DAY 11 – IRON GATES & LEPENSKI VIR

We cruise once again between the towering limestone cliffs of the breathtaking Iron Gates Gorge. Later we visit Lepenski Vir, one of the most important Mesolithic archaeological sites in Serbia.

DAY 12 – NOVI SAD

Cruise past the magnificent Smederevo Fortress, a medieval fortified city and once the capital of Serbia, then enjoy a guided tour of cosmopolitan Novi Sad, with its historic old town and fine 19th-century buildings.

DAY 13 – OSIJEK & VUKOVAR

This morning we take a thought-provoking journey to the Croatian cities of Vukovar and Osijek, both synonymous with the Yugoslavian Civil War, now being restored to their former Baroque glory.

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 16 visits and tours including guided tours in Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest, Novi Sad, Kalocsa, Pecs, Osijek, Vukovar and Pleven; a scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian show; a cruise into the Danube Delta; guided visits to Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi, the churches of Ivanovo, the rock formations at Belogradchik, and the Mesolithic archaeological site of Lepenski Vir; and a visit to the ancient city of Constanta
- 14 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Spectacular cruising through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
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DAY 14 – BUDAPEST

Visit this imperial city of two halves, Buda and Pest, on opposite banks of the Danube and see its iconic architectural gems – the neo-Gothic Parliament Building, Fisherman's Bastion and Buda Castle on a guided tour.

DAY 15 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



Old Veliko Tarnovo – Day 9

YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Embark in Budapest where your five-star floating hotel is moored. The friendly crew will welcome you on board and help you settle into your spacious, luxuriously appointed suite. The ship remains here overnight, so watch dusk descend over Hungary's capital as you enjoy your first dinner on board.

DAY 2 – KALOCSA & PÉCS

One of the most thrilling aspects of a cruise is waking up somewhere new, and there's a real sense of excitement as we explore lands unknown to many until the Iron Curtain lifted. Hungary itself has so much to offer; situated at a crossroads in central Europe, it's a mesmerising blend of European and Ottoman influences, rich in culture and history. Our adventure begins this morning when we arrive in Kalocsa, a city whose 1,000-year-old lore swirls with tales of warlike bishops, saintly kings, rampaging Ottomans and Magyar heroes. Among its fine buildings there's an impressive Baroque cathedral and the grand Archbishop's Palace, with its Ceremonial Hall displaying a replica of the Hungarian holy crown. You can choose to enjoy a walking tour of the town seeing the sights plus the fascinating Paprika Museum; the region is one of the biggest producers of the seasoning that's an essential part of Hungarian cuisine - goulash being a famous example. There are many types and strengths of 'red gold', but the best variety is said to come from here, due to its rich colour

and robust flavour. Alternatively, we take the short drive to a paprika house on the outskirts of the town to learn more about its production before continuing on a scenic drive into the Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, a hauntingly atmospheric prairie whose spirit is burnt into the Magyar soul. Stretching as far as the eye can see, it is home to villages seemingly frozen in time, while Hungarian grey cattle, spiral-horned sheep and buffalo graze on its pastures. The Puszta is also famed for its horses, and we visit an equestrian farm to watch a performance by some of the region's most skilled riders. You'll have the opportunity to take a horse-drawn carriage ride and experience this unique wilderness from a different perspective.

We return to the ship for lunch as our elegant vessel seamlessly glides away from her mooring. Later we'll drive to the delightful city of Pécs, one of the many gems waiting to be discovered on this cruise, and it's all the more engaging because so few have heard of it. It's a wonderful cultural and artistic mélange reflecting the many peoples who, over time, have held sway in this region. Nestling against the verdant slopes of the Mecsek mountains, its almost Mediterranean climate yields a fertile harvest of fruits and almonds. After a short orienteering walk through the rambling streets you'll discover a 4th-century Christian mausoleum - now a UNESCO World Heritage site - as well as a former mosque turned into a Catholic church, the ruins of Turkish baths, the magnificent cathedral and the Zsolnay Porcelain Museum, with its impressive collection of vases and figurines. Later we return to our ship for a

welcome drink with the Captain in the lounge before descending the elegant staircase to the restaurant for a special Welcome Dinner.

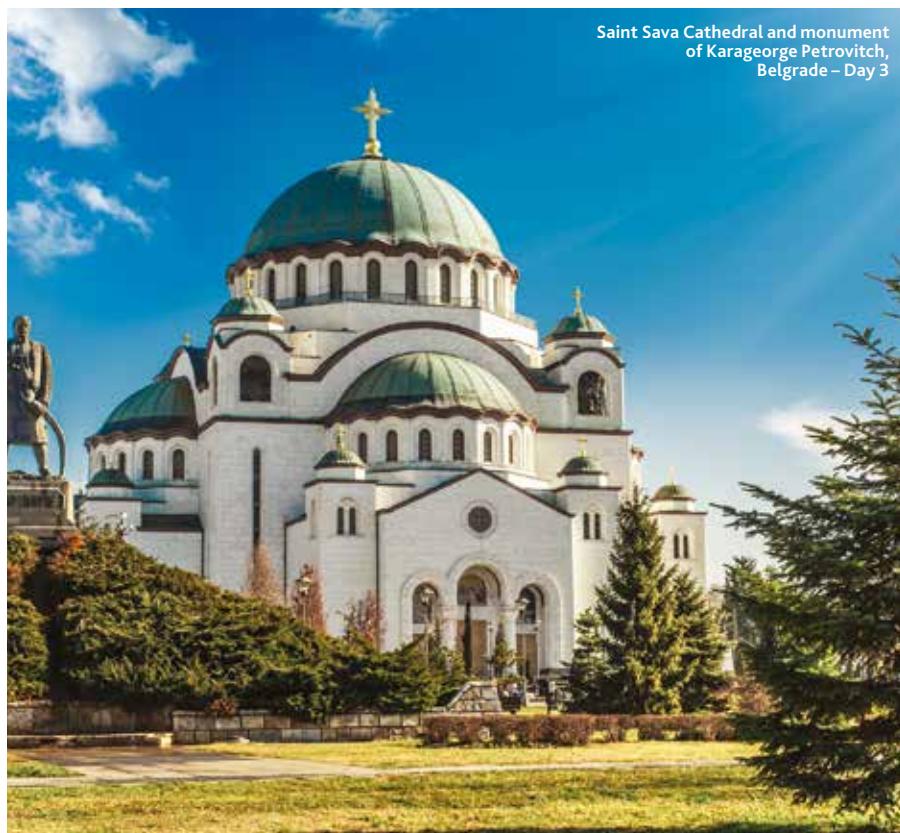
DAY 3 – BELGRADE

This morning we arrive in historic Belgrade. The only European capital built at the confluence of two rivers, the city has been fought over numerous times, most recently during the Second World War and the Kosovo War, when it faced months of NATO airstrikes. Dramatically sited overlooking both rivers is Kalemegdan Park, which includes in its grounds the city's iconic fortress, a stronghold built by the Celts, expanded by the Romans and besieged over a hundred times during its history – all detailed in its military museum. Despite its past, Belgrade is now a revitalised and forward-looking city and a delightful and varied place to explore, with delicate Art Nouveau facades tucked away among the stark concrete towers of the Communist era. We enjoy a guided tour, seeing all the main sights such as the cathedral, Republic Square and Prince Michael Street with its wealth of 19th-century buildings, some bearing the scars of recent conflicts among their intricate Habsburg ornamentation. After lunch, you are free to explore this fascinating capital, still one of the least visited in Europe. Maybe you'd like to wander the old town's lattice of winding streets, pausing for a welcome drink in one of the grand coffee houses or visit the bubbling bohemian quarter, which is being transformed into a 21st-century cultural hub by an influx of creative talent.

As the evening draws in, relax with a stroll or a drink on the Sun Deck before tonight's culinary delights.

DAY 4 – IRON GATES GORGE

For many, today will be a highlight of the cruise as we begin our passage through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge. One of the most memorable stretches of the Danube, this is where the river cuts its mighty path between the Carpathian and Balkan mountain ranges, forming part of the boundary between Serbia and Romania. The 'true' Iron Gates is a single narrow gorge, but the name covers an entire 83-mile stretch of valleys where towering limestone cliffs plunge into the depths below. During the 1960s and '70s, two hydroelectric power stations were built here and their dams raised the river level by over 100 feet, submerging a number of historic settlements. We pass through the Great Kazan, meaning 'cauldron', where the river narrows to just 500 feet. As the Captain skilfully steers us through, you'll see the huge sculpture of a Romanian hero – Decebalus – carved into the rock. Created in the 1990s, at over 130 feet high it is the largest rock relief in Europe – it even dwarfs the US presidents at Mount Rushmore.



Saint Sava Cathedral and monument of Karageorge Petrovitch, Belgrade – Day 3



Decebalus was the last king of Dacia, the kingdom stretching from the Carpathians to the Black Sea. A warrior through and through, he fought the Roman Empire in three campaigns before the Emperor Trajan got the better of him. Decebalus fled into the Carpathians, taking his own life rather than being captured.

On a day like this, the spacious Sun Deck comes into its own. Watch the spectacular scenery drift by from the comfort of a sun lounger or maybe enjoy a drink with new friends. You may even find an ice cream being served on the Bow Deck, which is beautifully attired with soft furnishings and stylish wooden fittings.

DAY 5 – PLEVEN

By now you'll have come to appreciate the luxuries on board your five-star ship – little touches from complimentary dressing gowns and slippers to plush carpets in the corridors and the marble-topped bar. Crossing the border into Bulgaria tonight, you awake in Nikopol, a town dating back to Roman times, and after breakfast we drive across the Danubian Plain to Pleven. Surrounded by several thousand acres of parks and forest, the town is famed as the scene of a major siege in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877. The joint Russian and Romanian army took five months to take the town, partly

because the defending Turks were the first in European history to use repeating rifles. Pleven was a decisive battle, leading to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the restoration of Bulgaria as a state and the independence of Romania. Opened to commemorate the battle's centenary, the Pleven Panorama tells the story of this engagement through a series of moving photographs and canvasses. We enjoy some free time here, so perhaps visit the St George Chapel Mausoleum, a memorial to the soldiers killed during the siege, or one of the town's many other museums. Or simply wander the old town and enjoy the tranquillity of its pedestrian-only streets.

During lunch we slip our moorings for an afternoon's cruising, so why not enjoy the invigorating river breeze up on the Sun Deck? It will soon be time for dinner, so reconvene with your fellow travellers for an aperitif in the bar.

DAY 6 – BUCHAREST

Today we visit Bucharest, with its tree-lined boulevards and elegant belle-époque villas – echoes of the hedonistic 1900s when it earned the nickname 'Little Paris' – dotted among the utilitarian architectural legacy of Communist rule. Dominating the capital city of Romania, though, is the astonishing Palace of the Parliament, a colossal concrete

extravagance commissioned by the Communist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu. Started in 1984 and still unfinished, it is the second-largest administrative building in the world after the Pentagon – so big that only 400 of the 1,100 rooms are used. Furnished with all the gaudiness expected from a heartless despot at the head of a bankrupt state, from marble staircases to mosaics and chandeliers, to some it's a marvel, to others a monument to vanity.

On our guided tour we see the Palace of the Parliament, which really has to be seen to be believed, and the city's other main sights, such as the former royal palace – now the national art museum – and the Athenaeum with its impressive Baroque cupola and remarkable acoustics. There are also some superb Orthodox churches and squares, including Revolution Square, named after the 1989 uprising that swept away Ceausescu's regime.

Lunch isn't included today, so seek out a cosy restaurant in the old town for a fortifying plate of traditional meatballs, generously spiced with garlic, dill and parsley; freshly stuffed peppers or a hearty vegetable and dumpling soup.

We return to the ship with time to relax before dinner. Perhaps borrow a board game or novel from the library or book yourself in for a manicure or pedicure at the on-board Hair and Nail Salon.

DAY 7 – DANUBE DELTA

Overnight we cruise towards the city of Tulcea, clinging to seven hills overlooking the river and regarded as the gateway to the vast Danube Delta on the edge of the Black Sea. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Danube Delta is the best preserved and second largest river delta in Europe, consisting of 2,200 square miles of rivers, marshes, tree-fringed lakes and reed islands, where nearly 3,500 animal and fish species, and 1,700 types of plant, make their home. A bird-watcher's paradise, the maze of canals bordered by willows and oaks offers the perfect breeding ground for many species. Millions of Egyptian white pelicans arrive here every spring to raise their young, while equal numbers of Arctic geese come to escape the harsh Northern European winters. Keep an eye out for cormorants and white-tailed eagles. After lunch, we disembark to take an excursion on smaller boats into the heart of this inspirational and tranquil place. Our guide helps to point out some of the fascinating flora and fauna – you could spot a colourful kingfisher or a catfish darting beneath the water's glassy surface.

As dusk begins to fall on this magical landscape, we slip our moorings again. Enjoy another delicious dinner, maybe tonight choosing a more intimate dining experience in the Bistro at the stern.

DAY 8 – CONSTANTA

Today we begin our return passage, but these lands still have so much to reveal. Hold on to your hat up on deck, as this area is well known for its windy weather and windmills were once a common sight. Watch the rocky shoreline drift by, dotted with the occasional ruined fortress. We depart for the ancient city of Constanta, described by the Roman poet Ovid as 'the end of the world' and with a history dating back over 2,500 years. Originally known as Tomis, it is said that Jason landed here with the Argonauts after finding the Golden Fleece. Situated on several trade routes, it became a thriving commercial centre during Roman times and still is today. Numerous remains from Greek and Roman times are on display in the city's archaeological and mosaics museums, the latter housing the largest – an impressive 9,150 square feet – and best-preserved Roman mosaic in the world. Constanta's landmark is the Art Nouveau casino, with its views of the Black Sea. Now unused, it was built by the Romanian King Carol I, who hoped its construction would transform the city into a bathing resort for the elite during the inter-war years, something that never quite transpired. More recently, it became one end of the shortest navigable route between the North and Black Seas when the Main-Danube Canal opened in 1992.

There is free time to explore, so perhaps visit one of the museums or simply enjoy the sea air with a portside walk.

DAY 9 – VELIKO TARNOVO, ARBANASSI & IVANOVO

Crossing into Bulgaria, we arrive in Rousse, a city known as 'Little Vienna' for its wealth of fine 19th-century buildings. A scenic drive brings us to possibly Bulgaria's most beautiful city – Veliko Tarnovo, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital, located in a rugged landscape entangled by the meanderings of the Yantra River. Its old town is clustered on three hills with its houses stacked on steeply sided valleys, while the remains of the once-impregnable fortress complex stands on Tsarevets Hill. Within the walls of this redoubt are the ruins of the Tsar's Palace and, at the summit, the Patriarch's Palace, which includes the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Holy Ascension of God. Much of Veliko Tarnovo was destroyed by the Ottomans, but in the 19th century it became an important trading centre again. Tucked away in its picturesque cobbled streets are tiny workshops, where you can watch copper pots being beaten or wooden utensils skilfully carved. It is delightful to wander here, keeping an eye out for interesting traditional snacks to try, admiring the architecture while soaking up the atmosphere.

Later we head to the village of Arbanassi, set high on a plateau. During Ottoman times, it became a commercial centre for traders and their caravans, crammed with wares bound for places as distant as Italy, Russia and even India. Perhaps visit one of the richly ornamented mansion houses of the period, with their fortress-like stone walls, or the unassuming Church of the Nativity – once inside you'll be dazzled by the intensely coloured frescoes.

We end the day with a visit to the Churches of Ivanovo, a fascinating complex of churches, chapels and monasteries hewn into the solid rock during the 12th century and with frescoes dating back to the 14th century, so exquisite and historically significant they are now on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

DAY 10 – BELOGRADCHIK

This morning why not take a cup of coffee up on deck and soak up the spectacular open spaces of this landscape, where thick woods of fragrant pine and silver fir cling to the banks, forming a hazy outline on the distant horizon? After lunch we moor in Vidin, home to the Baba Vida, the only entirely preserved medieval fortress in the country. From here, we drive into this rugged wilderness and suddenly the horizon is dotted with huge sandstone cliffs, in a spectrum of orange-reds and yellows, eroded into huge, bizarre shapes. These are the Belogradchik Rocks – unique and dramatic, they cover an



area of 35 square miles, some reaching as high as 600 feet. Many of these gigantic natural sculptures are named after people or objects they are thought to resemble, while others are associated with colourful legends.

We return to the ship for dinner. Later on, maybe enjoy a drink in the lounge with your companions while the resident pianist plays gentle melodies.

DAY 11 – IRON GATES & LEPENSKI VIR

This morning's cruising brings us once again to the dramatic splendour of the Iron Gates Gorge, at the heart of Serbia's Djerdap National Park. The gorge was cut out of the Carpathian mountains over millions of years as the Danube drained the Pannonian Sea. Among the park's forests of ancient oak, hazel and beech lies a rich preserve of game, including deer and wild boar. Mountain goats roam the rocky cliffs of Djerdap Kazan, while bears, wolves, foxes and wildcats populate the dense woodland. Keep an eye out for eagles and falcons, too. Why not enjoy the splendour of this stretch of the river from a sun lounger on deck or through the panoramic windows in the ship's lounge?

This afternoon we moor in Donji Milanovac and take the short drive to Lepenski Vir, one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe, dating back to 9,500 BC. It consists of a series of Mesolithic villages located on a high terrace overlooking the Danube. The



Belogradchik – Day 10



Belgrade – Day 3

wooden houses were laid out in a fan shape and used one of the first types of concrete as their foundations, while their floors were made of sandstone, often covered with limestone plaster and decorated with red and white pigments. Our guided tour will reveal more about this fascinating place and how these ancient people lived.

