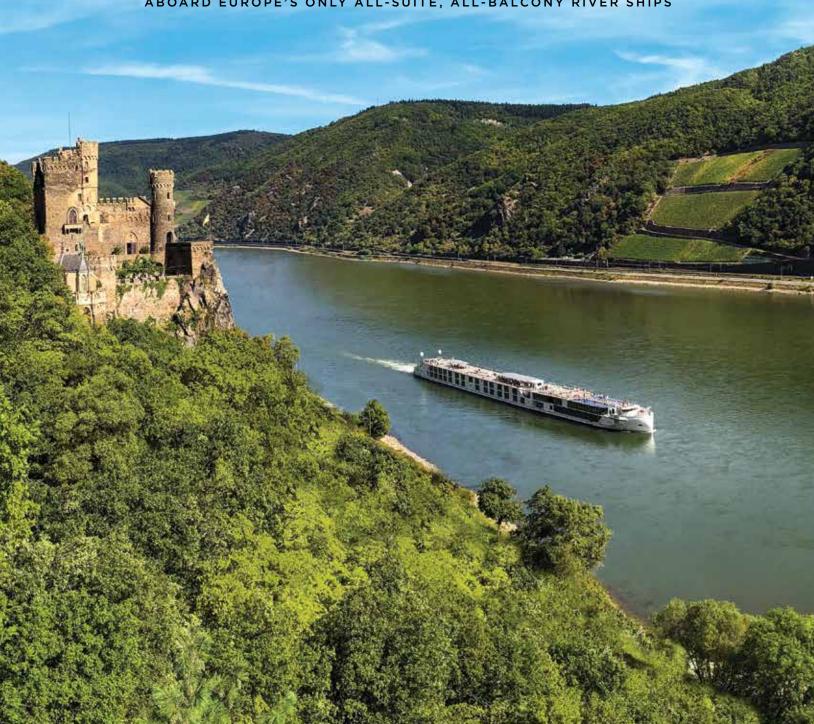


2021

# ALL-INCLUSIVE RIVER CRUISES

ABOARD EUROPE'S ONLY ALL-SUITE, ALL-BALCONY RIVER SHIPS







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ROMANTIC RHINE AMSTERDAM TO BASEL 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS

26 MAR | 30 APR | 14 & 28 MAY | 21 JUN | 5 & 19 JUL

2, 16 & 30 AUG | 3, 17 & 31 OCT | 14 NOV

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BASEL TO AMSTERDAM 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS

2 APR | 7 & 21 MAY | 4 & 28 JUN | 26 JUL | 9 & 23 AUG

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**ENCHANTING MOSELLE** 

AMSTERDAM ROUNDTRIP 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS

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28 NOV | 15 DEC

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BASEL TO AMSTERDAM 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS

5 DEC

HOLIDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN AMSTERDAM

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM 12 DAYS | 11 NIGHTS

22 DEC

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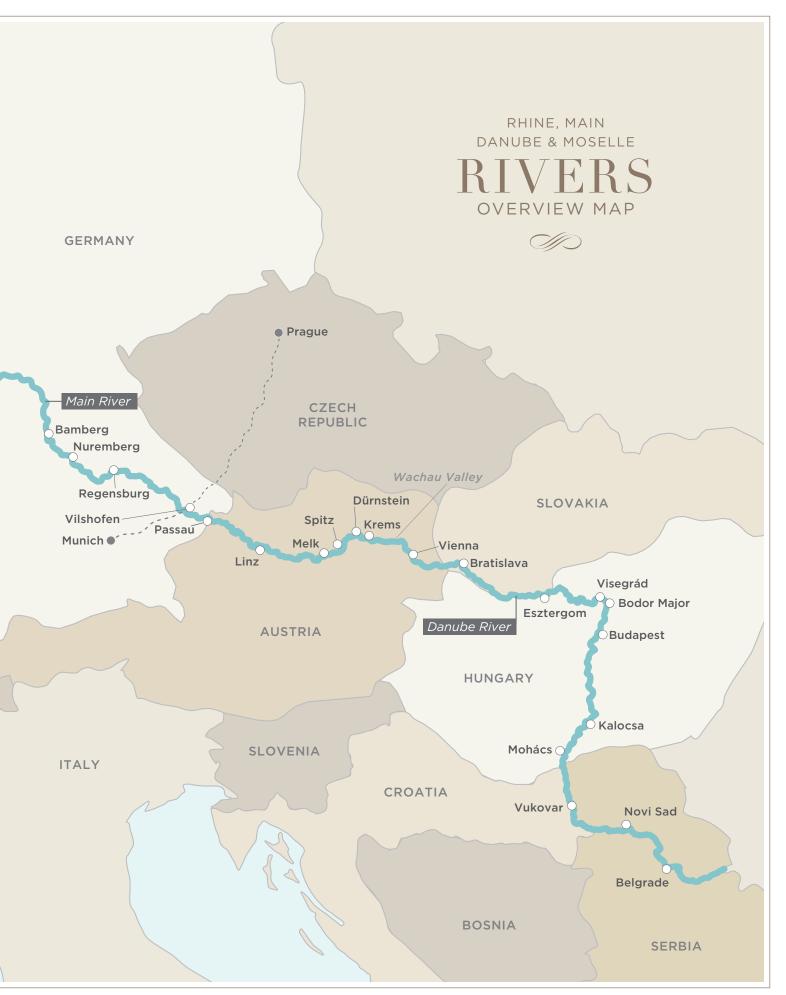
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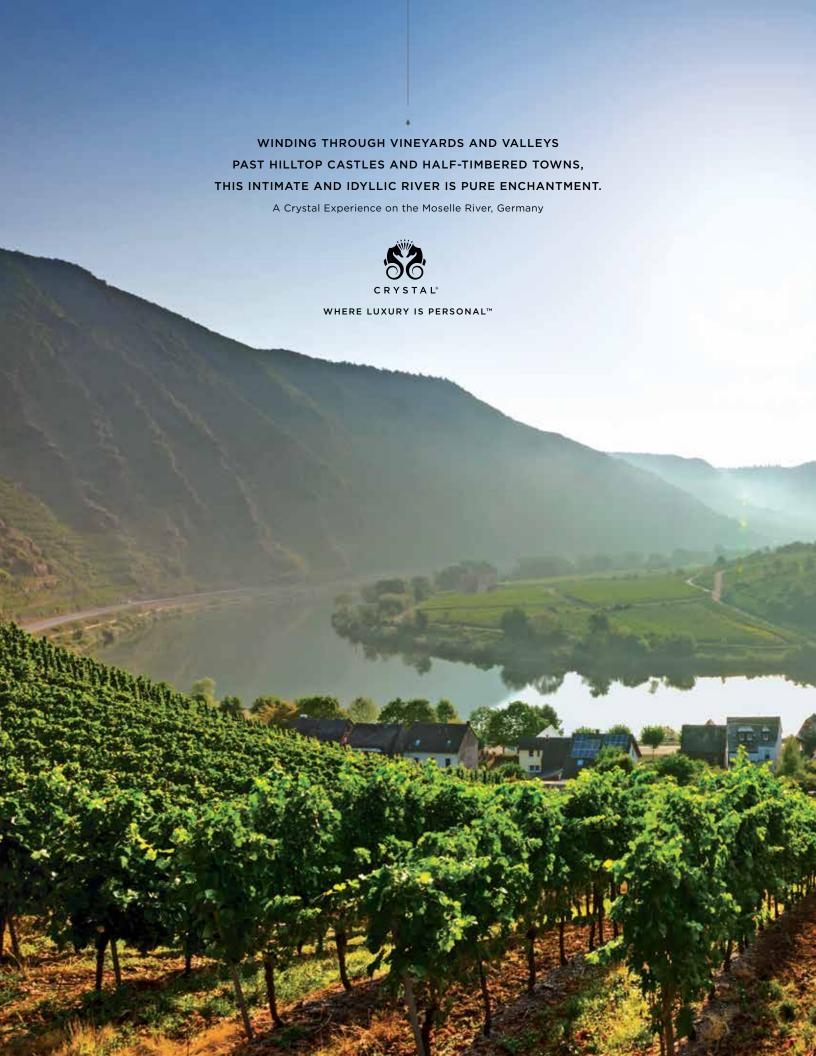
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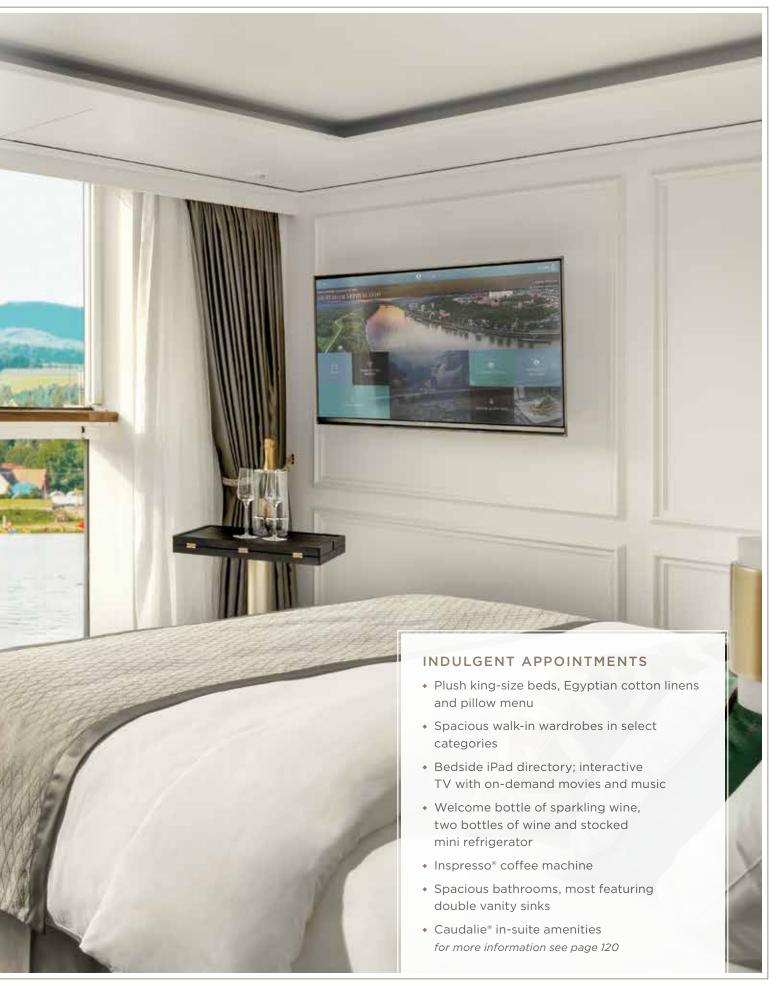


# your delight IS OUR PLEASURE

We believe that true luxury requires mastering the details — all of them — from butlers quietly skilled at noting and fulfilling your smallest preferences to a culinary team devoted to tantalising your palate with every bite. Enrichment on board is designed to add dimension to your shoreside explorations, while unique social spaces invite impromptu gatherings and Panoramic Balcony-Windows in every suite frame extraordinary scenery. The overarching goal is to ensure that each Crystal journey is the best one ever.



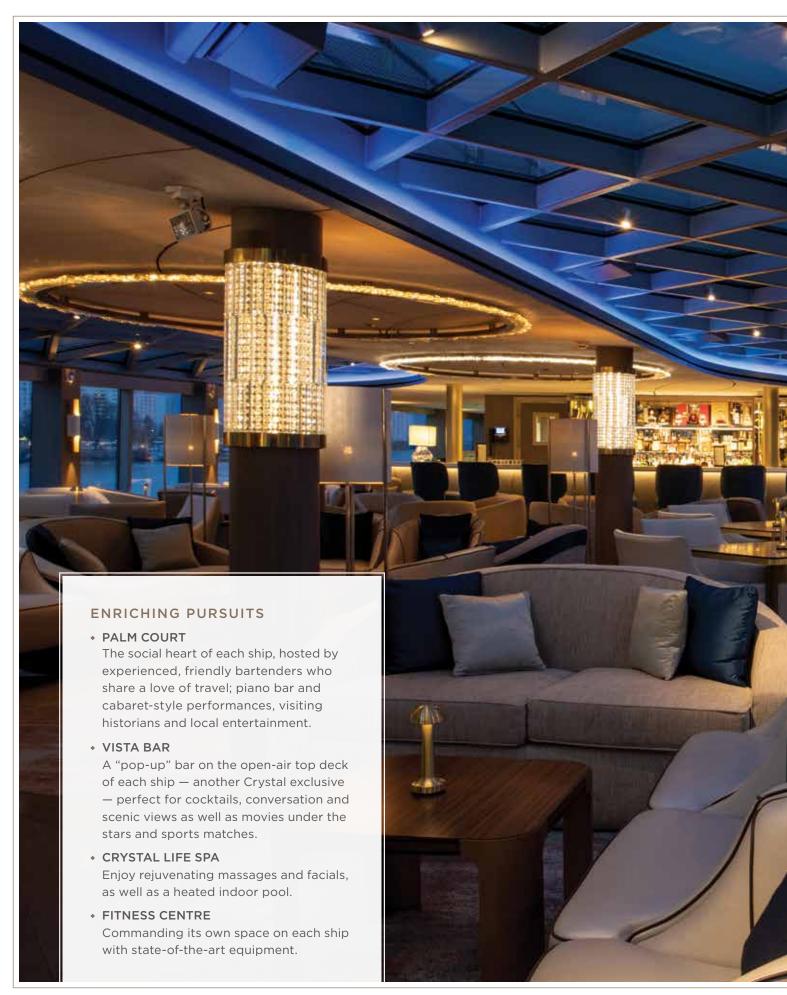




# devoted to YOUR COMFORT

Discreetly embedded behind the polished wood, marble and fabric of your Crystal ship, a flawlessly synchronised force is at work, quietly elevating every moment of your experience. It's our Crystal crew — numbering two for every three guests, the highest of any river line in Europe — who are fanatic about providing extraordinary service. No need or want is overlooked, yet magically, the attention is never intrusive, just perfectly attuned to your own vision of luxury... leaving you free to focus fully on the wonder of your travels.



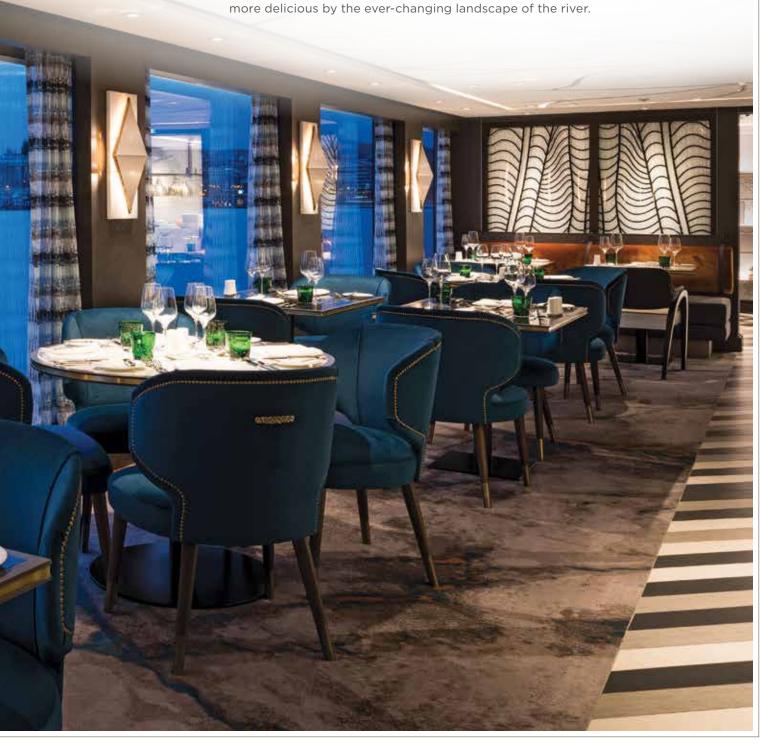


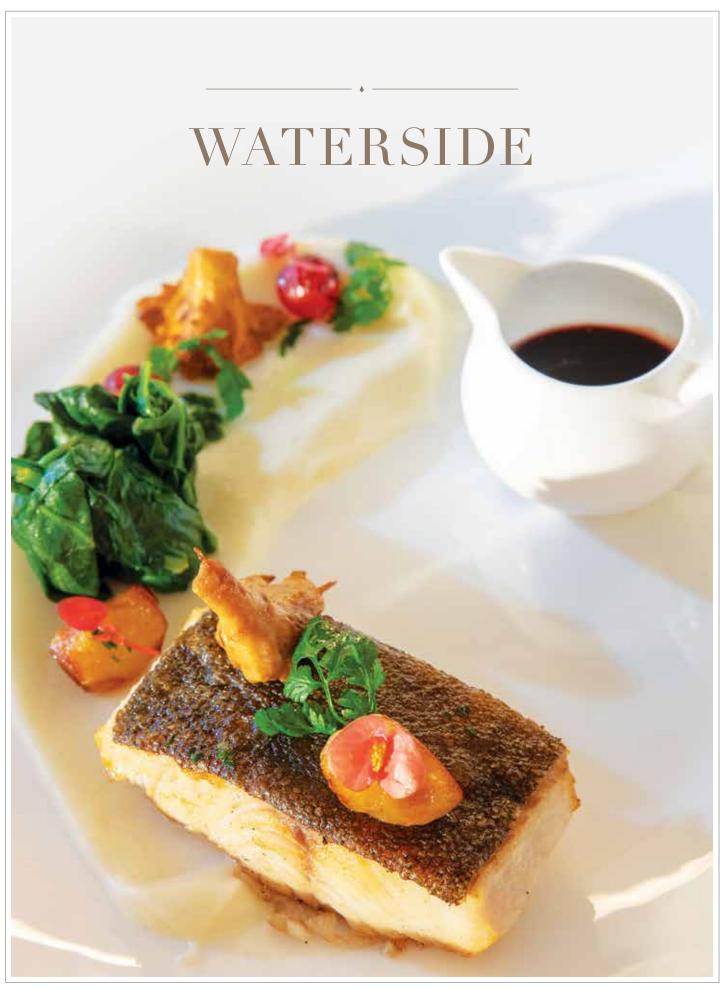




# a world of CULINARY DELIGHTS The pleasure of extraordinary cuisine is a daily ritual aboard Crystal. With Michelin-inspired precision and creativity, our chefs fashion classic, modern and regionally focused menus in their quest to make each sitting an exciting new culinary journey. From casual tapas to innovative wine-paired lunches

and dinners, ours is truly a movable feast. Open-seating venues invite dining whenever, wherever and with whomever you wish, in settings made all the











#### SIMPLY EXTRAORDINARY

Casually elegant and endlessly inviting, the open-seating Waterside Restaurant plays host to exceptional culinary experiences. Enjoy breakfast as scenes of pastoral life come into view. Return to your ship for lunch in between adventures ashore, and savour evenings dining on the Michelin-inspired creations of our award-winning chefs. Paired with the perfect vintages, cuisine is steeped in tradition yet infused with innovation, making every meal an artful orchestration of culinary discovery.



### WATERSIDE SPECIALITY DISHES

# ANNA ROYAL DUTCH CAVIAR

Smashed Chive Potatoes, Lemon Crème Fraîche

# ARUGULA, CHERRY TOMATO & PINE NUT SALAD

Prosciutto-Wrapped Grissini Stick and Melon Vinaigrette

# CHICKEN LIVER PRALINE

Granny Smith Apple Sorbet, Port Wine Jelly and Almond Croquant

# BROILED FRESH COLD-WATER LOBSTER

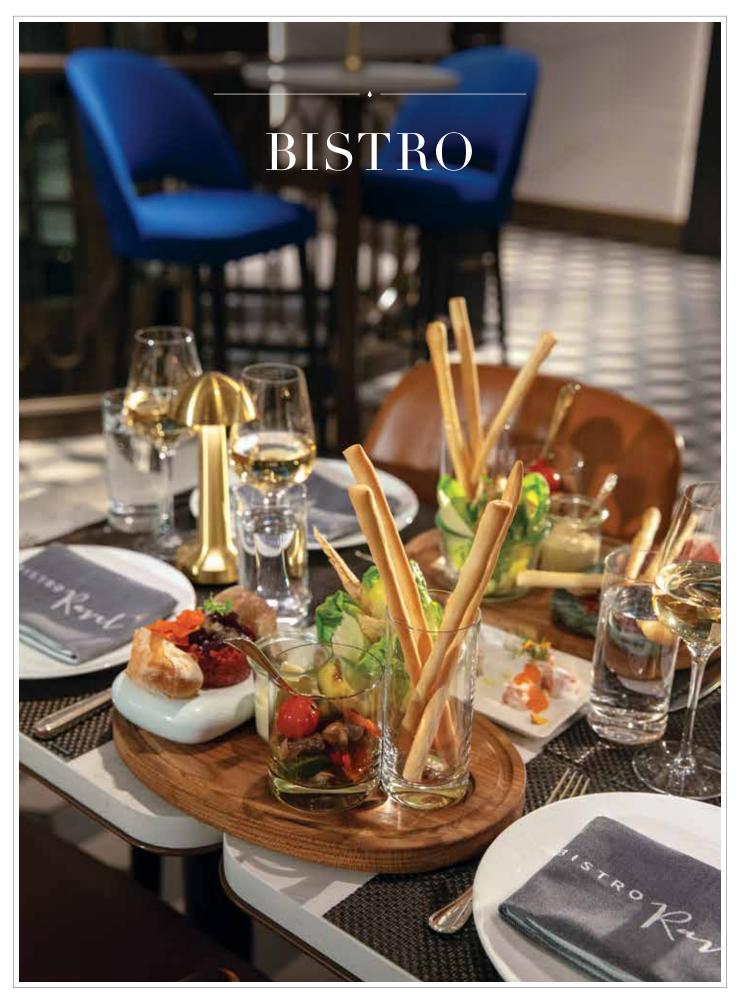
Melted Lemon Butter, Steamed Asparagus, Leek Risotto and Sauce Hollandaise

# SLOW-ROASTED ALMO BEEF TENDERLOIN

Black Truffle French Fries, Baby Carrots, Red Wine Demi-Glace and Morel Espuma

# **BLACK FOREST CAKE**

Dark Sponge Cake, Chocolate Mousse, Sour Cherry Compote and Kirschwasser Mousse









# VIENNESE-STYLED CAFÉ

Serving pâtés, charcuterie and local cheeses by day, and wines and a robust, full-service tapas menu for dinner, this popular spot aboard each vessel takes its ship's namesake — Bistro Bach, Bistro Debussy, Bistro Mahler and Bistro Ravel. Inspired by iconic wine bars and coffee houses throughout Europe, here you'll enjoy wines by the glass, speciality coffees and fresh-baked pastries. Centrally located near the glass-domed atrium, it's a great place to meet in advance of adventures ashore, or to regroup upon return.



## BISTRO | DINNER SPECIALITY DISHES

FOURTEEN-MONTH-AGED VULCANO HAM Fig and Apricot Jam

**GOAT CHEESE DIP** Marinated Olives and Mojo Verde

LEMON-MARINATED ALPINE SALMON Dill Sour Cream

# **ROASTED JUMBO PRAWNS**

Paprika-Lemon Butter and Grilled Baguette

# HERB-MARINATED ALMO BEEF MEDALLIONS

Sweet Potato Fries, Black Bean Stew and Chimichurri Sauce

#### **BANANAS FOSTER**

Bread Pudding, Candied Pecans with Homemade Ice Cream









## WINE DINNERS & TASTINGS

Created for the true oenophile, this dedicated venue hosts optional, one-of-a-kind lunches and dinners featuring indulgent pairing menus curated by Crystal chefs and sommeliers. Perfect for special events and milestone occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays and reunions with family and friends, the space welcomes up to 10 guests in private luxury.