DAY 12 – NOVI SAD

The numerous fortresses along the Danube are reminders that the area has been fought over for centuries and this morning we pass one of the most impressive – the medieval Smederevo Fortress. After a lazy day we moor in Novi Sad,

Serbia's second-largest city, in the shadow of the Fruska Gora mountain, its fertile slopes terraced with vineyards. The climate and the proximity to the Danube make this region ideal for wine production, particularly Riesling, but there are many others produced here including Bermet, a vermouth-like dessert wine with a unique aromatic sweetness. Enjoy a guided tour of this vibrant city which flourished during the 18th and 19th centuries, becoming known as the 'Athens of Serbia'. See its old Town Hall on the impressive main square, flanked by lovely 19th-century architecture, its ancient castle and synagogue. Towering over it all is the mighty Petrovaradin Fortress with its complex system

of underground tunnels. The minute and hour hands of its iconic clock face are reversed, supposedly so that fishermen could still tell the time at a distance.

We moor here this evening, so why not enjoy an after-dinner stroll and take in the relaxed ambience of this lovely city?

DAY 13 – VUKOVAR & OSIJEK

Today we cross into Croatia and stop in Vukovar, the country's largest river port, located at the confluence of the Danube and Vuka Rivers. Vukovar boasted a prosperous manufacturing industry and a picturesque Baroque centre until the tragic events of the civil war unfolded, and the city was almost completely destroyed. Renovation to restore the city to its former glory is very much ongoing.

Here we enjoy a guided tour, seeing the main sights and learning about the city's tumultuous past. We then drive to the historic city of Osijek, which hugs the banks of the River Drava. We explore the old town – behind its thick stone walls lies an intriguing market square, lined by handsome public buildings with pastel-coloured facades. In the Upper City you'll see the neo-Gothic cathedral, its red-brick spire soaring above the rooftops. Much of Osijek has been restored, but some buildings still bear the scars of the fighting.

This evening we cross into Hungary again, as the chef presents tonight's appetising menu.

DAY 14 – BUDAPEST

As gentle pastoral landscapes slip by, Budapest's brooding skyline comes into view once more. Straddling the Danube, this imperial capital is a collage of palatial buildings, grand domes and attractive Baroque churches with soaring spires. From Roman ruins to Ottoman Turkish baths and elegant Art Nouveau facades, the eclectic mix of architectural styles reflects the city's varied history, with numerous foreign powers ruling here over the centuries. We enjoy a guided tour, seeing all the main sights of this lovely city including the iconic Parliament Building, the National Gallery with its huge collection of Hungarian masterpieces, and the Matthias Church with its intricate rose windows. The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps head back to the Castle District to take in the panoramic views or explore one of the city's many museums and galleries.

The Captain's Dinner is served this evening, with a superb menu reflecting the countries and regions we have visited. As the sun sets on this memorable city, retire to the bar with your fellow travellers to reflect on all you have seen during this exceptional cruise.

DAY 15 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing.

MS THOMAS HARDY, MS ROBERT BURNS & MS WILLIAM WORDSWORTH Five-star

Deck	Lower			Middle				Upper	
	Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
06/05/19, 10/05/19	\$5,969	\$6,879	\$7,339	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$7,569	\$8,709	
13/05/19, 20/05/19	\$5,969	\$6,879	\$7,339	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$7,569	\$8,709	
24/05/19, 27/05/19	\$6,199	\$7,109	\$7,569	\$7,569	\$8,029	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$8,939	
03/06/19, 07/06/19	\$6,429	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$8,249	\$8,249	\$8,029	\$9,169	
10/06/19, 17/06/19	\$6,429	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$8,249	\$8,249	\$8,029	\$9,169	
21/06/19	\$6,429	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$8,249	\$8,249	\$8,029	\$9,169	
30/08/19	\$6,649	\$7,569	\$8,029	\$8,029	\$8,479	\$8,479	\$8,249	\$9,399	
02/09/19, 09/09/19	\$6,879	\$7,799	\$8,249	\$8,249	\$8,709	\$8,709	\$8,479	\$9,629	
13/09/19, 16/09/19	\$6,879	\$7,799	\$8,249	\$8,249	\$8,709	\$8,709	\$8,479	\$9,629	
23/09/19	\$6,649	\$7,569	\$8,029	\$8,029	\$8,479	\$8,479	\$8,249	\$9,399	
27/09/19	\$6,199	\$7,109	\$7,569	\$7,569	\$8,029	\$8,029	\$7,799	\$8,939	
30/09/19	\$5,969	\$6,879	\$7,339	\$7,339	\$7,799	\$7,799	\$7,569	\$8,709	

Deluxe balcony suite



Superior suite



Standard suite



Standard suite bathroom



PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

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MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER, MS THOMAS HARDY, MS ROBERT BURNS & MS WILLIAM WORDSWORTH Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
		Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite
24/04/20	\$4,799	\$5,949	\$6,629	\$6,289	\$6,979	\$6,629	\$7,889
27/04/20	\$5,489	\$6,639	\$7,319	\$6,979	\$7,669	\$7,319	\$8,579
01/05/20, 08/05/20, 11/05/20, 15/05/20	\$6,169	\$7,319	\$7,999	\$7,659	\$8,349	\$7,999	\$9,259
22/05/20, 25/05/20, 29/05/20, 05/06/20, 08/06/20, 11/06/20, 12/06/20, 19/06/20, 31/08/20	\$6,399	\$7,549	\$8,229	\$7,889	\$8,579	\$8,229	\$9,489
04/09/20, 14/09/20, 18/09/20	\$6,629	\$7,779	\$8,459	\$8,119	\$8,809	\$8,459	\$9,719
24/09/20	\$6,399	\$7,549	\$8,229	\$7,889	\$8,579	\$8,229	\$9,489
28/09/20	\$6,169	\$7,319	\$7,999	\$7,659	\$8,349	\$7,999	\$9,259
02/10/20	\$5,719	\$6,869	\$7,549	\$7,209	\$7,899	\$7,549	\$8,809

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.



PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$389pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

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SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



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Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN PORTO

Embark the ship in Porto and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – PORTO

We enjoy a guided tour of the city before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon's scenic cruising.

DAY 3 – CASTELO RODRIGO

Relax on board whilst the stunning views of this spectacular region drift by. This afternoon visit Castelo Rodrigo, a 12th century walled hilltop village with its stupendous panoramic views.

DAY 4 – SALAMANCA

Today we drive to Salamanca for a guided tour. Over lunch, we experience a traditional flamenco show after which there'll be some free time to explore this beautiful and historic city as you wish.

DAY 5 – MATEUS PALACE GARDENS

Relax on board today as we cruise to Peso da Régua. Later this afternoon we visit the famous Mateus Palace gardens. This evening we enjoy dinner at a traditional quinta, with the opportunity to sample some of their produce.

DAY 6 – LAMEGO

This morning we take the short drive to the historic town of Lamego where you can visit the Sanctuary of our Lady of Remedies church. We then visit a typical Portuguese quinta to learn how port is produced. Tonight you'll be served the Captain's Dinner and enjoy a traditional folklore show.



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travellers. See page
86 for details.



Uncover Porto's many
fascinating gems – Day 2



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 8 visits and tours including a full-day excursion to Salamanca with a walking tour; lunch and a flamenco show; a guided tour of Porto with a wine-tasting; dinner at a typical Portuguese quinta; and visits to Castelo Rodrigo, Mateus Palace gardens and Lamego
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Traditional Portuguese folk music show
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director
- All port charges
- No surcharges guaranteed

DAY 7 – PORTO

A relaxed morning's cruising before our arrival once again in Porto, where we'll firstly enjoy a tour and tasting at one of the best-known port wine cellars. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to further explore this delightfully atmospheric city.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN PORTO

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN PORTO

Embark in Porto, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. From the moment you board, the welcoming crew are at your service. In no time you'll be settled into your luxurious, thoughtfully furnished accommodation and familiarising yourself with all the first-class aspects of this floating boutique hotel.

DAY 2 – PORTO

Strategically sited overlooking the Douro as it empties into the Atlantic, Portugal's second largest city was originally a Roman town, but its wealth is derived from its knowledge of the sea routes to India, with fortunes made from trading spices, silks and other fine goods. This morning our guided tour of this interesting city unveils some of its major and more surprising sights. You'll experience the tangled lanes of the medieval quarter, the splendid Praça da Ribeira square with its characteristic tiled townhouses and fine views to the wine lodges across the river. Gustav Eiffel designed one of the bridges, and you can immediately see the connection with his more famous Parisian creation! You'll gaze up at the city's imposing fortress, its fine cathedral and Baroque Clérigos Tower. Porto is wonderfully free of the chain shops prevalent elsewhere, and it's a joy to see what the many traditional traders have to offer, from fine art, antiques and ceramics to some of the most wonderful cakes you'll ever taste.

We return to the ship and there's an air of expectancy on board as during our first delicious lunch, we'll slip our moorings and begin our stately passage upstream. The Douro is one of Europe's most captivating rivers and you can enjoy a leisurely afternoon up on deck or watching the glorious scenery drifting by from the comfort of your own cabin. Tonight, as you enter the restaurant for the Welcome Dinner, feel free to choose your table. All are expertly set with four or more seats and have excellent views through the large panoramic windows. Later, we will see a celebratory vintage port wine opened in the traditional way. We are moored overnight in Porto Antigo at the confluence of the River Bestança.

DAY 3 – CASTELO RODRIGO

As dawn breaks, early risers can witness the ship's graceful departure. Relax over a leisurely breakfast whilst the ever-changing scenery idly slips by through the restaurant's superb panoramic windows.

The Douro was once a wild river, notoriously challenging to navigate, especially for the traditional flat-bottomed boats, which often foundered in its waters. Today it has been tamed by a system of dams and locks, which have raised the water level to produce a

topography reminiscent of Scotland's lochs that enhances the valley's charm. As we cruise into ever more rural territory towards the Spanish border, the river here is at its most peaceful. It's the perfect time to take a refreshing dip in the Sun Deck pool – a rare treat on a cruise ship – or catch up on some reading, perhaps with a cool pre-lunch glass of vinho verde, the local, gently fizzy white wine. Portuguese wine is simply outstanding but production is low, so the best is rarely exported. Our on-board wine list includes some excellent regional wines and the friendly and attentive restaurant staff will gladly guide you through them. Do experiment a little and you'll be greatly rewarded.

This afternoon we visit Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful 12th-century walled village tucked away in the picturesque highland ranges bordering Spain. Its church was a resting place on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela and it is said that Saint Francis himself stayed here. The views are simply stupendous, stretching across almost-deserted ochre hillsides. This evening after dinner head up on to the sun deck to listen to the unmistakable sound of crickets and breathe in the scents from the surrounding valley slopes that pervade the warm evening air.

DAY 4 – SALAMANCA

Today we visit historic Salamanca, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this journey, regarded by many Spaniards as their nation's most beautiful city. Founded by the Romans, who erected its 389-yard-long bridge, Salamanca is mostly built from local sandstone that emanates a gorgeous rose-coloured glow in the sunlight. Perched on a hill on a bend in the serene River Tormes, the city is a picture of tranquillity but its history is turbulent, having been successively fought over by Hannibal, the Moors, then the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon.

Salamanca is dominated by its two cathedrals and its university. Founded in 1218, the university is the oldest in Spain and was one of the civilised world's most important seats of study for over 400 years. The Spanish Inquisition's records are still kept here, and as early as the 16th century it boasted some 12,000 students. Seeing its immaculately preserved lecture halls with their vaulted ceilings, it's easy to conjure an image of Christopher Columbus addressing the learned men of the day or legal experts constructing the international laws that originate here. We enjoy a guided tour of the city seeing the main sights.

Over lunch you enjoy a traditional flamenco show, then you are free to explore Salamanca as you wish. You may choose to linger, admiring the ornate interiors of its cathedrals – the more recent dates from the 16th century – or explore its tiny streets, medieval squares, traditional



shops, gardens and marketplaces. The main square, the Plaza Mayor, is unmissable. Possibly Spain's finest public square, it was built in the 18th century in Spanish Baroque style with colonnaded walkways all around at ground level, ideal for finding a shaded spot to sit and watch the locals go about their daily lives.

DAY 5 – MATEUS PALACE GARDENS

One of the benefits of life aboard a river cruise is the sheer sense of relaxation it brings; our elegant ship slips its moorings during breakfast, after which there is plenty of time for a spot of pampering in the on-board spa, or simply watch the seamless changing of the riverbank scenery passing by from the comfort of a cosy seat in the lounge. We're in port wine territory, where the lush hillsides have largely given way to a patterned landscape of terraced vineyards.



Inland from the Atlantic, the climate has changed, too; it's noticeably warmer and drier, while the area has a Mediterranean appearance with orangey, earthy colours replacing verdant greens.

After another superb lunch on board, we cruise into the small town of Peso da Régua, from where we visit the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace. Anyone familiar with Mateus Rosé and its characteristic 'squashed' bottle will recognise the palace from the label. Whatever your opinion of the wine, it is an impressive 18th-century Baroque edifice, mirrored in its stunning pond, surrounded by landscaped French gardens.

This evening we take the short drive to the 126-acre Quinta da Pacheca for dinner. Enjoying dramatic views over the Douro, it dates back to the 18th century and is simply one of the most

beautiful and distinguished properties in the region. It is also notable as being the first quinta – in 1738 – to bottle wine under the name of its owner, the aristocrat Mariana Pacheco Pereira. You have time to wander through part of the estate before sampling a selection of its finest wines at dinner.

DAY 6 – LAMEGO

This morning after breakfast we take a short drive to historic Lamego, home of Portugal's sparkling wine, Raposeira, and one of the first places to be reclaimed from the Moors in the 12th century. Situated atop the hill overlooking this lovely town is the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with attractive azulejos, the country's characteristic painted ceramic tiles. Later we enjoy a little indulgence as we visit one of the region's best port quintas, or estate-vineyards, to learn how the legendary fortified wine is produced. This experience culminates in a much-anticipated tasting of the delicious final product.

By the time we return to our ship, our chef and his team will be adding the finishing touches to another delicious lunch, ready to be

served as we depart for Entre-os-Rios. After lunch there's the perfect opportunity to take to the sun deck to enjoy the kaleidoscope of Douro views – or perhaps a spot of reading in the lounge over a cup of tea.

This evening is the Captain's Dinner, a truly memorable experience featuring exquisite regional specialities, followed by a colourful performance of traditional Portuguese folk music by a local cultural group.

DAY 7 – PORTO

There's a perfect opportunity to avail yourself of some of the ship's range of five-star facilities this morning – maybe a little gentle exercise in the fitness room before heading up to the sun deck to enjoy a coffee whilst chatting with newly-made friends as our ship makes a graceful arrival in Porto once more, passing under the city's spectacular bridges. Porto is of course synonymous with wonderful port wine and all the famous port producers are here, such as Cálem, Sandeman and Ferreira, so a visit here would not be complete without a tour of one of them. You'll learn about this fortified wine's fascinating history and its close British connections. Port is made from grapes still pressed in the traditional way – by feet – then lovingly matured, sometimes for decades, before you can enjoy its subtle flavours. Of course, you'll get the chance to sample various port styles at the end of our visit.

After lunch you'll have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore this truly fascinating city; so perhaps return to the terraced streets of the old town and wander the sloping maze of winding, cobbled alleyways, soaking up the atmosphere whilst stopping to admire the lovely architecture, soaring bell towers, fine Baroque churches, golden rooftops and beautiful tiles of this slice of traditional Portugal. Stop for a drink in a cosy café and be tempted by an array of delicious cakes and pastries – perhaps sample a *pastel de nata*, the traditional Portuguese custard tart.

This evening, enjoy a final dinner on board expertly served by our restaurant staff under the supervision of the maître d'. Afterwards, perhaps settle into the lounge to chat into the evening and reflect on the splendours of the remarkable River Douro – over a glass of port, of course.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN PORTO

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

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- Visit the astounding Monastery of Jeronimos with its outstanding 16th-century stonework
- See the holy shrine of Fatima, famous for its apparitions and one of Catholicism's most renowned pilgrimage sites
- Tour Coimbra University, one of Europe's oldest seats of learning with its astonishing gilded, Baroque library of 300,000 medieval volumes

Extension Itinerary

DAY 8 / DAY 1 EXTENSION - COIMBRA & FATIMA

Head south to the beautiful Roman city of Coimbra and enjoy a visit to the ancient university and its superb library before driving on to Fatima with time to visit the extraordinary sanctuary complex – one of Catholicism's most important pilgrimages. We arrive in Lisbon and stay three nights at the centrally located Hotel Marquês de Pombal, Real Palacio Hotel or Olissippo Marquês de Sá Hotel.

DAY 9 / DAY 2 EXTENSION - LISBON

Enjoy a fascinating tour of Lisbon seeing all the famous sights including the Monument to the Discoveries, Belem Tower and 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery. The rest of the day is free for you to explore.

DAY 10 / DAY 3 EXTENSION - SINTRA

Today's tour takes us to the lovely town of Sintra, with its panoramic views and the famous Royal Palace. Enjoy free time exploring here before we return to Lisbon along the stunning coastline.

DAY 11 / DAY 4 EXTENSION - CHECK OUT

Check out of the hotel at the appropriate time.

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION

- COIMBRA & FATIMA

For those choosing to extend their holiday with our three-night tour to Lisbon, we depart the ship and leave behind the terraced hillsides of the Douro Valley. Heading south, our journey takes us inland as the wild seascapes of the Atlantic coast gradually give way to a hinterland of fertile fields and pine forests.

Our first destination is the ancient city of Coimbra, renowned for the impressive Roman aqueduct striding across the city and the historic university, one of Europe's oldest and a rival to Salamanca's. With its labyrinthine lanes, charming Moorish quarter and pretty squares, this city is a fascinating place to explore and its many historical buildings are collectively classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once a capital city, Coimbra became a major cultural centre during the Middle Ages with the university at its heart. We have the privilege of a visit to the university, which is situated on a hill overlooking the city. Its Baroque library – rich in giltwork, exotic woods and with a dazzling frescoed ceiling – contains over 200,000 leather-bound, centuries-old volumes. Equally extraordinary is the chapel, so exquisitely decorated it would be considered a cathedral in most places, and in complete contrast to the university prison, which is suitably austere and dates back to the mid 16th century.

We drive on through olive groves and wheat fields to Fátima, an unremarkable small town until 1917 when three children experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary and it suddenly became an important Catholic pilgrimage site and a national shrine. The original chapel built to mark the site of the apparition is now part of a large and impressive Sanctuary Complex, which is well worth exploring.

Later we arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal and the country's finest natural harbour, situated at the mouth of the River Tagus. Nestled amid seven hills, the city's skyline is a mosaic of pastel and ochre shades, peppered with elegant domes and soaring spires. We stay three nights at either the **Hotel Marquês de Pombal** (2019 departures), **Real Palacio Hotel** or **Olissippo Marquês de Sá Hotel** (2020 departures). The Hotel Marquês de Pombal is centrally located on the Avenida de Liberdade with an elegant restaurant, bar, gym and sauna. The Real Palacio Hotel is creatively constructed around the renovation of a historic 17th-century palace, with a restaurant, bar, health club and spa, and well-located in one of Lisbon's most prestigious neighbourhoods with easy access to the metro. In the same vicinity is the contemporary Olissippo Marquês de Sá Hotel, which features a stylish restaurant and bar. All air-conditioned rooms are comfortably furnished and well-appointed.



Lisbon – Day 9

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – LISBON

After a leisurely breakfast, we set out to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which have attained the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site. On our tour we'll see the strikingly modern Monument to the Discoveries and its 16th-century fortified counterpart, the Belém Tower, then visit the Jerónimos Monastery. One of the most magnificent buildings in Europe, the Monastery is a symbol of Portuguese wealth and power during the Age of Discovery. Founded by Henry the Navigator and containing the tomb of Vasco da Gama, it is an enormous, dazzlingly white edifice in classic Portuguese Gothic style, intricately decorated throughout with maritime motifs. We also see the impressive Terreiro do Paço square, facing out to sea, the majestic castle and Sé, the 12th-century Romanesque cathedral. There's also Alfama, the Moorish quarter of timeless cobbled streets, and the wonderful belvedere at São Pedro de Alcântara with its expansive views across the rooftops.

Lisbon's charm is its mix of ancient, modern, bustling and peaceful, so this afternoon is free to explore. You might be tempted by the chic shops of the elegant Baixa quarter, rebuilt after



Fátima church – Day 8

the devastating earthquake of 1755, or decide to seek out a café to enjoy a bica – a strong espresso often taken with a nata, the city's devilishly moreish custard tart. Art-lovers can savour the Gulbenkian Foundation, established by an Armenian oil magnate who bought art from Saint Petersburg's Hermitage after the Russian Revolution for bargain prices. This world-class institution has exhibits ranging from ancient Egyptian treasures to Impressionist paintings to a superb collection of Lalique jewellery and glass. And don't forget to take a ride on one of the clanging, rattling yellow trams; seemingly well past their sell-by date, they're still the best way to negotiate the sharp bends of the historic quarter.

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – SINTRA

We take a short drive to the hillside town of Sintra, whose verdant slopes were memorably described by Byron as a 'glorious Eden'. Spectacularly perched on a hillside with views towards the nearby Atlantic coast, this is where Henry the Navigator grew up and doubtless gazed out to sea, imagining what lay beyond the horizon. It was also the retreat of Portugal's royalty during the hot summer months. The narrow streets of the old town wind their way to the main square where you'll find the National Palace, a wonderful mix of Gothic and Moorish styles crowned by a pair of huge white conical chimneys. Today this landmark is a museum with grand rooms and priceless art collections.

You may also choose to make your own way to the romantic 19th-century Pena Palace. Built as a summer residence, it is a living fairy tale; its colourful turrets, ramparts, gargoyles, domes and Moorish arches are a mystical mix of styles, while the interior is extravagantly decorated and features a ballroom and magnificent Arab Room. The surrounding park and lakes display an equally eclectic mix of ferns, rhododendrons and exotic plants from the former Portuguese colonies. Should you wish to spend a little longer in Sintra and return to Lisbon under your own steam, your tour manager will be able to advise how this can be done easily by train.

Otherwise we return to Lisbon along the coastline where Atlantic rollers crash onto endless golden beaches. Lisbon has an amazing old quarter that still follows the original Phoenician street grid, so spend this evening wandering through its atmospheric lanes lined with bars and restaurants, often decorated with the colourful ceramic tiles so typical of this city. Many will be buzzing with the sound of fado – a unique and infectious musical mix evolved from folk, colonial African and Brazilian styles. Don't leave Lisbon without experiencing this.

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – CHECK OUT

Today you check out of the hotel at the appropriate time after a memorable tour.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

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MS DOURO ELEGANCE & MS DOURO SPLENDOUR Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard Stern Sole Occupancy	Standard	Standard Stern	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
03/05/19†, 05/05/19, 10/05/19†, 12/05/19	\$3,659	\$3,659	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$5,259	\$5,719
17/05/19†, 19/05/19, 24/05/19, 26/05/19	\$3,889	\$3,889	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$5,489	\$5,949
31/05/19	\$3,999	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,569	\$4,919	\$5,599	\$6,059
02/06/12†, 07/06/19, 09/06/19, 14/06/19, 16/06/19, 21/06/19†, 23/06/19	\$4,119	\$4,119	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,029	\$5,719	\$6,169
28/06/19†, 30/06/19	\$3,999	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,569	\$4,919	\$5,599	\$6,059
05/07/19, 07/07/19†, 12/07/19, 14/07/19, 19/07/19†, 21/07/19†, 26/07/19†, 28/07/19†, 02/08/19†, 04/08/19†	\$3,659	\$3,659	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$5,259	\$5,719
09/08/19†, 11/08/19, 16/08/19, 18/08/19, 23/08/19†, 25/08/19	\$3,659	\$3,659	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$5,259	\$5,719
30/08/19	\$4,119	\$4,119	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,029	\$5,719	\$6,169
01/09/19, 06/09/19†, 08/09/19, 13/09/19, 15/09/19, 20/09/19, 22/09/19, 27/09/19†, 29/09/19	\$4,349	\$4,349	\$5,029	\$4,919	\$5,259	\$5,949	\$6,399
04/10/19, 06/10/19	\$3,889	\$3,889	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$5,489	\$5,949
11/10/19, 13/10/19†	\$3,659	\$3,659	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$5,259	\$5,719
18/10/19†, 20/10/19	\$3,199	\$3,199	\$3,889	\$3,769	\$4,119	\$4,799	\$5,259
25/10/19, 27/10/19	\$2,749	\$2,749	\$3,429	\$3,319	\$3,659	\$4,349	\$4,799
01/11/19†, 03/11/19†	\$2,519	\$2,519	\$3,199	\$3,089	\$3,429	\$4,119	\$4,569
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ							
08/11/19 Δ	\$3,659	\$3,549	\$4,349	\$4,239	\$4,579	\$5,259	\$5,719
10/11/19 Δ	\$3,659	\$3,549	\$4,349	\$4,239	\$4,579	\$5,259	\$5,719

LISBON EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
03/05/19, 10/05/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$1,069	Real Palacio
17/05/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$1,069	Real Palacio
02/06/19	MS Douro Splendour	\$1,179	Hotel Marques de Pombal
21/06/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$1,179	Real Palacio
07/07/19	MS Douro Splendour	\$1,069	Hotel Marques de Pombal
19/07/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$959	Real Palacio
28/07/19, 04/08/19, 11/08/19	MS Douro Splendour	\$1,069	Hotel Marques de Pombal
23/08/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$959	Real Palacio
06/09/19, 27/09/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$1,179	Real Palacio
13/10/19	MS Douro Splendour	\$1,069	Hotel Marques de Pombal
18/10/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$1,069	Real Palacio
01/11/19	MS Douro Elegance	\$959	Real Palacio
03/11/19	MS Douro Splendour	\$959	Hotel Marques de Pombal

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SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



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Enjoy coffee or tea in your cabin and stay connected throughout the ship. Connection speeds may vary.



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Expect five-star service from our hand-picked crew, the best cruise director.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

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MS DOURO ELEGANCE & MS DOURO SPLENDOUR Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard Stern Sole Occupancy	Standard	Standard Stern	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
27/03/20†, 29/03/20	\$2,789	\$2,789	\$3,479	\$3,369	\$3,709	\$4,389	\$4,849
03/04/20, 05/04/20†	\$3,249	\$3,249	\$3,939	\$3,829	\$4,169	\$4,849	\$5,309
10/04/20, 12/04/20	\$3,479	\$3,479	\$4,169	\$4,059	\$4,399	\$5,079	\$5,539
17/04/20†, 19/04/20	\$3,709	\$3,709	\$4,399	\$4,289	\$4,629	\$5,309	\$5,769
24/04/20, 26/04/20†	\$3,819	\$3,819	\$4,509	\$4,399	\$4,739	\$5,419	\$5,879
01/05/20†, 03/05/20, 08/05/20, 10/05/20†	\$3,929	\$3,929	\$4,619	\$4,509	\$4,849	\$5,529	\$5,989
15/05/20, 17/05/20, 22/05/20†, 24/05/20	\$4,159	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$4,739	\$5,079	\$5,759	\$6,219
29/05/20, 31/05/20†	\$4,279	\$4,279	\$4,969	\$4,859	\$5,199	\$5,879	\$6,339
05/06/20†, 07/06/20, 12/06/20, 14/06/20†, 19/06/20, 21/06/20	\$4,389	\$4,389	\$5,079	\$4,969	\$5,309	\$5,989	\$6,449
26/06/20†, 28/06/20	\$4,279	\$4,279	\$4,969	\$4,859	\$5,199	\$5,879	\$6,339
03/07/20, 05/07/20†, 10/07/20, 12/07/20, 17/07/20, 19/07/20†, 24/07/20†, 26/07/20, 31/07/20, 02/08/20, 07/08/20, 09/08/20†, 14/08/20, 16/08/20, 21/08/20, 23/08/20	\$3,929	\$3,929	\$4,619	\$4,509	\$4,849	\$5,529	\$5,989
28/08/20, 30/08/20†	\$4,159	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$4,739	\$5,079	\$5,759	\$6,219
04/09/20†, 06/09/20, 11/09/20, 13/09/20†, 18/09/20†, 20/09/20, 25/09/20, 27/09/20†	\$4,619	\$4,619	\$5,309	\$5,199	\$5,539	\$6,219	\$6,679
02/10/20, 04/10/20	\$4,159	\$4,159	\$4,849	\$4,739	\$5,079	\$5,759	\$6,219
09/10/20†, 11/10/20	\$3,929	\$3,929	\$4,619	\$4,509	\$4,849	\$5,529	\$5,989
16/10/20, 18/10/20†	\$3,479	\$3,479	\$4,169	\$4,059	\$4,399	\$5,079	\$5,539
23/10/20†, 25/10/20	\$3,019	\$3,019	\$3,709	\$3,599	\$3,939	\$4,619	\$5,079
30/10/20, 01/11/20	\$2,789	\$2,789	\$3,479	\$3,369	\$3,709	\$4,389	\$4,849
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ							
08/11/20 Δ	\$3,709	\$3,819	\$4,399	\$4,509	\$4,739	\$5,419	\$5,879
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27/03/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,029	Real Palacio
05/04/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,029	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
17/04/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,029	Real Palacio
26/04/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,029	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
01/05/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,149	Real Palacio
10/05/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,149	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
22/05/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,149	Real Palacio
31/05/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,259	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
05/06/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,259	Real Palacio
14/06/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,259	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
26/06/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,259	Real Palacio
05/07/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,029	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
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09/08/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,029	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
21/08/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,029	Real Palacio
30/08/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,149	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
04/09/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,259	Real Palacio
13/09/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,259	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
18/09/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,259	Real Palacio
27/09/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,259	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
09/10/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,149	Real Palacio
18/10/20	Douro Splendour	\$1,149	Olissippo Marquês de Sá
23/10/20	Douro Elegance	\$1,149	Real Palacio

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SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above. Δ The departures on 08/11/19, 10/11/19, 08/11/20 and 13/11/20 are exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Our drinks package is priced at \$189pp, and includes the following with lunch and dinner: draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines; and wine recommendations from the menu.

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Enjoy the scenic wine regions in the south of France, from lush terraced vineyards and sun-baked hills, to dramatic rugged gorges and medieval towns.



CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN LYON

Embark in historic Lyon and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – LYON

After a guided tour of this city situated at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, take in the contrasting views of the green Beaujolais hills and snowy Mont Blanc, whilst cruising towards Chalon this afternoon.

DAY 3 – BEAUNE AND BURGUNDY

This morning's tour takes us through this wine producing region to atmospheric Beaune with its multi-coloured Hotel Dieu. Explore the twisting streets and enjoy a traditional wine tasting.

DAY 4 – VIENNE AND TOURNON

Explore Vienne's treasure trove of Roman remains before we cruise through the most picturesque section of the Rhône Valley to the pretty provincial town of Tournon.

DAY 5 – ARDÈCHE GORGES

This afternoon we tour the Ardèche gorges, the scale of which is a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. With caves, grottoes and natural sculptures, there are amazing views at every turn.

DAY 6 – ARLES AND THE PONT DU GARD

Enjoy a guided tour of Arles, the capital of Roman Gaul and Spain. This afternoon visit the amazing Roman aqueduct, the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of the ancient world.

DAY 7 – AVIGNON

Home of the Papacy for 100 years, we visit the imposing Popes' Palace, an architectural masterpiece on a guided walking tour. Wander Avignon's delightful streets, alleys and markets, little changed in centuries.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN AVIGNON

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

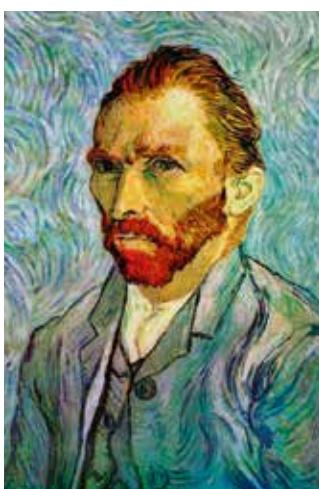
PLEASE NOTE: on dates marked with an asterisk on the departure details, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits.



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Exclusive departures available for solo travellers. See page 92 for details.

Beaune – Day 3



Admire stunning Provençal landscapes

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

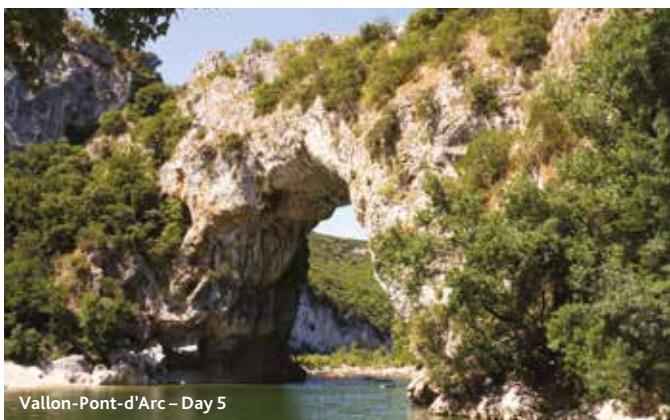
- 7 visits and tours including guided tours of Lyon, Arles, Avignon and the stunning Popes' Palace; visits to Vienne and Beaune; and excursions to the Ardèche Gorges and the Pont du Gard
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
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Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges
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Lyon – Day 2



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 - EMBARK IN LYON

Embark your river cruise ship moored in Lyon's historic centre. Our dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you on board and help you to your cabin. After settling in to your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this floating five-star hotel.

DAY 2 - LYON

After our first splendid breakfast, we've a leisurely start enjoying a guided tour of Lyon, one of France's most fascinating cities. The Rhône Valley had been the route of choice for marauding armies and peaceful traders for centuries, and Lyon's current site, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, cried out to be fortified. In 43 BC the Romans founded the city, which subsequently grew in importance; the Emperor Claudius, conqueror of Britain, was born here. There are many Roman remains to see, but it was the production of silk that brought Lyon to prominence during the Middle Ages, and throughout the city you can see signs of the wealth that poured in – Renaissance buildings, imposing churches and Europe's largest pedestrian square, Place Bellecour, with a statue of Louis XIV as its focus. The old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is crammed with antique shops and intriguing traboules – narrow covered passageways enabling silk merchants to transport their wares to the river without getting wet – that today are a joy to amble through. As well as its glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's (and to locals the world's) gastronomic capital. In fairness it has much to commend it: nouvelle cuisine was invented near here and the city boasts a huge array of speciality food shops and eateries, including 20 restaurants with one or more Michelin stars and countless little places to eat.