LUNCH: Four-course meal poured with four wines & champagnes DINNER: Seven-course meal poured with seven wines & champagnes

THE VINTAGE ROOM

### VINTAGE ROOM SPECIALITY DISHES

# ANNA DUTCH OSETRA CAVIAR

Iced Beurre Blanc, Poached Oyster and Hazelnut Milk

# MARCHFELD ASPARAGUS

Crème Brûlée, Sorbet and Tart

#### MUSHROOM ESSENCE

Crisp Tapioca, Beurre Noisette, Madeira

## FRESH COLD-WATER LOBSTER

Yellow Curry Broth, Coconut Foam and Krupuk

# 36-HOUR SLOW-ROASTED BEEF SHORT RIBS

Scotch, Celeriac, Onions and Potato Confit

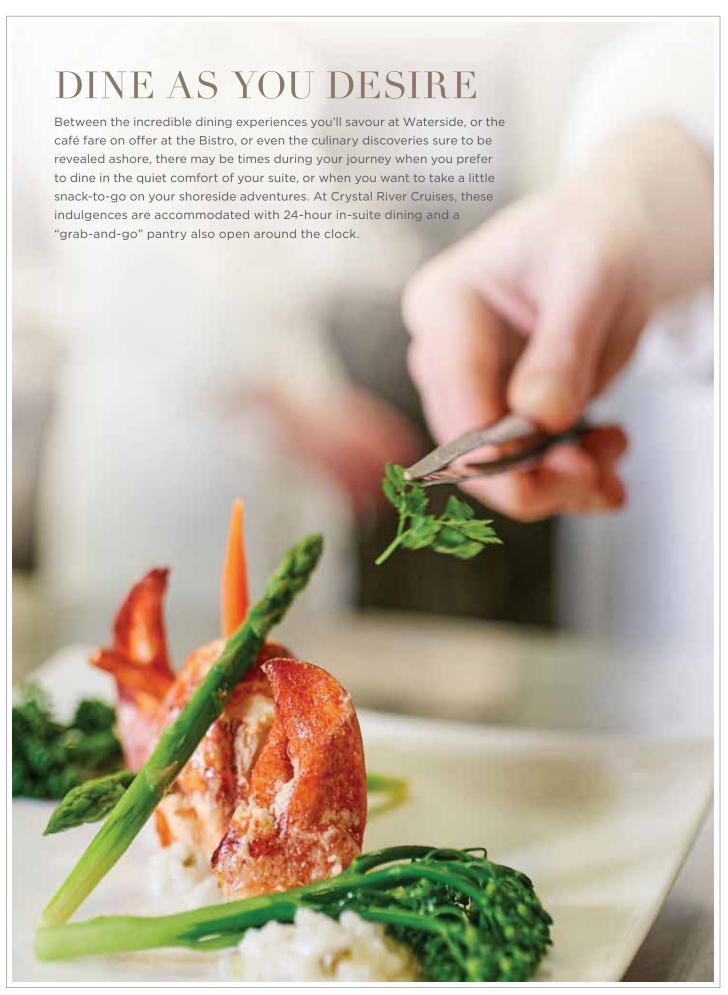
# AFFINEUR KRACHER WINE CHEESE

Apricot Mostarda, Olive Bread and Figs

#### DARK CHOCOLATE

Cinnamon, Cherry and Yogurt

## **PETIT FOURS**









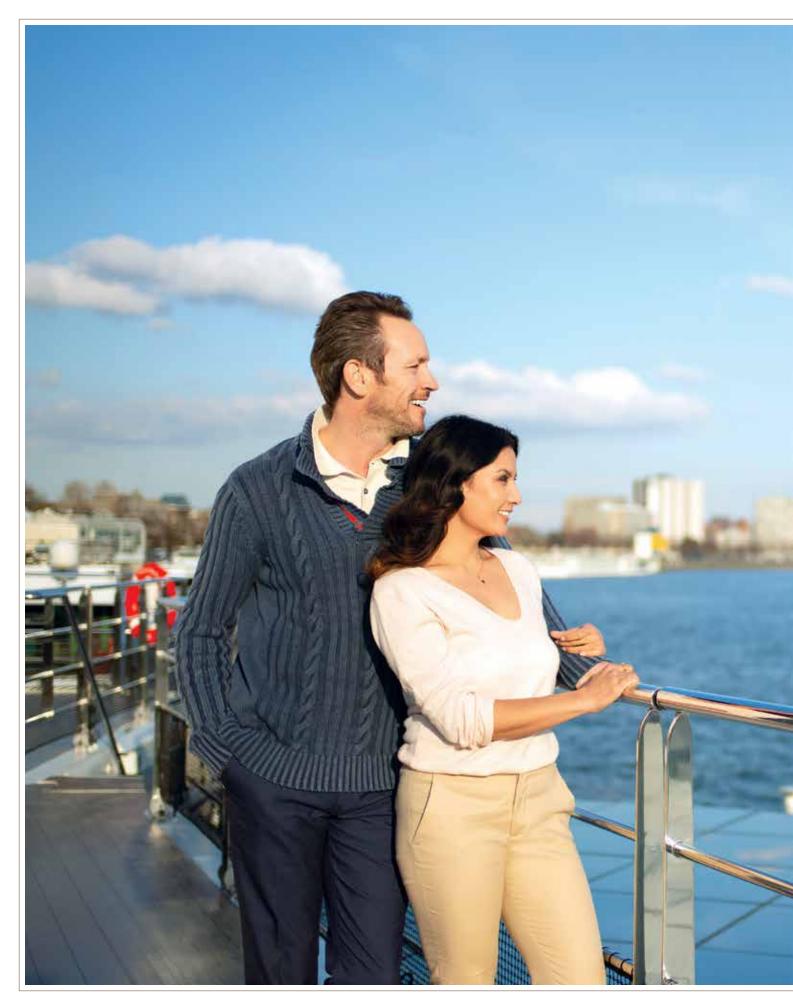


# IN-SUITE DINING

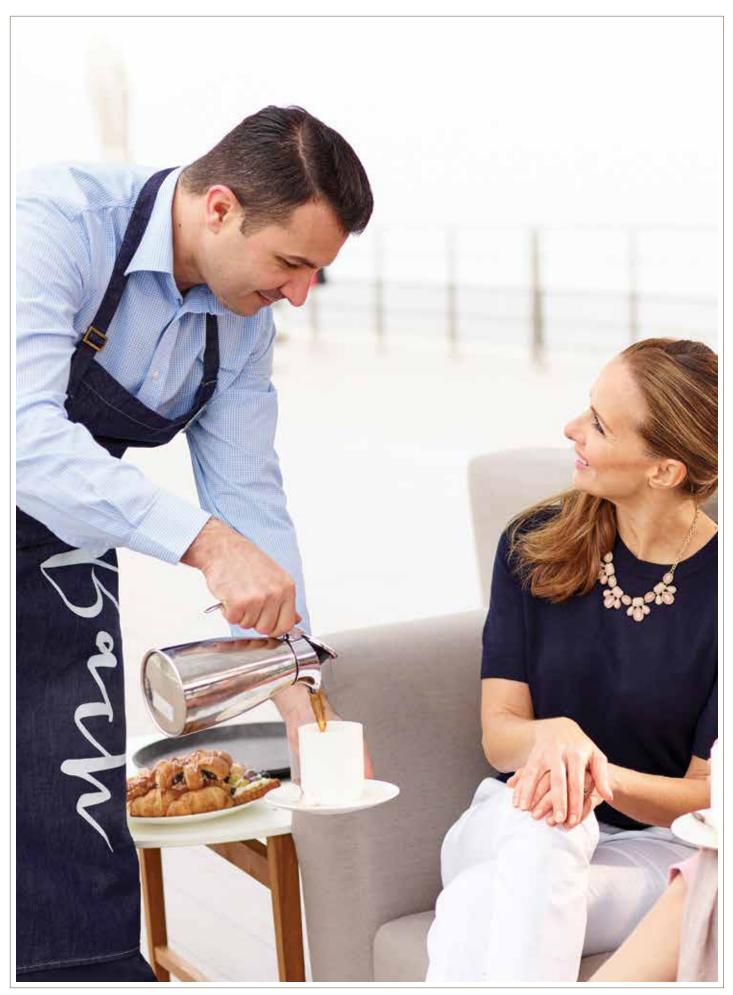
Featuring daily selections from Waterside, you may enjoy dinner in the comfort of your own suite if you so desire. Breakfast cravings are answered with a full menu ranging from omelettes and pancakes to yoghurts, muesli and more. Dine any time of day on everything from burgers and sandwiches to pastas, salads and sweets.

# THE PANTRY

At Crystal we believe you should want for nothing during your travels with us, and The Pantry found aboard each ship indulges 24 hours a day with pastries, fresh fruit and yoghurts, as well as quick bites including freshly baked cookies. Here, too, you'll find coffees, teas, sodas, wines and other refreshments.







# GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY

Exemplary service is one of the most distinguishing aspects of the Crystal River Experience, delivered by European-trained professionals selected for their winning personalities and unparalleled expertise. Be it your first voyage with us, or one of many returns, you'll enjoy an immediate sense of belonging when crossing the threshold of a Crystal River ship.







#### SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

A warm, friendly and gracious staff; all Crystal employees, many from the ranks of award-winning sister company, Crystal Cruises®

European butler service for every room category

Personal preferences quickly identified and committed to memory

Every detail attended to and every wish anticipated, with gratuities both shipboard and shoreside already included

Highest crew-to-guest ratio of any river cruise line

An unbridled sense of well-being in the thoughtful attention that surrounds each guest



# **CULINARY CHOICES**

With a passion for perfection and a zest for creativity, Crystal's culinary teams craft menus of Michelin-level envy, rivalling any of the land-based restaurants found along your journey. Of course, you'll want to sample each destination's unique flavours, but you'll savour the return to your ship to enjoy the unrivalled quality and choices in dining for which Crystal is known.







#### SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

Extraordinary cuisine of Michelin-level envy, locally sourced to reflect flavours of the region

Flexible, open-seating dining invites you to dine when, where and with whom you desire

Unlimited fine wines, champagnes, premium spirits and beers

Wine sommeliers share educational insight and an endless pour of acclaimed vintages

Waterside restaurant prepares continental favourites and regionallyinspired menus sourced locally, for breakfast, lunch and dinner

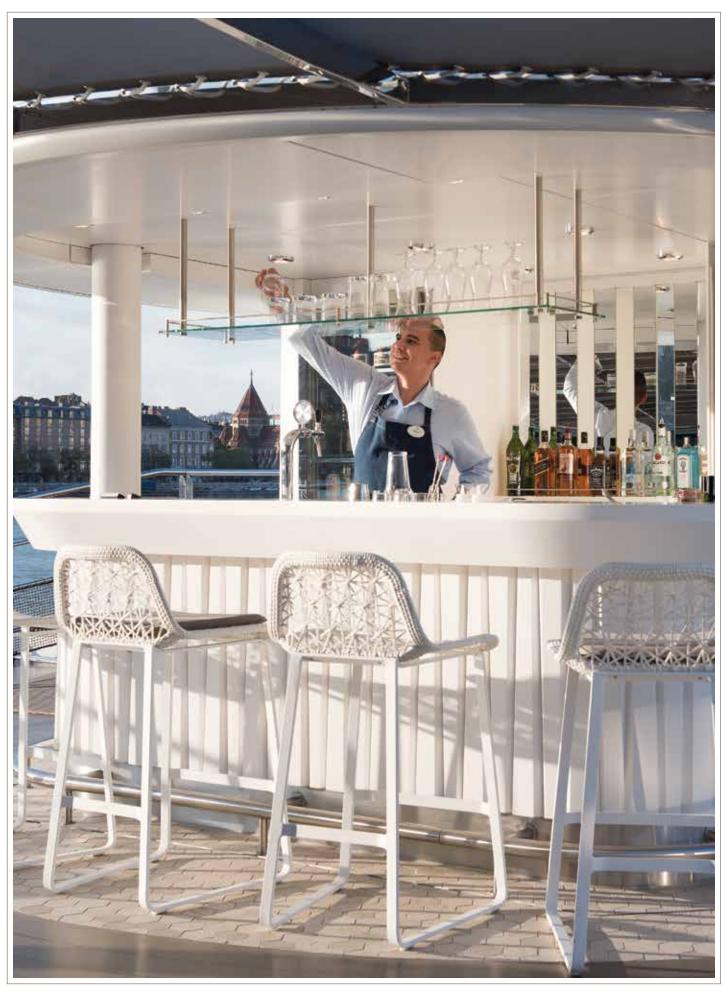
The Vintage Room offers optional wine lunches and dinners with extraordinary pairing menus

Aperitifs, cocktails and conversation enjoyed in Palm Court

A European Bistro aboard each vessel takes its ship's namesake, serving coffees, pastries and charcuterie by day, and wines and tapas at night

The Pantry: 24-hour self-service venue offering speciality coffees, teas, wines and nonalcoholic beverages plus snacks

24-hour in-suite dining with options from the Waterside menu during regular dining hours



# **BRIDGING SHIP & SHORE**

Life on a Crystal ship is calibrated with the rhythm of the rivers themselves, effortlessly showcasing the wonder of each region with an easy flow. Destination-rich itineraries are designed to provide immersive exploration ashore, aligned with enriching pursuits and engaging lectures on board, inviting you to come and go from the ship at your leisure.







#### SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

Palm Court, the social hub of each ship, hosted by experienced bartenders

Engaging piano bar and cabaret-like performances, under the guidance of our onboard entertainer

Visiting regional entertainers ranging from a trio of violinists or jazz artists to tenors singing operettas or soloists performing favourites

Local historians and noted professors share insight, both cultural and contemporary

A "pop-up" Vista Bar on the open-air top deck of each ship — another Crystal exclusive — perfect for cocktails, conversation and scenic views

A Crystal Life Spa aboard each ship, staffed by a dedicated, highly trained professional

Crystal Life Fitness facility on every ship

Swimming pool on every ship

Picturesque river cruising days feature sommelier-hosted wine tastings, destination enrichment lectures and audio narratives of the passing riverscapes

Wide assortment of international newspapers, magazines, shipboard dining information, Crystal Reflections and entertainment options via in-suite iPad



#### CRYSTAL DESTINATION DISCOVERIES

The best travel experiences lead you well beyond anything read in guidebooks or shared on a typical tour — and our curated destination experiences are designed to inspire, immersing you in discoveries great and small, surprising and planned. Europe's river cities and villages have been here for centuries; come discover them from a fresh, new perspective with Crystal.







#### SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

In each iconic destination, an enviable roster of adventures, both inclusive and optional, insightful and adventurous, are yours for the taking

A Crystal Signature Event on select itineraries

Shoreside discovery with Crystal is more in-depth, more individualised and more enriching with intimate groups for a more personal experience

A dedicated team of up to two Destination Specialists on every ship

Crystal luxury motor coaches in each destination, featuring complimentary Wi-Fi and spacious seating

Complimentary use of bikes

Overnight stays and late departures allow for enjoyment of vibrant nightlife ashore

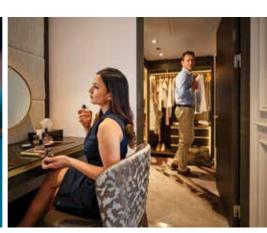


#### UNLIMITED LUXURIES

Beyond the genuine personal attention, butler service for every suite, and superb, farm-to-table cuisine, these all-suite ships offer an unparalleled roster of all-inclusive amenities and services on board, complemented by a rich collection of inclusive experiences ashore. Discover the intimate and comfortable luxury of the Crystal River Experience.







#### **ALL-INCLUSIVES**

All-suite, all-balcony, butler-serviced accommodations

Gratuities for all guides, drivers and shipboard staff

Farm-to-table dining featuring Crystal's acclaimed cuisine

Unlimited premium beverages including champagne, fine wines, spirits and beers

Unlimited soft drinks and bottled water in suite

Welcome bottle of champagne or sparkling wine and two bottles of wine in suite

24-hour in-suite dining with options available from Waterside menu during regular dining hours

Crystal Destination Discoveries — complimentary shore excursions in every port

Onboard entertainment and enrichment programmes

Complimentary use of bikes in port

Complimentary self-service guest laundry

Unlimited Wi-Fi in suites and throughout each vessel

Complimentary transfers between the airport and the ship on embarkation and disembarkation days

Wide assortment of international newspapers, magazines, shipboard dining information, Crystal Reflections and entertainment options via in-suite iPad

Caudalie in-suite amenities

### WHY CRYSTAL

# is the only true luxury river cruise line in Europe

The standard of all-inclusive luxuries, combined with the core pillars of the Crystal River Experience — exceptional Service, Space, Quality, Choices and Destinations — delivers superior value among all European river lines.

#### VALUE COMPARISON



#### **CREW TO GUEST RATIO**

#### **SERVICE**

Delivering the highest standard of personalised, genuine service is supported by the manner in which we choose to staff our ships.

CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES	2 CREW FOR EVERY 3 GUESTS	ii iii
PREMIUM RIVER CRUISES	2 CREW FOR EVERY 5 TO 6.6 GUESTS	ii iii
MASS MARKET RIVER CRUISES	2 CREW FOR EVERY 7 TO 7.8 GUESTS	ii iiii

#### NUMBER OF GUESTS ABOARD A 135-METER LONG SHIP

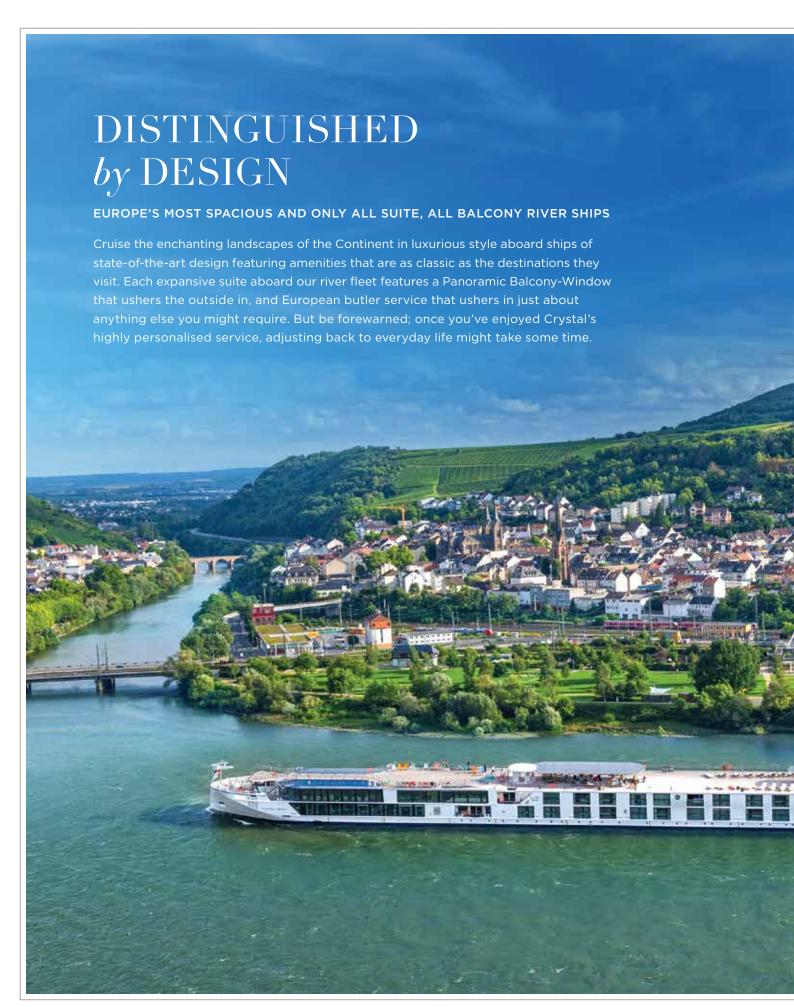
#### SPACE

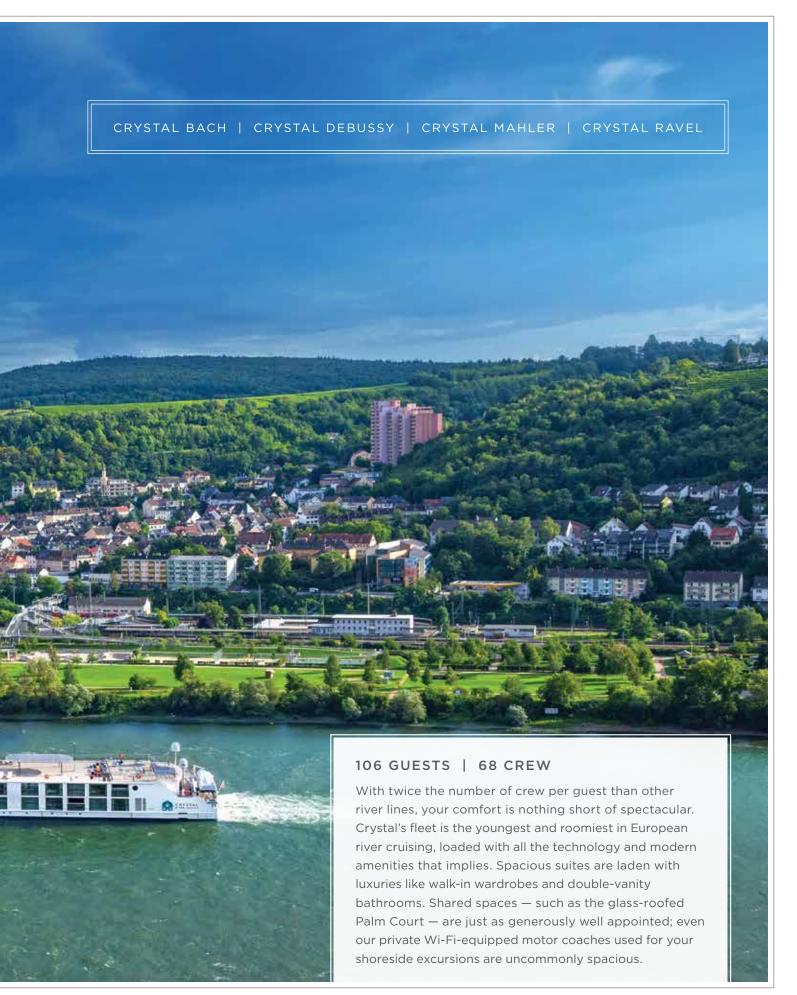
Hosting far fewer guests than ships of the same size, a lavish sense of space is guaranteed, as are the largest suites in European river cruising.

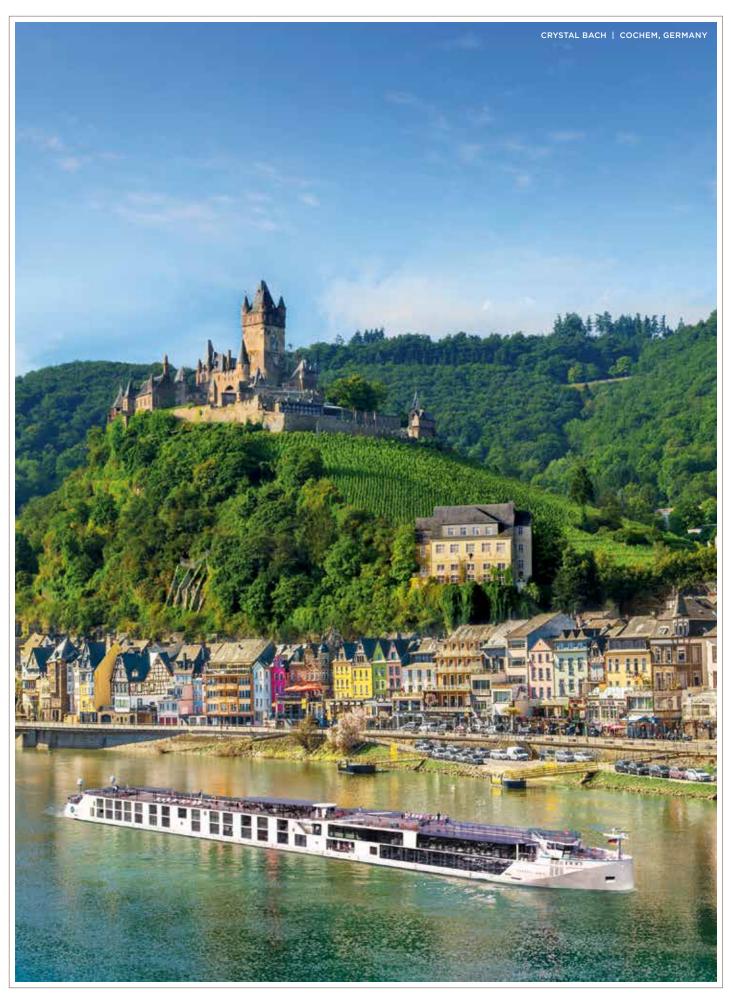
CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES	106
PREMIUM RIVER CRUISES	154-168
MASS MARKET RIVER CRUISES	190-212



	CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES	PREMIUM RIVER CRUISES	MASS MARKET RIVER CRUISES	
DINING				
NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS ON BOARD	3	2	1	
DINING TIMES	Open	Fixed time	Fixed time	
DINE WITH WHOM YOU WANT	Yes	No	No	
TABLES FOR 2	Many	Very Few	None	
FOOD INGREDIENTS	Fresh/locally sourced	Few fresh items, mostly frozen	Frozen/pre-packaged	
FOOD PREPARATION	À-la-minute	Banquet	Banquet	
24-HOUR IN-SUITE DINING	Yes	Typically not	No	
SHORE EXCURSIONS				
PREBOOK FROM HOME	Yes	No	No	
NUMBER OF OPTIONS FOR 7-NIGHT DANUBE CRUISE	28-36 tours	14-18 tours	7-11 tours	
CUSTOM SHORE EXCURSIONS	Yes	Typically no	No	
NUMBER OF GUESTS PER TOUR BUS	Max. 36 Guests	Max. 52 Guests	Max. 52 Guests	
NUMBER OF GUESTS PER GUIDE	15-20	20-30	30-52	
GRATUITY FOR GUIDE & BUS DRIVER	Included	Typically not included	Not included	
GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS				
% OF SUITES	100%	4-33%	< 9%	
% OF ROOMS WITH KING-SIZE BEDS	100%	0%	0%	
% OF ROOMS WITH BALCONY	100%	80-85%	74-78%	
% OF ROOMS ABOVE WATERLINE	100%	80-85%	74-78%	
SMALLEST ROOM	188 sq. ft. (17.5 sq. m.)	156-161 sq. ft. (14.5-14.9 sq. m.)	130-135 sq. ft. (12.0-12.5 sq. m.)	
LARGEST ROOM	759 sq. ft. (70.5 sq. m.)	300-475 sq. ft. (27.9-44.1 sq. m.)	300-445 sq. ft. (27.9-41.3 sq. m.)	







## UNIQUELY RIVER

### ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RIVER CRUISING

First time river cruisers are often surprised — and delighted — by the unique experience that is a European river cruise, and by all the ways in which river cruising is so entirely different than traditional ocean cruising. While the all-inclusive luxury and genuine hospitality for which Crystal is known remains the same across all of our Experiences — Ocean, River, Yacht and Expedition — a Crystal river voyage, by its very nature, brings travellers intimately close to the rare riverscapes and landscapes of the Rhine Main, Danube and Moselle rivers: so close you can almost reach out and touch the trees, castles and charming city centres passing by right outside your window.







#### **DOCKS AND GANGWAYS**

After journeying through some of Europe's most scenic interior waterways your Crystal River ship will arrive at docks that are typically located in the heart of the city or town. As such, the docks are open and uncovered, yet conveniently close to restaurants, shopping and public transportation.

Depending on water levels, the gangway may be positioned at a much greater angle than on an ocean ship, which adds to the adventurous nature of a river cruise itself.

#### ITINERARY CHANGES

Unpredictable weather events, river currents and lock traffic can sometimes necessitate a change in the timing or order of the ports of a published itinerary. Thankfully we have numerous contingency plans prepared so that you are always cruising and enjoying your river cruise holiday as much as possible.

#### "RAFTING"

Rafting is another unique aspect, and age-old practice, of river cruising where multiple ships "park" alongside one another. In order to reach land, guests must walk across — or through — other ships. The rafting of ships positions them so closely together you might even be able to reach out a window and literally touch the ship alongside your own.

#### LOCKS

One of the most fascinating parts of a European river cruise is the transiting of locks along certain stretches of the rivers. In order to move from one level of the river to the next, river ships transit one or more locks. This process often involves the ships queuing up to be guided into and secured within the lock, and then either raised or lowered as river water floods or partially drains out of the enclosure. The busy atmosphere of a lock transit is often livelier than most guests expect and creates some great photo moments of your journey.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

The relaxed and friendly environment of a Crystal river ship — which is smaller than one of our ocean vessels - provides the perfect setting for intimate musical performances. We regularly host trios, jazz artists and instrumentalists in Palm Court, the social hub of each ship. Local talent often comes aboard to entertain with regional favourites and engaging, cabaret-like performances.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

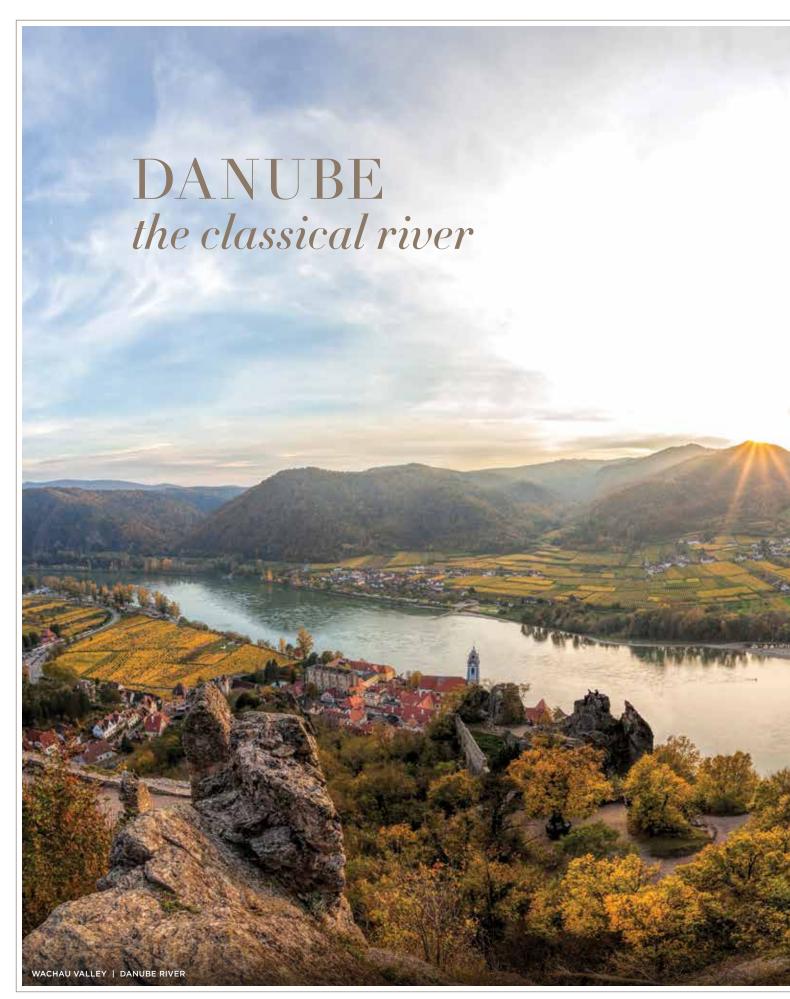
Dedicated to providing a comfortable and safe environment for all of our guests, Crystal River Cruises makes every effort to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Guests with reduced mobility often have difficulty with narrow gangways, uneven surfaces, and limited port access.