While you enjoy your first lunch the ship quietly slips its mooring. Cruising upstream, we catch the first glimpses of the vine-clad slopes of the hazy green Beaujolais hills as we approach one of the world's most revered red-wine-producing regions. On our left we see the picturesque villages of Morgon, Fleurie, Juliennes, Chénas and many more, while on the right you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of snow-capped Mont Blanc – Western Europe's highest mountain. As the afternoon drifts into evening and we cruise past the town that gives them their name, the white wines of Mâcon hold sway – and what could be better than a cool, crisp glass in the lounge before enjoying this evening's culinary delights in the restaurant, prepared by our outstanding chef.



DAY 3 - CHALON & BEAUNE

Rising this morning we're berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy and home of Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography. On this morning's tour we see some of the pretty yet surprisingly small villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines – Meursault, Volnay, Pommard, Gevrey-Chambertin and many more. Nearby is medieval Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital, which is wonderful to wander around. At its centre is the Hospices de Beaune, also known as the Hôtel-Dieu. Originally built in the 15th century as a hospital for the disadvantaged, it's a jewel of High Gothic architecture, instantly recognisable for its colourful glazed roof tiles arranged in dazzling geometric patterns. A prestigious annual wine auction takes place here each November, with proceeds going to benefit the Hospices and its charity work. Of course you can't visit Burgundy without sampling its amazing wines, so we visit the cellars of a leading traditional winemaker for a tour and tasting before returning to the ship for lunch.

DAY 4 - VIENNE & TOURNON

One of river cruising's great pleasures is waking in a different place to the one you fell asleep in. Overnight the ship has cruised almost imperceptibly downstream and we enjoy breakfast in Vienne, first a Celtic settlement, then a Roman stronghold under Julius Caesar. Strikingly located in a narrow section of the Rhône where the river meanders dramatically around a steep bluff, Vienne is a treasure trove of historic remains, including the stunning Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia, and a walk around its streets really brings its heritage to life.

During another superb lunch, we enter

perhaps the most picturesque section of the Rhône as the river squeezes and twists past Condrieu, Saint-Rambert-d'Albon and Saint-Vallier, with wooded cliffs rising high on both sides. Traditionally these stretches were the most dangerous due to fierce currents and varying water levels but, with the waters now tamed by a series of locks whose complex mechanisms never cease to fascinate, this afternoon can be spent relaxing on the Sun Deck taking in the exceptional views. Later we moor in the pretty provincial town of Tournon, with its imposing castle and tree-lined avenues on one side of the river, while on the other are the steep vine-covered hillsides of Hermitage, where another of the world's most revered wines is produced – a fitting view as we enjoy another exquisite dinner.

DAY 5 - ARDÈCHE GORGES

This morning we cruise effortlessly downstream. In the distance you'll catch glimpses of the Alps and, as we approach Valence, the landscape gradually becomes less green with more ochres and magentas, the houses have sloping terracotta roofs typical of the Mediterranean and the air carries heady aromas of pine and cypress. You can only be in the Midi or – as we call it – the south of France. It's so relaxing to catch up on some reading or just laze in the sun.

After lunch we explore one of France's most outstanding landscapes – the Ardèche Gorges, whose scale is a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. Sheer limestone cliffs plunge almost 1,000 feet to the river's blue waters, which elegantly snake their way through stupendous rock formations, culminating in a huge natural arch, the Pont d'Arc. Caves, grottoes and natural sculptures create marvellous views at every turn before we

Avignon Bridge with Popes' Palace – Day 7



return to the gentler slopes of the Rhône Valley, where our ship is moored in charming Viviers, a medieval town clustered around its 12th-century cathedral. We slip our mooring and proceed through the famous lock at Bollène, one of the deepest in France, as you relax over dinner.

DAY 6 – ARLES & PONT DU GARD

You awake under the azure skies of deepest Provence and amid the warm stone colours of Arles, many of whose historic monuments are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Although small in size, it was the key stronghold on the Roman road to Spain, one of the empire's richest possessions. Seagoing ships could reach here and the city became a regional capital, briefly

ruling over Gaul, Spain and Britain. Our guided tour will help you appreciate the finer points of Arles's magnificent Roman remains, including the splendid amphitheatre, one of the best preserved in the world, the earlier theatre built during the reign of Augustus and the Alyscamps, the ancient necropolis with its extraordinary atmosphere. The disturbed but great genius of an artist Van Gogh lived in Arles for just over a year, from February 1888. It was his most prolific period and, inspired by Arles and the light and beauty of the Provençal countryside, he produced around 300 works, including The Night Café, The Sower and, of course, Sunflowers.

After lunch we visit the amazing Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, one of the wonders of the ancient world. No amount of fame can diminish the first sight of this 2,000-year-old structure, which was the highest bridge built in the Empire –the Romans themselves considered it the most important testimony to their greatness. Its statistics are staggering: over 900 feet long and almost 160 feet high, with its stones each weighing up to six tons. To put this in perspective, the span of the Pont du Gard is greater than the width of the River Thames at London Bridge – and no mortar was used in its construction! The situation is lovely too, with pine- and cypress-covered hills adding to the harmonious setting. Rejoining the ship, we cruise along the Rhône and, during dinner, pass the imposing 15th-century castle at Tarascon standing guard on the river bank.

DAY 7 – AVIGNON

The light catching the red roofs of Avignon's majestic skyline is a sight to behold over breakfast, after which we embark on a guided tour of one of the most extraordinary and

intriguing cities in France. Avignon's destiny changed during the 14th century, when the Pope's court moved here to avoid strife in Rome. Igniting a century of prosperity, the Pontiff commissioned a host of ambitious building projects, and today the city is immaculately preserved, nestling behind its almost-intact 14th-century walls and boasting more remarkable monuments, superbly decorated buildings, churches, chapels and convents than you can possibly count. Most important is the stunning Popes' Palace, made up of two buildings that together form the largest Gothic palace in the world. With turrets, towers, parapets and other fortifications, its exterior resembles a mighty fortress, while the interior is a tour de force of medieval architecture and ornamentation, adorned with priceless frescoes, Gobelin tapestries and graceful sculptures. The ceremonial hall, chapels, cloisters and private apartments are all unmissable. But to truly embrace the feel of papal Avignon, imagine yourself here during the Middle Ages amid the Palace's rich furnishings and extravagant decoration, with cardinals, princes and ambassadors milling about its candle-lit halls and corridors, while in the streets below countless pilgrims eagerly anticipate benediction. This was Avignon's brief golden age, when it was truly the centre of Christendom.

After lunch you're free to explore as you wish, perhaps visiting the nearby Petit Palais, the former home of the archbishops of Avignon, to cast a critical eye over the remarkable collection of over 300 paintings and sculptures from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, including works by Botticelli and Carpaccio. Or take a stroll on the iconic Pont d'Avignon, which, dramatically, ends halfway across the river, made famous by the melody we all recall from our first French lessons. It's our final afternoon so you may wish to do some shopping, or just find a quiet café in a shady Provençal square to watch the world go by. Perhaps though, return to the luxurious surroundings of our ship, finding a quiet spot to contemplate the many wondrous places you've seen and experienced over a quiet cup of tea!

This evening we enjoy the sumptuous Captain's Dinner, with the chef serving specialities of the regions you've visited during your voyage of discovery.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN AVIGNON

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship, with time to look back on great memories from a superb trip.

PLEASE NOTE: On some dates, this tour operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See the Pricing & Departure page for details.



Pont du Gard – Day 6

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

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MS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper	
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
06/05/19, 13/05/19*, 20/05/19	\$3,089	\$3,769	\$3,999	\$5,149
27/05/19*	\$3,319	\$3,999	\$4,229	\$5,369
03/06/19, 10/06/19*, 17/06/19, 24/06/19*	\$3,769	\$4,459	\$4,689	\$5,829
01/07/19	\$3,549	\$4,229	\$4,459	\$5,599
08/07/19*	\$3,319	\$3,999	\$4,229	\$5,369
15/07/19	\$3,089	\$3,769	\$3,999	\$5,149
22/07/19*, 29/07/19, 05/08/19*, 12/08/19	\$2,969	\$3,659	\$3,889	\$5,029
19/08/19*, 26/08/19	\$2,969	\$3,659	\$3,889	\$5,029
02/09/19*, 09/09/19, 16/09/19*, 23/09/19	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,919	\$6,059
30/09/19*	\$3,769	\$4,459	\$4,689	\$5,829
07/10/19	\$3,319	\$3,999	\$4,229	\$5,369
14/10/19*	\$2,969	\$3,659	\$3,889	\$5,029
21/10/19	\$2,749	\$3,429	\$3,659	\$4,799
28/10/19*	\$2,399	\$3,089	\$3,319	\$4,459
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ				
14/10/19 Δ	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,919	\$6,059
04/11/19 Δ	\$3,549	\$4,239	\$4,469	\$5,609

MS LORD BYRON Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite	Deluxe Suite
02/05/19*, 09/05/19, 16/05/19*	\$3,089	\$3,319	\$3,769	\$4,119	\$3,999	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,919
23/05/19	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$3,999	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$5,149
30/05/19*	\$3,549	\$3,769	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,369
06/06/19, 13/06/19*, 20/06/19	\$3,769	\$3,999	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,029	\$4,919	\$5,599
27/06/19*	\$3,549	\$3,769	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,369
04/07/19	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$3,999	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$5,149
11/07/19*	\$3,089	\$3,319	\$3,769	\$4,119	\$3,999	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,919
18/07/19, 25/07/19*, 01/08/19	\$2,969	\$3,199	\$3,659	\$3,999	\$3,889	\$4,229	\$4,119	\$4,799
08/08/19*, 15/08/19, 22/08/19*	\$2,969	\$3,199	\$3,659	\$3,999	\$3,889	\$4,229	\$4,119	\$4,799
29/08/19	\$3,429	\$3,659	\$4,119	\$4,459	\$4,349	\$4,689	\$4,569	\$5,259
05/09/19*, 12/09/19, 19/09/19*	\$3,999	\$4,229	\$4,689	\$5,029	\$4,919	\$5,259	\$5,149	\$5,829
26/09/19	\$3,769	\$3,999	\$4,459	\$4,799	\$4,689	\$5,029	\$4,919	\$5,599
03/10/19*	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$3,999	\$4,349	\$4,229	\$4,569	\$4,459	\$5,149
10/10/19	\$2,969	\$3,199	\$3,659	\$3,999	\$3,889	\$4,229	\$4,119	\$4,799
17/10/19*	\$2,749	\$2,969	\$3,429	\$3,769	\$3,659	\$3,999	\$3,889	\$4,569
24/10/19	\$2,399	\$2,629	\$3,089	\$3,429	\$3,319	\$3,659	\$3,549	\$4,229
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ								
31/10/19 Δ	\$3,199	\$3,429	\$3,889	\$4,229	\$4,119	\$4,349	\$4,459	\$5,029

Please note that on reverse itineraries, embark and disembark points are the opposite way around.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On lower decks on all ships and all dates there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above. Δ The departures on 14/10/19, 31/10/19, 04/11/19, 02/04/20 and 03/11/20 are exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

DEPOSIT: The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$199pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

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MS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper	
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
07/04/20	\$2,629	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$4,919
14/04/20*	\$2,749	\$3,439	\$3,669	\$5,039
21/04/20	\$2,859	\$3,549	\$3,779	\$5,149
28/04/20*	\$3,089	\$3,779	\$4,009	\$5,379
05/05/20, 12/05/20*, 19/05/20	\$3,319	\$4,009	\$4,239	\$5,609
26/05/20*	\$3,549	\$4,239	\$4,469	\$5,839
02/06/20, 09/06/20*, 16/06/20, 23/06/20*	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,919	\$6,289
30/06/20	\$3,769	\$4,459	\$4,689	\$6,059
07/07/20*	\$3,549	\$4,239	\$4,469	\$5,839
14/07/20	\$3,319	\$4,009	\$4,239	\$5,609
21/07/20*, 28/07/20, 04/08/20*, 11/08/20, 18/08/20*	\$3,199	\$3,889	\$4,119	\$5,489
25/08/20	\$3,429	\$4,119	\$4,349	\$5,719
01/09/20*, 08/09/20, 15/09/20*, 22/09/20	\$4,229	\$4,919	\$5,149	\$6,519
29/09/20*	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,919	\$6,289
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13/10/20*	\$3,199	\$3,889	\$4,119	\$5,489
20/10/20	\$2,859	\$3,549	\$3,779	\$5,149
27/10/20*	\$2,629	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$4,919
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ				
03/11/20 Δ	\$3,999	\$4,689	\$4,919	\$6,289

MS LORD BYRON Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite	Deluxe Suite
09/04/20	\$2,749	\$2,979	\$3,439	\$4,009	\$3,669	\$4,239	\$4,009	\$4,809
16/04/20*, 23/04/20	\$2,859	\$3,089	\$3,549	\$4,119	\$3,779	\$4,349	\$4,119	\$4,919
30/04/20*	\$3,089	\$3,319	\$3,779	\$4,349	\$4,009	\$4,579	\$4,349	\$5,149
07/05/20, 14/05/20*, 21/05/20	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$4,009	\$4,579	\$4,239	\$4,809	\$4,579	\$5,379
28/05/20*	\$3,549	\$3,779	\$4,239	\$4,809	\$4,469	\$5,039	\$4,809	\$5,609
04/06/20, 11/06/20*, 18/06/20, 25/06/20*	\$3,999	\$4,229	\$4,689	\$5,259	\$4,919	\$5,489	\$5,259	\$6,059
02/07/20	\$3,769	\$3,999	\$4,459	\$5,029	\$4,689	\$5,259	\$5,029	\$5,829
09/07/20*	\$3,549	\$3,779	\$4,239	\$4,809	\$4,469	\$5,039	\$4,809	\$5,609
16/07/20	\$3,319	\$3,549	\$4,009	\$4,579	\$4,239	\$4,809	\$4,579	\$5,379
23/07/20*, 30/07/20, 06/08/20*, 13/08/20, 20/08/20*	\$3,199	\$3,429	\$3,889	\$4,459	\$4,119	\$4,689	\$4,459	\$5,259
27/08/20	\$3,429	\$3,659	\$4,119	\$4,689	\$4,349	\$4,919	\$4,689	\$5,489
03/09/20*, 10/09/20, 17/09/20*	\$4,229	\$4,459	\$4,919	\$5,489	\$5,149	\$5,719	\$5,489	\$6,289
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Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ								
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CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN PARIS

Embark in Paris and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – LES ANDELYS

After a relaxing morning on board taking in the stunning riverside views, arrive in the historic little town of Les Andelys, picturesquely situated in the shadow of the Chateau Gaillard, a huge medieval legacy built by Richard the Lionheart.

DAY 3 – ROUEN

Awake in Rouen and enjoy a guided tour of this lovely historic city before another afternoon cruising this spectacular river. We moor in the pretty village of Caudebec, perfect for an after-dinner stroll.

DAY 4 – BAYEUX & ARROMANCHES

Today enjoy a full day of touring, firstly to Bayeux, seeing the world-famous tapestry, and then to some of the many monuments and places that make up part of the story of the D-Day landings, including Gold Beach.

DAY 5 – HONFLEUR

Enjoy a morning visit to Honfleur with its charming waterfront of pastel-coloured 18th-century houses and traditional shops. Later return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon of cruising.

DAY 6 – GIVERNY & VERNON

This morning's tour is to Giverny and the home of the great Impressionist painter Claude Monet with one of the most famous gardens in the world. After lunch explore the quintessentially half-timbered houses and ancient winding streets of Vernon.

DAY 7 – PARIS

We take a sightseeing tour of this iconic city: the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Sacré-Coeur, the Eiffel Tower, we see all these and more. After lunch enjoy free time exploring this unique and beautiful capital.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN PARIS

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.

Old mill house,
Normandy



Admire the colourful houses along Honfleur's picturesque harbour - Day 5



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 9 visits and tours including guided tours of Paris and Rouen; visits to Caudebec, Les Andelys and Vernon; and excursions to Claude Monet's house, Honfleur, the D-Day Normandy Beaches and the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
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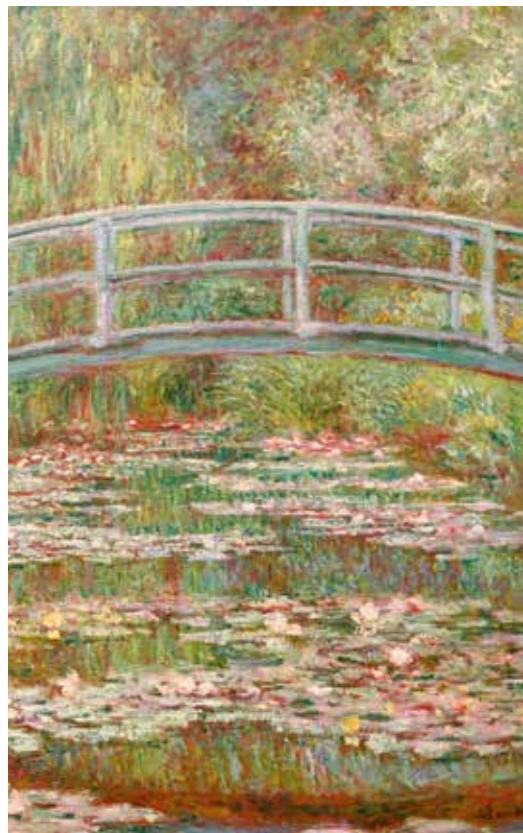
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YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 - EMBARK IN PARIS

Embark your river cruise ship moored in Paris. The friendly crew will welcome you on board, helping you settle into your spacious and exquisitely furnished accommodation – you'll immediately feel at home. This evening you enjoy your first sumptuous dinner, served in the ship's restaurant.

DAY 2 – LES ANDELYS

During the night our ship slips her mooring and, as you enjoy breakfast, the landscape passes by serenely and you quickly get used to this luxurious sightseeing experience. Rounding a sweeping bend so typical of the Seine, we reach the town of Mantes-la-Jolie with its imposing church – so large and architecturally impressive it could be a cathedral – while straight ahead is a medieval stone bridge. The central section of the bridge was destroyed during the Second World War and never repaired – it's the first of many poignant reminders that this region of France has been a battleground for centuries.

Beyond Mantes we encounter another typical feature of the Seine as it flows seaward – picturesque chalk cliffs, almost resembling a giant's teeth. Beautiful villages like La Roche Guyon slide by, surrounded by bocage countryside of lush pastures and high hedgerows, countless cider orchards, half-timbered barns and ancient wooden farmhouses. We're truly in the heart of one of France's historic and stunningly attractive dukedoms – Normandy.

While you're enjoying your first delicious lunch, the captain has skilfully berthed at Les Andelys, a small town dominated by one of the

most spectacular sights along the entire valley – Château Gaillard. This remarkable castle guards the apex of the river bend and was built by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century to defend Rouen from the French. Besieged many times during the turbulent history of northern France, Château Gaillard is now one of the most dramatic ruins in the region.

A much-appreciated feature of our river cruises is that they're thoughtfully planned and paced, allowing time to explore the many places of interest we visit. So this afternoon you are free to roam the town of Les Andelys at your leisure, investigating the Gallo-Roman remains, churches and museums of two former fishing villages that grew together, or alternatively join the short drive up to Château Gaillard. From this spectacular vantage point – probably the finest of the entire cruise – you enjoy stupendous views across the countryside.

During your second excellent dinner we slip our mooring unobtrusively, and what could be better than heading to the lounge for a digestif and a chance to discuss your impressions of the Seine with your like-minded companions? The evening cruise is delightful as we glide past more bucolic scenery, some of the finest France can offer. Should you wish why not visit the wheelhouse, the Captain is always delighted to explain to those interested how the highly sophisticated navigation and safety systems operate.

DAY 3 – ROUEN

We awake in Rouen, Normandy's capital, one of Europe's finest medieval cities and scene of many momentous events over the centuries. Pride of place on our guided tour of the city

belongs to its stunning Gothic cathedral, which was immortalised by the great Impressionist Claude Monet in a series of 28 paintings showing the facade at varying times of day and in different weather conditions. Briefly becoming the world's tallest building when the soaring spire was added in the 19th century, the cathedral is also notable for the recumbent statue reputedly containing the heart of Richard the Lionheart.

Rouen's beautifully tangled alleyways are a revelation, lined with antique shops, tasteful boutiques and, of course, countless restaurants serving exceptional local cuisine emphasising the country's outstanding gastronomic heritage. The Place du Vieux-Marché is one of the city's most poignant spots; a large cross marks the point where the 'Maid of Orléans' Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for her beliefs.

During another superb lunch we cast off to navigate through yet more twists and turns, chalk cliffs and a landscape of forest-covered hills that are designated as areas of outstanding natural beauty and sanctuaries for diverse wildlife, including deer and wild boar. Another highlight of the valley soon greets us – the ethereal ruins of Jumièges Abbey. Founded in the 7th century, it was consecrated in the presence of William the Conqueror and was an important political and religious centre until it was sacked in the 16th century. In the late afternoon we moor in the pretty town of Caudebec-en-Caux, so after dinner why not take a stroll to explore this lovely spot, with its typical market square, richly decorated church and the Maison des Templiers, one of the oldest houses in Normandy.



Les Andelys Andelys – Day 2

DAY 4 – BAYEUX & ARROMANCHES

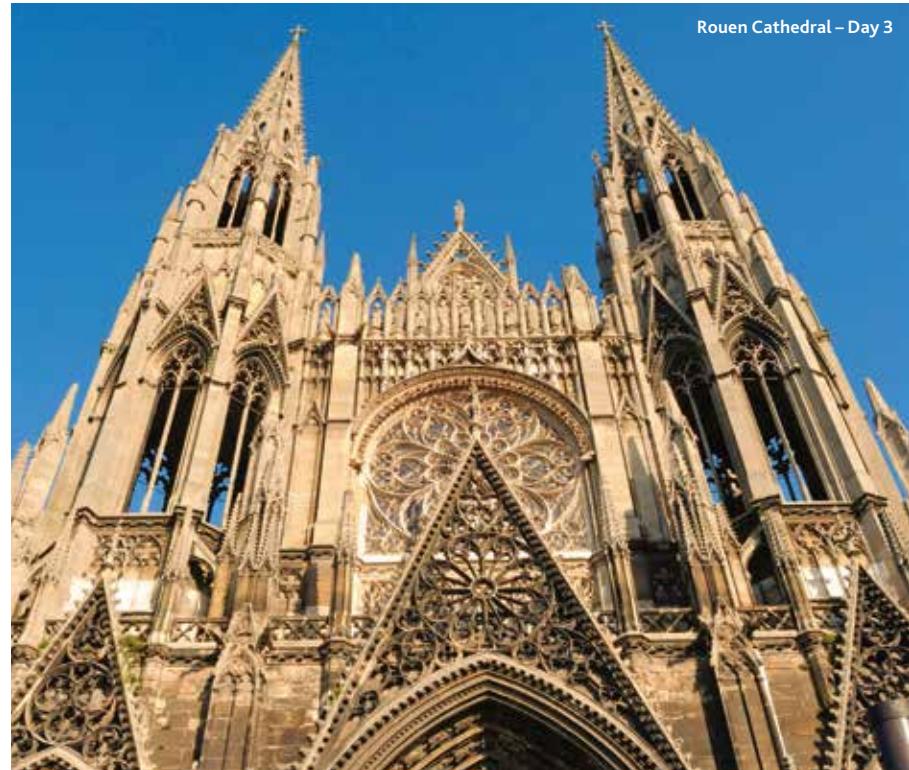
After breakfast you'll be ready for a full-day tour exploring two of the most important aspects of European history – the Bayeux Tapestry and the D-Day landings. (Please note lunch is not provided today.) Bayeux itself is a delightful town with a historic core that escaped the ravages of war, so you can marvel at its many splendid buildings including the grand Gothic cathedral. But, of course, Bayeux is most famous as the home of the tapestry telling the story of the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066 in glorious detail. Among its 75 scenes are the coronation of Harold following the death of Edward the Confessor and his subsequent demise at the Battle of Hastings, which led to William of Normandy invading England and becoming king. The 230-foot-long tapestry is made up of nine panels of extremely delicate embroidery – gazing at its wonderful depictions of the battle and the period's architecture, weapons and everyday life, you'll appreciate why the Bayeux Tapestry is arguably the finest relic of the Middle Ages.

This afternoon we drive to nearby Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day, when Allied forces surged into Normandy to begin the liberation of occupied Europe. Casting your eyes across the sand to the water's edge, it's sobering to consider that on 6 June 1944 around 25,000 British troops came ashore on this one beach, with 400 killed by the defenders. At the western end of the shoreline is the village of Arromanches, where there is a museum dedicated to the 'longest day' and you can still see remnants of the two Mulberry harbours constructed for the landing craft. After a day recalling such momentous events and the stories surrounding them, thoughts turn again to the culinary delights awaiting you in the refined comfort of the ship's restaurant.

DAY 5 – HONFLEUR

Honfleur is often regarded as the most picturesque spot on the northern French coast, and after breakfast we make the short journey to this delightful town. Its old harbour, sheltering both fishing boats and luxurious pleasure craft, is beautifully preserved and surrounded by a perfect waterfront of pastel-coloured 16th- to 18th-century houses, many converted to seafood restaurants. Watch the talented artists capturing the captivating views along the waterfront, while the intricate maze of streets behind is also well worth discovering. The eaves of the tall half-timbered buildings almost touch, and on the streets below is an abundance of traditional shops selling antiques, books and fine foods. Honfleur's most famous son is Eugene Boudin, one of the forerunners of Impressionism and a friend of Claude Monet, who also painted the harbour many times.

After returning to the ship for lunch, we



Rouen Cathedral – Day 3

slip our mooring and begin our passage back upstream, retracing the river's winding course, its huge variety of wildlife, enchanting scenery and forests, all reflected in differing colours in the sparkling waters. Villages slip by, birds glide on thermals rising from the surrounding cliffs and, as this ever-changing kaleidoscope slips by, it's an ideal opportunity to join new friends for a chat. Squeeze in a spot of reading on the Sun Deck or simply recline, letting the gentle breezes lull you into a relaxing doze. By this stage of your cruise you'll be totally unwound and modern life will seem very distant.

DAY 6 – GIVERNY & VERNON

One of the great delights of river cruising is the magical sensation of waking up in a different place from where you were the night before. This morning the ship has moored in delightful Vernon, and we take the short drive to Giverny to visit Monet's garden and house. The artist himself called his garden his 'most beautiful masterpiece', and it's certainly one of the world's most photographed and painted, ideally viewed in the delicate morning light. In the Japanese-inspired water garden, shaded by great weeping willows and surrounded by bamboo, rhododendrons and azaleas, is the lily pond where he painted his extraordinary Les Nymphéas (Water Lilies) series. There's ample time to wander here, absorbing the tranquil atmosphere while marvelling at the light bouncing off foliage of every hue and the magical reflections dancing off the water.

After another leisurely lunch on board, you can explore Vernon's quaint buildings before embarking on our cruise to Paris. As the sun sets on the shimmering Seine and the Norman

countryside recedes into dusk, it's a perfect time to reflect on your few days cruising among the creamy chalk cliffs and charming villages of this splendid river.

DAY 7 – PARIS

We have arrived in Paris and this morning we take a sightseeing tour of this amazing capital, one of the world's most iconic cities. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Sacré-Cœur – you'll see all these and much more. The grand Place de la Concorde, the largest square in the city, shows off 18th-century French architecture at its best, and just over the Seine on the Left Bank you'll find the Musée d'Orsay, home of the world's finest Impressionist art collection. Then there's the eccentrically modern and yet stylish Pompidou Centre, famous not only for its exhibits but also for street entertainment, while the exquisite Tuileries Gardens are perfect for a stroll.

After lunch on board you could visit fine shops such as the Galeries Lafayette or those in the smart arcaded Rue de Rivoli, or perhaps wander around the café-lined streets of bohemian Montmartre. Paris is everything you imagine it to be – romantic, inspiring, vibrant – even outrageous – but best of all Paris is unique, and a fitting finale to a wonderful cruise. This evening is the Captain's Dinner, hosted of course by the Captain himself. Featuring specialities of the regions through which we have travelled, it's a truly memorable experience.

DAY 8 – DISEMBARK IN PARIS

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

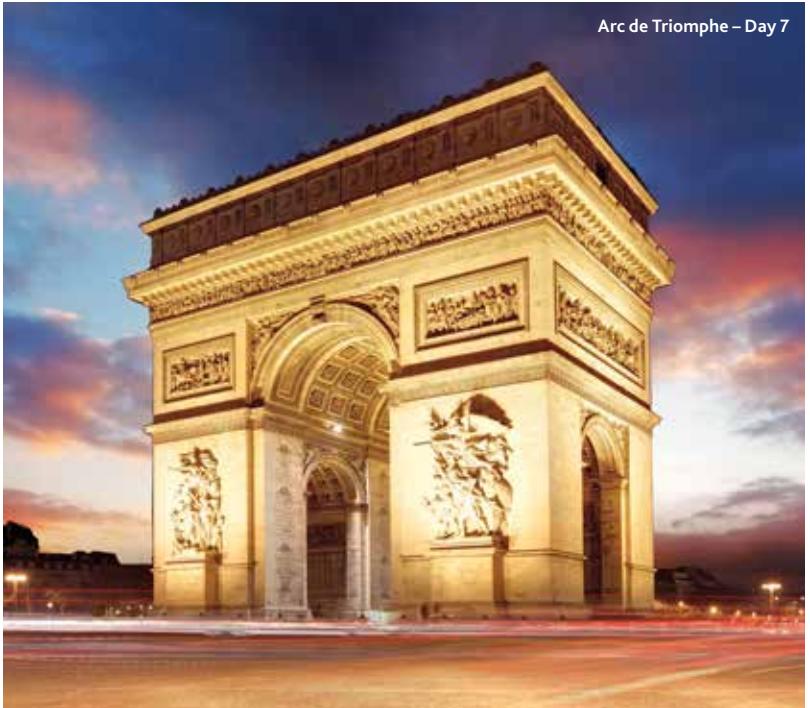
Marvel at the City
of Lights' many
wonderful sights
– Day 7



Sacre Coeur – Day 7



Arc de Triomphe – Day 7



PRICING & DEPARTURES

2020

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MS JANE AUSTEN Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite	Deluxe Suite
21/04/20	\$2,999	\$3,229	\$3,689	\$4,259	\$3,919	\$4,489	\$4,259	\$5,059
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05/05/20, 12/05/20	\$3,449	\$3,679	\$4,139	\$4,709	\$4,369	\$4,939	\$4,709	\$5,509
23/06/20	\$4,139	\$4,369	\$4,829	\$5,399	\$5,059	\$5,629	\$5,399	\$6,199
30/06/20	\$3,909	\$4,139	\$4,599	\$5,169	\$4,829	\$5,399	\$5,169	\$5,969
07/07/20, 14/07/20, 18/08/20	\$3,339	\$3,569	\$4,029	\$4,599	\$4,259	\$4,829	\$4,599	\$5,399
25/08/20	\$3,569	\$3,799	\$4,259	\$4,829	\$4,489	\$5,059	\$4,829	\$5,629
01/09/20, 08/09/20, 15/09/20	\$4,369	\$4,599	\$5,059	\$5,629	\$5,289	\$5,859	\$5,629	\$6,429
20/10/20	\$3,229	\$3,459	\$3,919	\$4,489	\$4,149	\$4,719	\$4,489	\$5,289
27/10/20	\$2,769	\$2,999	\$3,459	\$4,029	\$3,689	\$4,259	\$4,029	\$4,829

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - The price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.



MS Jane Austen see p114



Superior suite, Jane Austen

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Departing December 2019

Discover the magical ambience of Germany's traditional Christmas markets with their host of unique, inspired gift ideas, plus the stunning Rhineland in its wintry splendour.



CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1—EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Embark in historic Cologne and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2—RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

Cruise through the world famous and dramatic Rhine Gorge before arriving in the renowned wine town of Rüdesheim. Spend the afternoon wandering the Christmas markets of this charming spot.

DAY 3—RHINE GORGE & KOBLENZ

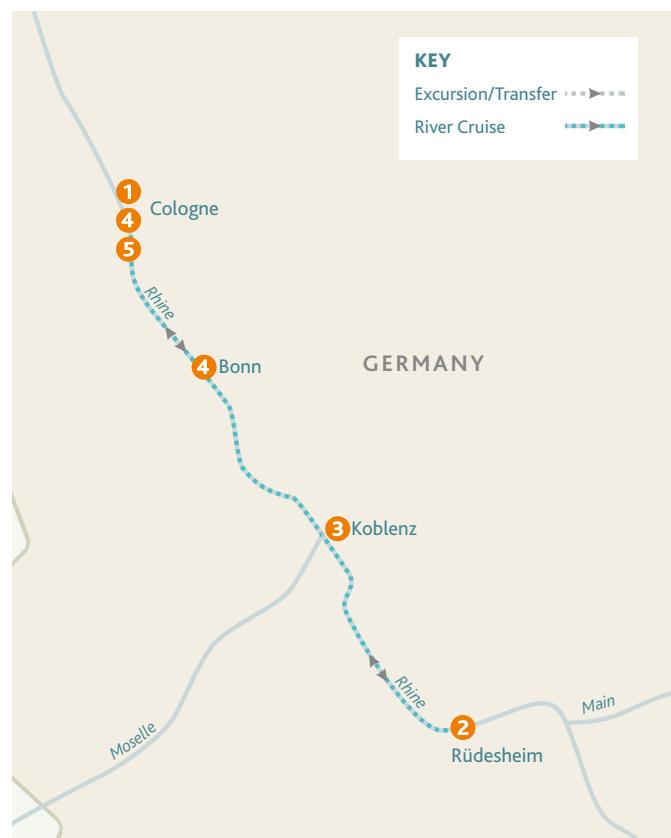
Today enjoy another relaxing morning on board taking in the spectacular river views as we cruise back through the Rhine Gorge, passing the famous Loreley Rock. This afternoon explore Koblenz on our guided tour with free time to browse its lovely Christmas market.

DAY 4—BONN & COLOGNE

This morning discover Bonn on our guided tour of this interesting and historic former capital, then spend some time absorbing the festive atmosphere of its market. Later we arrive in Cologne where the rest of the day is free to browse the stalls of one (or all) of its seven markets!

DAY 5—DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

This morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark.



Experience the magic of Germany's captivating Christmas markets



Rhine river - Day 2

SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 4 visits and tours including guided tours of Bonn and Koblenz; and visits to Rüdesheim and Cologne
- 4 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges
- No surcharges guaranteed

Bonn – Day 4



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 - EMBARK IN COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne, where your five-star floating hotel is moored. The dedicated English-speaking crew welcomes you on board and helps you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this splendid ship.