# rivers of TIME & ROMANCE

Flowing through the very heart of landscapes both inspiring and enchanting are the grand European waterways that have carried kings, defined borders and nourished lush vineyards and hillsides for centuries. Along the shores of the Rhine, Main and Danube, as well as Moselle rivers, royal fortresses of centuries past mingle effortlessly with modern symbols of prosperity. Encompassed by these waters are thousands of years of history, hundreds of impossibly charming hamlets and vibrant cities, and dozens of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, all beckoning you to come and explore their stories.









# A GLORIOUS waltz through time

Steeped in history, myth and jaw-dropping scenery, the sinewy Danube flows through ten European nations on its 1,770-mile journey from the Black Forest to the Black Sea. To cruise this watercourse is to relive centuries of cultural and architectural achievement, dating back to when this was the northern boundary of Rome's empire. Each gleaming city, each humble village, each hidden gorge or hillside castle echoes with its own rich stories — sometimes triumphant, sometimes tragic, but always enchanting.



#### **UNESCO SITES &** SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

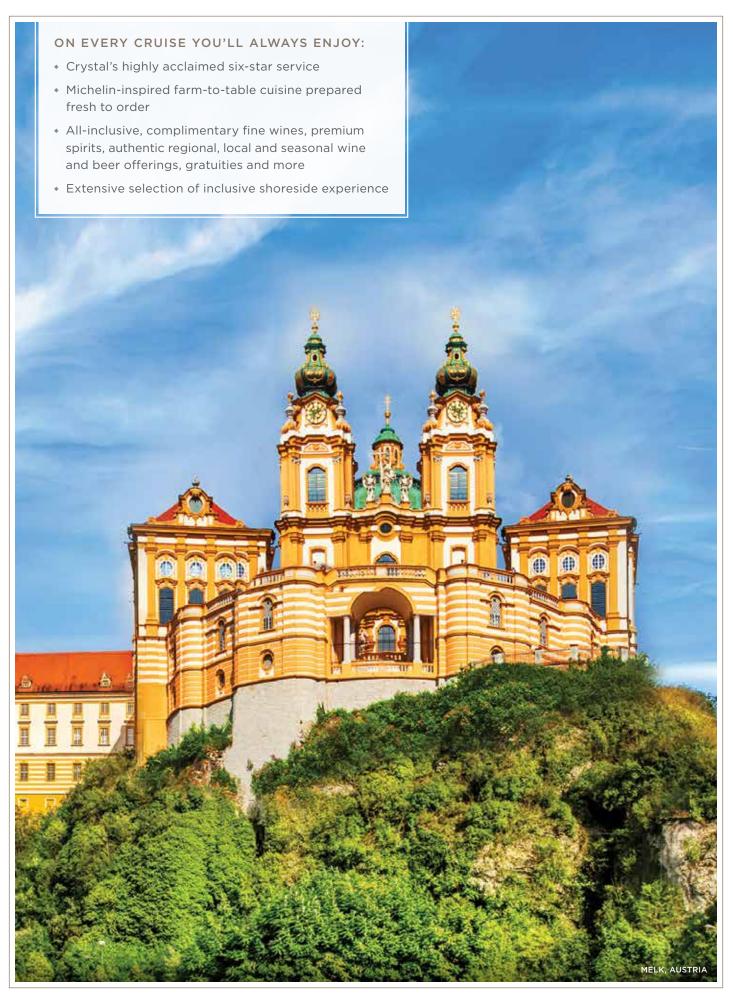
- Wander Vienna's UNESCO-listed Historic Centre, where music, palaces and pastries reign
- Climb to the heights of Budapest and revel in its awe-inspiring dome and spire skyline
- Explore incredibly photogenic Passau, home to the largest Baroque church north of the Alps
- Enter Krems through a 15th-century gate and discover a city both ancient and fresh
- Sip delicious wines bottled in the ancient vineyards of the Wachau Valley
- Enter the gilded treasury of Esztergom Cathedral, a neoclassical landmark visible for miles
- Tour cobbled Bratislava, where upbeat modern galleries share the stage with brooding Communist-era architecture

#### AUSTRIA'S WACHAU VALLEY

This storied stretch of the Danube between Melk and Krems is barely 25 miles long, yet somehow filled with infinite charm. Vineyards dot the hillsides, castles and ruins abound, and idyllic small towns line the banks. Melk Abbey, where Benedictine monks have continued their labours through nine centuries of European history, is one of the litany of must-see landmarks that make it clear why this valley is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### THE SCHLÖGEN LOOP

Each section of the nation-hopping Danube offers its own distinct character and must-see sights. That's certainly the case with the riverscape between Passau and Linz famous for its dramatic "Danube Loop," a hairpin curve near the village of Schlögen. Passau and Linz themselves are laden with appeal and sights, too. Whether your passion is forest hiking, touring Italianate mansions, or surrendering to the alluring berry-and-almond sweetness of a Linzer torte, you'll find ways to indulge it along this stretch of the river.



#### **DELIGHTFUL DANUBE**

VILSHOFEN TO BUDAPEST CRYSTAL MAHLER & CRYSTAL RAVEL 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 46 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

#### 2021 EASTBOUND

CRYSTAL MAHLER: 3 Apr, 17 Apr, 1 May, 15 May, 30 Jun, 14 Jul, 29 Aug, 12 Sep, 28 Oct, 11 Nov

CRYSTAL RAVEL: 28 Mar, 11 Apr, 25 Apr, 9 May, 23 May, 6 Jun, 20 Jun, 4 Jul, 18 Jul, 1 Aug, 15 Aug, 29 Aug, 12 Sep, 26 Sep, 20 Oct, 3 Nov, 17 Nov

**2021 WESTBOUND OPERATES IN REVERSE** CRYSTAL MAHLER: 27 Mar, 10 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, 23 Jun, 7 Jul, 22 Aug, 5 Sep, 21 Oct, 4 Nov, 18 Nov

CRYSTAL RAVEL: 4 Apr, 18 Apr, 2 May, 16 May\*, 30 May, 13 Jun, 27 Jun\*, 11 Jul, 25 Jul\*, 8 Aug, 22 Aug\*, 5 Sep, 19 Sep, 3 Oct, 27 Oct, 10 Nov, 24 Nov

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Discover Castle Hill's UNESCO landmarks via Budapest's restored funicular
- Tour Vienna's 1,400-room rococo showplace, Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens
- Catch the high-strutting stallions in action at Lipizzaner Stables

#### DAY 1 | VILSHOFEN, GERMANY SAIL AT 11 PM

A skyline graced by the spire of a historic church and the arch of a more modern bridge reveals the essence of Vilshofen's appeal. Here where three rivers meet the Vils, Wolfach and Danube — you'll enjoy cycling expeditions on pretty paths and hikes in the neighbouring Bavarian forest.

#### DAY 2 | LINZ, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 8 PM

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#### DAY 3 | PASSAU, GERMANY 9 AM - 5 PM

The meeting place of three rivers and more than that many cultures, Passau rose to early prominence in Roman times, when it was an influential bishopric and vibrant hub for trade in salt, swords and ideas. Wander cobbled Old Town, gaze on Italianate manses and arched bridges, and discover stunning landmarks.

#### DAY 4 | MELK, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 1 PM

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#### DAY 4 CRUISING THE SCENIC DANUBE WACHAU VALLEY

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#### DAY 4 | DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA 3 PM - MIDNIGHT

Crowned by lofty Dürnstein Castle, the region's most renowned architectural highlight, this postcard-worthy town is surrounded by verdant forests, rolling hills and thriving vineyards. Sip some of the luscious local wines and enjoy a leisurely day immersed in idyllic Wachau Valley beauty.

#### DAY 5-6 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 7 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 4 PM ON DAY 6

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#### DAY 7-8 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 9 AM - OVERNIGHT | DISEMBARK AM ON DAY 8

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#### MAGNIFICENT DANUBE

VIENNA ROUNDTRIP CRYSTAL MAHLER 5 DAYS | 4 NIGHTS



**UP TO 21 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED** 

2021: 28 Ju1, 10 Oct

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Tour Vienna's 1,400-room rococo showplace, Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens
- Catch the high-strutting stallions in action at Lipizzaner Stables
- Ramble the stylish boutiques and cafes of picturesque lower Old Town in Krems
- Visit ruined Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionheart was jailed 800 years ago

#### DAY 1 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA SAIL AT 11 PM

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#### DAY 4 | KREMS, AUSTRIA NOON - 10 PM

Ensconced at one end of the Wachau Valley, storybookbeautiful Krems is a place of engaging contrasts. Discover ancient city walls snugged up against sleek chrome and glass, trendy designer shops tucked within 18th-century townhouses, bustling cafés in lower Old Town and one of Austria's oldest churches in upper Old Town.

#### DAY 5 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA DISEMBARK AM

Enjoy complimentary transfers from your Crystal River ship to Vienna's international airport.

#### DANUBE SERENADE

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST CRYSTAL MAHLER & CRYSTAL RAVEL 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



#### **UP TO 40 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED**

2021 EASTBOUND

CRYSTAL MAHLER: 1 Aug, 15 Aug, 26 Sep, 14 Oct

CRYSTAL RAVEL: 20 Oct

**2021 WESTBOUND OPERATES IN REVERSE** CRYSTAL MAHLER: 21 Jul, 8 Aug, 19 Sep, 3 Oct

CRYSTAL RAVEL: 3 Oct

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Ramble the stylish boutiques and cafés of picturesque lower Old Town in Krems
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- Discover Bratislava, Slovakia's vibrant capital where the futuristic and classical meet

#### DAY 1-2 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT MIDNIGHT ON DAY 2

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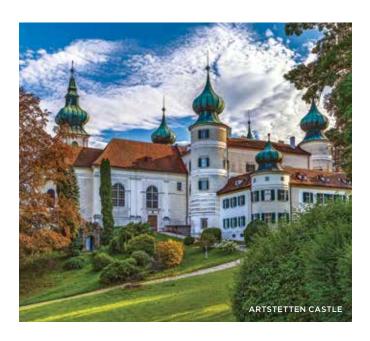
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#### DAY 6 | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA 9 AM - 7 PM

Slovakia's buzzing capital is sure to stir your imagination. Ramble a maze of cobblestone lanes awash in colourful historic buildings. Experience museums, cathedrals, palaces, inviting sidewalk cafés and a pulsating modern art scene — all arrayed under the watchful eye of the photogenic castle looming over town.

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#### TREASURES OF THE DANUBE

VIENNA ROUNDTRIP CRYSTAL RAVEL 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS



UP TO 48 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

**2021:** 10 Oct

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

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#### 10-11 OCT | VIENNA, AUSTRIA OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT MIDNIGHT ON DAY 11 OCT

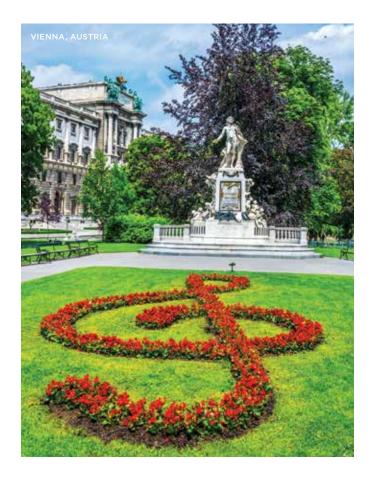
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#### 12 OCT | DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA 9 AM - NOON

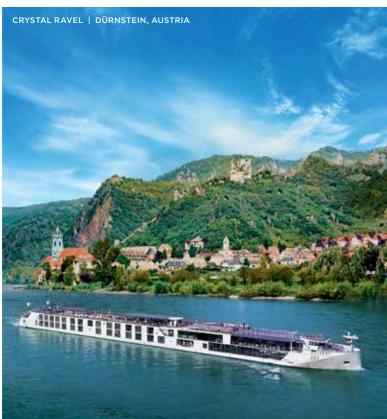
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#### 14-15 OCT | PASSAU, GERMANY OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1 PM ON 15 OCT

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#### 17 - 18 OCT | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1 PM ON 18 OCT

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#### 19-20 OCT | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 6 PM - OVERNIGHT | DISEMBARK AM ON 20 OCT

At journey's end, enjoy an encore visit to this city beloved for its music, pastries, manicured gardens and ornate architecture. An enduring showplace of European culture and taste, Vienna offers a seemingly endless list of mustsee's-and-do's in its UNESCO-listed historic centre.



## EXTEND YOUR TRAVELS

#### CRYSTAL'S PRE- AND POST-CRUISE HOTEL & LAND PROGRAMMES







#### PRAGUF | CZECH REPUBLIC

#### **DISCOVER PRAGUE**

#### 4 DAYS | 3 NIGHTS

Known as the "City of a Hundred Spires," Prague rivals Paris in terms of beauty, history and culture. Discover its storied past and present as a 2000 European Capital of Culture on this 3-night pre- or post-cruise Crystal Extended Land Programme.

- Private transfer between Prague (PRG) Airport and the hotel (package dates only)
- 3-night stay at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel including taxes and porterage
- Half-day Prague city tour including a visit to Prague Castle
- Full-day tour to Kutná Hora

- Motor coach transfer between the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Prague and your ship in Vilshofen
- Optional "Design Your Time" custom excursions are available
- Breakfast daily

Available with embark/debark in Vilshofen, Germany

#### VIENNA | AUSTRIA

#### HOTEL SACHER WIEN

In the heart of the city, across from the Vienna State Opera and the elegant Kärntner Straße promenade, just minutes from some of Vienna's most treasured sites, this regal, five-star luxury hotel has been family-owned since 1832, offering guests authentic Austrian hospitality and a taste of the historic prestige that fills Vienna.

#### HILTON VIENNA DANUBE WATERFRONT

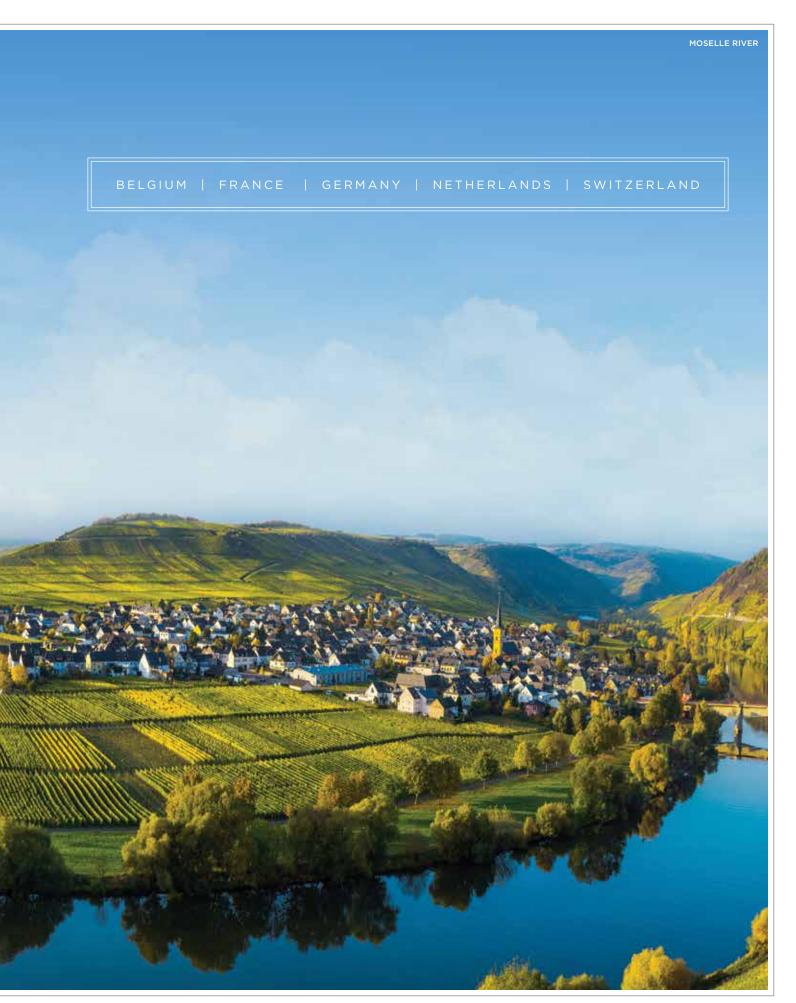
Enjoy the convenience of staying close to your river ship dock at the Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront Hotel. With some of the city's most spacious guest rooms, this beautiful hotel offers spectacular waterfront vistas, a riverside pool. bar and restaurant and is located only seven minutes from the city centre via the underground.

#### BUDAPEST | HUNGARY

#### THE RITZ-CARLTON

Set within a 20th-century building in the centre of Budapest, The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest is near the UNESCO World Heritage Buda Castle, showcases views of St. Stephens Basilica and Erzsébet Square, and is a few minutes' walk to the beautiful Danube, making it a gem in the crown of a glimmering city.





# **STORYBOOK** LANDS

From the high Swiss Alps to the dikes of the Low Countries, the majestic Rhine flows uninterrupted by time — past sheer cliffs and fairy-tale castles, ancient princedoms and shining modern cities, and a non-stop procession of cultural touchstones. The Rhine's role within Western Europe's geopolitical story is unrivalled, and dates back to early Roman times. Each bend, each mile, each landmark along the river's course has its tale to tell. And together, these tales form a legend cast in stone, forged in steel, and swathed in romance.



#### **UNESCO SITES &** SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Be awed by Cologne's glorious Kölner Dom and wowed by Augustusburg and Falkenlust palaces
- Cruise through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a 40-mile ribbon of **UNESCO** wonders
- Ride a gondola-lift to Koblenz' Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, perched high above the Rhine
- Enter Speyer's 1,000-year-old cathedral, where Holy Roman emperors and German kings rest
- Stroll a canal-laced warren of half-timbered houses in Strasbourg's splendid Grande Île
- Explore the landmarks of Trier, a once important powerhouse of the Roman Empire
- Bike among riesling grapes in Bernkastel

#### THE LEAFY UPPER RHINE

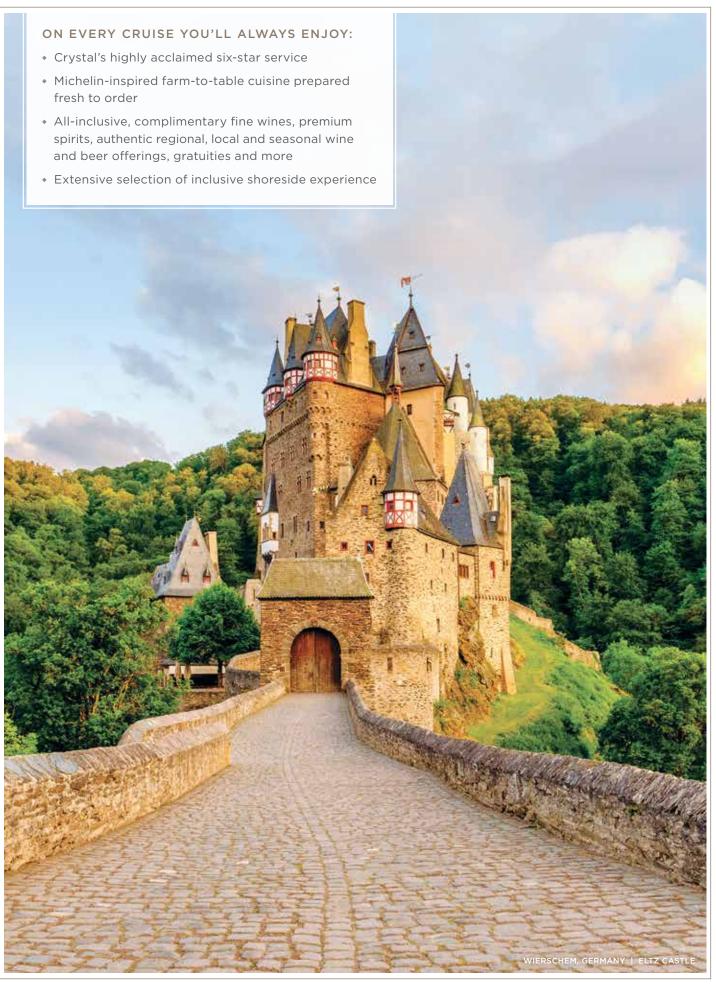
At Basel, the Rhine takes a big bend and veers northward - leaving Switzerland behind as it navigates the Alsace region of France and Germany. French Strasbourg and German Kehl sit opposite each other, a pair of splendid fairylands connected by bridges. Beyond Speyer, Mainz is home to an original Gutenberg Bible. Just around the next bend, Rüdesheim sits at the start of the Gorge.

#### THE GORGEOUS RHINE GORGE

The deep gorge between Bingen and Bonn may be the Rhine's most thrilling 90-mile stretch. Dramatic slopes brim with vineyards while some 40 castles provide medieval atmosphere. Myths abound here, such as the siren of Lorelei rock who lured weary seamen. Where the Moselle ioins the Rhine in Cochem, a riverside promenade beckons. Upstream, Koblenz offers sidewalk cafés and Weinstuben.

#### THE ENCHANTED MOSELLE

With its mountains, vineyards and villages, this is river cruising at its most idyllic. So narrow is the Moselle — and so close to the shoreline while you cruise — you can hear the breeze rustling the trees and be tempted to reach for the Riesling and Gewürztraminer grape-laden vines. See the Spitzhaüschen (pointed house) in Bernkastel, explore the 12th-century Eltz Castle in Trier and stroll Cochem's scenic riverside promenade.



#### ROMANTIC RHINE

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL CRYSTAL BACH & CRYSTAL DEBUSSY 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 26 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021 CRYSTAL BACH: 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 14 May, 28 May, 21 Jun, 5 Jul, 19 Jul, 2 Aug, 16 Aug, 30 Aug, 3 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct, 14 Nov

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### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Overnight in Amsterdam and be seduced by Old Masters, canal houses and candlelit cafés
- Brewery-hop through Cologne in search of the perfect Kölsch Ale
- Amble the palatial gardens of Schloss Koblenz to the point where the Rhine and Moselle meet
- Explore Mannheim's sprawling Baroque Palace or the ruins of Heidelberg Castle
- Thrill to an organ recital at Strasbourg's Gothic stunner, Cathédrale Notre Dame

#### DAY 1-2 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1 PM ON DAY 2

Everyone has an image of Amsterdam. For some, it's small boats gliding on the canals and locals two-wheeling on bikes to work. For others, it's cobbled streets, important history and innovative design. For all, it's tulips, windmills and extraordinary art... Vermeer, Van Gogh and Rembrandt. Come and find your own Amsterdam.

#### DAY 3 | COLOGNE, GERMANY 2 PM - 11 PM

Germany's most visited landmark, the UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral dominates the skyline with its magnificent Gothic twin-spires. See, too, the Space Needle-like Rhine Tower, ancient Roman ruins, a modern museum, cozy beer halls and the arches of the Hohenzollern Bridge, reconstructed after the war.

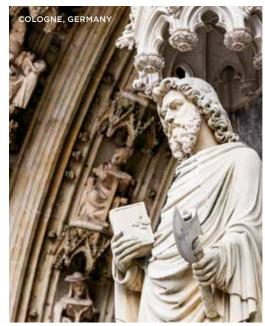
#### DAY 4-5 | KOBLENZ, GERMANY 8 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 7 AM ON DAY 5

Located where the Rhine and Moselle rivers and three mountain ranges meet, Koblenz' scenery is unmatched. The city's 2,000-year-old history, hilltop fortress and squares lined with medieval churches, flower-filled parks and sidewalk cafés is ready-made for photos. Visit a Weinstube, or wine tavern, and sip some rieslings.

#### DAY 5 | CRUISING THE MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

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#### DAY 5 | RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY 2 PM - 10 PM

If Rüdesheim's scenic location on the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge doesn't sweep you off your feet, then the town's medieval Old Town with its half-timbered buildings and narrow lanes, especially the Drosselgasse overflowing with charming shops and taverns, surely will. Be sure to sample the region's renowned rieslings.

#### DAY 6 | MANNHEIM, GERMANY 9 AM - 5 PM

Gateway to Heidelberg, one of Germany's most beautiful cities, and Speyer, home to a UNESCO-listed landmarked cathedral, Mannheim itself boasts Germany's largest Baroque residence. A city of innovation — Mercedes Benz and bicycles — as a university town, it is alive with a thriving art and music scene, too.

#### DAY 7 | STRASBOURG, FRANCE 8 AM - 1 PM

The seat of the European Parliament, Strasbourg is one of the world's most photogenic towns. It boasts a breathtaking Gothic cathedral and a remarkable charm that oozes from virtually every cozy corner of Grande Île, or "Large Island," the first city centre to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### DAY 8 | BASEL, SWITZERLAND DISEMBARK AM

Enjoy complimentary transfers from your Crystal River ship to Basel's international airport or join us for an optional post-cruise land programme to Zurich.

#### LEGENDARY RHINE

BASEL TO AMSTERDAM CRYSTAL BACH & CRYSTAL DEBUSSY 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 27 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021 CRYSTAL BACH: 2 Apr, 7 May, 21 May, 4 Jun, 28 Jun, 26 Jul, 9 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 10 Oct, 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov

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#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Sail out from cosmopolitan Basel, an epicentre for modern art, design and architecture
- Thrill to an organ recital at Strasbourg's Gothic stunner. Cathédrale Notre Dame
- Explore Mannheim's sprawling Baroque Palace or the evocative ruins of Heidelberg Castle
- Stand in Koblenz's Basilica of St. Castor, where the Treaty of Verdun was signed in AD 843
- Overnight in Amsterdam and be seduced by Old Masters, canal houses and candlelit cafés

#### DAY 1 | BASEL, SWITZERLAND SAIL AT 5 PM

With its international flair and reputation for progressive design, Basel's medieval town centre invites exploration with an abundance of museums and galleries. Native son architects Herzog & de Meuron, renowned for London's Tate Modern and Beijing's Bird's Nest — bring a modern flair to the city, as does Frank Gehry.

#### DAY 2 | STRASBOURG, FRANCE 9 AM - 10 PM

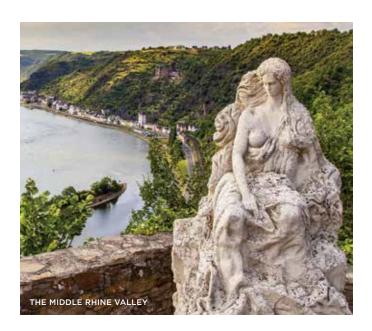
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### DAY 6 | COLOGNE, GERMANY 6 AM - 1 PM

Germany's most visited landmark, the UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral dominates the skyline with its magnificent Gothic twin spires. See, too, the Space Needle-like Rhine Tower, ancient Roman ruins, a modern museum, cozy beer halls and the arches of the Hohenzollern Bridge, reconstructed after the war.

#### DAY 7 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 9 AM - OVERNIGHT

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DAY 8 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS DISEMBARK AM

#### **ENCHANTING MOSELLE**

AMSTERDAM ROUNDTRIP CRYSTAL BACH & CRYSTAL DEBUSSY 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS



#### **UP TO 32 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED**

2021 CRYSTAL BACH: 11 Jun, 13 Sep, 23 Sep

2021 CRYSTAL DEBUSSY: 4 Oct

#### NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

- Contemplate contemporary art in an 800-year-old building at Koblenz' Ludwia Museum
- See Bernkastel's precarious "pointed house" and bike along the idyllic Moselle Valley
- Visit Trier Cathedral, Germany's oldest, and the even older Black Gate and Roman Bridge
- Cross an adrenaline-boosting rope suspension bridge near Cochem
- Hike past waterfalls in a fairy-tale forest along Luxembourg's Mullerthal trail
- Museum-hop in the university town of Bonn, spanning the Rhine with an alpine backdrop

#### DAY 1-2 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 2 PM ON DAY 2

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#### DAY 3 | DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY 9 AM - 7 PM

With a history dating to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries, Düsseldorf's edgy art culture and innovative business landscape is all the more impressive. A decidedly posh city, Düsseldorf pushes the boundaries of high fashion and high-rise design, with a culinary scene that caters to the international elite who live here.

#### DAY 4 | KOBLENZ, GERMANY 8 AM - 1 PM

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#### DAY 5 | BERNKASTEL, GERMANY 9 AM - 11 PM

In the heart of the Mosel Valley, Bernkastel's colourful Market Square is among the most authentic and lovely of those that line the riverside, with a Renaissance-era Town Hall and the bustling activity of shops and cafés. Don't miss the Spitzhäuschen (pointed house) that famously towers above the other rooftops.

#### DAY 6 | TRIER, GERMANY 7 AM - OVERNIGHT

Germany's oldest town was founded by the Romans and still bears remarkably preserved Roman baths, an amphitheater and the imposing Porta Nigra gateway. It has since become synonymous with the rolling wine vineyards of the Rhineland that follow the Moselle, with the commanding 12th-century Eltz Castle standing guard.

#### DAY 7 | TRIER, GERMANY OVERNIGHT - 7 PM

From Trier, journey to Luxembourg to discover the immense culture and history packed within this tiny country with an enlightening complimentary tour of its landmarks. Explore Luxembourg's old quarters and fortifications as well as the stunning landscapes beyond its borders with ample time to explore at your leisure.







#### DAY 8 | COCHEM, GERMANY 2 PM - 10 PM

A storybook village with half-timbered buildings, steep terraced slopes and a picturesque castle overlooking the Moselle River, this charming town's riverside promenade allows a chance to savour the atmosphere of a fairy tale come to life. Take in the beauty of the surrounding hills, sometimes laced with mist.

#### DAY 9 | BONN, GERMANY 9 AM - 6 PM

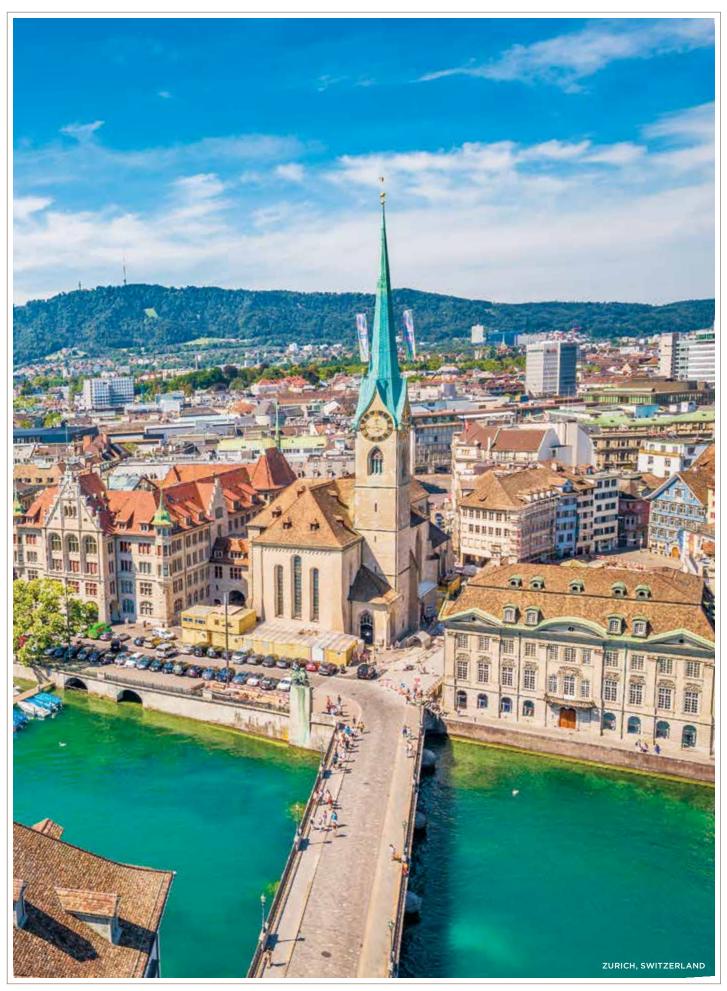
With its lovely riverside setting, Bonn is still considered the unofficial second capital of a reunified Germany, home to several governmental operations, as well as more than 20 United Nations institutions. Its favourite son, Ludwig van Beethoven, turns 250 in 2020, so the excitement here is sure to reach a high note.

#### DAY 10 | ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS 9 AM - 6 PM

Known today as a centre of fashion and design, Arnhem is home to fine museums, bike paths and parks, cafés and creative hubs. Its darkest hour came during World War II, when the Nazis invaded and occupied the country within one week. In resistance, Arnhem was the site of the largest airborne military operation in history.

#### DAY 11 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS DISEMBARK AM

As your journey concludes in this iconic city rich in art, culture and history, you might consider extending your trip with a post-cruise stay at the Waldorf Astoria or the InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam.



## EXTEND YOUR TRAVELS

#### CRYSTAL'S PRE- AND POST-CRUISE HOTEL & LAND PROGRAMMES







#### ZURICH | SWITZERLAND

#### DISCOVER ZURICH

#### 3 DAYS | 2 NIGHTS

Snowy mountain peaks, Old World splendour and a sophisticated vibe are yours to discover in picturesque Zurich, where lake and river meet, with the Alps as backdrop. You'll find this culturally dynamic city is a treasure to explore. Walk the cobbled lanes of Old Town to marvel at ancient Grossmünster Church, with its grand twin towers. Discover fashion, art and local specialities on the city's famed shopping boulevard. Along the serene Limmat, lined by medieval guild houses, stroll and reflect on Zurich, where history and beauty meet you with a warm embrace.

- Private transfer between Zurich (ZRH) Airport and the hotel (package dates only)
- 2-night stay at the Savoy Baur en Ville Hotel including taxes and porterage
- Motor coach transfer between Savoy Baur en Ville Hotel in Zurich and ship in Basel
- Half-day Old Town Zurich city tour
- Optional "Design Your Time" custom excursions are available
- Breakfast daily

Available with embark/debark in Basel, Switzerland

#### AMSTERDAM | NETHERLANDS

#### INTERCONTINENTAL AMSTEL AMSTERDAM

With a commanding presence on the Amstel River, this five-star hotel embraces the charm and heritage of the city. The Royal Carre theatre and Hermitage Amsterdam are within walking distance, while the legendary Rijksmuseum, Concertgebouw, Anne Frank House and more are a quick taxi or saloon boat ride away.

#### WALDORF ASTORIA AMSTERDAM

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Few natural spectacles are as riotously colourful as the scene that blankets The Netherlands and Belgium when the tulips — millions and millions of them — announce the coming of spring. Join us for a memorable voyage into a land that has one wooden shoe firmly in the medieval past and the other dancing on the leading edge of contemporary culture.



#### **ABLOOM WITH HISTORY**

Holland's love affair with tulips harks back to the 1500s, when these handsomely symmetrical Himalayan flowers were first imported. The Dutch soon grew so obsessed with cultivating new varieties that the famous "Tulip Mania" of the 17th century followed, when the rarest bulbs traded hands for more guilders than a mansion — until the market crashed. Widely regarded as the world's first free-market bubble, this apocalyptic tale has been somewhat debunked by recent research. But don't tell the destination guides that.

#### **TULIPS & WINDMILLS**

AMSTERDAM ROUNDTRIP CRYSTAL BACH & CRYSTAL DEBUSSY 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



## UP TO 35 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021 CRYSTAL BACH: 9 Apr, 16 Apr, 23 Apr 2021 CRYSTAL DEBUSSY: 29 Mar, 5 Apr, 12 Apr, 19 Apr, 26 Apr

## DAY 1-2 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 11:30 AM ON DAY 2

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## DAY 2 | HOORN, NETHERLANDS 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Located on Lake IJssel near the open sea, Hoorn still shines with the prosperity brought by the great sailing ships of the Dutch East India Company, which delivered exotic spices and sprinkled the town with elegant touches. Explore cobbled streets to discover museums, monuments, the graceful town square and timeless centre.

## DAY 3 | KINDERDIJK, NETHERLANDS 8 AM - NOON

Renowned for the 18th-century windmills that still operate today — there are 19 — this UNESCO World Heritage Site enthralls all who visit, a picturesque town and a community of friendly locals who eagerly welcome visitors from all over the world seeking a peek into old world Dutch living.

## DAY 3 | ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 1:30 PM - 7 PM

Home to outstanding museums and restaurants, and consistently ranked as a "must-visit" destination, much of Rotterdam was rebuilt with a contemporary approach to design after the WWII blitz. Modern buildings of concrete, glass and steel stand in contrast to the few remaining "old city" areas of Delfshaven and Oude Haven.

#### DAY 4 | ANTWERP, BELGIUM 8 AM - 11 PM

What Milan is to Italy, Antwerp is to Belgium: a historic city on the leading edge of fashion, art, entertainment and of course, the world's diamond trade. A dynamic energy fills cobbled old squares lined with ornate buildings. Visit the Italianate city manse of celebrated painter Peter Paul Rubens, now a museum.

## DAY 5 | GHENT, BELGIUM 7 AM - 5 PM

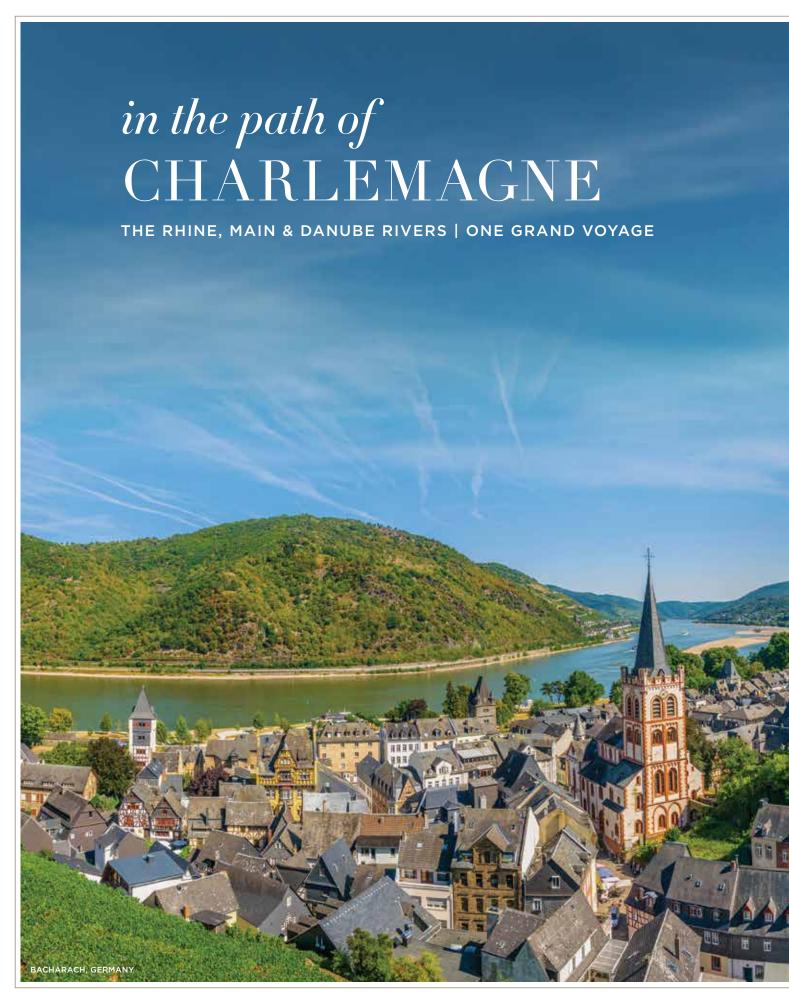
Buildings with stair-stepped gables, the meeting of rivers Scheldt and Leie, well-preserved medieval architecture, a brooding castle and the famed Ghent Altarpiece. Here is a welcoming centre of industry with a lively cultural scene. See pretty canals, stunning churches, and explore one of Europe's most enchanting cities.

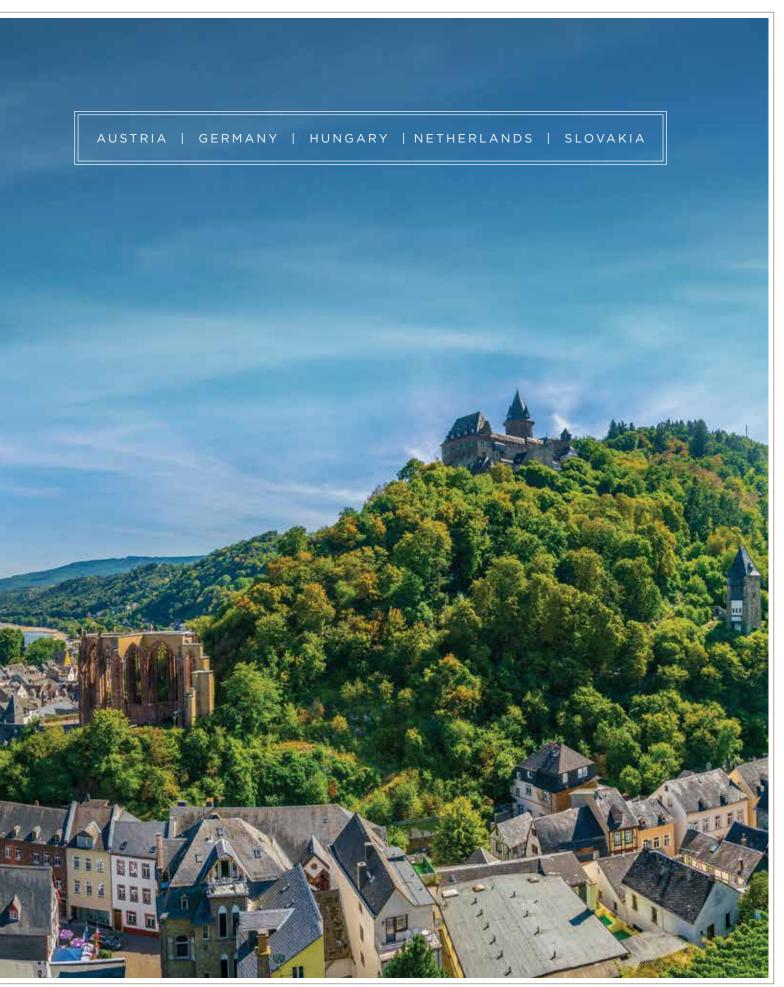
## DAY 6 | MIDDELBURG, NETHERLANDS 7 AM - 2:30 PM

A key player in the Golden Age of Dutch science and technology, Middelburg is credited with the invention of the microscope and telescope. Today, the city thrives with its rich cultural and scientific history, Gothic buildings, centuries-old canals, and the Delft Market Square where old and new worlds come together.

## DAY 7-8 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 6 AM - OVERNIGHT | DISEMBARK AM ON DAY 8

A full day and overnight means plenty of time to explore this iconic city as you wish. Sample Holland's famed cheeses, bike the enchanting Waterland scenery, take a private canal boat tour to the Rijksmuseum — a quintessential Amsterdam experience. You might even consider a dinner reservation at the Michelin-starred Bolenius.





# AN EPIC transcontinental **JOURNEY**

A traverse of Western Europe and its eastern flank by river is a legendary experience; a voyage with deep historical meaning. The great warrior-king Charlemagne was first to envision it, back in 793. The channel he had excavated, connecting two tributaries that would link the great Danube and Rhine, collapsed in failure before his dream was realized. A thousand years later, Ludwig I of Bavaria began work on a modern replacement — and in 1992, the current Rhine-Main-Danube Canal opened its miraculous locks to create a continuous 2,200mile waterway spanning 15 countries.



## UNESCO SITES & SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Be awed by Cologne's splendid Kölner Dom and wowed by Augustusburg and Falkenlust palaces
- Cruise the famed Rhine Gorge and overnight in one of its most scenic gems, Rüdesheim
- Engage in a pilsner crawl through Bamberg, its entire Old Town a World Heritage Site
- Explore incredibly photogenic Passau, home to the largest Baroque church north of the Alps
- Overnight in Vienna, immersed in music, UNESCO-listed beauty and landmark tastes
- Discover Bratislava, where Slovakia's past and future mingle with intriguing results
- Ascend to the heights of Budapest by funicular to ramble the UNESCO sites of Castle Hill
- Explore Amsterdam surrounded by Old Masters, canal houses and candlelit cafés

#### THE RHINE

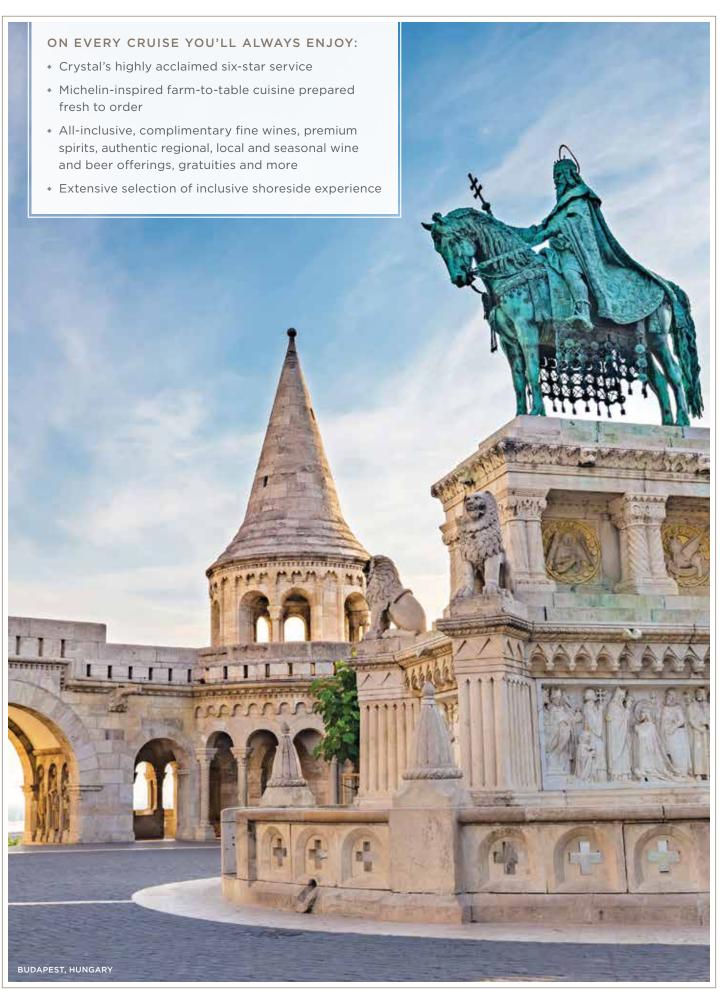
Mysterious forests and alpine peaks, medieval villages and iconic castles — the Rhine is as much a legend as it is a river. From Cologne's glorious cathedral and the flower-filled vistas in Koblenz to Amsterdam's astonishing art collections and the mythical Upper Middle Rhine Gorge, the Rhine winds through some of Europe's most gorgeous landscapes.

#### THE MAIN

A trip through Bavaria along this lesser travelled yet fascinating river boasts magnificent sights including the Residenz in Würzburg and half-timbered buildings of Miltenberg. See the seven hills of Bamberg, each crowned with a lovely church, and transit the Main/Danube canal to discover Nuremberg, rebuilt after WWII into a stunning medieval town.

#### THE DANUBE

Mile after historic mile, the Danube flows like a gateway into the past, from the ruins of Roman fortresses, through Gothic and Baroque monuments and onward to the resplendent architecture of the Hapsburgs. Witness a treasury of unforgettable sights, savour some of the finest rieslings and lagers, and lose yourself in the storybook wonder of it all.



#### **GRAND EUROPE**

AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST CRYSTAL MAHLER 17 DAYS | 16 NIGHTS



#### **UP TO 74 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED**

2021 EASTBOUND: 7 Jun 2021 WESTBOUND†: 22 May

†OPERATES IN REVERSE

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- · Overnight in Amsterdam surrounded by Old Masters, canal houses and candlelit cafés
- Step inside Cologne Cathedral, a World Heritage landmark of mammoth proportions
- Tour the Würzburg Residenz at 360 rooms, one of Europe's most lavish palaces
- Be dazzled by Melk's palatial abbey, all golden towers and masterful frescoes
- Sip celebrated Wachau Valley wines bottled in the shadow of ruined Dürnstein Castle
- See how Hapsburgs summered in grand style at Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens

## DAY 1-2 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1 PM ON DAY 2

Go ahead: try not to be beguiled by this romantic, watery wonderland. Its gabled buildings lean over cobbled streets where candlelit taverns beckon. Small boats glide along canals and locals two-wheel through town. Tulips announce the spring and paintings by Vermeer, Van Gogh and Rembrandt warm the museum walls year-round.

#### DAY 3 | COLOGNE, GERMANY 2 PM - 11 PM

Double up on your neck exercises; you'll be staring skyward in this town where the UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral dominates the skyline and the modern Rhine Tower gives it a run for its money. Down on street level, discover ancient Roman ruins, cozy beer halls and the iconic arches of the Hohenzollern Bridge.

## DAY 4 CRUISING THE MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

To skim the waters of this sinewy, cliff-lined section of the Middle Rhine is to experience the river at its most spectacular — and mythical. The perfect ingredients are all present: ruined castles, rolling vineyards, half-timbered towns. No wonder so many artists, writers and composers have fallen under its spell.

## DAY 4-5 | RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY 3 PM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 11 AM ON DAY 5

Combine a dramatic location along the UNESCO-listed Rhine Gorge, the half-timbered buildings and narrow lanes of medieval Old Town, and charming taverns serving sumptuous rieslings produced by vineyards planted in Roman times — and you've got something unforgettable. Its name is Rüdesheim.

## DAY 6 | MILTENBERG, GERMANY 9 AM - 1 PM

While many of Europe's medieval towns have required painstaking reconstruction after the ravages of fire or war, Miltenberg has miraculously made it through the centuries intact. The result is an authentically historic showplace in full, fairy-tale bloom — complete with hilltop castle. You'll be enchanted.



## DAY 7 | WÜRZBURG, GERMANY 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Once a haven for wealthy prince-bishops, nearly 80 percent of Würzburg was reduced to rubble in a single WWII bombing raid. Today's restored town tells the tale of its 10th-century founding, subsequent rise in prominence, and enduring wine-making traditions. Don't miss the Residenz, one of Europe's most splendid palaces.

## DAY 8 | BAMBERG, GERMANY 2 PM - 6 PM

Unfolding over seven church-crowned hills, Bamberg is often compared to Rome. Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in its entirety, providing an open invitation to wander cobbled riverside lanes steeped in storybook charm. Bamberg is also home to more breweries than Munich. Prost!

## DAY 9 | NUREMBERG, GERMANY 7 AM - 12 PM

This medieval Bavarian city is best known for the military tribunals that took place here after WWII. Heavily damaged by Allied bombs, its imposing Nuremberg Castle has been painstakingly restored - using the original stones, no less. Today this is a joyous city, home to bratwurst, dark beer and a spectacular Christmas Market.

## DAY 10 | REGENSBURG, GERMANY 9:30 AM - 10 PM

This riverside treasure at the Danube's northernmost bend charms travellers with its UNESCO-listed medieval centre — a walkable assemblage of some 1,400 buildings that serve as regal testament to days gone by. Must-sees include the elaborate cathedral, classic German clock tower and ancient 16-arch bridge.

## DAY 11 | PASSAU, GERMANY NOON - 7 PM

The meeting place of three rivers and more than that many cultures, Passau rose to early prominence in Roman times, when it was an influential bishopric and vibrant hub for trade in salt, swords and ideas. Wander cobbled Old Town, gaze on Italianate manses and arched bridges, and discover stunning landmarks.

#### DAY 12 | MELK, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 1 PM

A ribbon of wooded groves gives way to this lovely cobbled village, right-sized for strolling. Best known for its fortified Baroque Benedictine Abbey, serene Melk boasts many smaller gems worthy of your discovery from its 16th-century Town Hall, or Rathaus, to the vinecovered House at the Rock.



## DAY 12 | DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA 3 PM - MIDNIGHT

Crowned by lofty Dürnstein Castle, the region's most renowned architectural highlight, this postcard-worthy town is surrounded by verdant forests, rolling hills and thriving vineyards. Sip some of the luscious local wines and enjoy a leisurely day immersed in idyllic Wachau Valley beauty.

## DAY 13 - 14 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 7 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT MIDNIGHT ON DAY 14

Once the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and beloved for its music, pastries, manicured gardens and ornate architecture, Vienna thrives eternally as a highwater mark of European culture. Immerse yourself in its UNESCO-listed historic centre, a wonderland of iconic buildings — and landmark tastes.

## DAY 15 | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA 5 AM - 6 PM

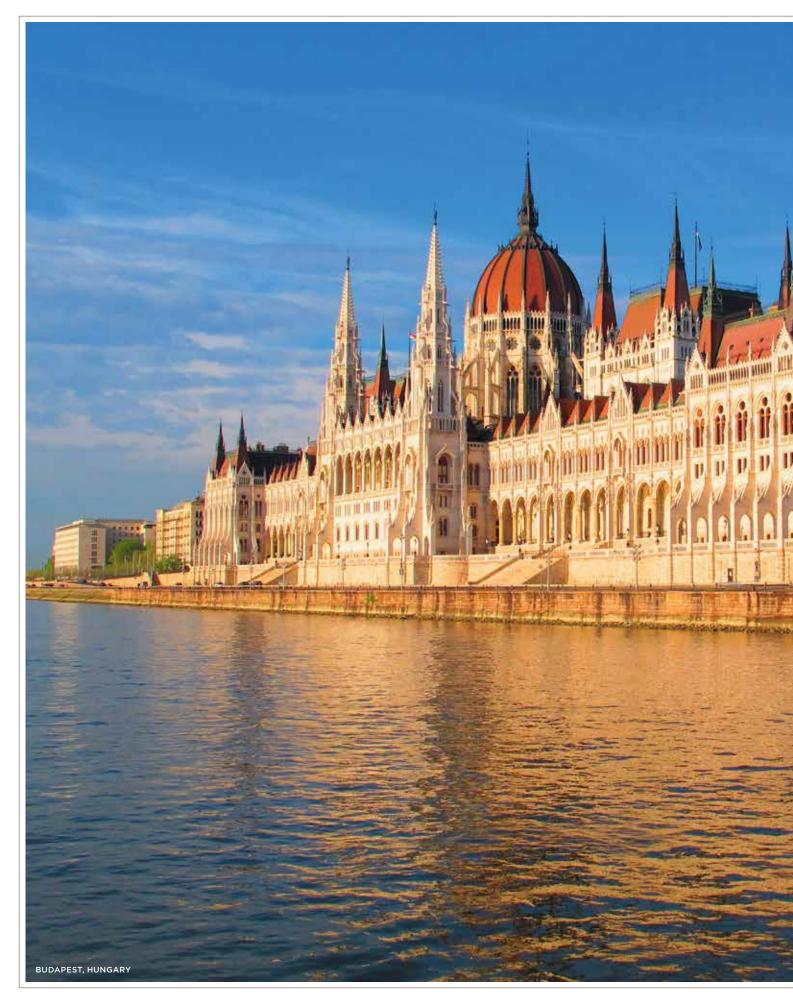
Slovakia's buzzing capital is sure to stir your imagination. Ramble a maze of cobblestone lanes awash in colourful historic buildings. Experience museums, cathedrals, palaces, inviting sidewalk cafés and a pulsating modern art scene — all arrayed under the watchful eye of the photogenic castle looming over town.

## DAY 16-17 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 9 AM - OVERNIGHT | DISEMBARK AM ON DAY 17

Hungary's sophisticated and culturally diverse capital city is a sea of domes and spires commanding both sides of the Danube River. On one bank is hilly Buda; on the other, flatter Pest. UNESCO-listed Castle Hill welcomes all to explore Buda Castle, Trinity Square, Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion.