DAY 2 - RHINE GORGE & RÜDESHEIM

To really get in the Christmas mood, nothing beats waking up on board to find you're already cruising through an entrancing winter wonderland. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning and relax on board while a kaleidoscope of riverside views drifts by in all their seasonal glory. Wrap up warm and take to the deck for an invigorating breath of frosty air as we pass through the outstandingly beautiful Rhine Gorge, where the river flows a little faster, the vineyard-covered valley sides are steeper and ruined castles sit atop rocky crags. Tales of mysterious happenings here have been passed down over the generations, most famously of all the legend of the Lorelei – the maiden said to have enticed sailors onto the rocks with her irresistible songs.

The festive period is a magical time to visit this picturesque part of Germany, and no country does it better. The historic Yuletide markets here are the ideal places to soak up the spellbinding atmosphere while seeking out unusual presents for friends and family back home. After lunch on board we arrive in Rüdesheim, whose quirky, crooked houses and tiny streets provide the perfect chocolate-box setting for its Christmas market. As you wander the myriad stalls, glistening in the glow of hundreds of fairy lights, stop perhaps for a slice of gingerbread or a warming Rüdesheim coffee with its fortifying shot of locally distilled Asbach brandy and a dollop of whipped cream. And don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas shop: open year-round, it's a treasure trove of all things seasonal, from tree decorations and music boxes to wooden nutcrackers and handcrafted figurines. As the evening light fades, amble back on board to enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the ship's excellent restaurant.

DAY 3 - RHINE GORGE & KOBLENZ

During breakfast the ship effortlessly glides out of port as we commence a spectacular morning's cruising. One of the cruise highlights will be our passage through the magnificent Rhine Gorge; here where the swifter current sweeps between the narrowing valley sides that tower above, the river twists and turns towards the famous Loreley Rock, where legend has it, unsuspecting sailors were lured to their deaths



Cologne - Day 4

by enchanting maidens. As we arrive in the historic city of Koblenz, dramatically located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle, take in the views over another delicious lunch in the ship's restaurant. Koblenz is a romantic's dream; forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, whilst the lower slopes are strewn with the pretty, half-timbered buildings so typical of the Rhineland. Enjoy a guided tour, seeing the principal monuments, discovering ancient squares, admiring beautifully restored historic house frontages and quaint hidden passageways.

Located in the atmospheric old town, Koblenz's Christmas market is one of the largest in the Rhineland. As you browse its enticing stalls, the aroma of hot chestnuts and mouth-watering sausages fills the air; don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas bakery, making the famous Stollen – the delicious bread made with candied and dried fruit, nuts and marzipan, traditionally eaten at this time of year. As the fairy lights glow brighter in the cool evening air, it's time to head back to the inviting warmth of the ship's lounge for an aperitif before the Captain's Dinner is served, as we sail on to historic Bonn, arriving later this evening.

DAY 4 - BONN & COLOGNE

Rising refreshed, after breakfast there's the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating city, which served as the capital of the West German state from 1949-1990, until the reunification of Germany which restored Berlin as the country's capital. Whilst it lost the battle to retain the parliament, Bonn still holds the status of a secondary governmental seat, so many government ministries and public bodies still have their headquarters here. But behind its official facade lies a historic and fascinating city and this morning you will enjoy a guided tour of the main sights around the old town, centred around its two spacious squares. See the city's most prominent landmark, the soaring spire of the huge Romanesque minster, one of the oldest churches in the country and the attractive pastel pink Rococo old town hall, with its gleaming silver and gold trim, from

where an endless list of politicians throughout the decades have appeared on its sweeping staircase. Bonn is also famous for being the birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven, and the house where he was born is one of the few old buildings in the city not to have been damaged during the war. Together with the house next door, it now houses a museum dedicated to one of the greatest composers of all time.

You'll have some free time to wander the seasonal market, centred around the old town; the old town hall's windows are transformed into a giant Advent calendar and an imposing Christmas tree takes centre stage. Classical music floats on the air, along with the delicious smells of gingerbread and baked apples – simply magical. No visit would be complete without sampling a glass of warming Glühwein, or mulled wine. This delicious concoction is usually made with red wine heated with citrus zest and spices such as cloves and cinnamon. Sometimes it's drunk mit Schuss, meaning a shot of rum or brandy has been added for extra punch! Back on board for lunch, we make our return to Cologne as the ever-changing river scenery drifts silently by.

As the towering spires of Cologne's cathedral come into view on the wintry skyline, we moor in the shadow of this ancient monument once again. Christmas creates a special atmosphere here and you have free time to immerse yourself in the city's seven Yuletide markets, each with its own unique theme. Every year a huge number of visitors are drawn to the more than 160 tastefully decorated festive stalls of the Cathedral Christmas market, impressively set against the spectacular backdrop of the imposing cathedral, where the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland, illuminated with 50,000 LED lights, is a magnificent glittering sight to behold. There's also plenty of live entertainment to enjoy.

After browsing the market and its Aladdin's cave of festive gifts and foods, return to the ship to enjoy a final delicious dinner this evening.

DAY 5 - DISEMBARK IN COLOGNE

After breakfast this morning, the crew bids you farewell before you disembark the ship.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

Prices are in Australian dollars based on two sharing.

MS EMILY BRONTË & MS OSCAR WILDE Five-star

Deck	Emerald (lower)	Ruby (middle)		Diamond (upper)			
		Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
01/12/19, 03/12/19, 05/12/19, 07/12/19, 09/12/19, 11/12/19	\$1,249	\$1,599	\$1,829	\$1,709	\$1,939	\$1,829	\$2,279
13/12/19, 15/12/19	\$1,129	\$1,479	\$1,709	\$1,589	\$1,819	\$1,709	\$2,159

MS GEORGE ELIOT Five-star

Deck	Emerald (lower)		Ruby (middle)		Diamond (upper)		
	Cabin	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Deluxe Suite
04/12/19, 08/12/19, 12/12/19	\$1,249	\$1,399	\$1,599	\$1,829	\$1,709	\$1,939	\$2,289
16/12/19	\$1,129	\$1,279	\$1,479	\$1,709	\$1,589	\$1,819	\$2,169

MS CHARLES DICKENS Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper	
	Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite	
06/12/19, 10/12/19, 14/12/19	\$1,129	\$1,479	\$1,589	\$2,159		
18/12/19	\$949	\$1,299	\$1,409	\$1,979		

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. For other cabins, price for sole occupancy is twice the per person rate for the relevant cabin as above.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

PURCHASE A DRINKS PACKAGE

Enjoy draught beer; non-alcoholic beer; soft drinks; juices; red, white and rosé house wines and wine recommendations from the menu by the glass with your lunch and dinner in the restaurant on board. Our drinks package is priced at \$129pp. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks in the bar.

RELAX, ALL THIS IS INCLUDED



SPACIOUS SUITES & CABINS

Our luxurious suites and cabins come with an en-suite bathroom and offer river views.



ALL ON-BOARD MEALS

Enjoy buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches, delightful afternoon teas and sumptuous four-course dinners.



COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & WI-FI

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EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

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THE DANUBE'S IMPERIAL CITIES & YULETIDE MARKETS

6 days from only \$1,049pp
Departing December 2019

Experience the grand imperial cities nestled along the iconic Danube and their festive seasonal markets at a truly magical time of year.

CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Embark in Budapest and familiarise yourself with your five-star floating hotel.

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a guided tour of the fascinating Hungarian capital, plus spectacular cruising along the famous Danube Bend.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

Discover delightful Bratislava on our guided tour then wander the atmospheric markets of its lovely Baroque old town.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

After a guided tour of this beautiful imperial city, explore some



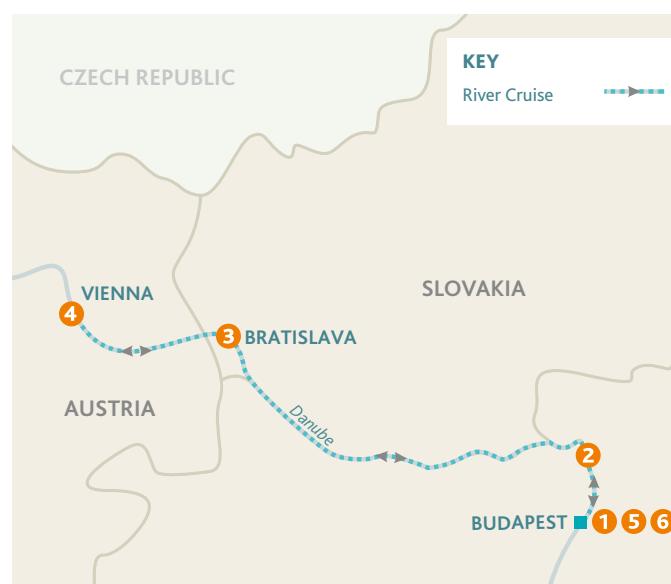
of the city's many traditional markets with their huge range of inspirational gift ideas.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Relax on board and enjoy the stunning river views on our return to this alluring city to explore further and soak up the lovely ambience of its seasonal markets.

DAY 6 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

This morning, the crew bids your farewell before you disembark.



Vienna Town Hall – Day 4



SO MUCH IS INCLUDED

- 3 visits and tours including guided tours of Budapest, Vienna and Bratislava
- 5 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary coffee and tea on board all day
- Complimentary water in your cabin replenished daily
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
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Budapest – Day 2



YOUR CRUISE

DAY 1 – EMBARK IN BUDAPEST

Arrive in Budapest and embark your five-star cruise ship moored in this beautiful city straddling the banks of the glorious Danube. As you step on board you will be greeted by your professional, five-star crew who are on hand to help you settle in as you familiarise yourself with the layout of this splendid ship.

We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring this charismatic city, so full of atmosphere at this special time of year. It won't be long before our first excellent dinner is served in the ship's restaurant, over which you can get acquainted

markets. Soak up the traditional atmosphere as classical music fills the air along with the delicious smells of spicy gingerbread and peppery goulash – and don't forget the mulled wine to stave off the winter chill! Back on board for lunch, excitement mounts as we slip our mooring and our adventure begins; just sit back and relax as the fairytale landscape glides by through the ship's panoramic windows. This afternoon we witness a cruising highlight as we navigate the Danube Bend, where the river spectacularly winds its way through a narrow twisting valley, flanked by high mountains and snow covered hillsides.

Wrap up and take to the deck to enjoy this wonderful kaleidoscope of Christmas card

you enjoy some free time. Wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cosy atmosphere; the sweet fragrance of cinnamon wafts on the air and hundreds of fairy lights twinkle amongst the branches of the Christmas trees. The pretty red and white stalls groan with inspirational artisan gifts, from decorations, wooden figurines or pottery. Sample some local delicacies too such as potato pancakes or poppy seed strudel but make sure you don't spoil your appetite as it won't be long until lunch is served back on board. Afterwards you may wish to return to shore – perhaps to climb the tower of the Old Town Hall for a bird's eye view of the city and the bustling market below. Alternatively, you may choose to join our optional excursion to Slovensky Grob, a village situated in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, famed for its geese rearing. We will visit a typical Slovak chalet to enjoy a wine tasting of some of the season's new wines, accompanied by some typical local delicacies. Later we return to the ship where another excellent dinner will be served.

DAY 4 – VIENNA

During the early hours, our ship has stealthily crept into port and you awake to find yourself in Vienna. There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than here – where the elegant imperial facades, their decorations glittering in the glow from a thousand Christmas lights, the sound of classical carols floating on the crisp air and the irresistible smell of candyfloss and roasted chestnuts is truly reminiscent of Christmas from a bygone age. There has been a Christmas market here since the Middle Ages and today there are more than 20 markets held over the festive period selling a huge range of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. Vienna's City Hall provides a splendid backdrop for one of the most popular, its windows a giant advent calendar, reflecting the myriad of lights glistening in the trees below. The magnificent Schönbrunn Palace also hosts a superb market, specialising in traditional handicrafts and nostalgic toys. After breakfast you enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as St Stephen's Cathedral and the impressive Hofburg complex, former royal court, now home to a collection of museums, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the world famous Spanish Riding School.

After lunch on board there's plenty of time to explore some more of the markets, while the brass band plays its Christmas repertoire and the sweet aroma of nutmeg fills the air. When things turn chilly, retreat to the refined yet cosy elegance of a traditional Viennese caf  for a steaming hot chocolate and watch the last daylight fade away.

After tonight's excellent dinner on board,



with some of your fellow travellers. Enjoy a digestif in the welcoming lounge as you ponder all that the next few days has in store!

DAY 2 – BUDAPEST

Budapest is always an atmospheric and fascinating city, but at this time of the year, the muted colours of its magnificent archaic spires and grand domes are especially captivating on the wintry skyline. The historic and palatial buildings, the superb Roman ruins and exquisite Art Nouveau architecture provide a truly impressive backdrop for the city's acclaimed Christmas markets. This morning we enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as the iconic Parliament Building and the ancient Castle District with its winding streets and panoramic views. There's free time to explore under your own steam, so perhaps take in one of the city's fine museums or simply wander the

scenery drifting by in the frosty air, then return to the warmth of the ship's inviting lounge and catch up on some reading or write those final Christmas cards. Later head to the convivial atmosphere of the ship's well-stocked bar for your favourite aperitif, before another excellent dinner is served.

DAY 3 – BRATISLAVA

During this morning's breakfast, we arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Its communist past now firmly confined to the history books, the city has rediscovered its imperial heritage in its beautifully restored Baroque old town whilst the grand white fortress, former seat of the rulers, enjoys commanding views over the river. This morning we will discover more about the city's interesting history, seeing the main sights and visiting some of the churches to view their traditional Christmas cribs, before

retire to the lounge for a nightcap and enjoy a classical recital - a fitting musical finale to our day as the ship glides away from this captivating city.

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

We have sailed overnight and on waking, draw back the curtains to see the early morning mist rising over this gentle pastoral landscape, draped in a blanket of glistening frost. After breakfast, seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and watch this lovely slideshow of winter wonderland scenery effortlessly gliding by – what could be more

relaxing! For the more energetic, perhaps a visit to the ship's fitness centre to work off some of those delicious meals or head up to the sun deck to enjoy the bracing river breeze as the Captain skilfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital. Our final lunch is served during which Budapest's majestic skyline comes into view. This afternoon you are at leisure so perhaps wander to the Vörösmarty Square in the very heart of Pest, where the rustic cottage-style wooden stalls groan under the weight of their treasure troves of unique Christmas gifts. The scent of traditional honey cookies and mulled wine pervades the air as you browse the

stalls, enjoying the friendly festive ambience or perhaps indulging in a slice of traditional chimney cake.

Return to the ship in time for tonight's superb Captain's Dinner, expertly served by your attentive crew before enjoying one last evening amongst newly-made friends in the convivial bar, recounting stories from a very magical cruise.

DAY 6 – DISEMBARK IN BUDAPEST

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PRICING & DEPARTURES

2019

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MS ROBERT BURNS & MS THOMAS HARDY Five-star

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11/12/19, 12/12/19	\$1,169	\$1,649	\$1,859	\$1,749	\$1,969	\$1,859	\$2,319
16/12/19, 17/12/19	\$1,049	\$1,509	\$1,739	\$1,629	\$1,849	\$1,739	\$2,199

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DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is \$500 per person.

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INTRODUCING OUR MAGNIFICENT FIVE-STAR FLEET







FIVE-STAR

THE MS EMILY BRONTË, MS THOMAS HARDY, MS OSCAR WILDE, MS ROBERT BURNS, MS WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (NEW FOR 2019) & MS GEOFFREY CHAUCER (NEW FOR 2020)

LAUNCH YEAR: 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 LENGTH: 135M CREW: 44 GUESTS: 169 DECKS: 4 SUITES: 88

FACILITIES

- At the very heart of the ship is the superb **panoramic observation lounge** and bar with plenty of comfortable seating.
- Watch spectacular river scenery and life ashore from the comfort of a sun lounger up on the magnificent **Sun Deck**.
- At the Bistro with its open kitchen, large panoramic windows and al fresco seating, enjoy a more intimate dining experience whilst taking in the fantastic views.
- Pick up those last minute souvenirs in the on-board shop.
- Enjoy the convenience of complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- Experience exceptional **first-class cuisine** accompanied by the most attentive yet discreet service from the ship's highly

professional crew in the main restaurant. Beautifully laid tables of just four or six guests, crisp linen, deep wool carpets and warm wooden panelling create a delectable dining experience of the highest order.

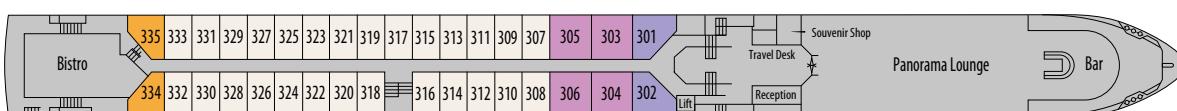
- Work off all those delicious meals in the **fitness centre**. Or relax with a massage and book an appointment at the on-board **hairdresser's**, where manicures and pedicures are offered (small additional fee).
- A lift operates to all accommodation decks.
- Laundry service is available.