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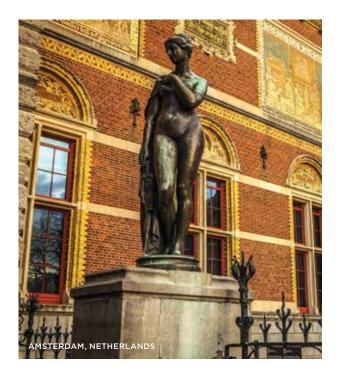
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CRYSTAL'S PRE- AND POST-CRUISE **HOTEL & LAND PROGRAMMES** 



## AMSTERDAM | NETHERLANDS

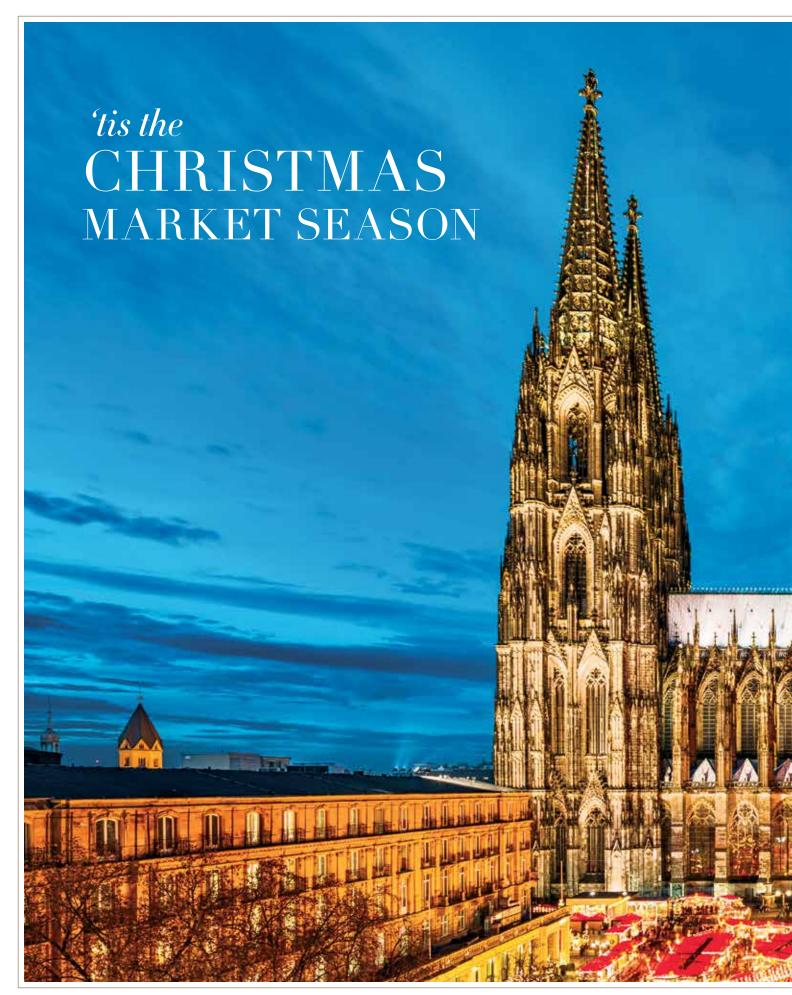
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## BUDAPEST | HUNGARY

## THE RITZ-CARLTON

Set within a 20th-century building in the centre of Budapest, The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest is near the UNESCO World Heritage Buda Castle, showcases views of St. Stephens Basilica and Erzsébet Square, and is a few minutes' walk to the beautiful Danube, making it a gem in the crown of a glimmering city.



AUSTRIA | FRANCE | GERMANY HUNGARY | NETHERLANDS | SLOVAKIA | SWITZERLAND



# timeless **FESTIVE** TRADITIONS

The scent of mulled wine and roasted chestnuts, the sight of snow-dusted rooflines and narrow streets lit up with dazzling lights... set sail on a Christmas markets voyage in the lands where our most cherished Christmas traditions began. This is the season when carolers peal out from brilliantly decorated squares, vendors sell everything from nutcrackers to cuckoo clocks and it seems that every town is duelling to be the most festive. Tradition is alive, joy is in the air, and Crystal carries you into the midst of it all on a magical Christmas market voyage.



#### CHRISTMAS MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

- · Visit the largest chocolate museum in Europe and shop for gifts at over 150 stalls in front of Cologne's renowned cathedral
- · Ring in the holidays at the dazzling light parade in Lelystad
- Listen to choir groups and gospel singers in Strasbourg, home to Europe's oldest Christmas market and the Capitale de Noël
- Learn the legend of Lorelei as you sail through the famous Rhine Gorge, a holiday treat
- · Go ice skating amid the brilliant lights of Vienna's Christmas Market, a joyful event for over a thousand years
- Enjoy the unique floating Weihnachtsmarkt in Vilshofen
- Sip hearty Hungarian Pálinka and make merry at Esztergom's magical Advent Fair

#### COLOGNE

Beneath the Gothic twin spires of the magnificent Cologne Cathedral, more than 150 red-roofed stalls offer traditional holiday crafts, food and drink, and musical merriment under a glowing canopy of lights. Angels' Market in Neumarkt square is also popular, as is the market in the city's Old Town - aka the Home of the Heinzelmännchen (little creatures of Cologne legend).

#### **STRASBOURG**

Miles of fairy lights, 300 wooden stalls, a great Christmas tree, caroling choirs, nativity plays, an ice rink and mulled wine served in boot shaped mugs... Strasbourg's market is the oldest in France. Dating back to 1570 and known as the Capital of Christmas, many claim that this is Europe's best, and purely for its size, elaborate decorations and yuletide cheer, you may well agree.

#### VIENNA

Since 1298, the city of Haydn and Mozart is full of nostalgia, with concerts, nativity displays and traditional Christmas markets in almost every square — each with a flair all its own. The popular "Vienna Magic of Advent" in front of City Hall is a shimmering scene, and choirs from around the world perform in the Rathaus as part of the Internationales Adventsingen festival.





Dating back centuries throughout the German-speaking countries of Europe, the medieval tradition of gathering in town squares to celebrate the season is having a renaissance moment of sorts with Christmas markets increasingly finding their way to the top of many a world traveller's bucket list. The forerunner of this annual holiday event was first recorded in Vienna in 1298, when citizens were granted permission to hold a "December Market" during Advent. It wasn't until 1384 that the first Christkindlmarkt as we now know it was held in Bautzen, Germany followed by Dresden's Striezelmarkt in 1434.

Today, from Budapest to Cologne (indeed, all around the world!), cities and villages along Europe's majestic rivers are aglow with twinkling lights and fairy-tale scenes of snow-dusted rooftops and wooden stalls brimming with handcrafted gifts and ornaments, freshly baked gingerbread, the scent of mulled wine and more. Typically hosted during the four weeks of Advent, many begin the Friday before Advent (four Sundays before Christmas Eve) and end on 24 December, as Christmas Eve is spent at home. It is an enchanting experience sure to linger with a childlike wonder in all who experience it.

#### CHRISTMAS TIME ON THE RHINE

AMSTERDAM TO BASEL CRYSTAL BACH & CRYSTAL DEBUSSY 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



## UP TO 39 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021 SOUTHBOUND

CRYSTAL BACH: 28 Nov, 15 Dec CRYSTAL DEBUSSY: 9 Dec

**2021 NORTHBOUND OPERATES IN REVERSE** CRYSTAL DEBUSSY: 2 Dec, 16 Dec

#### DAY 1-2 | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1 PM ON DAY 2

This city of Dutch Masters Vermeer, Van Gogh and Rembrandt is all the more glorious during the holidays when its iconic canals are transformed by the Amsterdam Light Festival. See the Amsterdam Christmas Tree at Dam Square, and nibble on traditional *hapjes* (snacks) like "Oliebollen" and appelbeignets at famed markets including Rembrandtplein and Museumplein.

## DAY 3 | COLOGNE, GERMANY 2 PM - 11 PM

The entire city is transformed this time of year as hundreds of decorated buden (huts) adorn town squares, the most iconic being the market in front of the Cologne Cathedral. Others of note include the Alter Markt with its Heinzelmännchen (house gnomes said to spread Christmas cheer!) and the Heinzels Winter Fairytale featuring a famous ice rink.

#### DAY 4-5 | KOBLENZ, GERMANY 8 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 7 PM ON DAY 5

During Advent, this Roman city where the Rhine and Moselle converge and three mountain ranges meet, is a breathtaking sight as squares lined with medieval churches celebrate the season with festive market stalls filled with handmade crafts. Be sure to see the awe-inspiring Advent calendar, made from the 24 dormers on the Baroque Town Hall.

## DAY 5 | RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY 2 PM - 10 PM

Rüdesheim's scenic location on the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge is even more enchanting when its Old Quarter is filled with holiday market stalls along the famed Drosselgasse, where the customs and traditions of 12 countries are featured. A Rüdesheim coffee is a must, made with local Asbach Uralt brandy and whipped cream, as is a visit to Market Square to see the life-size figures of Europe's biggest nativity scene.

#### DAY 6 | MANNHEIM, GERMANY 9 AM - 5 PM

With its landmark Wasserturm (Water Tower) surrounded by Art Nouveau gardens and buildings, this iconic spot in Mannheim is considered one of the most beautiful places in the world... and it simply sparkles at Christmas time with a wonderful market. Nearby in Heidelberg, holiday revellers glide hand in hand on one of Germany's loveliest ice rinks set against the backdrop of the city's famed castle.

#### DAY 7 | STRASBOURG, FRANCE 8 AM - 1 PM

Regarded as one of the world's most photogenic towns with its Gothic cathedral and UNESCO status, it's easy to imagine the wonder of Strasbourg during the holidays. The city bills itself as the Capital of Christmas, with streets, houses, churches and more all donning thousands of twinkling lights. Christkindelsmärik is held on the Grande Île near the cathedral, and Place Kléber hosts the Great Christmas Tree.

#### DAY 8 | BASEL, SWITZERLAND DISEMBARK AM

Here in this city of unlimited culture, the Basel Weihnachtsmarkt on Barfüsserplatz is considered to be one of the prettiest in all of Switzerland, and among the very best in all of Europe. A new market next to the cathedral on Münsterplatz, and a smaller market on Claraplatz on the banks of the Rhine, are all within walking distance of each other.

#### RHINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**BASEL TO AMSTERDAM** CRYSTAL BACH 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 39 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021: 5 Dec

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Stroll Basel's Barfüsserplatz to see its Weihnachtsmarkt, considered the prettiest in Switzerland
- Nibble on Nutella®-stuffed Waffeln (Waffle) at Breisach's Christmas Market in front of St. Stephen's Cathedral
- Explore the UNESCO-listed cathedrals of Strasbourg and Cologne, each hosting legendary markets
- Discover Christmas traditions and cultures from eight of Speyer's sister cities
- See the Advent calendar fashioned from the 24 dormers on the Town Hall in Koblenz

## 5-6 DEC | BASEL, SWITZERLAND OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 10 PM ON 6 DEC

With its international flair and reputation for progressive design, there's little wonder why the Basel Weihnachtsmarkt on Barfüsserplatz is considered to be one of the prettiest in all of Switzerland, and among the very best in all of Europe. A new market next to the cathedral on Münsterplatz, and a smaller market on Claraplatz on the banks of the Rhine, are all within walking distance of each other.

## 7 DEC | BREISACH, GERMANY 9 AM - 9 PM

Between the supremely scenic towns of Freiburg and Colmar lies Breisach, gateway to the surrounding Black Forest, home of the cuckoo clock. The prominent Romanesque-Gothic St. Stephens Cathedral stands sentinel over the city's Christmas market, which is notable for its intimate, small-town feel. You won't want to miss sampling a waffeln (waffle) stuffed with Nutella® or marzipan, or simply dusted with cinnamon and sugar.

## 8 DEC | STRASBOURG, FRANCE 10 AM - 10 PM

Regarded as one of the world's most photogenic towns with its Gothic cathedral and UNESCO status, it's easy to imagine the wonder of Strasbourg during the holidays. The city bills itself as the Capital of Christmas, with streets, houses, churches and more all donning thousands of twinkling lights. Christkindelsmärik is held on the Grande Île near the cathedral, and Place Kléber hosts the Great Christmas Tree.





## 9 DEC | SPEYER, GERMANY 9 AM - 11 PM

One of the only markets that continues into the New Year, Speyer's festivities are held in front of the Alten Münze (Old Mint) along the famed Maximilianstrasse in the heart of Old Town with views of the UNESCO-listed Kaiserdom (cathedral). Contributing to the market's uniqueness are stalls hosted by eight of Speyer's sister cities, some as far away as Rwanda.

## 10 DEC | MAINZ, GERMANY 6 AM-1 PM

Concerts, plays and workshops — including an artists' factory creating all kinds of handmade pieces — are central to the Christmas market in Mainz, a city rich in historical sites, classic cuisine and local wines. Many visitors associate Mainz with its cultural treasure, an original Gutenberg Bible housed at the Gutenberg Museum - a timely excursion given the season.

## 10-11 DEC | RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY 3 PM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 8 AM ON 11 DEC

Rüdesheim's scenic location on the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge is even more enchanting when its Old Quarter is filled with holiday market stalls along the famed Drosselgasse, where the customs and traditions of 12 countries are featured. A Rüdesheim coffee is a must, made with local Asbach Uralt brandy and whipped cream, as is a visit to Market Square to see the life-size figures of Europe's biggest nativity scene.

#### 11 DEC | CRUISING THE MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

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## 11 DEC | KOBLENZ, GERMANY 1 PM - 10 PM

During Advent, this Roman city where the Rhine and Moselle converge and three mountain ranges meet, is a breathtaking sight as squares lined with medieval churches celebrate the season with festive market stalls filled with handmade crafts. Be sure to see the awe-inspiring Advent calendar, made from the 24 dormers on the Baroque Town Hall.

#### 12 DEC | COLOGNE, GERMANY 6 AM - 8 PM

Germany's most visited landmark, the Cologne Cathedral, hosts a magnificent market with a tremendous Christmas tree. The entire city is transformed this time of year as hundreds of decorated *Buden* (huts) adorn town squares such as the Alter Markt which comes to life with Heinzelmännchen (house gnomes said to spread Christmas cheer!) and the Heinzels Winter Fairytale with its famed ice rink.

## 13 - 15 DEC | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 2 OVERNIGHTS | DISEMBARK AM ON 15 DEC

This city of Dutch Masters Vermeer, Van Gogh and Rembrandt is all the more glorious during the holidays when its iconic canals are transformed by the Amsterdam Light Festival. See the Amsterdam Christmas Tree in Dam Square, and nibble on traditional hapjes (snacks) like olieballen and appelbeignets at famed markets including Rembrandtplein and Leidseplein.

#### **DELIGHTFUL DANUBE CHRISTMAS**

VILSHOFEN TO BUDAPEST CRYSTAL MAHLER & CRYSTAL RAVEL 8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 45 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

#### 2021 EASTBOUND

CRYSTAL MAHLER: 25 Nov, 9 Dec CRYSTAL RAVEL: 1 Dec, 15 Dec

2021 WESTBOUND\* OPERATES IN REVERSE

CRYSTAL MAHLER: 2 Dec. 16 Dec

CRYSTAL RAVEL: 8 Dec

#### NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

- Visit UNESCO-listed Regensburg to see its markets at Neupfarrplatz and Thurn & Taxis Palace (from Vilshofen)
- Discover Passau's Christkindlmarkt beneath the towering spires of the city's magnificent cathedral
- Explore your choice of more than 20 markets throughout Vienna, notably the "Vienna Magic of Advent"
- Experience the wonder of the Christmas Fair in front of the basilica in Budapest; renowned as one of Europe's finest

#### DAY 1 | VILSHOFEN, GERMANY SAIL AT 11 PM

Arguably one of the most unusual Christmas markets found anywhere in Europe, for three weekends during Advent Vilshofen hosts a "floating" Christmas market right on the River Danube. Numerous stalls sell handcrafted items from Bavaria, Austria, Slovenia and Hungary. Nearby in UNESCO-listed Regensburg, a traditional Christmas market at Neupfarrplatz shimmers amidst the stately mansions, as does the market hosted in the courtyard of Thurn and Taxis Palace.

## DAY 2 | LINZ, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 8 PM

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## DAY 3 | PASSAU, GERMANY 9 AM - 7 PM

At the confluence of the Danube. Inn and Ilz rivers, the Passau skyline is accentuated by numerous church spires, including the towering twin columns of the magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral. Home to Europe's largest pipe organ, it is beneath the Dom (as the cathedral is known) that the city hosts its iconic Christkindlmarkt. Here in the Old Town, surrounded by arched bridges and Italianate manses, more than 70 stalls are filled with the magical treats and artisan wares of the season.

## DAY 4 | MELK, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 1 PM

While the markets here are only open on the weekends, a true gift awaits at the Melk Abbey, a fortified Baroque Benedictine monastery sitting high above town on a rocky outcrop boasting stunning views of the Wachau Valley. Melk itself is a lovely village with cobbled lanes, and its petite size makes for a pleasant stroll to discover its 16<sup>th</sup>century Town Hall, or Rathaus, in the centre of town, and Haus am Stein, or House at the Rock.

## DAY 4 SCENIC CRUISING IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

This storied and intensely scenic 25-mile stretch of river between Melk and Krems is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site in its own right. You'll understand why as you marvel at vineyards dotting the hillsides, castles and ruins in abundance, and engaging small towns lucky enough to exist along these banks.

## DAY 4 | DÜRNSTEIN, AUSTRIA 3 PM - MIDNIGHT

Crowned by lofty Dürnstein Castle, the region's most renowned architectural highlight, this postcard-worthy town is surrounded by verdant forests, rolling hills and thriving vineyards, made all the more enchanting by the twinkling merriment of the season.

## DAY 5-6 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 7 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 4 PM ON DAY 6

The grand avenues and ornate palaces of this regal city, once the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, take on an even more magical glow during Advent. While modern Vienna may thrive as a highwater mark of European culture, its history with Christmas market traditions dates back centuries to 1298. Today there are more than 20 markets for you to explore, from festivities in front of City Hall, to the Christmas Village at Belvedere Palace.

## DAY 7-8 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 9 AM - OVERNIGHT | DISEMBARK AM ON DAY 8

Hungary's sophisticated and culturally diverse capital city is a sea of domes and spires commanding both sides of the Danube. On one bank is hilly Buda; on the other, flatter Pest. And during Advent, Budapest celebrates the season with multiple markets. The city's oldest, and arguably most beautiful, takes place on Vörösmarty Square, while the Basilica's Christmas Fair at St. Stephen's Square is consistently renowned among the very best in Europe. An overnight here rewards with a 3D light show, too.

#### SIGNATURE EVENT:

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## EXTEND YOUR TRAVELS

CRYSTAL'S PRE- AND POST-CRUISE HOTEL & LAND PROGRAMMES

## PRAGUE | CZECH REPUBLIC

#### DISCOVER PRAGUE

#### 4 DAYS | 3 NIGHTS

Known as the "City of a Hundred Spires," Prague rivals Paris in terms of beauty, history and culture. Discover its storied past and present as a 2000 European Capital of Culture on this 3-night pre- or post-cruise Crystal Extended Land Programme.

- Private transfer between Prague (PRG) Airport and the hotel (package dates only)
- 3-night stay at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel including taxes and porterage
- Half-day Prague city tour including a visit to Prague Castle
- Full-day tour to Kutná Hora

- Motor coach transfer between the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Prague and your ship in Vilshofen
- Optional "Design Your Time" custom excursions are available
- Breakfast daily

Available with embark/debark in Vilshofen, Germany

#### DAZZLING DANUBE HOLIDAY

**BUDAPEST TO REGENSBURG** CRYSTAL RAVEL 13 DAYS | 12 NIGHTS



UP TO 47 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021: 22 Dec

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Be awed by a 3D light show on an overnight in Budapest, and visit Vörösmarty Square to see the city's beautiful market
- Spend a rare Christmas Day exploring Bratislava's museums, cathedrals and modern art scene
- Tour Vienna's 1,400-room rococo showplace, Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens
- Explore the Benedictine Abbey in Melk and the architecturally stunning neighborhoods of Linz
- Ring in the New Year in Vilshofen to see an elaborate fireworks display crown the **UNESCO-listed city**

## 22-24 DEC | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 2 OVERNIGHTS | SAIL AT 5 PM ON 24 DEC

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#### 25 DEC | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA 1 PM - 10 PM

Slovakia's buzzing capital is sure to stir your imagination, as well as your spirit for Christmas Day discovery. Ramble a maze of cobblestone lanes awash in colourful historic buildings. Explore museums, cathedrals, palaces, inviting sidewalk cafés and a pulsating modern art scene — and return to ship for an extraordinary celebratory feast.

## 26-27 DEC | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 8 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 10 PM ON 27 DEC

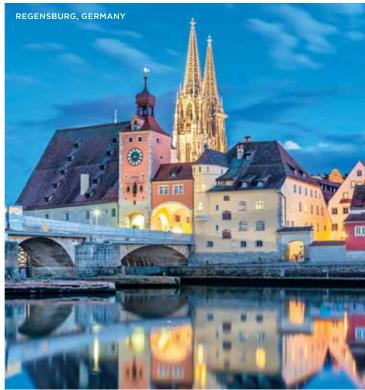
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#### 28 DEC | KREMS, AUSTRIA 8 AM - NOON

Ensconced at one end of the Wachau Valley, storybook-beautiful Krems is a place of engaging contrasts. Here you'll find ancient city walls aligned against sleek chrome and glass, trendy designer shops tucked within 18th-century townhouses, bustling cafés in lower Old Town and one of Austria's oldest churches in upper Old Town.







## 28 DEC CRUISING THE SCENIC DANUBE WACHAU VALLEY

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#### 28 DEC | MELK, AUSTRIA 4 PM - 7 PM

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## 30 DEC | PASSAU, GERMANY 8 AM-1 PM

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## 31-JAN 2 DEC | REGENSBURG, GERMANY 🛞 2 OVERNIGHTS | DISEMBARK AM ON 2 JAN

Situated at the northernmost bend of the Danube and boasting a well-preserved medieval centre, charming Regensburg finds itself not only a UNESCO World Heritage Site but also a traveller's favourite destination - and what better place to enjoy an overnight stay to ring in the New Year. With its elaborate cathedral and quintessential clock tower taking centre stage, enjoy a magnificent fireworks display over this multi-arched bridge and multi-faceted city.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE IN AMSTERDAM

**BASEL TO AMSTERDAM** CRYSTAL BACH 12 DAYS | 11 NIGHTS



#### UP TO 32 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021: 22 Dec

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Savour three nights in artsy Basel, exploring its extraordinary museums and galleries
- Discover Breisach, gateway to the Black Forest and home of the cuckoo clock
- Marvel at Strasbourg's UNESCO-listed Grand Île and Mannheim's Art Nouveau gardens
- Take in the beauty of Rüdesheim on the stunning Rhine Gorge, and sample the region's renowned rieslings
- Enjoy two overnights in Amsterdam, celebrating the New Year beneath a spectacular display of fireworks

## 22-25 DEC | BASEL, SWITZERLAND 3 OVERNIGHTS | SAIL AT 1 AM ON 25 DEC

Even with its international flair and reputation as an iconic centre for progressive art and design, Basel's medieval town centre invites exploration by foot with an abundance of museums and galleries. While antiquity may be Basel's strong suit, native son architects Herzog & de Meuron, renowned designers of London's Tate Modern and Beijing's Bird's Nest — bring a modern flair to the city's design along with other notable architects including Frank Gehry.

## 25-26 DEC | BREISACH, GERMANY OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 1:30 AM ON 26 DEC

Between the supremely scenic towns of Freiburg and Colmar lies Breisach, this is an ideal spot for a Christmas overnight. Gateway to the surrounding Black Forest, home of the cuckoo clock, there is much to discover in this lively city, including the Romanesque church with late-Gothic altar and cobbled streets lined by pastel-hued buildings. Nearby, explore the star-shaped fortress town of Neuf-Brisach, or New Breisach, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## 26 DEC | STRASBOURG, FRANCE 8 AM - 10 PM

The seat of the European Parliament, Strasbourg is one of the world's most photogenic towns. It boasts a breathtaking Gothic cathedral and a remarkable charm that oozes from virtually every cozy corner of Grande Île, or "Large Island," the first city centre to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### 27 DEC | MANNHEIM, GERMANY 8 AM - 12:30 PM

With its landmark Wasserturm (Water Tower) surrounded by Art Nouveau gardens and buildings, this iconic spot in Mannheim is considered one of the most beautiful places in the world... and it simply sparkles during this time of year. In nearby Heidelberg, celebrate the season on one of Germany's loveliest ice rinks set against the backdrop of the city's famed castle.





## 27 DEC | WORMS, GERMANY 2:30 PM - 11 PM

Worms was the capital of the short-lived Burgundian Kingdom in the early 5th-century and the scene of medieval legends — notably the anonymously penned, UNESCO-inscribed Nibelungenlied, an epic 12th-century poem that tells of princesses, kings and the warriorqueen Brünhild. Its history includes rule under the Huns, the Alemans and Frankish leader Charlemagne. It's also where Martin Luther refused to recant his Protestant teachings, and the world's largest Reformation monument stands here.

## 28 DEC | RÜDESHEIM, GERMANY 8 AM - 1 PM

If Rüdesheim's scenic location on the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge doesn't sweep you off your feet, then the town's medieval Old Town with its half-timbered buildings and narrow lanes, especially the Drosselgasse overflowing with charming shops and taverns, surely will. The region's renowned rieslings, produced here for centuries from vineyards dating to Roman times, promise to delight, too.

#### 28 DEC CRUISING THE MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Breathtaking in scope and scenery, the Upper Middle Rhine Valley is also known as the Rhine Gorge, considered to be the river's most thrilling stretch. Dramatic slopes brim with vineyards while some 40 castles provide medieval atmosphere. The myth of Lorelei rock enchants, too, where a siren's song once lured wary seamen.

## 28 DEC | KOBLENZ, GERMANY 6 PM - 11 PM

Located where the Rhine and Moselle rivers and three mountain ranges meet, Koblenz' scenery is unmatched. Ambling along the town's narrow lanes and river promenade, you might encounter medieval churches, flower-filled parks, sidewalk cafés and perhaps a Weinstube, or wine tavern, ideal for sipping riesling and drinking in the atmosphere.

## 29 DEC | DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY 11 AM - 11:30 PM

For a city whose history can be traced to the 7th and 8th centuries, Düsseldorf's edgy art culture and innovative business landscape is all the more impressive. The regional capital city is decidedly posh, pushing the boundaries of high fashion and high-rise design. Its culinary and nightlife scene caters to the international elite who populate the city. Banking and tech industries have brought the city great wealth, making Düsseldorf one of the world's most livable cities.

## 30 DEC | ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS 8:30 AM - 7 PM

People have been fighting over Arnhem for centuries. It's no mystery, given its natural beauty, abundant parks, and lively scene of cafés and creative hubs. Its darkest hour came during World War II, when the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, occupying the whole country within one week. In resistance, Arnhem became the site of the largest airborne military operation in history. Today, this prosperous town is known as a centre of fashion and design.

## 31 DEC | LELYSTAD, NETHERLANDS 8 AM - 1 PM

Founded in 1967, the capital of Flevoland is named for Cornelis Lely who engineered the Afsluitdijk - a major dam and causeway — that allowed this city to rise. Despite its youth, Lelystad is home to the National Centre for Maritime History and the interactive Batavialand, a museum of land reclamation.

## 31 DEC-2 JAN | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 🛞 2 OVERNIGHTS | DISEMBARK AM ON 2 JAN

Everyone has an image of Amsterdam. For some, it's small boats and bridges, and for others, it might be the paintings of Vermeer, Van Gogh and Rembrandt. Each vision is even more beguiling when experienced in person, especially during New Year's Eve when the night sky alights with a fantastic fireworks display crowning the city's iconic canals and cafés.

#### DANUBE HOLIDAY MAGIC

VILSHOFEN TO VIENNA CRYSTAL MAHLER 11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS



UP TO 37 DESTINATION EXPERIENCES OFFERED

2021: 23 Dec

#### **NOTABLE SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

- Ring in the New Year amidst the spectacle of a 3D light show in Budapest, one of the few cities with a Christmas market extending beyond Advent
- Be dazzled by Melk's palatial abbey, all golden towers and masterful frescoes
- Catch the high-strutting stallions in action at Lipizzaner Stables
- Discover Bratislava, Slovakia's vibrant capital where the futuristic and classical meet
- See how Hapsburgs lived in grand style at Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens

## 23 - 24 DEC | VILSHOFEN, GERMANY OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 11 PM ON 24 DEC

A skyline graced by the spire of a historic church and the arch of a more modern bridge reveals the essence of Vilshofen's appeal. Here where three rivers meet - the Vils, Wolfach and Danube — you'll enjoy excursions on pretty paths and hikes in the neighbouring Bavarian forest.

## 25 DEC | PASSAU, GERMANY 2 PM - 10 PM

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## 28 DEC | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA 9 AM - 5 PM

This buzzing capital city is the heartbeat of Slovakia; a historic gem that stirs the imagination. A maze of cobblestone streets winds around 18th-century buildings and a pulsating modern art scene. Explore the museums, cathedrals and palaces, and relax at a shade-covered sidewalk café. Photography buffs will want to snap images of the medieval castle looming high above the city.

## 29-30 DEC | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 8 AM - OVERNIGHT | SAIL AT 2 AM ON 30 DEC

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## 30 DEC | ESZTERGOM, HUNGARY 9 AM - NOON

Once the capital of Hungary, Esztergom still displays a regal appearance, situated beautifully on the Danube and capped by the Esztergom Basilica, the largest church in Hungary. Celebrate a new year in a town fully in touch with its past. Attractions include the grand Basilica, picturesque squares, fine gardens and, of course, the waters and bridges of the Danube.

## 31 DEC-2 JAN | VIENNA, AUSTRIA 9 AM - 2 OVERNIGHTS | DISEMBARK AM ON 2 JAN

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## EXTEND YOUR TRAVELS

#### CRYSTAL'S PRE- AND POST-CRUISE HOTEL & LAND PROGRAMMES







#### MUNICH | GERMANY

#### THE CHARLES HOTEL

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#### ZURICH | SWITZERLAND

#### DISCOVER ZURICH

#### 3 DAYS | 2 NIGHTS

Snowy mountain peaks, Old World splendour and a sophisticated vibe are yours to discover in picturesque Zurich, where lake and river meet, with the Alps as backdrop. You'll find this culturally dynamic city is a treasure to explore. Walk the cobbled lanes of Old Town to marvel at ancient Grossmünster church, with its grand twin towers. Discover fashion, art and local specialities on the city's famed shopping boulevard. Along the serene Limmat, lined by medieval guild houses, stroll and reflect on Zurich, where history and beauty meet you with a warm embrace.

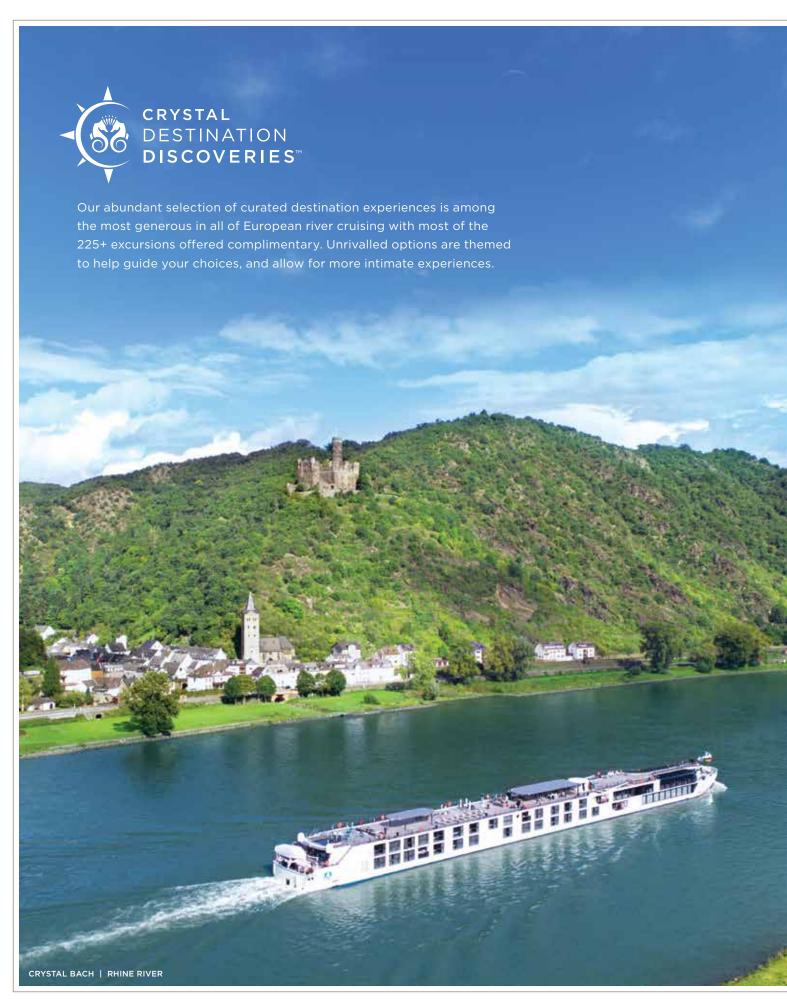
#### VIENNA | AUSTRIA

## HOTEL SACHER WIEN

In the heart of the city, across from the Vienna State Opera and the elegant Kärntner Straße promenade, just minutes from some of Vienna's most treasured sites, this regal, five-star luxury hotel has been family-owned since 1832, offering guests authentic Austrian hospitality and a taste of the historic prestige that fills Vienna.

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#### AMSTERDAM | NETHERLANDS

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4 HOURS

#### BIKE TOUR THROUGH WATERLAND

Bike through the enchanting scenery of Waterland, passing typical Dutch scenery with cows, windmills, flowers and charming villages.

4 HOURS

#### VISIT OF HAARLEM

Explore North Holland's second largest city, a "Little Amsterdam" with its magnificent architecture, grand churches and even grander museums.

4 HOURS

#### AMSTERDAM & JEWISH HERITAGE

Discover the Jewish Historical Museum, experience a walking tour of Amsterdam's Jewish Quarter, and visit the Portuguese Synagogue (subject to availability).

4 HOURS

#### LIVING DUTCH TRADITIONS

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(1) 4 HOURS

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(1) 3.5 HOURS

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① 2 HOURS

#### ANTWERP | BELGIUM

#### ANTWERP WITH BELGIAN WAFFLES

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① 3 HOURS

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(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### **DISCOVER ANTWERP & RUBENS**

Take a guided walk into the character-filled city that Rubens called home, and find many parts little changed from his 17th-century heyday. Tour the Rubens House and admire his masterworks enshrined in an ancient cathedral.

4 HOURS

#### A CITY EXCURSION TO BRUSSELS

An hour's coach ride from Antwerp, Belgium's cosmopolitan capital city awaits. Enjoy a full-day Brussels tour that combines panoramic drives, a guided walk, free time, and visits to the Magritte Museum and famous Atomium site.

① 7 HOURS

#### ANTWERP BIKE TOUR

Enjoy a comprehensive bike tour along the medieval streets of Antwerp and discover the striking architectural and cultural contrasts of this charming city.

3 HOURS

#### VISIT OF 'DE KONINCK' BREWERY

Learn the science of beer making in a 360° experience with a variety of interactive media and audio-visual effects; then try a six-course beer tasting with a true connoisseur.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### ARNHEM | NETHERLANDS

#### VELUWEZOOM NATIONAL PARK BY BIKE

Enjoy a cycling adventure through the oldest nature reserve in the Netherlands. A mostly flat bike path showcases the park's charming scenery.

(1) 4.5 HOURS

#### AIRBORNE MUSEUM - WWII EXPERIENCE

Step back in time to one of the most famous military operations of World War II — Operation Market Garden, where the Battle of Arnhem was initiated. Let the Airborne Museum's extensive collection of artifacts, photographs, documents and films both move and enlighten you.

4 HOURS

## VISIT TO CASTLE MIDDACHTEN

Embark on an excursion to discover the surprising charms of Castle Middachten. The understated elegance of this moated castle's exterior barely hints at the impressive grandeur that lies within.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

## VISIT TO THE KRÖLLER-MÜLLER MUSEUM

Art lovers are in for a treat on this guided journey through the collected works of the renowned Kröller-Müller Museum, home to masterpieces from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

4 HOURS

#### BAMBERG | GERMANY

#### A WALK THROUGH MEDIEVAL BAMBERG

Explore the thousand-year architecture, landmarks and significant sites that have earned Bamberg UNESCO status, as you stroll among some of the most enchanting monuments and landscapes.

① 3 HOURS

#### BAMBERG DISCOVERY BY BIKE

Venture by bike to the world of Bamberg's prince-bishops at the Seehof Summer Palace Gardens, part of the UNESCOrecognised heritage of the city.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

## **BAROQUE MASTERPIECE:** WEISSENSTEIN CASTLE

Savour the splendours of a bygone era as you step into the Baroque opulence of Weissenstein Castle.

(1) 2.5 HOURS

## BASEL | SWITZERLAND

#### **BASEL BY FOOT**

Get properly introduced to this landmark-rich city where Switzerland, Germany and France meet along the Rhine. Your local guide will provide fascinating history and detail, plus you'll have time to sightsee on your own.

① 3.5 HOURS

#### SWISS ALPS HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING

You have been admiring Swiss scenery from a tranquil river. Now thrill to the sights from high above as you step aboard a helicopter for a flight over the mountains, lakes and towns of the Rhine. A landing at a mountain restaurant offers a chance to savour both the views and refreshments.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### TREK & TASTES:

#### COUNTRY LIFE IN THE BLACK FOREST

Venture into the Black Forest of Germany for a glimpse of country life in this fabled region. Joining a guided nature walk and visiting a country inn, you will discover why these woods are called the Black Forest and sample traditional foods.

4 HOURS

## THE ART OF SWISS CHOCOLATE MAKING

Savour the sweet side of Switzerland with a visit to Basel's most preeminent chocolatier, where you will get an insider's look at the creation of chocolate and, of course, enjoy a tasting.

**4** 2.75 HOURS

#### LOVELY LUCERNE & THE LAKE

Savour the beauty of a Swiss storybook town that has it all - majestic lake, snow-capped peaks, medieval character and more. Your day includes a guided walk, optional lake cruise and ample free time for self-guided wandering.

① 7 HOURS



## BERNKASTEL | GERMANY

#### LANDSHUT CASTLE HIKING ADVENTURE

Experience nature at its best on this energetic hike through verdant vineyards and forests to the ruins of Landshut Castle, a hilltop fortress that has stood watch over Bernkastel for centuries.

① 3 HOURS

#### BERNKASTEL WALK & WINE TASTING

Become acquainted with the picture-postcard town of Bernkastel during a guided walk, followed by a visit to a local winery to sample Moselle Valley wines.

① 3 HOURS

#### BIKE TOUR OF THE MOSELLE VALLEY

Embark on an exciting introduction to the glorious Moselle Valley with an enchanting journey by bike taking you through the stunning scenery surrounding Bernkastel.

① 3 HOURS

#### CHARMING FAMILY-OWNED WINERY & TASTING

Learn about local wine production by a member of the family-owned Schloss Lieser winery and enjoy a tasting of several of their fine wines.

① 3 HOURS

#### BONN | GERMANY

#### A WALK THROUGH BEETHOVEN'S BONN

The birthplace of one of history's greatest composers, Bonn bears tribute to Beethoven throughout its lovely avenues, as well as many other charms.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### ROMANTIC DRACHENBURG CASTLE

Step into a fairy tale at Drachenburg Castle, a fanciful mansion built in the late 19th-century and set on a hill overlooking the beautiful Rhine River and enchanting forests.

**(1)** 3.5 HOURS

#### AHR VALLEY & WINE TASTING

Visit an authentic winery and gain an appreciation of one of Germany's charming wine-growing regions. The Ahr Valley is renowned for its red wines, which will be featured in a tasting at the winery.

4 HOURS

#### FULL DAY ADVENTURE TO COLOGNE

A grand and glorious city unfolds during an engaging stroll featuring Cologne's most renowned sights, not the least of which is the magnificent cathedral, one of Europe's most celebrated architectural wonders.

① 5 HOURS







#### BRATISLAVA I SLOVAKIA

## BRATISI AVA'S UI TIMATE SURVIVOR: CHATAM SOFER MEMORIAL

Explore the remaining sacred portion of Chatam Sofer Memorial, where hundreds of revered rabbis and teachers are buried from the golden age of Bratislava's Jewish Heritage.

**4.5 HOURS** 

#### PANORAMIC BRATISLAVA & BEER PUB

Experience the magnificent architecture of Bratislava on a panoramic drive through the city. Then stroll through the Old Town with its charming squares, courtyards and narrow lanes, and cap it all off with a cold refreshing beer tasting at a typical Slovakian pub.

① 3 HOURS

#### FLAVOURS OF BRATISLAVA: A WALKING TOUR

Tour the Old Town, enjoy an exclusive wine tasting and visit a traditional bakery to sample typical Slovakian pastries.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### BREISACH I GERMANY

#### BREISACH CITY WALK

Take a trip down a beautiful town's memory lane as you accompany a guide for a walk through the cobbled streets of Breisach, complete with a visit to St. Stephan's Cathedral and Geldermann's sparkling wine cellar.

**4** 2.5 HOURS

#### RIQUEWIHR VILLAGE WALK & WINE TASTING

Officially one of the "Most Beautiful Villages in France," Riquewihr is the perfect place for a guided walk and a taste of regional wines.

**4.5 HOURS** 

#### BUDAPEST | HUNGARY

#### PANORAMIC BUDAPEST

Discover one of the most fascinating European metropolises by motor coach and by foot on an excursion that incorporates both sections of Hungary's vibrant capital, Buda and Pest.

4 HOURS

## DOHÁNY SYNAGOGUE & THE SHOES ON THE DANUBE BANK

Experience the rich Jewish history of Budapest with a visit to the magnificent Dohány Street Synagogue, the largest functioning synagogue in Europe. Also enjoy a guided walk through the old Jewish District, where you will see significant structures and institutions relating to Jewish culture.

4 HOURS

#### PARLIAMENT BUILDING & THE GREAT MARKET HALL

The sights, sounds and flavours of Budapest come alive with exterior and interior visits to the Hungarian Parliament Building, one of the world's most stunning structures, and an exploration of the Great Market Hall, the largest and oldest indoor market in Budapest.

**4** 3.5 HOURS

#### WINE TASTING AT DOMUS VINORUM

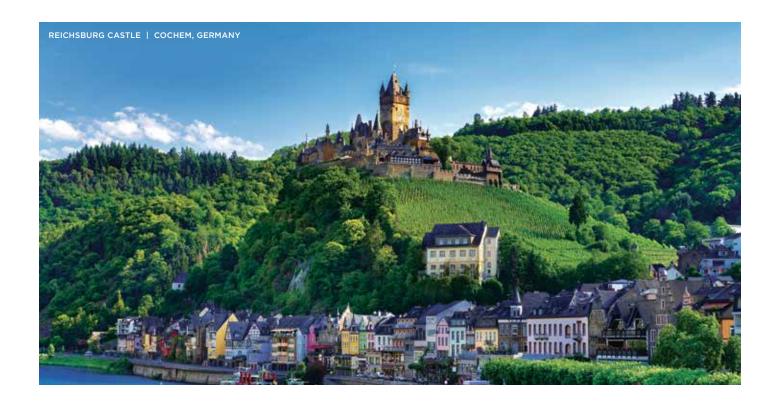
Enjoy a delicious wine tasting at the atmospheric Domus Vinorum wine cellar and café situated in the heart of Budapest.

**4** 2.5 HOURS

#### HORSE SHOW AT LÁZÁR EQUESTRIAN PARK

See an exquisite display of horsemanship, demonstrated by equestrian and human champions alike, with a visit to a farm and stable located in the hills outside Budapest. Your experience also takes you aboard a carriage for a charming ride in the woods and on a walk to meet some of Hungary's unique, endemic animals.

4 HOURS



#### COCHEM | GERMANY

#### MEDIEVAL TIMES AT REICHSBURG CASTLE

A very special outing unfolds as you join this visit to medieval Reichsburg Castle sitting high above the town.

① 3 HOURS

#### **BIKE TO BEILSTEIN**

For an invigorating and inspiring look at the scenic shores of the Moselle River, look no further than this roundtrip bike ride to the charming village of Beilstein, with a stop at the gardens of a charming monastery en route.

① 3 HOURS

## OWNER-HOSTED TASTING AT SCHLAGKAMP WINERY

Be personally hosted by the owner of Schlagkamp Winery, located about thirty minutes from Cochem, and delight in a tasting of fine wines during an engaging visit.

**2.5 HOURS** 

#### COLOGNE | GERMANY

#### A TRUE TASTE OF KÖLSCH

Visit two local breweries and get a real taste of Kölsch, which is both a beer and a way of life, during a guided walk of Cologne's Old Town.

(1) 2.5 HOURS

## CHOCOLATE MUSEUM: A SWEET TREAT IN COLOGNE

Dip into chocolate's rich history on a tour of Cologne's iconic Chocolate Museum, where you'll witness the production process and sample delicious Lindt confections.

**2.5 HOURS** 

#### COLOGNE WALK & CATHEDRAL VISIT

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**2.5 HOURS** 

## COLOGNE'S JEWISH HISTORY & THE RISE OF NATIONALISM

On a guided walk through Cologne, visit an award-winning museum and memorial site that was once the headquarters of the Nazi secret police.

**2.5 HOURS** 

# DÜRNSTEIN I AUSTRIA

#### DÜRNSTEIN WALKING TOUR AND MONASTERY

Become acquainted with the enchanting town of Dürnstein during a guided walk and visit to its stately landmark, Dürnstein Abbey.

① 2 HOURS

#### SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG WINERY & TASTING

Journey into the history of one of Austria's oldest wine estates, Schloss Gobelsburg, where you will enjoy a guided tour through the cellars and an exclusive tasting of Austrian wines. **(1)** 3.5 HOURS

# FLIGHTSEEING WACHAU VALLEY BY HELICOPTER TOUR

Discover some of Austria's most striking scenery from an entirely different perspective as you board a helicopter for a flight over the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 1.5 HOURS

#### WACHAU VALLEY BY BIKE

Embark on an active introduction to the beautiful Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with this bike ride from Dürnstein to your ship's next stop in Melk.

**4** 3.5 HOURS

#### HIKE TO DÜRNSTEIN CASTLE RUINS

A combination history lesson and exercise jaunt, this trek up to the ruins of Dürnstein Castle affords a chance to stretch your legs and gaze at views stretching out over the Wachau Valley. (1) 2.5 HOURS

# DÜSSELDORF I GERMANY

#### DÜSSELDORF CULINARY STROLL

Discover the many charms of Düsseldorf's historic Old Town on a pleasant walk highlighted by stops along the way to savour several local delicacies. (1) 2.5 HOURS

# MULTIFACETED DÜSSELDORF BY BIKE

Immerse yourself in Düsseldorf's architectural wonders, cultural landmarks and natural beauty on this enriching bike adventure along the Rhine River.

**(1)** 3.5 HOURS

#### HISTORICAL DÜSSELDORF: A WALKING TOUR

Journey back in time as you discover Düsseldorf's unique history on a walk through the city's historical centre, culminating in a visit to a World War II memorial site.

**2.5 HOURS** 

## DÜSSELDORF'S ART SCENE

Calling all art lovers: Discover artistic treasures on a guided walk through Düsseldorf's historic centre including a variety of local galleries.

(1) 3.5 HOURS





#### GHENT | BELGIUM

# ST. BAVO'S CATHEDRAL AND THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Begin with a guided walk through old Ghent, then visit St. Bavo's Cathedral to see the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb altarpiece — a 600-year-old, multi-panel masterwork still undergoing restoration at the town's Museum of Fine Arts. You'll tour that venue, too, and learn about how the process works.

**4.5 HOURS** 

# MEDIEVAL GHENT: WALKING TOUR WITH GRAVENSTEEN CASTLE VISIT

Take a guided walk into the Middle Ages along the cobbled streets of what was once one of Europe's most powerful cities. See canals and guildhalls, tour a 1,000-year-old crusader fortress known as the Castle of the Counts, and enjoy soaking up Ghent's incomparable atmosphere.

4 HOURS

#### A GLIDE THROUGH GHENT VIA CANAL BOAT

Many travellers say you haven't truly experienced Ghent until you ply its winding canal waters by boat — and see its trademark sites from that unique vantage point. On this tour, you'll find out how right they are. And toast your discovery with Belgian beers.

① 3.5 HOURS

# **GHENT WALKING TOUR &** CHOCOLATE DEMONSTRATION

Explore the lovely cobbled streets of Ghent, and discover a medieval treasure that was once one of Europe's most powerful cities. During a guided walk, you will stop at a confectioner's shop where you can savour a sweet treat and watch a chocolatier transform bars of chocolate into delectable indulgences.

4 HOURS

### **BEST OF BRUGES:**

## A GUIDED WALK & CANAL BOAT RIDE

Surrender to the powerful charms of a fairy-tale city where tree-lined canals, cobbled market squares, and a centuries-old skyline all carry you back to medieval times in the blink of an eye. Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage wonderland you won't soon forget.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### HOORN | NETHERLANDS

#### BIKING THROUGH THE DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE

One of the most rewarding ways to explore the landscapes of the Netherlands is by bicycle, which will take you through some of the most picturesque scenes and charming towns in the region.

① 3 HOURS

#### FROM BULBS TO BLOOMS: TULIP FARM VISIT

Tour the greenhouses and learn about the growing process for Holland's spectacular tulip fields, and wander the colourful fields that paint the hillsides with blossoms.

**2.45 HOURS** 

# PERSONAL IN HOORN: FAMILY VISIT & WALKING TOUR

Experience the welcoming hospitality of Hoorn firsthand, as a local family invites you to share in the daily life and history of the town during your fascinating walking tour.

**4** 2.5 HOURS

## KINDERDIJK | NETHERLANDS

#### THE DUTCH WINDMILLS OF KINDERDIJK

Depart from your river ship to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinderdijk, home to 19 beautifully preserved windmills. Built in the 18th-century, the windmills of Kinderdijk were part of a larger water management system designed to prevent floods, which included dykes, reservoirs, pumping stations and more. Mill networks, such as the one at Kinderdijk, played a critical role in the development and survival of the Netherlands. Today they stand as enduring symbols of human ingenuity.

1.5 HOURS





## KOBLENZ | GERMANY

#### KOBLENZ CITY WALK & JEWISH QUARTER

Discover the rich, centuries-old Jewish history and culture of the Old Town section of Koblenz.

① 3 HOURS

# KOBLENZ CITY WALK WITH THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

Acquaint yourself with the ancient city of Koblenz, where mountains and rivers converge. Experience its history and charm on a pleasant walk guided by the night watchman.

(1) 1.5 HOURS

#### BIKE & GOLF ADVENTURE ALONG THE MOSELLE

Discover charming vistas along the Moselle River with this cycling adventure.

① 3.75 HOURS

# EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS BY CABLE CAR

Glide by cable car over the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers to explore the magnificent Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, where you'll discover its centuries-old history as you appreciate stunning views overlooking the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

① 2.25 HOURS

# MEDIEVAL ELTZ CASTLE

Travel back in time to the fairy-tale-like Eltz Castle in Wierschem and discover centuries of fascinating history set within an enchanting forest landscape.

(1) 4.5 HOURS

#### KREMS | AUSTRIA

# KREMS OLD TOWN & CONFECTION DEMONSTRATION

Explore Krems, one of the oldest and loveliest cities in the Wachau Valley. During a guided walk, you will stop at a chocolate confectioner's shop to meet the owner, watch a demonstration and enjoy a sweet treat.

① 2.75 HOURS

## APRICOT ORCHARD HIKE & TASTINGS

Join this excursion to a family-owned farm to learn about the other renowned product of this wine-making region, apricots. Enjoy a trek through the orchard, watch an informative film and of course, taste delectable apricot products.

① 2.75 HOURS (SEASONAL)

# WACHAU VALLEY BY BIKE (KREMS TO MELK)

Embark on an active introduction to the beautiful Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with this bike ride from Krems to your next port.

**4.5 HOURS** 

# HERZOGENBURG MONASTERY & WINE TASTING

Discover Herzogenburg Monastery, a splendid Baroque landmark set within a charming wine-growing region of Lower Austria. Complete your visit with a tasting of the monastery's local wines.

4 HOURS

# LELYSTAD | NETHERLANDS

#### VISIT GIETHOORN & CANAL BOAT RIDE

Enjoy a scenic drive through Holland's lush eastern countryside to Giethoornn; known for its whimsical vistas, stunning naturescapes and cute cottages. Take a boat trip around the sparkling waterways of Giethoorn to admire beautifully restored thatched houses along the canals.

#### 4 HOURS

# **ENKHUIZEN CITY WALK & HOLLAND** OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Walking through Enkhuizen's city centre is like travelling into the 17th-century. Locals have cherished their heritage, offering visitors a truly authentic peek into the past. At Zuiderzeemuseum (Holland Open Air Museum) one travels to the fishing history, crafts and culture between 1850 and 1932, when the dyke closed, and the sea became a lake. These stories are visualised in the Outdoor Museum with its historic buildings, and in the Indoor Museum through thematic exhibitions.

#### 4.5 HOURS

# PRIVATE CANAL BOAT TOUR & VISIT TO RIJKSMUSEUM

Spend a few hours browsing through the masterworks of the world-renowned Rijksmuseum; then enjoy a boat ride through the colourful canals — the quintessential Amsterdam experience.

#### (1) 6.5 HOURS





## LINZ | AUSTRIA

#### LINZ CITY WALK & TRAMWAY RIDE

Explore on foot Linz's main square, the Hauptplatz, one of Europe's largest medieval squares. Enjoy a scenic ride by tram to the top of Pöstlingberg hill, with its commanding view of the city below.

#### ① 3 HOURS

# EXPLORING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the Czech city of Český Krumlov, an enchanting medieval town located on the Vltava River in the heart of Bohemia, where you'll delight at its maze of pastel-coloured buildings and cobblestone streets. Visit the Old Town and its main square and witness the beauty and history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### (1) 8.5 HOURS

# MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

Tour the grounds of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, which operated for the entirety of the WWII, became one of the largest labour camp complexes in the Nazi-controlled part of Europe, and was the last camp to be liberated by the Allies.

#### 4 HOURS

#### HISTORIC SALZBURG

Marvel at the beauty of Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming backdrop for "The Sound of Music," with this full-day excursion to the renowned Austrian city. Sample its famous chocolate-covered confection, the Mozartkugel, on a walking tour.

#### ① 9 HOURS

# MAINZ | GERMANY

#### MAINZ CITY WALK & GUTENBERG MUSEUM

Acquaint yourself with the winding streets and charming architecture of this historic city on a walking tour. Visit the Gutenberg Museum, devoted to the inventor of the printing press.