DECK PLANS

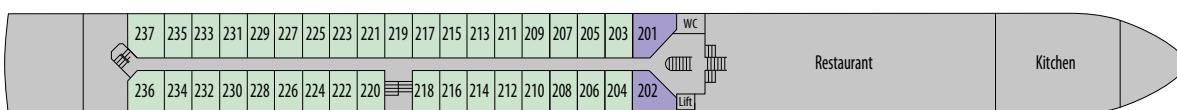
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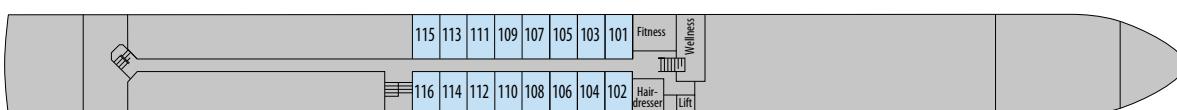
DIAMOND DECK (UPPER DECK)



RUBY DECK (MIDDLE DECK)



EMERALD DECK (LOWER DECK)



DELUXE BALCONY SUITE
25sq.m/269sq.ft

SUPERIOR SUITE
23sq.m/247sq.ft

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23sq.m/247sq.ft

DIAMOND DECK SUITE
17sq.m/183sq.ft

RUBY DECK SUITE
17sq.m/183sq.ft

EMERALD DECK SUITE
16sq.m/172sq.ft

Deluxe balcony suite



Standard suite bathroom



Superior suite



Standard suite



ALL-SUITE SHIPS

- Affording the ultimate in space and comfort, our 'boutique style' suites are appointed to the highest specification, imaginatively furnished with warm wooden furniture, harmonious colour schemes and contemporary lighting to put you in the most relaxed frame of mind from the very first minute.
- All magnificent suites enjoy a river view and are amongst the largest you will find on a cruiser gracing any European river. Imaginatively designed and appointed to the highest specification, for uncompromising comfort and a real home from home experience.
- Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.
- Clever design allows for ample space in the gleaming marble bathroom which features a powerful fully glazed shower, contemporary lighting and complimentary cosmetics by 'Crabtree & Evelyn'.
- The chic styling of a talented designer's eye extends to the generous seating area with two chairs and a table.
- All suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities. A bow camera conveys live images of the ship's progress to your flat screen TV ensuring you don't miss a thing.
- Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck, measuring approximately 25 square metres (269 square feet), enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open out on to a private balcony, complete with table and two chairs, plus additional space in the seating area for extra comfort.
- Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 23 square metres (247 square feet) and Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 17 square metres (183 square feet), feature a French balcony – panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors bringing riverside life just that little bit closer.
- Suites on the Emerald Deck are slightly smaller, measuring approximately 16 square metres (172 square feet) and have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

FIVE-STAR THE MS GEORGE ELIOT (NEW FOR 2019)

LAUNCH YEAR: 2019 LENGTH: 110M CREW: 36 GUESTS: 132 DECKS: 4 CABIN/SUITES: 70

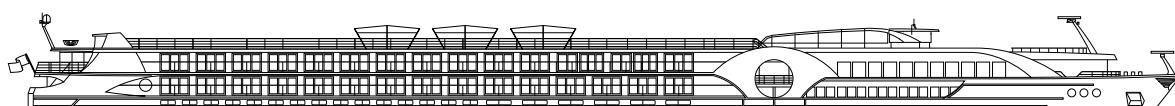


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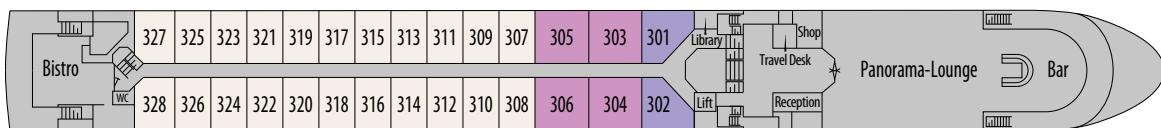
- Sink in to a chair in the magnificent **observation lounge** on the Diamond Deck and order your favourite cocktail from the well-stocked bar.
- Take to the superb Sun Deck to watch spectacular scenery drifting by from the comfort of a shaded sun lounger.
- For something a little different, we invite you to enjoy a more intimate dining experience in the Bistro with its open kitchen and **large panoramic windows**, plus a fabulous al fresco seating area.
- You'll find a handy on-board shop stocking souvenirs and essentials.
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi for your convenience.
- Dine in style in the ship's main restaurant, where you'll be expertly served five-star cuisine by the ship's highly professional crew. Exquisitely laid tables are set for four or six guests, complemented by stylish furnishings in elegant tones to create a truly refined ambience.
- Book an appointment at the **on-board hairdresser's** which also offers manicures and pedicures (small additional fee).
- A lift operates to all accommodation decks.
- Laundry service is available.

DECK PLANS

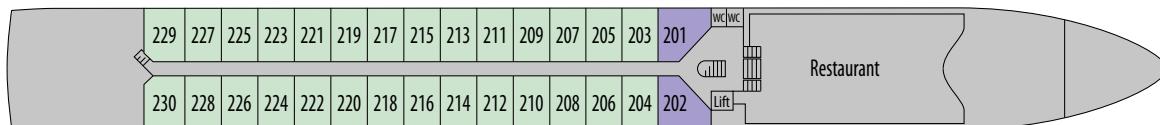
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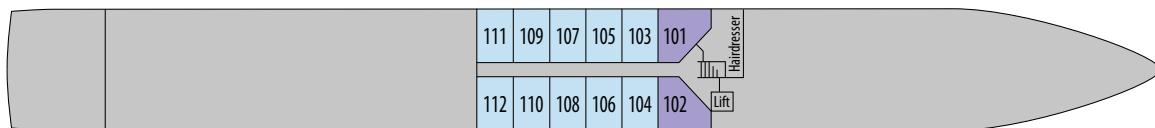
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EMERALD DECK (LOWER DECK)



■ DIAMOND DECK DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 23.5sq.m/253sq.ft

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■ EMERALD DECK SUPERIOR SUITE 17sq.m/183sq.ft

■ EMERALD DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft

Standard cabin,
MS George Eliot



Standard bathroom,
MS George Eliot



CABINS & SUITES

- All cabins provide some of the most luxurious and spacious accommodation you will find on any European river cruiser, with all the elegant and thoughtfully styled facilities of a boutique hotel so your comfort is assured.
- Beautiful hardwood furniture, stylish premium fittings plus carefully considered lighting and quality fabrics in a cool palette of colours work in harmony to provide the perfect ambience in which to relax.
- Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.
- Enjoy a generous seating area with two chairs and wardrobes with ample storage space.
- Spacious cleverly designed marble bathrooms featuring a shower with fully glazed screen, a WC and washbasin with plenty of space for complimentary cosmetics ensures there's no compromise to your on-board comfort.
- All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air-conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV with satellite channels, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.
- Upgrade to one of our Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck. Measuring approximately 23.5 square metres (242 square feet) they allow for a generous living area with chairs and table. They feature full floor to ceiling windows plus additional sliding doors which open out on to a small balcony with a table for two.
- Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 18 square metres (194 square feet) benefit from a larger living area plus a French balcony – panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. Superior Suites on the Emerald Deck benefit from the larger living area but have smaller fixed windows.
- Cabins on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 16 square metres (172 square feet) feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony to enjoy the panoramic views.
- Cabins on the Emerald Deck measure 15 square metres (161 square feet) and have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Superior suite,
MS George Eliot



FIVE-STAR THE MS LORD BYRON & MS JANE AUSTEN

LAUNCH YEAR: 2013 & 2015 LENGTH: 110M CREW: 36 GUESTS: 140 DECKS: 4 CABIN/SUITES: 74



FACILITIES

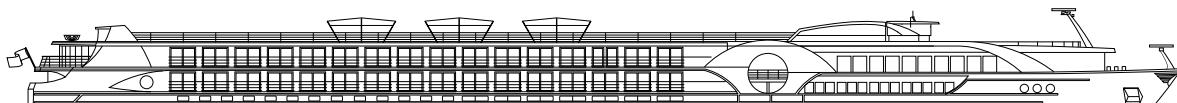
- At the very heart of the ship is the magnificent **panoramic observation lounge** and marble-tiled bar with wonderful views through floor-to-ceiling windows. Rich carpeting and comfortable sofas create a welcoming and refined ambience, further complemented by discreet, intuitive service.
- The Lido Bar at the rear of the ship, with its terrace and alfresco seating, is the perfect spot to unwind whilst absorbing the sights and sounds of Europe's greatest rivers.
- The main restaurant on the Ruby Deck serves **exceptional first-class cuisine** to tables of just four or six people against an elegant backdrop of glass, marble, wool carpets and crafted hardwood panelling.
- Watch spectacular river scenery and life ashore from the

comfort of the outdoor chairs and sun loungers up on the magnificent **Sun Deck** with full bar service. Enjoy a round on the putting green or a game of giant chess. When the temperature rises there is a splash pool.

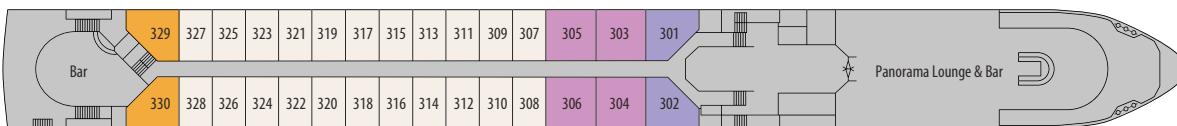
- Indulge in a little pampering in the **sauna or steam room**, or book an appointment with the on-board **hairdresser** who also offers manicures and pedicures (small additional fee).
- Enjoy the convenience of complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- A lift operates between the upper and middle decks.
- Laundry service is available.

DECK PLANS

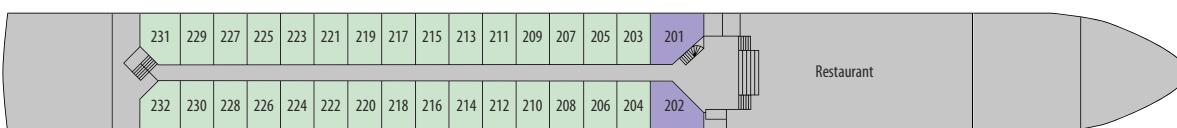
SIDE ELEVATION



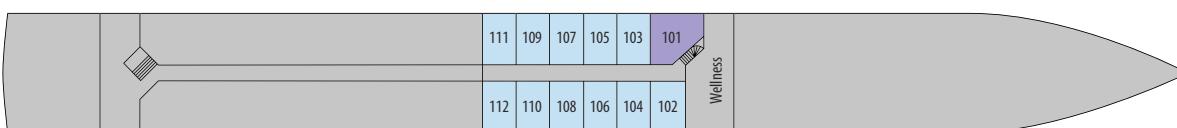
DIAMOND DECK (UPPER DECK)



RUBY DECK (MIDDLE DECK)



EMERALD DECK (LOWER DECK)



DELUXE SUITE
22.5sq.m/242sq.ft

SUPERIOR SUITES
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft

SUPERIOR STERN SUITE
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft

DIAMOND DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

RUBY DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

EMERALD DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft



Superior suite, MS Jane Austen

CABINS & SUITES

- All cabins are amongst the largest and most comfortable you will find on any cruiser gracing any European river, luxuriously appointed with all the high-quality facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel.
- Open the fine wooden door and the chic elegance is immediately evident – an exquisite contemporary design using skilfully hand-crafted tropical hardwoods and premium fittings.
- Finest pastel-coloured Italian fabrics, deep pile carpets and subtle lighting combine to make your chic cabin a stylish home from home.
- Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.
- Enjoy a generous seating area with two chairs and cleverly-designed wardrobes ensuring ample storage space.
- All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.
- Deluxe suites on the Diamond Deck, measuring approximately 22.5 square metres (242 square feet), are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and incredibly comfortable.
- Superior suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 18.5 square metres (199 square feet) and cabins on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 15 square metres (161 square feet), enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer.
- Suites on the Emerald Deck, measuring approximately 18.5 square metres (199 square feet), and cabins on the Emerald Deck, measuring approximately 15 square metres (161 square feet), have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).



Deluxe suite bathroom



Standard cabin, MS Jane Austen



Deluxe suite, MS Lord Byron

FIVE-STAR THE MS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE & MS CHARLES DICKENS

LAUNCH YEAR: 2014 & 2015 LENGTH: 110M CREW: 35 GUESTS: 142 DECKS: 4 CABIN/SUITES: 76

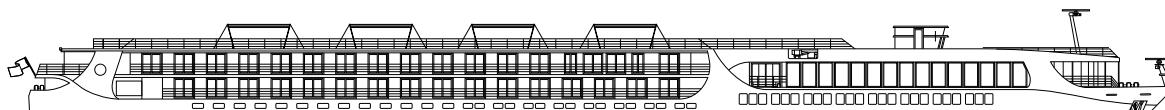


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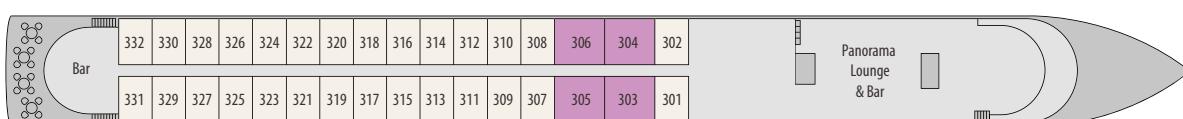
- Crowning the ship is the **magnificent Sun Deck**, where you can enjoy fantastic views and the bar service in an informal café style setting. Visit the bridge and see the state-of-the-art navigation and control equipment.
- At the front of the ship is the **classically appointed lounge** and bar with a wide selection of comfortable, elegant seating. Relax and enjoy the spectacular river scenery through the superb observation windows.
- To the rear is the stern bar with large panoramic windows and al fresco seating. In the evenings, the chef presents his **personal signature dishes** for only 22 diners – reserve this intimate dining experience on board at no extra charge.
- Slip away for a peaceful read in the library.
- Savour the culinary delights of the superbly **elegant restaurant** on the middle deck, enhanced by sparkling crystal and crisp, quality linen. Large tinted panoramic windows afford magnificent views.
- A small but well-equipped fitness suite is available for the energetic.
- Indulge in a little pampering at the **sauna**, or book a massage treatment or appointment with the on-board **hairdresser** (small additional fee).
- Enjoy the convenience of complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- A lift operates between the upper and middle decks.
- Laundry service is available.

DECK PLANS

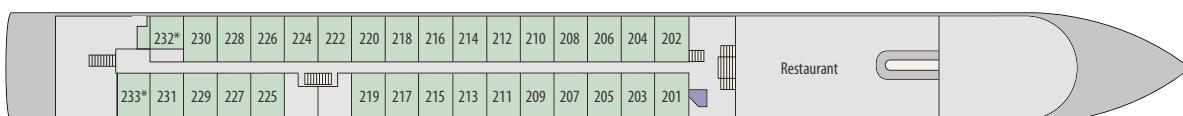
SIDE ELEVATION



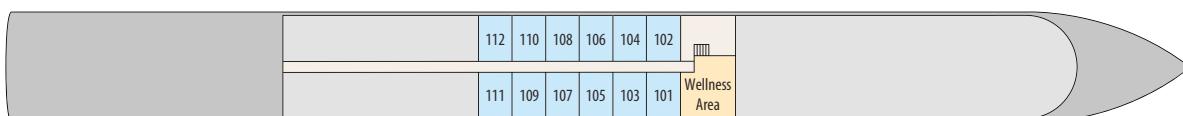
UPPER DECK



MIDDLE DECK



LOWER DECK



■ UPPER DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

■ DELUXE BALCONY SUITE
22.8sq.m/245sq.ft

■ MIDDLE DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

■ LOWER DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

*Please note cabin 232 is only available on the MS William Shakespeare and cabin 233 is only available on the MS Charles Dickens

CABINS & SUITES



Standard cabin,
MS Charles Dickens



Standard bathroom,
MS William Shakespeare

- Our cabins are amongst the largest on European rivers, all very tastefully appointed, featuring a wealth of mahogany, leather, marble and Italian soft furnishings, blending together to create an ambience of true quality and elegance.
- Spacious marble bathrooms are equipped with a WC, a fully glazed shower and a washbasin with plenty of space for cosmetics.
- Finest pastel-coloured Italian fabrics, deep pile carpets and subtle lighting combine to make your chic cabin a stylish home from home.
- Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.
- All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.
- Deluxe Balcony Suites on the upper deck, measuring approximately 22.8 square metres (245 square feet), enjoy extra living space and an outside balcony with table and chairs, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer!
- Cabins on the upper and middle decks, measuring approximately 15 square metres (161 square feet), have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.
- Cabins on the lower deck, measuring approximately 14 square metres (151 square feet), have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).