① 3 HOURS

# MAINZ CITY WAI K: ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH & CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Acquaint yourself with the ancient city of Mainz. Visit its famous St. Stephen's Church, then explore the city's history and charm on a pleasant walk through town.

(1) 2.5 HOURS



# MANNHEIM | GERMANY

# HEIDELBERG CASTLE & CITY WALKING TOUR

Explore the beautiful city of Heidelberg. Visit its iconic hilltop castle, then explore the city's history and architecture on a pleasant stroll through town.

**4.5 HOURS** 

#### MANNHEIM BAROQUE PALACE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an enriching visit to the Mannheim Baroque Palace, one of Europe's largest historic residences.

① 2 HOURS

## PALACE GARDENS OF SCHWETZINGEN

Stroll the magnificent gardens of Schwetzingen Palace, considered a miniature version of the Palace of Versailles, and marvel at the beauty and harmony of its botanical treasures.

① 3.25 HOURS

# MELK | AUSTRIA

# ARTSTETTEN CASTLE & VISIT WITH HOHENBERG FAMILY MEMBER

Visit charming Artstetten Castle, a site commemorating Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg. Meet with a member of the Hohenberg family. **4** 3.5 HOURS

#### MELK ABBEY: A BAROQUE MASTERPIECE

Enjoy a visit to Melk Abbey, a Benedictine cloister overlooking the Danube, and one of the most exquisite examples of Baroque architecture in Europe. A guided walking tour of Melk's Old Town reveals its charm and history.

① 3 HOURS



#### MIDDELBURG | NETHERLANDS

## MIDDELBURG TAPESTRY:

### AN ARTISTIC & ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

Enjoy the colourful and creative sides of Middelburg as you explore the city centre and its grand structures and art museum on foot.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

#### FRUITS DE MER:

#### A CULINARY EXPERIENCE IN YERSEKE

The seaside town of Yerseke is the epicentre of Netherlands' oyster and mussel farming, where your mouthwatering visit offers a glimpse into the fishing trade of the area, and a taste of its specialities.

4 HOURS

#### EXPLORE THE DUTCH DELTA WORKS OF ZEELAND

Holland's lowlands are mostly situated beneath sea level. Discover the inner workings of the engineering masterpiece that protects the surrounding communities and prevents flooding.

4 HOURS

# BIKING THE BUNKER ROUTE AMONG THE WINDMILLS

Take in the expansive coastline of Zeeland on your bike, as you navigate a route among the iconic windmills of Holland and rolling sand dunes.

① 2.5 HOURS

# **DELICIOUS DUTCH TRADITIONS:** CHEESE FARM & GRAIN WINDMILL

Taste the flavour of one of Holland's richest traditions, cheese making, at a working farm in the countryside, and visit one of the iconic windmills that tower above the flower fields.

① 3 HOURS

# MILTENBERG | GERMANY

#### HIKING MILTENBERG'S FOREST

Delve into the lush forest surrounding Miltenberg; follow the footsteps of Romans and greet the resident woodland creatures as you get acquainted with the natural beauty of the medieval town.

① 2 HOURS

# **GUIDED BIKING TOUR ALONG** THE BEAUTIFUL MAIN

Take in the spectacular landscapes and charming community along the shores of the Main River, as you enjoy the breeze in your face and expert insights and hospitality of your local guide.

**4** 2.5 HOURS

# WALKING TOUR & ST. KILLIAN'S **VAULTED CELLAR**

Get a taste for the local culture with a guided tour through Miltenberg's historic city centre, then taste for yourself the delectable liqueurs and noble brandies of the area.

(1) 2.5 HOURS

#### WINE TASTING WITH A LOCAL VINTNER

Savour the distinct flavours of the region, while enjoying the warm hospitality at the home of a local vintner.

① 3 HOURS

# NURFMBFRG | GERMANY

# BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF HITLER'S MASS PROPAGANDA

Explore the pivotal sites of 20th century European wartime history, and bear witness for yourself behind the scenes of the Documentation Centre, Congress Hall and Rally Grounds of Hitler's Germany.

**4.25 HOURS** 

## MEDIEVAL NUREMBERG

Starting from Nuremberg's famous hilltop castle, enjoy a pleasant stroll down to the Old Town's main market square. Along the way, enjoy sampling local culinary delights as you discover the important cultural and historical sights of this charming medieval city.

(1) 3.5 HOURS

# PASSAU | GERMANY

#### PASSAU WALKING TOUR & ORGAN RECITAL

During this walking tour of Old Town Passau, where the rivers Danube, Inn and IIz meet, you'll discover the music and beauty that emanate from its churches and ancient romantic lanes.

#### (1) 2.5 HOURS

#### **ROMAN TIMES & ROMAN DISHES**

Gain insightful perspective on what daily life in Passau was like around 2,000 years ago, when the city was part of the Roman Empire.

① 2 HOURS

#### HISTORIC SALZBURG

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① 9 HOURS

#### ILZ RIVER NATURE WALK

Walk along the banks of the IIz River in a thriving nature reserve. A nature expert will accompany you to teach you about the wildlife in the region.

① 3 HOURS

#### HACKLBERG BREWERY

Get a taste of the rich heritage of Bavarian beer with a visit to one of the oldest and most famous breweries in the region. ① 2.5 HOURS

#### **BAVARIAN SNOWSHOE HIKE**

Explore the untouched nature of the Bavarian Forest on snowshoes with the expertise of a local park ranger with this half-day hiking adventure.

4 HOURS



# REGENSBURG | GERMANY

# WELTENBURG ABBEY & DANUBE BREAKTHROUGH

Marvel at the magnificent rock formations at the narrowest part of the Danube River, then explore Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria, dating back to AD 620. ① 5 HOURS

# THE SAINTS & HISTORY OF THURN & TAXIS PALAIS

Explore the palace that once housed Bavarian saints and aristocracy on this fascinating walking tour through the centuries.

① 3 HOURS

#### CITY WALKING TOUR & TASTING

Explore 2,000 years of history, architecture and cuisine during this comprehensive tour of UNESCO-listed Regensburg.

① 3 HOURS

#### FULL-DAY ADVENTURE TO MUNICH

Immerse yourself in the historical and cultural treasures of Munich on this guided walking tour. Then enjoy free time to explore its many shops, cafés and museums on your own.

**9** HOURS



# ROTTERDAM | NETHERLANDS

#### THE HAGUE AND MAURITSHUIS MUSEUM

The Hague, the third-largest city in the Netherlands, is the country's seat of government and home to its royal family. Among its many must-see attractions is the Mauritshuis museum, where you can marvel at masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age of art.

① 5 HOURS

# ROTTERDAM CITY TOUR: ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS

Discover this vibrant city that claims some of the world's most innovative architectural achievements. Gaze upon such fascinating structures as the cubic houses of Piet Blom and the futuristic Markthal, the first covered market in the Netherlands.

4 HOURS

#### **DELFT & ITS FAMOUS PORCELAIN FACTORY**

Discover the picturesque village of Delft and make your way to the Royal Delft factory, famous for its blue and white pottery.

4 HOURS

#### THE DUTCH WINDMILLS OF KINDERDIJK

Visit this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site and discover how, over centuries, the Dutch people have fought to protect their lowlands from the forces of nature by employing various technologies, including windmills.

4 HOURS

#### ROTTERDAM BIKE ADVENTURE

Go on an exciting cycling adventure to discover Rotterdam's architectural gems.

(1) 2.5 HOURS

#### GOUDA CITY WALK & CHEESE TASTING

Renowned throughout the world for its eponymous cheese, the town of Gouda dates back to the Middle Ages, when the Van der Goude family built a fortified castle along the banks of the Gouwe River. Step back in time as you stroll the cobbled streets of Gouda and discover its history. Visit Hoogerwaard Cheese Farm, a 17th-century farm, where you'll have a chance to sample the city's famous delicacy.

4 HOURS



# RÜDESHEIM | GERMANY

# MECHANICAL MUSIC MUSEUM & MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE

Enjoy an amusing ride on a miniature train as you savour the scenic landscapes of Rüdesheim. Learn about the fascinating history of mechanical musical instruments at a museum devoted to their preservation.

① 2.5 HOURS

# WINE TASTING & CHORAL CHANT AT EBERBACH MONASTERY

Enjoy a special wine-tasting tour to the historic Eberbach Monastery, where you'll be treated to a choral chant in its basilica specially presented for Crystal.

① 3.75 HOURS

# RÜDESHEIM BY FOOT & BY CABLE CAR

Enjoy a scenic ride by cable car to visit Rüdesheim's iconic Niederwald Monument, where you'll appreciate stunning views overlooking the Rhine Valley.

① 2.5 HOURS

# SPEYER | GERMANY

# SPEYER CITY WALK

Discover the imperial city of Speyer and its 2,000 years of history on a pleasant walk through town.

① 3 HOURS

# JEWISH SPEYER: PAST & PRESENT

Learn about Speyer's rich Jewish history and culture as you visit significant monuments and institutions on a walking tour.

**4** 2.5 HOURS

### HEIDELBERG CASTLE & CITY WALKING TOUR

Acquaint yourself with the beautiful city of Heidelberg. Visit its iconic hilltop castle, then explore the city's history and charm on a pleasant walk through town.

① 5.5 HOURS

# STRASBOURG | FRANCE

# ALSACE WINE ROUTE EXPLORATION IN A VINTAGE CAR

See charming villages, savour foie gras, and taste a variety of local wines during a delightful day in Alsace in a vintage car. 4 HOURS

# STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL: PRIVATE VISIT WITH EXCLUSIVE ORGAN RECITAL

Enjoy a private visit — exclusive to Crystal — to the famous Cathédrale Notre-Dame of Strasbourg where you'll be treated to an exclusive organ recital and a visit to the crypt, which is typically not open to the public.

① 2.5 HOURS

#### STRASBOURG FOIE GRAS & WINE TASTING

Head into Strasbourg for a chance to savour two of France's most appreciated gastronomic delights: foie gras and wine. Sample the first at the restaurant La Table d'Edouard, and taste the second at the historic cellar of Hospices de Strasbourg. **4** 2.75 HOURS

# STRASBOURG CITY WALK & CANAL BOAT CRUISE

Enjoy an enriching visit to Strasbourg, France. Your guide will take you on a walk through the city to see its famous sights, and your day is topped off with a memorable cruise along the canals of this picturesque city known as the "Venice of the North."

**4.25 HOURS** 

# TRIER | GERMANY

#### THE SECRETS OF PORTA NIGRA

Travel to the time when Romans ruled this German land, guided by a Centurion through the Porta Nigra, the gateway to Trier history.

① 3 HOURS

# HIKING THE MULLERTHAL TRAIL IN LITTLE SWITZERLAND

Step into a fairy-tale forest for an invigorating hike through the lush landscapes of Luxembourg's Mullerthal trail.

**4.5 HOURS** 

#### FULL-DAY LUXEMBOURG DISCOVERY

Discover the immense culture and history packed within this tiny country with an enlightening tour of the landmarks along the river banks and in the city, as well as the stunning landscapes beyond its borders and ample time to explore at your leisure.

6 HOURS

# THE DESIGN HISTORY OF VILLEROY & BOCH

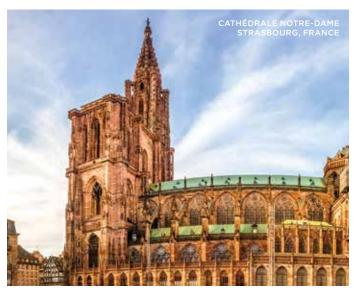
Visit the design house of renowned ceramics maker Villeroy & Boch, located in a historical abbey in Mettlach along the River Saar

① 5 HOURS

#### MOSELLE VALLEY, WINERY & WINE TASTING

Savour delectable scenery on a drive through the Moselle Valley, one of Germany's most spectacular wine-growing regions. Learn about viticulture at a generations-old winery and enjoy a wine tasting.

4 HOURS









# WÜRZBURG | GERMANY

# A WALK THROUGH WÜRZBURG WITH ROYAL RESIDENCE TOUR

Explore this clerical capital where Franconian prince-bishops and their Baroque churches have held sway for centuries. And tour the UNESCO-listed Royal Residence, renowned for its jaw-dropping splendour and huge Tiepolo frescoes. ① 3 HOURS

# HIT THE ROMANTIC ROAD: TO ROTHENBURG & BACK

Settle in for a panoramic road trip along Bavaria's fabled fairy-tale route, travelling by luxury coach to take an in-depth walk through medieval Rothenburg.

(1) 5.5 HOURS

# CYCLE TO VEITSHÖCHHEIM CASTLE & ITS ROCOCO GARDEN

Hop on a comfy bike for a guided pedal to the summer palace of the Würzburg prince-bishops. Tour its Rococo Garden brimming with lakes, waterworks, and carved creations by Germany's garden-sculpture rock star of the 1700s.

**4** 3.5 HOURS

# VIENNA | AUSTRIA

#### IMPERIAL SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

Explore Schönbrunn Palace, the UNESCO-recognized Baroque wonder with expansive gardens that are as masterfully designed as the palace itself.

(1) 4 HOURS

#### VIENNA'S HIGHLIGHTS

Get to know Vienna, Austria's grand capital city, during an in-depth quest through its treasured monuments, architecture and daily culture.

4 HOURS

#### MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS & ART CHAMBER

Just for you, a visit to Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts for a chance to peruse some of Austria's finest art collections in the company of seasoned art experts.

4 HOURS

#### DANUBE ISLAND BIKE DISCOVERY

Embark on a cycling adventure through many of Vienna's most beautiful sites to Old Danube Island, a 19-mile recreational paradise lined with biking paths that surround lakes and waterways.

( 3 HOURS (SEASONAL)

#### KLOSTERNEUBURG ABBEY

Take a guided tour and indulge in a delicious wine tasting at magnificent Klosterneuburg Abbey, Austria's oldest and largest wine estate.

(1) 3 HOURS

# **SIGNATURE** EVENTS

A special highlight on select Crystal sailings is a complimentary live musical experience that captures the true essence and cultural character of the region you've chosen to explore. These intimately orchestrated "Signature Events" combine privileged access to a landmark venue — such as Vienna's famed Belvedere Palace — with an enthralling command performance by musicians renowned for their unique repertoire and world-class skills.









# CAUDALİE

Originating in Bordeaux, Caudalie uses grape seed extracts to create its proprietary formulas. The brand also features eco-friendly products and packaging.

# PAMPERED PURSUITS rejuvenate & renew

Customise your Crystal River Experience with these optional spa treatments - both therapeutic and indulgent - and elevate your sense of well-being.

# CRYSTAL LIFE SPA

The dedicated spa found aboard each ship features ELEMIS® products, and a dedicated massage therapist highly trained to allow you to indulge in a world of relaxation. Spa treatments and products combine in-depth knowledge of botanical ingredients with cutting-edge science to deliver health, beauty and anti-aging therapies. Comprehensive services range from warm-stone massage and tailor-made facials to detox and relaxation therapies.

Commanding its own space the Crystal Life Spa on Deck 1 features a relaxing treatment room offering a range of rejuvenating therapies including body wraps, reflexology, and soothing massages from our own specialised Crystal Spa staff. The Crystal Life Spa is open daily and appointments are made while on board.





#### **FACIALS**

#### ELEMIS PRO-COLLAGEN AGE DEFY

This anti-aging facial combines the benefits of exotic ingredients to plump out fine lines and reduce skin fatigue — helping relax wrinkles, while an age-defying peel-off mask encourages the highest cellular function, visibly improving firmness and elasticity for beautifully nourished, younger looking skin.

ELEMIS SUPERFOOD PRO-RADIANCE Energise and detoxify stressed, dull skin with a nutritional superfood boost. Leaves skin, plumper, radiant and lit up with good health.

#### **MASSAGES**

#### BAMBOO MASSAGE

Imagine warm bamboo shoots of various sizes soaked in essential oil rolling, sliding and massaging your muscles into pure bliss. This gorgeously indulgent massage should not be missed.

# DEEP TISSUE MUSCLE MASSAGE

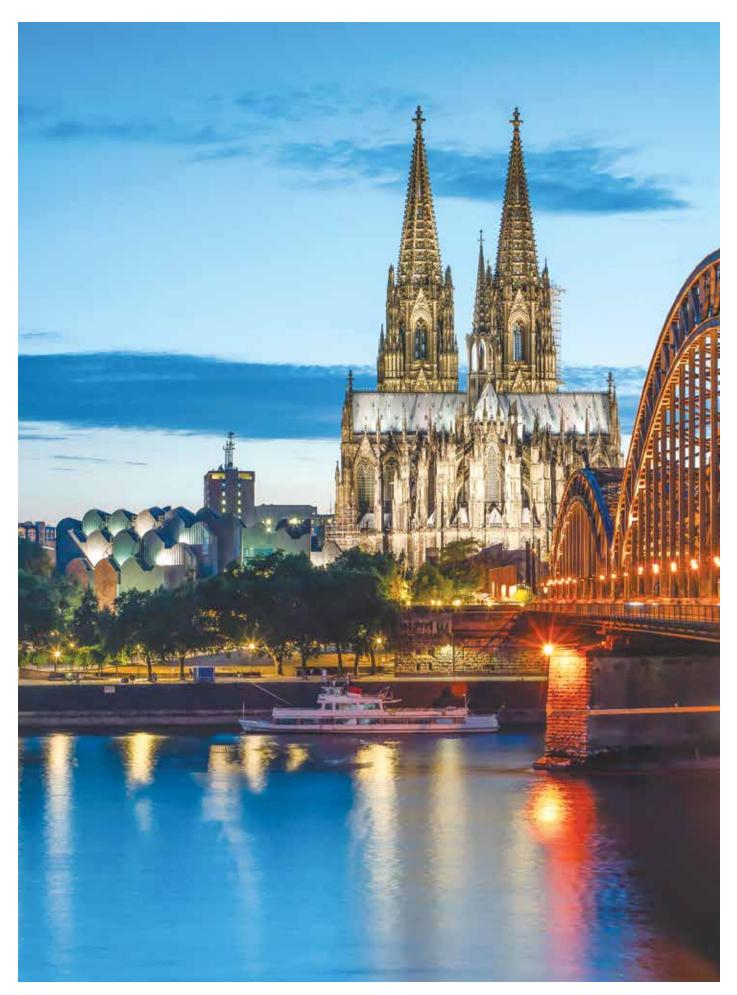
Using muscle-melting warmed oils and deep pressure massage movements, we massage deep into the belly of the muscle, erasing stress, tension and lactic acid buildup.

#### AROMA STONE MASSAGE

Heated basalt stones are applied to key points of the body, while your therapist massages your body with warmed, fragrant aromatherapy oils.

#### **ELEMIS COUTURE TOUCH**

Condition your skin and condition your muscles with this all-embracing hands-on experience. Includes an ELEMIS hands-on Touch Facial with your choice of an ELEMIS Deep Tissue Massage or an ELEMIS Aroma Stone Massage.



# MORE WAYS TO SAVE

#### **BOOK NOW SAVINGS**

Limited-time savings add more value to any Crystal holiday. Book early to enjoy these best-available savings.

#### **EARLY FULL PAYMENT SAVINGS**

All guests paying in full 270 days prior to sailing receive an additional 2.5% Early

#### ONBOARD BOOKING SAVINGS

Book your next Crystal cruise while on board any voyage and enjoy an additional 2.5% savings which may also be combined with Crystal Society and Early Full Payment Savings. Take advantage of this incredible value opportunity when you book your next cruise while on board.

#### **CRYSTAL SOCIETY SAVINGS**

Exclusive, member-only savings of 2.5% are available on every Crystal cruise for those who have previously sailed with Crystal. These savings are combinable with all other savings programmes.









# CRYSTAL SUITE | (CS) (III) 2-BEDROOM CONNECTING SUITE

DECK 3 | 759 SQ. FT. (70.5 SQ. M.)

- Occupancy: Accommodates up to five guests
- Two bedrooms with two en suite bathrooms
- Private entry vestibule
- Separate living/bedroom area
- Suite-wide triple Panoramic Balcony-Window

#### LIVING/DINING AREA

- Spacious living area with custom upholstered sofa (with pullout bed) and two armchairs
- Fireplace with ambient fire effect
- Writing desk/vanity area
- 40" flat-screen HD TV integrated into custom millwork
- Dining table, crafted of marble
- Custom bar and refrigerator; full-height millwork storage
- Inspresso coffee machine
- Panoramic Balcony-Window
- 220V/110V as well as USB port charger

#### MASTER BEDROOM

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds); upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights
- King-size bed faces Panoramic Balcony-Window
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Nightstands with charging pad, 220V power and USB outlets, convenient iPad
- Walk-in wardrobe with full-height hanging, removable lower rail and shelving; integrated lighting
- 40" flat-screen HD TV
- Armchair
- In-suite safe
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window

## MASTER BATH

- Double vanity with generous storage; halo-lit mirror
- Glass-enclosed rain shower with lit recessed niche
- Separate powder room with sink
- Handheld showerhead
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Hair dryer
- 110V/220V power

#### 2ND CONNECTING BEDROOM AND SITTING AREA

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds); upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights; beds face Panoramic Balcony-Window
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Nightstands with 220V power and USB outlets
- Walk-in wardrobe with full-height hanging, removable lower rail and shelving; integrated lighting
- Armchair
- Height-adjustable dining/coffee table
- Desk/bar area with refrigerator and integrated + 220V/110V/USB power
- Custom shelving with bar amenities
- Inspresso coffee machine
- 40" flat-screen HD TV
- In-suite safe
- Full-length mirror
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window

#### 2ND BATHROOM

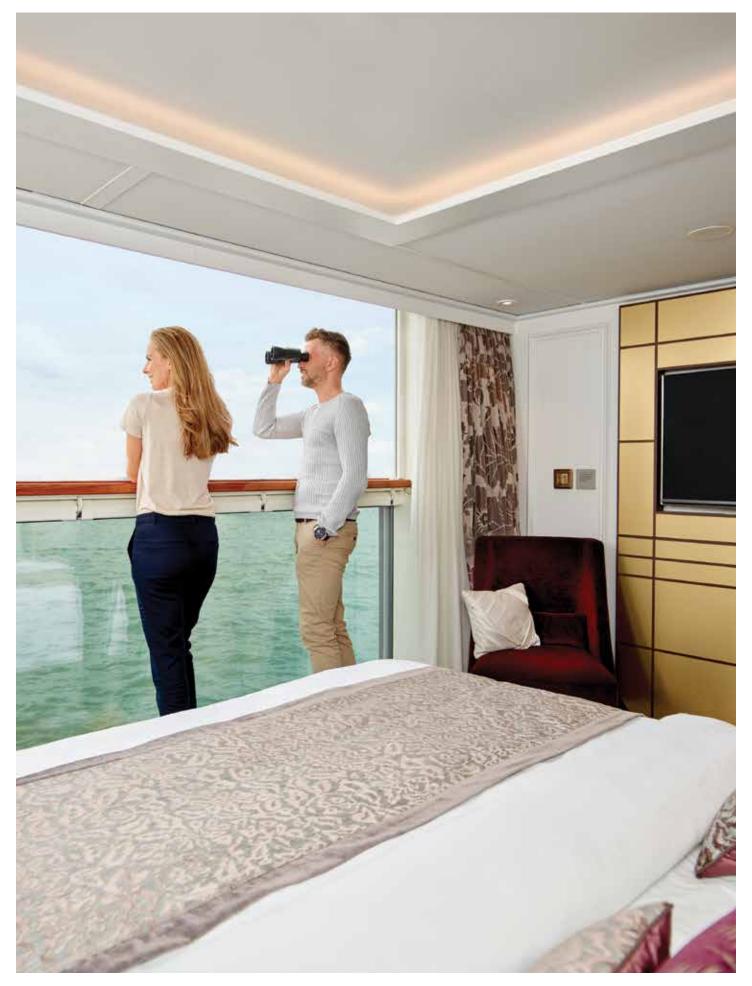
- Double vanity with halo-lit mirror
- Glass-enclosed rain shower
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Ample storage
- Makeup mirror
- Hair dryer 110V/220V power

#### **ADDITIONAL AMENITIES**

- Complimentary pressing service
- Complimentary laundry service
- On days of embarkation and disembarkation, private car transfer between the airport in the port city and the ship or between a hotel in the port city and the ship.
- Complimentary Epicurean Experience

- Unpacking and packing upon request
- Shore excursion arrangements
- In-suite hors d'oeuvres and daily canapé service





## CRYSTAL PENTHOUSE | CP

DECK 3 | 506 SQ. FT. (47 SQ. M.)

- Occupancy: Accommodates up to three guests (recommend max. 2 adults)
- Private entry vestibule
- Separate living/bedroom area
- Suite-wide double Panoramic Balcony-Window

#### LIVING/DINING AREA

- Spacious living area with custom upholstered sofa (with pullout bed) and two armchairs
- Fireplace with ambient fire effect
- 40" flat-screen HD TV integrated into custom millwork
- Dining table, crafted of marble
- Custom bar and refrigerator; full-height millwork storage
- Writing desk/vanity area
- Armchairs
- Inspresso coffee machine
- Panoramic Balcony-Window
- 220V/110V as well as USB port charger

#### **BEDROOM**

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds); upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights
- King-size bed faces Panoramic Balcony-Window
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Nightstands with charging pad, 220V power and USB outlets
- Walk-in wardrobe with full-height hanging, removable lower rail and shelving; integrated lighting
- 40" flat-screen HD TV
- Armchair
- In-suite safe
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window

#### **BATHROOM**

- Double vanity with backlit mirror, and drawers
- Glass-enclosed shower with both overhead and handheld showerhead
- Separate powder room with sink
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Hair dryer
- 110V/220V power



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# DELUXE SUITE WITH PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW | S1 S2

DECK 2 & 3 | 253 SQ. FT. (23.5 SQ. M.)

 Occupancy: Accommodates up to two guests. Limited number of rollaway beds available for third occupant.

#### **BEDROOM**

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds);
   upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights;
   beds face Panoramic Balcony-Window
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Walk-in wardrobe with full-height hanging, removable lower rail and shelving; integrated lighting
- Nightstands with 220V power and USB outlets
- Armchair
- Height-adjustable dining/coffee table
- Writing desk/bar area with refrigerator and integrated 220V/110V as well as USB port charger
- Custom shelving with bar amenities
- 40" flat-screen HD TV
- Full-length mirror
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window
- In-suite safe
- 220V/110V as well as USB port charger

#### BATHROOM

- Double vanity with halo-lit mirror
- Glass-enclosed shower with both overhead and handheld showerhead
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Ample storage
- Makeup mirror
- Hair dryer
- 110V/220V power

#### **AMENITIES**

- Convenient iPad
- Inspresso coffee machine
- Handheld hair dryer

- Unpacking and packing upon request
- Shore excursion arrangements
- In-suite hors d'oeuvres and canapés service





# DELUXE SUITE WITH PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW | S3

DECK 2 | 237 SQ. FT. (22 SQ. M.)

 Occupancy: Accommodates up to two guests. Limited number of rollaway beds available for third occupant.

#### **BEDROOM**

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds); upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights; beds face Panoramic Balcony-Window
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Walk-in wardrobe with full-height hanging, removable lower rail and shelving; integrated lighting
- Nightstands with 220V power and USB outlets
- Armchair
- Height-adjustable dining/coffee table
- Writing desk/bar area with refrigerator and integrated power
- Custom shelving with bar amenities
- + 40" flat-screen HD TV
- In-suite safe
- Full-length mirror
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window

## **BATHROOM**

- Single vanity with halo-lit mirror
- Glass-enclosed shower with both overhead and handheld showerhead
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Ample storage
- Makeup mirror
- Hair dryer
- 110V/220V power

#### **AMENITIES**

- Convenient iPad
- Inspresso coffee machine
- Handheld hair dryer

- Unpacking and packing upon request
- Shore excursion arrangements
- In-suite hors d'oeuvres and canapés service





# PETITE SUITE WITH PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW | S4 S5 DECK 2 & 3 | 188 SQ. FT. (17.5 SQ. M.)

Occupancy: Accommodates up to 2 guests

#### **BEDROOM**

- King-size bed (convertible to two twin beds); upholstered headboard with integrated reading lights
- King-size pillows and fine Egyptian cotton linens
- Nightstands with 220V power and USB outlets
- Armchair
- Adjustable dining/coffee table
- Writing desk/bar area with refrigerator and integrated power
- Custom shelving with bar amenities
- 40" flat-screen HD TV
- In-suite safe
- Full-length mirror
- Blackout drapery and sheers
- Panoramic Balcony-Window

#### BATHROOM

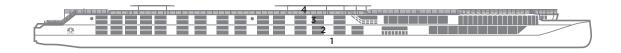
- Single vanity with halo-lit mirror
- Glass-enclosed shower with both overhead and handheld showerhead
- Caudalie in-suite amenities
- ETRO® bathrobes, kimonos and slippers
- Ample storage
- Makeup mirror
- Hair dryer
- 110V/220V power

#### **AMENITIES**

- Bedside table with convenient iPad
- Inspresso coffee machine
- Handheld hair dryer

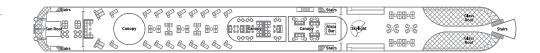
- Unpacking and packing upon request
- Shore excursion arrangements
- In-suite hors d'oeuvres and canapés service





#### VISTA DECK 4

Canopied Seating Areas Vista Bar



#### CRYSTAL DECK 3

Bistro
Palm Court
Swimming Pool
The Vintage Room



#### SEAHORSE DECK 2

Reception The Pantry Waterside



#### HARMONY DECK 1

Fitness Centre Guest Laundry Treatment Room



## SUITE CATEGORIES

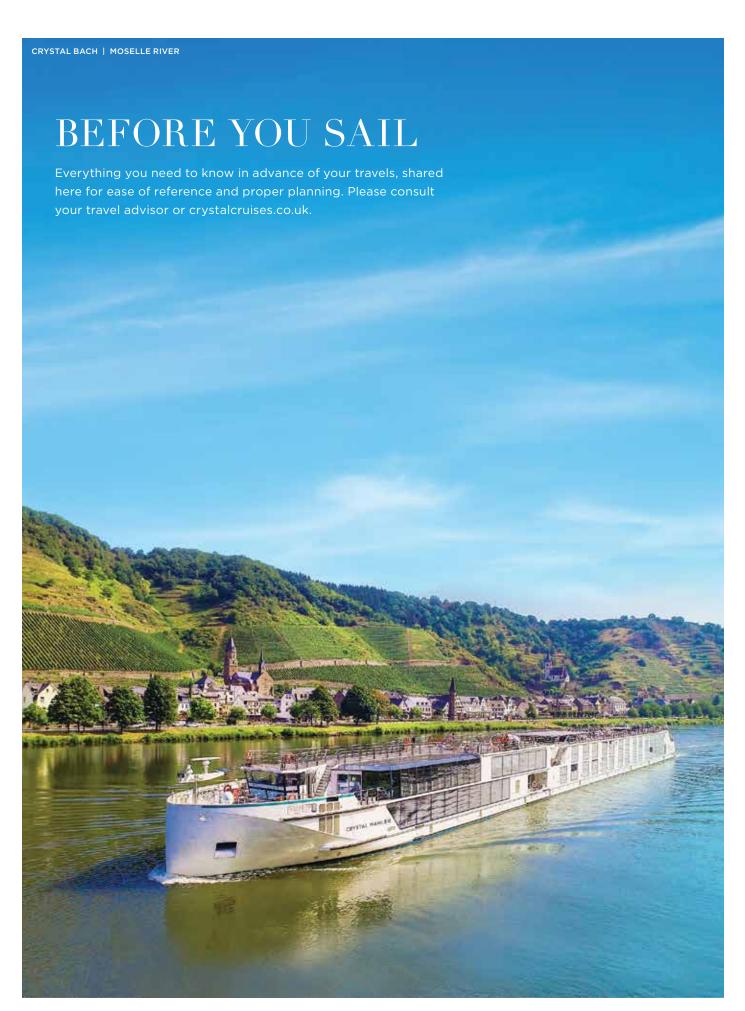
CS   CRYSTAL SUITE   759 SQ. FT. (70.5 SQ. M.)	
CRYSTAL DECK 3	
S1   S2   DELUXE SUITE W/ PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW253 SQ. FT. (23.5 SQ. M.)   CRYSTAL DECK 3   SEAHORSE DECK 2	
S3   DELUXE SUITE W/ PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW	
S4   S5   PETITE SUITE W/ PANORAMIC BALCONY-WINDOW188 SQ. FT. (17.5 SQ. M.)   CRYSTAL DECK 3   SEAHORSE DECK 2	

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

GUEST CAPACITY .........106 STAFF TO GUEST RATIO... 1 TO 1.55 LENGTH .......442.5 FT. (135 M.) WIDTH ........ 37.5 FT. (11 M.)

\*Please note, dimensions featured above do not include verandahs.

► Connecting suites



## AIR TRANSPORTATION | LUGGAGE

Please notify Crystal of your air details either by phone or on PCPC (Priority Check-in & Planning Centre) to ensure you are on our river ship manifests.

When making your own air arrangements, we recommend allowing a minimum of five hours between your flight arrival time and the river ship's sailing time. Specific port and pier information and embarkation times are stated on your cruise ticket.

Please be advised that port authorities sometimes change the location of the pier or berth number. You may check your ship's dock location approximately 24 hours prior to embarkation day by visiting: www.CrystalCruises.com/riverdocks.

In addition, please make sure you see your river ship when you arrive at the port/pier. If you do not actually see your ship, please call:

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You must be on board the river ship at least two hours prior to sailing. If the river ship is scheduled to remain in port overnight or has a scheduled departure time after 9 pm, please plan to be at the pier no later than 7 pm for security clearance and check-in.

When planning your return flights, please take into consideration the date and time the river ship docks at the final port. Disembarkation starts in early morning as we offer transfers to the airport. Also, guests must vacate their suite by 10 am but can stay on board until noon, as our last transfer out is at that time. Times may vary if the river ship is in port the night prior to disembarkation. Before booking your departing flights, please also take into account the time needed at the airport for airline check-in and security procedures. Some cities require a longer transfer time due to stringent customs procedures or travel time to the airport. If you are making independent reservations to fly home directly after the cruise, your travel advisor should contact Crystal's Reservations for flight departure guidelines, which vary by each itinerary's port.

Guests should contact the airlines directly to add frequent flyer numbers for mileage accrual, secure seat assignments, arrange for special service requirements, and provide a personal phone contact for last-minute flight updates. Details regarding checked and carry-on luggage allowances (restrictions, size, weight and quantity) and applicable fees, miscellaneous service airline fees or other flight-related inquiries should be discussed directly with the airlines or through your travel advisor.

Flight schedules sometimes change. We strongly suggest that you reconfirm all flight numbers, flight times, check-in times, departure terminals and locations, and seat assignments for both outbound and return flights 96 hours prior to departure.

#### CRUISE TICKET | LUGGAGE TAGS

Your cruise ticket is enclosed with your travel documents; it must be in your possession, along with your valid passport, when you board the river ship. Please read the complete terms and conditions on your cruise ticket.

Prior to leaving for the airport, please be sure to complete and attach a Crystal River Cruises luggage tag to each checked bag so it can be easily identified upon arrival.

#### BAGGAGE, VALUABLES & OTHER POSSESSIONS

Guests may bring a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects aboard the ship without charge, subject to airline restrictions. All baggage must be securely packed and distinctly labelled with the guest's full name, the name of the ship, the suite number of the guest and the sailing date of the ship. All checked baggage must be locked.

Guests must personally carry baggage containing breakable items and valuables, including but not limited to jewellery, watches, money, precious stones and metals, securities, cheques, other financial instruments and/or tickets, at all times during transit, including but not limited to on and off the river ship. Guests should not give such baggage containing breakable items, medications or valuables to anyone at any time, including but not limited to porters, river ship personnel or anyone else who is not known personally to the guest, regardless of any assurances given that it is safe to do so, at any time, including during transit to and from the airport, arrival at the river ship, boarding and checking into guest's suite, or at any other time while travelling.

Such baggage is the full and sole personal responsibility of the guest at all times and may not be included with checked baggage.

Guests are personally responsible for their baggage throughout the travel process and should personally ensure that their valuables are carried to their suite and stored appropriately in the suite safe. Crystal River Cruises is not responsible for loss of or damage to any such items. We recommend that if you lock your luggage, please use a Transportation Security Administration approved lock, especially when in transit between airport and river ship.

As luggage allowances may have changed since you last travelled, we recommend that you request your airline or travel advisor provide you with details and recommendations on locks, as well as checked and carry-on luggage.

River ship and airline safety requirements prohibit the transportation of dangerous goods such as explosives, weapons, ammunition, mace, pepper spray, hazardous material, martial arts devices, swords or similar items that may be considered a security risk.

In addition, in the interest of maintaining a safe and secure environment, please be advised that aerial drones are prohibited and may not be brought on board the ship. They must be surrendered to the Captain at embarkation, and will be kept in storage for the duration of the cruise.

#### BOARDING THE RIVER SHIP

At most embarkation ports, the river ship is usually available for guests boarding after 12 pm (noon). Suites are available for guest occupancy by 3 pm.

The exact embarkation and sailing times are specified on your cruise ticket. In order to embark, all guests must carry a passport that is valid for six months after the end of the cruise, and with at least four blank pages available for visas (as applicable) per advertised voyage number. Each time you leave the river ship and reboard in ports of call during your cruise, you will be required to show your suite keycard at the gangway. On embarkation day, you must be on the river ship at least two hours prior to scheduled sailing.

If the river ship is scheduled to remain in port overnight or has a scheduled departure time after 9 pm, please plan to be at the pier no later than 7 pm for security clearance and check-in. Once you are on board, our six-star crew will welcome you and assist with your hand luggage. Your remaining luggage will be delivered to your suite.

On succeeding cruise days (cruise day two through the last cruise day or night prior to disembarkation), all guests must be on board the river ship no later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled port departure.

Upon check-in aboard your river ship, a credit card must be registered for your onboard expenses. If you have preregistered, these details will be confirmed upon your arrival. Registering your credit card provides you with the convenience of settling your onboard expenses using our Express Check-out System, ensuring a smooth and expeditious process at the conclusion of your cruise. You will receive an itemised statement delivered to your suite on the morning of disembarkation, and your credit card will be billed automatically through your credit card company. If you wish, at the conclusion of the cruise, you may elect to pay for your onboard expenses in cash or by personal cheque from U.S. bank accounts at the Reception Desk. If you decide to pay for your expenses by cash or personal cheque, please notify the Reception Desk and your credit card will not be charged.

## CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS | DRESS CODES

### DAYTIME DRESS CODE

Comfortable and casual is perfect on board or ashore for sightseeing. Be sure to bring comfortable, walking/sports shoes appropriate for your activity. Check with your travel advisor for special items you might want to pack for your destination and the time of year you are travelling. Dining room attire is casual during the day; however, swimsuits, cover-ups/robes and baseball hats are not appropriate.

#### **EVENING DRESS CODE**

Our evening dress code is Crystal Casual, a dressed-up version of casual looks. Please refer to the detailed dress code below.

## CRYSTAL CASUAL

#### Women's Crystal Casual includes:

Blouse | Sweater | Dress trousers | Skirt | Dress

Winter Suggestion: Warm wraps or evening coats, as well as gloves and scarves for autumn and winter months

#### Men's Crystal Casual includes:

Open-collar shirt | Collared polo shirt | Button-down shirt Dress shirt (no tie required) | Dress trousers/Smart trousers Sport coat (optional)

Winter Suggestion: Overcoat, scarves, gloves and hats for autumn and winter months

Should you decide to dine on your own at a more formal restaurant on land, then a jacket and tie may be preferred or required for gentlemen. Be sure to pack appropriately for all of your planned experiences. There are bathrobes and slippers in each suite for your use during the cruise. Other amenities include a hair dryer, Caudalie in-suite amenities, and umbrella.

#### MEET & ASSIST

All ship-to-ship, and airport transfers on embarkation day are included for all guests. Guests must advise Crystal of their air details either by phone or via PCPC or Onboard Guest Services to ensure they are placed on the river ship transfer manifests. All guests arriving by air (either international or domestic) must claim their luggage, clear customs and then will be met by our Crystal River Cruises representative in the arrivals hall (not in the baggage claim area). From there guests will be escorted to our coaches.

#### PASSPORTS | VISAS

For international voyages, at least four blank visa pages are recommended per cruise. On a back-to-back voyage (two cruises), at least eight blank passport pages are recommended. Guests must take full responsibility for securing the required travel documents prior to departure.

Failure to comply may result in refusal of passage by Customs and Immigration authorities.

#### VISA REQUIREMENTS (U.S. CITIZENS):

Currently, U.S. passport citizens do not require visas for river ship sailings in Europe. It is always recommended that guests check with their travel advisor for the most updated visa requirements.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS (NON-U.S. CITIZENS):

As visa regulations vary for each nationality, we request that all guests who are non-U.S. citizens contact their travel advisor or a local visa service to determine their individual visa requirements for **ALL PORTS**. Visa information may also be obtained through the local embassy or consulate of the countries you will be visiting. It is the guest's responsibility to obtain all necessary visas. Failure to comply may result in refusal of passage by Customs and Immigration authorities.

Please note: We recommend guests contact their travel advisor to ensure they have secured all necessary visas and that all documentation is up to date. Crystal cannot be held responsible at the time of sailing for any visa information provided by us or travel advisors, as visa rules and requirements change regularly.

## PRIORITY CHECK-IN & PLANNING CENTRE (PCPC)

Our Priority Check-in & Planning Centre (PCPC) at crystalcruises.com streamlines your embarkation process and allows you to prereserve shipboard and shoreside activities. Full-fare guests who have made a deposit and have a booking number may prereserve their Crystal Destination Discoveries shore excursions online.

**Please note:** Guests are not able to access PCPC within seven days prior to sailing.

Online reservations for Crystal Destination Discoveries shore excursions are available shortly after the itineraries are released.

#### SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS

Special dietary requests must be sent in writing to Crystal's Onboard Guest Services Department by fax at 001.310.785.3975, or email at OBGSRiver@crystalcruises.com, at least 14 working days prior to departure.

#### **VISITORS**

Requests may be made through the **Priority Check-in** & **Planning Centre (PCPC) portal** by a guest with a valid booking number, or requested on board, through the river ship's Reception Desk. All requests and supporting information must be submitted through PCPC no later than eight days prior to the intended visit day (or arrival into port, if requested while on board). The number of visitors allowed is capacity controlled and subject to the security level at the port of call.

Due to changing world conditions, Crystal River Cruises may institute a no-visitor policy on board its river ships from time to time. This policy is subject to change, without notice, at any time.

#### "AS YOU WISH" CREDITS

As You Wish Credits are subject to change and may be adjusted or denied based on changes to the reservation, such as category assignment, fare revisions or travel dates. Credits may not be applied as a deduction toward current or future cruise fares, port, security and handling charges, or airfare add-ons. Some As You Wish credits may not be applied to cancelled reservations (whether paid in part or in full) and are not covered by Crystal Cruise's Protection Plan. As You Wish credits are non-redeemable for cash, are not transferable, are valid for one sailing (defined as a booking) only and are only applicable on board.

Please note: All U.S. Dollar denominated shipboard credits will be converted to Euro (the river ship's official currency), three days prior to embarkation and at the company's rate of exchange on that day.

## **BUTLER SERVICE**

Services include packing and unpacking, shoeshine and other services, Crystal Destination Discoveries reservations, spa appointments and arranging cocktail parties.

#### CRYSTAL DESTINATION DISCOVERIES

As choice is a pillar of the Crystal Experience, we have optional experiences as part of the Crystal Destination Discoveries on every itinerary. In each port we visit, there will be at least two complimentary Destination Discoveries to choose from.

The Crystal Destination Discoveries shore excursion operators in our ports of call have been fully vetted by Crystal and are expected to meet our six-star standards ensuring a seamless and enjoyable shoreside experience. Below are the advantages to reserving your Crystal Destination Discoveries:

**Safety:** Operated only by licensed and reliable tour operators that meet and exceed Crystal's high safety standards and insurance requirements.

**Convenience:** Drop-off and pickup points in each port perfectly planned and coordinated with your ship's arrival and departure.

**Quality:** Providing the best-available qualified guides, modern transportation and an in-depth, authentic, luxury touring experience.

**Comfort:** Limited group size for a more intimate and personalised experience ashore and while sightseeing.

**Professional Team:** Experienced shore excursions staff available to assist you on board, pierside and ashore.

**Crystal River Difference:** A Crystal Escort (onboard staff) to accompany most excursions to assist as needed.

And for those guests who also purchase our optional Crystal Destination Discoveries shore excursions, we give our following commitment:

**Protection:** No penalties in the event of inclement weather, site closures or sailing time changes.

No Hidden Fees: All-inclusive pricing — all entry fees, admissions, refreshments, meals (where applicable), etc., included as detailed in each Destination Discoveries description.

**Book Now — Pay Later:** Prereserve your Crystal Destination Discoveries shore excursions as early as nine months in advance of your cruise and pay when you disembark the ship.

Flexible Cancellation Policy: The majority of Destination Discoveries may be cancelled within 72 hours with no fee.\*

Full-fare guests who have made a deposit and have a booking number may prereserve their optional Crystal Destination Discoveries online as far as nine months in advance.

\*For additional details on our Crystal Destination Discoveries programmes, disclaimers and information pertaining to accident, injury and property insurance, as well as a list of excursions where special cancellation conditions apply, please refer to your cruise-specific electronic tour book.

#### CRYSTAL LIFE SPA

A wide range of spa therapies and personalised treatments are offered aboard every river ship.

Crystal Bach, Crystal Mahler, Crystal Debussy, and Crystal Ravel feature a dedicated treatment room (adjacent to the Fitness Centre) offering results-oriented, holistic and natural therapies from facials and body massage.

#### COMMUNICATION

#### EMAIL

If your home or business email provider has web access to your email, you will be able to access it from the river ship via the Internet. If you are not sure, please contact your email provider prior to your cruise.

#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

Crystal River Cruises is pleased to provide complimentary Wi-Fi for our guests. All onboard Internet traffic travels from the river ship to a satellite before returning back to earth to load web pages. While on board, there is no local high-speed Internet provider such as you would have at home.

**Please note:** Service interruptions may occur during particular stretches of the river/s, and while the ship is transiting locks.

#### WI-FI ACCESS

If your laptop has wireless capacities, you should be able to access the Internet on board our river ships.

Please note: It is not possible to connect a laptop through the shipboard phone system directly to any phone number ashore. Skype is not available on board.

## CURRENCY | SHIPBOARD ACCOUNT

To expedite the settlement of your account, your credit card information, along with your signature, is confirmed upon check-in. Your shipboard account and charges may be settled with cash, traveller's cheques, USD personal cheques, MasterCard®, VISA® or American Express®. The currency on board Crystal River Cruises is the Euro.

**Please note:** If not used before the end of your cruise, some shipboard credits may not be redeemable for cash and will be forfeited.

#### **DINING CHOICES**

Our river ships feature a tempting variety of dining options, from the early-bird breakfast through the dinner hour and into the late evenings.

The restaurants on board Crystal River Cruises serve modern and classic specialities imagined by Crystal's highly awarded chefs, all created from the finest and freshest local ingredients available. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in the venue of your choice. Breakfast items include made-to-order omelettes, waffles and pancakes, as well as a health bar that offers fresh fruit and vegetable juices. Lunch options include made-to-order pastas and risottos, seafood and meat antipasti, and salad bar, plus an à la carte menu offering regional specialities. Dinner offerings include a modern tasting menu and a classic menu featuring inspired cuisine.

Dress Codes: See "Clothing Suggestions/Dress Codes".

#### WATERSIDE

Crystal River Cruises' main venue for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast includes made-to-order omelettes, waffles and pancakes, in addition to a large selection of other breakfast favourites. Lunch offers made-to-order pastas and salads, a delicious selection of our famous soups, carved meats, fresh catches of the day and a tempting array of delectable desserts, including sugar-free options.

#### THE VINTAGE ROOM

An innovative concept in wining and dining, The Vintage Room promotes wine education and the vast range of fine wines available on board. In addition to discussions, guests may partake in a variety of private wine "themed" lunches and dinners by special arrangement with the Sommelier.

**Please note:** Vintage Room dinners may be reserved online via PCPC and are offered at an additional cost.

#### BISTRO

Crystal River Cruises' version of our popular Bistro is a Viennese-style coffee bar and café and will be your favourite meeting place. Espresso, cafe lattes, cappuccino and speciality teas are served in our comfortable café. Wines by the glass are also available. Light snacks are served throughout the day, ranging from fresh pastries and fruit in the morning to a selection of international cheeses, charcuterie, pastries and other delicacies in the afternoon. A Late Riser's Breakfast is available in the Bistro.

At 7 pm, the Bistro transforms into an elegant Tapas restaurant offering a wide selection of international and regional specialities.

#### **ROOM SERVICE**

In-suite dining is available 24 hours a day from the Room Service menu in your suite directory. Room Service may also be ordered from the Waterside menu during regular dining hours.

**Please note:** Opening times for all of our wonderful venues will be dependent on the timings of our many Crystal Destination Discoveries and will be advised daily on board the river ship.

#### **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**

220/110 in the suite and none in the Bathroom. Bathroom can handle only a toothbrush or a shaver 5A load. As well as a hair dryer, and a fully customised interactive digital bedside iPad tablet. If you have any questions about compatibility of appliances, please ask your Suite Attendant, or Butler.

#### FITNESS FACILITIES

Crystal River Cruises is proud to provide state-of-the-art fitness equipment, including mats for outdoor stretching as well as Pilates and yoga.

#### **GRATUITIES**

Gratuities are part of our all-inclusive Crystal River Cruise experience. If you would like to provide a gratuity for service beyond your expectations, please do so at your own discretion through the Reception desk.

#### MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are no medical facilities or doctor on board Crystal River Cruises. Medical service can be easily contacted from local shoreside facilities if required. Guests who require ongoing medication, or who have specific dietary needs are advised to bring an ample supply of medication or dietary supplements with them in their carry-on luggage.

Guests who have existing medical conditions, guests who cannot completely care for themselves, or guests who may constitute a risk or danger to anyone else on board must notify Crystal's Onboard Guest Services Department by fax: 001.310.785.3975 or email: OBGSRiver@crystalcruises.com prior to departure. Crystal River Cruises reserves the right, without liability, to refuse to board and transport such guests who are in need of constant care by the river ship's staff.

#### POOL

Crystal River Cruises has an indoor pool for your relaxation and exercise. We ask that you help us maintain the standards of cleanliness for which we are known by following these guidelines:

- For everyone's safety, please refrain from bringing glass into the pool area. Only plastic containers for beverages may be used around the pool.
- In compliance with local European Union regulations, children wearing diapers (including swimming diapers) and children who are not toilet trained are restricted from using the pool.

#### Please also note the following:

- 3- to 12-year-olds Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.
- 13- to 17-year-olds May use the facilities on their own, unaccompanied by parent or legal guardian.
- There are no lifeguards on duty.
- Proper pool behaviour is required at all times.

# SHIPBOARD SERVICES

#### **CONCIERGE SERVICES**

Our staff takes great pride in making sure your entire journey goes smoothly from beginning to end. Our reception staff is available to assist you with any special needs.

To inquire about or make future reservations for Crystal River Cruises, Crystal Cruises™, Crystal Yacht Cruises™ or Crystal Expedition Cruises™, please contact our onboard Crystal Society Hosts. They will be pleased to assist.

# **SMOKING POLICY**

Crystal River Cruises will allow smoking in a designated smoking area. Smoking is not allowed in public rooms, suites or any area that is not designated as a smoking area.

# SPECIAL NEEDS & OTHER ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Crystal River Cruises is dedicated to providing a comfortable experience for all our guests. We make every effort to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Crystal River Cruises does not discriminate against any person on the basis of disability.

There are NO facilities for disabled guests, including handicapped/wheelchair accessible suites, or any access or assistance provided to disabled guests on embarkation or disembarkation.

For many reasons, embarkation and disembarkation presents difficulties for guests with reduced mobility. Gangways are quite steep and narrow and there is frequently a need to cross other river ships to gain access to the pier.

# **GOING ASHORE**

Guests with disabilities/limited mobility should also note that not all ports are wheelchair accessible. Port access varies greatly around the world and in most instances, the river ports are not wheelchair accessible. Guests should be aware that some Destination Discoveries include rough terrain, extensive walking over cobblestone streets, uneven pavement, and steps and locations which may not be easily accessible or accessible at all by wheelchair.

Crystal River Cruises reserves the right, without liability, to refuse to board or transport guests whose medical condition, limited mobility or disability is not compatible with security rules and requirements specific to the navigation area, or who, in Crystal River Cruises' opinion, is unfit for travel on the river ships.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, all guests must be fully mobile and able to exit the river ships safely. If guests are unable to meet the minimum safety requirements, even when provided with appropriate auxiliary aids and/or services, Crystal River Cruises may find it necessary to ask the guest to make alternative travel arrangements.

All itineraries, fares, programmes, promotions and policies are subject to change at the discretion of Crystal River Cruises. Crystal River Cruises reserves the right to correct errors or omissions and to change any and all fares, fees, promotions and programmes at any time with or without notice.

Refer to crystalcruises.co.uk for the most updated Terms and Conditions.

If you have further questions, please contact your travel advisor, visit us online at crystalcruises.co.uk, send an email to OBGSRiver@crystalcruises.com, call 020 7399 7604, or write directly to:

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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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A cruise deposit of 25% per guest will be required at the time of booking, regardless of voyage length (this applies to all Crystal Experiences — Ocean, River, Yacht and Expedition).

For 2022 cancelled bookings, a non-refundable administration fee will be issued in the form of a Future Cruise Credit, per guest, as follows: \$200 on ocean sailings 13 days or less, \$300 on ocean sailings 14-21 days, \$500 on ocean sailings 22 days or longer. Administration fee is issued in the form of a Future Cruise Credit (FCC) that can be applied toward the cruise fare of a new cruise booking made within 12 months of the cancellation date. The FCC is non-transferable. non-refundable and subject to change at anytime.

Final Payment: 130 days prior to departure on ocean sailings 13 days or less, 160 days prior to departure on ocean sailings 14-21 days, 190 days prior to departure on ocean sailings 22 days or longer.

#### 2022 CANCELLATION & PENALTY POLICY

#### 121+ DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST DATE OF SERVICE: 10% PENALTY (WHICH INCLUDES \$200 ADMINISTRATION FEE\*)

13 DAYS OR LESS	
25%	120-91 days prior to first date of service
50%	90-61 days prior to first date of service
75%	60-31 days prior to first date of service
100%	30 days or less prior to first date of service

#### 151+ DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST DATE OF SERVICE: 10% PENALTY (WHICH INCLUDES \$300 ADMINISTRATION FEE\*)

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25% 150-121 days prior to first date of service	
50% 120-91 days prior to first date of service	
<b>75</b> % 90-61 days prior to first date of service	
100% 60 days or less prior to first date of service	

#### 181+ DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST DATE OF SERVICE: 10% PENALTY (WHICH INCLUDES \$500 ADMINISTRATION FEE\*)

22 DAYS OR LONGER		
25%	180-151 days prior to first date of service	
50%	150-121 days prior to first date of service	
75%	120-91 days prior to first date of service	
100%	90 days or less prior to first date of service	



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