Deluxe balcony suite,
MS Charles Dickens

FIVE-STAR THE MS DOURO ELEGANCE & MS DOURO SPLENDOUR

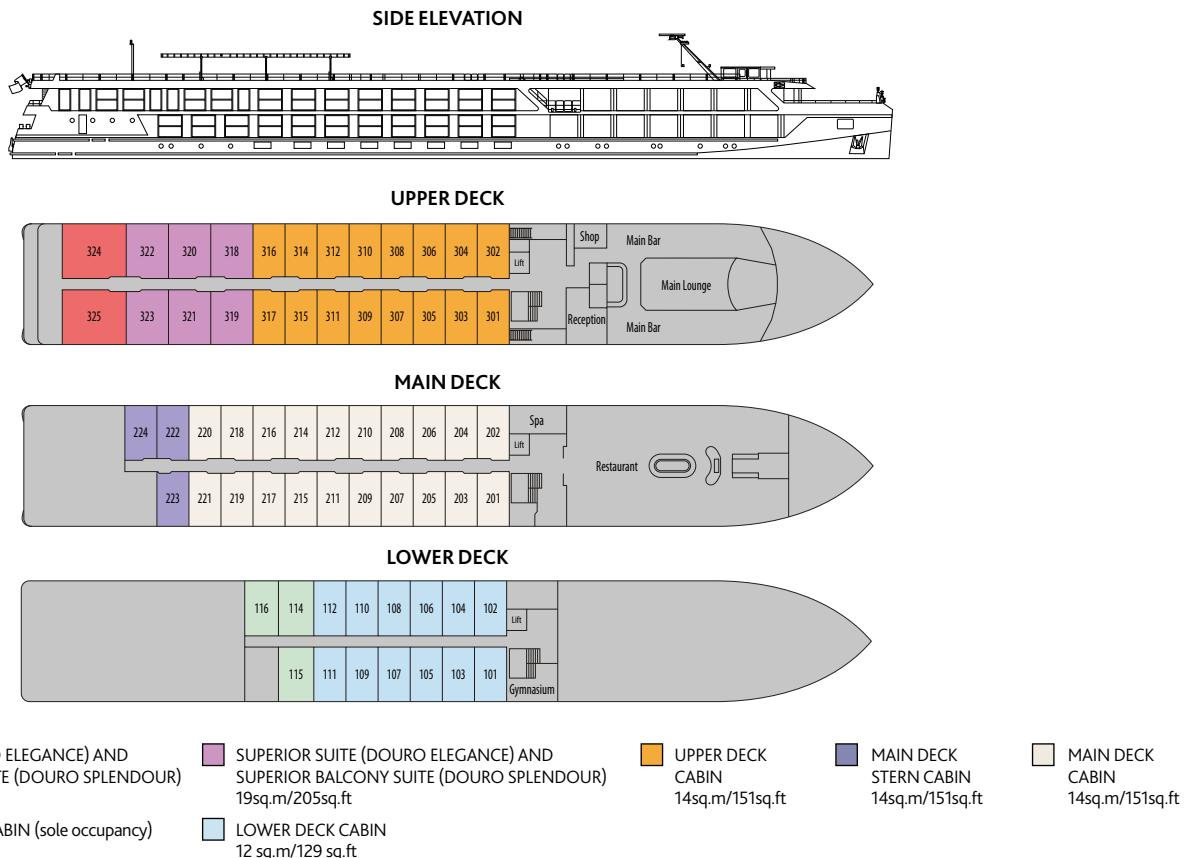
LAUNCH YEAR: 2017 & 2018 LENGTH: 80M CREW: 36 GUESTS: 121 DECKS: 4 CABIN/SUITES: 63



FACILITIES

- Two of the most exceptional ships to grace any European river, featuring all the facilities you would expect in a luxury boutique hotel.
- Imaginatively designed and appointed to the highest specification, for **uncompromising quality and comfort**. Enjoy crisp, contemporary yet classically stylish décor with discreet lighting, sparkling surfaces and highly polished marble floors.
- Crowning the ship is the magnificent and spacious **Sun Deck**, where you can enjoy stunning 360 degree riverside views from the comfort of your sun lounger, or watch the Captain skilfully negotiate the river with ease. When the temperature rises, cool down in the fantastic **swimming pool**, a rarity on a river cruiser.
- Experience **fine dining** at the chic main restaurant on the middle deck, serving the most exceptional Portuguese, Mediterranean and international cuisine. Large panoramic windows afford wonderful views.
- Indulge in a little **pampering at the spa** on the middle deck (small additional fee), or visit the fitness room on the lower deck for more energetic activities.
- Enjoy the convenience of complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- Shop at the tasteful boutique for all your souvenirs.
- A lift operates between all decks except the Sun Deck.
- Laundry service is available.

DECK PLANS





Superior Balcony Suite, MS Douro Splendour



The comfortable lounge, MS Douro Splendour

CABINS & SUITES

- Our cabins are amongst the largest on European rivers, all very tastefully appointed, featuring polished hardwoods, sparkling marble and sumptuous fabrics.
- Spacious marble bathrooms are beautifully designed, featuring a shower with fully glazed screen, a WC and a washbasin with ample space for complimentary cosmetics.
- All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, telephone and the convenience of tea and coffeemaking facilities.
- Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.
- For the epitome of luxury and the ultimate in space and comfort, our Deluxe Suites (measuring 29sq.m or 312sq.ft) come with a walk-in wardrobe, larger living area and bathroom with twin wash basins and a separate section for the WC, plus complimentary bathrobes and slippers.
- If you decide to upgrade to one of our Superior Suites instead (measuring approx. 19sq.m or 205 sq.ft), you'll enjoy the benefit of a larger living area with table and chairs, plus a spacious bathroom with a separate section for the WC, plus complimentary bathrobes and slippers.
- Deluxe and Superior Suites on the Douro Elegance feature floor-to-ceiling windows, plus an additional full-length window, which opens halfway down to create a cosy Juliet balcony within your suite, complete with a table for two.
- Deluxe and Superior Balcony Suites on the Douro Splendour feature floor-to-ceiling windows plus sliding doors extending on to a small private balcony with table and two chairs.
- All cabins and suites on the upper and middle decks (measuring 14 sq.m or 151 sq.ft) feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.
- Cabins on the lower deck (measuring approx. 12 sq.m or 129 sq.ft) have smaller fixed windows. Stern Cabins on this deck are available for sole occupancy with no supplement.



Deluxe suite, MS Douro Elegance

European River Cruise Assurance

Cruising along the major rivers of Europe is one of life's great pleasures. It is a great way to see the world and a wonderful way to travel. These magnificent waterways have been carrying people for centuries, and the majority of trips pass without incident. However, on occasion, river conditions, industrial actions, mechanical faults, or other factors may impact your cruise.

Our River Cruise Assurance explains what we do in such circumstances to keep your holiday going and the compensation we pay if we are unable to do so. It's all included in the price of your holiday, with nothing extra to pay, giving you another reason to book a Riviera Travel holiday with confidence.

Disruption – delays to your cruise

If progress along the river is disrupted, we will endeavour to keep your holiday going by doing one or more of the following:

- Remaining moored another night, postponing departure to the next day;
- Arranging excursions to the itinerary destinations or equivalent alternatives by coach, with no more than 2 hours journey each way;
- Swapping ships – transferring you past the affected part of the river to join another ship. The maximum length of coach journey we will undertake to do this is 4 hours.

If we are unable to do the above, or despite doing them your holiday itinerary is delayed or significantly disrupted, we will automatically compensate you for every complete 24 hours affected.

Please note we will not pay compensation if the delay is due to civil or military hostilities, or for any other losses incurred beyond the cost of your holiday.

Curtailment – having to come home early

If the disruption is such that we are unable to continue your holiday, we may decide to terminate the cruise.

In this instance we will, at our cost, transport you to the original disembarkation point, or the nearest major European city if you prefer.

If your holiday is cut short, we will also automatically refund you on a pro rata basis for each full 24-hour period of your holiday that has been lost. For example, if you have lost 3 complete days on an 8-day holiday, we will refund you 3/8ths of your original purchase price.

Cancellation prior to departure

Our shipping company partners constantly monitor river conditions. Whilst we will try to give as much notice as possible, please note that forecasts tend to be short, as river conditions can improve quickly, and hence the shipping company may make a final decision close to departure. If it is looking likely that your cruise would be significantly disrupted across multiple days, we will attempt to provide an amended or alternative cruise of equivalent quality. If we are able to do so we will endeavour to contact you at least 48 hours before departure to ask if you want to go on the alternative. If no alternative cruise of equivalent quality is available, your holiday will be cancelled. In this instance, you will be refunded the full cost of your holiday.



Frequently Asked Questions

DOCUMENTATION

DO I REQUIRE A PASSPORT?

You will require a passport for travel to Europe, that is valid for at least six months after the date you intend to return to Australia.

WILL I REQUIRE A VISA?

Australian passport holders are permitted to enter the Schengen Area and travel freely without a visa for up to 90 days within a six-month period.

During our Budapest to the Black Sea River Cruise, we visit Bulgaria and Croatia which are not part of the Schengen Area, and border controls are in operation upon entering and exiting the Schengen Area. Please check with the relevant country's tourism board to find out if you need a visa and/or any additional documentation for visiting these destinations.

DO I REQUIRE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

It is a condition of booking that you carry suitable travel insurance to ensure you are covered for eventualities, such as cancellations prior to travel, loss of personal possessions during the holiday, and personal accident. Please take your insurance documents with you on holiday in case a claim needs to be registered.

WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE MY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS?

Your tickets and final travel documents will be sent to your travel agent approximately 4 weeks before your departure date.

WHERE CAN I FIND TRAVEL ADVICE?

Visit <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for comprehensive travel advice. You will find current information on passport, visa and entry requirements for the country or countries to which you intend to travel, along with advice on money, local laws and customs. Visit www.healthdirect.gov.au/travel-health-advice for travel health guidance, which includes information on travelling with medicine.

ENJOYING THE EXPERIENCE

CAN I STILL TRAVEL IF I HAVE REDUCED MOBILITY?

If you have any concerns regarding the suitability of our holidays, please contact your travel agent. We want to ensure you make the right choice.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY FEATURED IN THE BROCHURE OR ON THE WEBSITE?

While you will visit the places as advertised in our brochure and on our website, the exact order of the itinerary may differ. A small degree of flexibility allows us to adapt and provide you with a better experience. The final itinerary will be sent to you along with your travel documents. Your cruise director will also advise you on timings for the daily itinerary.

WHAT CLOTHING SHOULD I PACK?

This depends on the time of year and your destination. Our holidays include plenty of guided tours and excursions, so comfortable and sensible footwear is recommended, as is a lightweight waterproof jacket in case it rains. If you'll be visiting religious sites, you may need clothing that provides more coverage. Specific requirements will be stated on your travel documents.

WHAT CURRENCY SHOULD I TAKE?

Information on currency requirements will be stated in your travel documents. Your cruise director can advise you should you wish to exchange money while on holiday.

CAN YOU BOOK AN ADDITIONAL TOUR OR VISIT FOR ME?

Many tours and visits are already included with our holidays. On some river cruises, you have the opportunity to personalise your holiday with a hand-picked experience, which your cruise director can arrange during your cruise. For other tours and visits, please speak to your travel agent.



BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please see your booking agent for a copy of terms & conditions

CONDITIONS OF PASSAGE:

1. Changes or cancellations by us

We plan trips many months in advance. Occasionally for reasons of force majeure or other circumstances beyond our control it is necessary to make alterations to the arrangements. We reserve the right to alter or cancel itineraries, accommodation or other arrangements at any time.

If a trip is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a trip in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

When we have to cancel or significantly change your trip, we cannot accept liability for the cost or cancellation of any unused service (such as, but not limited to, flights, hotels, rail travel and car parking).

If there is a significant alteration of a cruise after departure, we will make suitable alternative arrangements at no extra cost to you for the continuation of the holiday. If you do not accept these, or it is impossible to make suitable alternative arrangements, we will where possible return you to the place of departure or to another place to which you have agreed with us, except when the alteration is minor or if due to an event of force majeure or is not our fault. We cannot guarantee that cruises will call at every port on the itinerary.

Cancellation of part of the itinerary, substitution of ports or unavailability of some services will not amount to a significant alteration.

2. Behavior and damage

You are responsible for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss must be made on demand

as soon as possible. If in our or in the reasonable opinion of any other person in authority, you behave in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, upset or distress to any third party or damage to property, we are entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned and or require you to leave the accommodation or other service. We will have no further responsibility to you. No refunds will be made. You must not solicit other persons for commercial purposes or advertise goods or services without our prior written permission.

3. Brochure / website / advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, website and other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change.

4. Conditions of Suppliers

You are bound by the terms and conditions of carriage of our suppliers and independent contractors which we incorporate into these booking conditions which may limit or exclude liability to you. Copies are available on request or visit www.rivieratravel.com.au.

5. Children

We are unable to accommodate children under 12 years old at the date of departure. We reserve the right to limit the number of children on any particular trip. Any minor must be accompanied by and share a cabin with an adult aged 21 or over. If the adult is not the minor's parent, a "Parental Consent Guardianship Form" must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to sailing.

6. Health and safety

You must at all times comply with rules and regulations and the orders and directions of carriers and our suppliers and warrant that your conduct will not impair the safety of others.

We, carriers, our suppliers and/or the relevant authorities are entitled to administer a public health questionnaire at any time. You must complete the questionnaire and supply accurate information regarding any symptoms of illness. We may deny boarding to any passenger who has symptoms of any viral or bacterial illness. You must report illness and you may be required to remain in your cabin or hotel room as required by the ship's captain or the hotel manager. Refusal to comply with any of these procedures may result in your cruise being terminated. We have no liability to you in the event that we cancel or curtail your cruise as referred to in this clause.

If safety requirements and/or design or structure of the ship or port infrastructure and equipment, including port terminals, make it impossible to carry out the embarkation, disembarkation or carriage of a passenger suffering from a disability of reduced mobility in a safe or operationally feasible manner, we and the carrier are entitled to refuse a booking from the person concerned. Passengers must be fully mobile to travel on any cruise. We cannot provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, embarking or disembarking or travelling on other forms of transportation.

In the event that you require assistance with embarking or disembarking from the ship at the first or last port as a result of your reduced mobility or disability, please advise us at the time of booking but in any event no later than 48 hours before the assistance is required. Some ships may not have elevators. You must check at the time of booking. Some excursions require a good level of physical fitness and do not have vehicles and/or there are restrictions on access.

The carrier, acting via the captain, reserves the right to refuse passage, disembark or confine to a cabin any passenger whose

physical or mental condition or behaviour is considered in the sole opinion of the captain to constitute a risk to the passenger's own well-being or that of any other passenger or crew member. The carrier and the captain reserve the right to disembark any passenger whose behaviour affects the comfort, enjoyment, safety or well-being of other passengers or of any crew.

During passage through locks or under low bridges or in the event of adverse weather conditions, it may be necessary to close the sundeck to passengers. Sundeck closures are rigidly enforced in the interests of safety. Ships may be required to moor alongside one another in some ports. This may result in your view being blocked. It may also result in your having to cross other ships in order to go ashore.

While we take reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on the cruise ships, you acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that we will not be liable to you in relation to such noise and vibration.

7. Food allergies

If you have any food allergies which may cause significant health issues, you must report this in writing at the time of booking or as soon as convenient. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively avoid any food you are allergic to and make all appropriate enquiries to establish the ingredients of any food. The supplier is not under any obligation to prepare or provide special meals.

8. Smoking

Passengers must observe the non-smoking policy on board the ships. If smoke is detected in any cabin, a cleaning fee of AU\$500 per occurrence will be billed to the passenger's account. Smoking restrictions include e-cigarette smoking. If there is violation of the non-smoking policy, then passengers may be disembarked from the ship without refund.

9. Pregnancy

The river cruise ships do not have doctors or facilities to deliver babies or provide-natal treatment. We recommend that women who are less than 12 weeks pregnant seek medical advice prior to travel. For safety reasons women past their 24th week of pregnancy at any stage of the cruise cannot be carried on board.

Pregnant women are required to produce a fitness to travel certificate based on the proposed cruise itinerary and transport provider's requirements. The carrier expressly reserves the right to refuse passage to board to any passenger who appears to be in an advanced state of pregnancy and the carrier shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of either such refusal and/or the carriage.

10. Medical facilities/treatment on board and ashore

There are no doctors on board any of the river cruise ships in our program. Should you require medical attention during your cruise then local medical services can be contacted for emergency treatment. The cost of such treatment is your sole responsibility. We are not liable for any aspect of medical treatment provided to you ashore or on board.

If you have any medical condition which may need treatment during a cruise, this must be disclosed at the time of booking in order for a risk assessment to be undertaken as to whether you can be safely carried. You may be asked to provide medical evidence for this purpose. Carriage is dependent on the nature and extent of the medical condition, the itinerary and length of cruise.

In relation to your own medical equipment, there are limited storage facilities on board ships. You must check prior to booking if the equipment is allowed on board aircraft, ships or hotels. Scooters cannot be carried on board ships due to space limitations and reasons of safety.

11. Disability/wheelchairs/service animals

During our cruise, we visit many historical sites and often enjoy walking tours of various places of interest. Some destinations, therefore, may not be suitable for clients of impaired mobility.

Our priority is always the comfort and safety of passengers as well as complying with the strict legal requirements relating to safety of life at sea and inland waterways. In order to achieve these objectives, passengers with reduced mobility or disability or who need assistance dogs should at the time of booking provide as much detail as possible of the matters set out on our website at www.rivieratravel.co.uk/ reduced mobility information. Passengers may be required to be accompanied or may be refused carriage.

12. Security

Weapons, ammunition, explosives, substances that are hazardous, disabling, or illegal, or any other article that in the sole opinion of the captain may be considered dangerous, are strictly prohibited aboard the ship or carried on any form of transport.

You consent to a reasonable search being made of your person, property, cabin, hotel room and to the removal and confiscation or destruction of any object which may, in our opinion or that of any carrier or supplier will impair the safety of others or of property or be illegal or inconvenience others.

13. Pricing

All river cruise prices quoted are Australian Dollars. Personalise your holiday options are quoted in Euros and are bookable onboard.

14. Embarkation/Disembarkation

On arrival, you may embark the ship from 17:00. On your day of departure, you must vacate your cabin by 09:00.

Secure your 2019 or 2020 river cruise today.

On a Riviera Travel river cruise, we are always looking at the finer details. Our hand-picked crew are on call 24 hours a day to make your stay more comfortable.

Our tour guides won't just show you the city, they'll make sure you feel its heartbeat – because at Riviera Travel, we know that what makes a journey truly memorable are the extra special personal touches.



Your agent:

