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of
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experiences
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European River Cruises

2021 Collection

Our biggest ever selection of cruises featuring
tempting new dining options and unique benefits







Exploration is a gift

In this edition

Our biggest ever

- selection of itineraries, including our first-ever festive cruises
- collection of cruises exclusively for solo travellers
- choice of departure dates

New for 2021

- Amsterdam, Cologne and the Best of Holland & Flanders cruise
- *Riviera Plus* - enhanced services and amenities on selected cabins & suites
- Expanded dining options including new 'Local Flavours'

Welcome to our 2021 river cruise collection. We believe that exploring the world is one of life's gifts. A holiday is not just about the destination, it's about new experiences and the bonds that are made along the way. We bring people, places and culture together to create lasting memories.

Choose one of our bestselling selling itineraries to explore the Rhine, the Douro, the Rhône or the magnificent Danube or celebrate in style on a Christmas or New Year cruise. Alternatively set off on a brand-new adventure on our new 8 day Amsterdam, Cologne and the Best of Holland & Flanders cruise. All our award-winning holidays are painstakingly researched and we leave nothing to chance.

Riviera Travel's exclusive fleet of cruise ships is the youngest in Europe and one of the most advanced, so an unforgettable experience is assured. We've also introduced tempting new dining choices on all our ships and customers in our superior and top deck cabins and suites can enjoy the unique benefits of *Riviera Plus*.

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

We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Phil Hullah

Managing Director



Your holiday the Riviera Travel way



Five great reasons to choose Riviera Travel

1 The very best hand-crafted holidays

More people recommend Riviera Travel than any other operator.

For 36 years our experts have been bringing to life the world's most fascinating destinations. Like you we love to travel and we are passionate about what we do. We personally select every aspect of your holiday and we are dedicated to ensuring that the content and detail of each itinerary is thoughtfully balanced, so there's time for you to explore at a relaxing pace.

We offer you a superb choice of holidays but we also ensure each of these has been honed to perfection. Our focus is on quality not quantity.

2 Truly authentic travel experiences

An independent survey rated Riviera Travel tour managers and cruise directors as the best in the business.

These talented individuals are chosen not only for their experience and wealth of knowledge but also for their flair for engaging audiences and sharing special insights.

We'll take you to the heart of a region and our tour managers will provide fascinating perspectives on the culture, history, gastronomy, art and architecture of the places you visit. You'll also step off the tourist trail and beyond the pages of a guide book, discovering hidden gems, mingling with the locals and exploring lesser known but equally beautiful places.

3 Happy in every sense or your money back

If you're not satisfied with your holiday we guarantee we'll offer you a full refund.

We are so confident in the quality of our holidays that we guarantee if you're not happy by Day Two we'll bring you home and offer you a full refund too. See our website for full details.

Since our inception in 1984, we have been consistently recognised for outstanding service, value and quality and for seven years Which? has awarded us the highly coveted Recommended Provider status. We genuinely care about making your holiday the best it can be and an obsession for the very best customer service is in our DNA. Our friendly and experienced reservations team make every effort to get to know you by name and your preferences by heart. They are not restrained by targets, they just offer superb customer service, the way it should be.



4 Your holiday – your way

We give you the flexibility and choice to enhance your holiday and make it your own.

Everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different and we like to give you the freedom to customise your travel experience. Enjoy the convenience of door-to-door service to your choice of regional airport, for extra comfort and a touch of luxury upgrade your flight or accommodation or perhaps take advantage of our range of dining options.

On many of our holidays we also offer thoughtfully crafted itinerary choices and you may wish to personalise your holiday further with one of these fascinating experiences. Just get in touch with our friendly reservations team for more information.

5 Value for money guaranteed

If you find the same holiday at a lower price we guarantee we'll refund the difference.

Our mission is to make discovery affordable and accessible. We are passionate about quality and we also recognise that every moment of your holiday is precious – that's why Riviera Travel offers unbeatable value. Compare the quality and prices of everything we offer – so much is included and you won't find better for less.

Price protection

When you book early, you're guaranteed the very best prices and availability. And should the cost of your holiday go down after you've booked, rest assured we'll always pass the benefit on to you.

No hidden extras

Our holiday prices are clear and transparent and we never compromise on quality. There are no surcharges and no hidden extras. The price you see is the price you'll pay.

And of course

We are fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL for your complete peace of mind. Your money is fully protected.



We're so proud of our independent review scores from customers.



Our river cruise collection

Explore the great rivers of Europe with Riviera Travel



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

The Douro

Weave through one of the most photogenic river valleys and the sun-soaked Iberian countryside, past vineyard terraces and hillside villages.



The Dutch Waterways

On the delta of the Rhine, Maas and Scheldt, glide past windmills, colourful bulbfields and the old Zuiderzee.



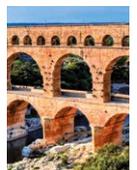
The Main

Experience meandering bends and lush green landscapes, strewn with medieval villages and quaint timber houses.



The Rhône

Sail through the landscape of Provence, past sun-baked vineyards, charming villages, and fields of wild flowers.



The Rhine

Swathed in myth, the famous Rhine follows the path of fairy tale castles, medieval towns and verdant vineyards.



The Danube

Absorb breathtaking views of baroque cities, as well as the natural beauty of the Danube Delta and Iron Gates Gorge.



The Saône

Taking you through the Burgundy wine region, with wonderful views of vine-clad hills and medieval villages.



The Moselle

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



Main-Danube Canal

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



The Seine

From Paris to the heart of Normandy, around sweeping bends, past chalk cliffs and through lush countryside.





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Connecting you to the world

We do the hard work to deliver adventures effortlessly

Our expertise is a key ingredient in ensuring the success of our river cruise holidays.

Everyone, from the product specialists and our reservations experts, to the cruise directors, on-board crew and local guides, go the extra mile so your river cruise experience is second to none.

Unrivalled knowledge and experience

I am always looking for that extra special something to enhance our customers' experience, on board and ashore. This is what makes our river cruises truly exceptional.

Amy Product Expert



Every Riviera Travel river cruise has been thoughtfully planned and crafted by our river cruise specialists.

They draw on their own extensive travel experience and the guidance and expertise of our local partners to create superb river cruise holidays.

Our specialists are committed to making every aspect smooth and enjoyable; they genuinely want to ensure that the holidays they create leave you with wonderful lasting memories.

Don't just take our word for it

“We were so impressed with our first experience of a Riviera Travel river cruise that we have already made up our minds that we will definitely book again.

Mr & Mrs Jones – Budapest to the Black Sea

From the time we booked to the time we sadly left the ship the organisation was faultless!

Mr Collins – Douro, Porto & Salamanca”

We know how much our customers look forward to their holiday and that is why we check every single detail. We want everything to be just right.

Paige River Cruise Operations





Budapest

Exceptional customer service

Your Riviera Travel experience starts from the moment you speak to our friendly reservations team. Our experts have first-hand experience of our river cruise holidays and will help you at every stage of your booking.

They are available seven days a week to answer your questions, give personal recommendations and provide reassurance.

Our customers say

“Could you please say a great big THANK YOU to everyone involved that made this our best river cruise ever.

Mr and Mrs Allsop - Rhine Cruise to Switzerland

We had a wonderful time... A good company can't function without good staff and all of your staff and the crew on the ship are definitely your greatest assets.

Mr Bashforth - The Blue Danube

Everything was planned so carefully and nothing was left to doubt and we were given an excellent time.

Mr & Mrs Cave - Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields

We see our customers as extended members of our Riviera Travel family. We care about their holiday and make sure everything is right for them.

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Team Leader



My personal experience of our first-class river cruises and typical life on board means I can give helpful advice and guidance to our customers.

Jane

Travel Consultant



Explore with our experts

Passionate about sharing their knowledge with you

Historic cities, charming towns, quaint villages and a glorious and ever-changing landscape will be brought to life by our carefully selected cruise directors, concierges and local guides.

They want to share their expertise and help you make your own discoveries too, their sole mission is to ensure you enjoy every moment on board and ashore.



Experienced cruise directors and concierges

Our cruise directors and concierges are always at your service. They play several roles most adeptly – a group leader who works tirelessly to oversee every single detail and a destination expert able to offer revealing insights into local life. Nothing is too much trouble for these seasoned travellers; they want to share their unique personal perspective and help you make your own discoveries too.

Knowledgeable, kind, well organised and resourceful – this is how our customers describe our cruise directors. As well as a great sense of humour they all share a genuine interest in the places that we visit. For them, being a cruise director is not just a job – it's a passion, and you'll learn far more from them than you would any guidebook.

Informative local guides

The company of welcoming local guides is also included on all our shore excursions. They are on hand to share their in-depth knowledge on art and architecture, history, local culture and so much more. Personal stories and anecdotes are sure to broaden your perspective and enrich your experience of the places our local guides call home.

Don't just take our word for it

“We have enjoyed several holidays with Riviera Travel but this was our first river cruise and we really enjoyed it. A luxurious ship with a wonderful crew. Everything was spotlessly clean and the food was excellent.

Mrs Owen - Amsterdam, Kinderdijk and the Dutch Bulbfields

We had the most amazing time ... the ship was fantastic as was the food and the crew were exceptional... nothing was too much trouble.

Mr & Mrs Parsons - The Blue Danube

We have just returned from our first river cruise and I have to say we are hooked. The ship was superb, and the places visited very interesting, but what really made it special were the crew and Riviera Travel staff. It felt like one big happy family.

Ms Ryder - Rhine Cruise to Switzerland

Just returned from a cruise and loved it. All staff on board were friendly, polite and helpful. They couldn't do enough for us. All in all a wonderful holiday.

Ms Garlick - Douro, Porto & Salamanca”



“I always look forward to welcoming everyone on board. Although I know each of our ports of call so well, with each group I see these places through new eyes.”

Cassie
Cruise Director

I love my job because I get to see first hand how much our customers enjoy cruising with us and I can share my enthusiasm for the places we visit.

Hanna
Cruise Director



Every member of the crew plays their part in delivering a superb on-board experience and it's a real privilege to work alongside such a great team of people.

Anette
Cruise Director



“Introducing our customers to new destinations is a great pleasure and hearing about everyone's adventures ashore is always a highlight of my day.”

Edward
Cruise Director



So much is included

Everything you need for an unforgettable river cruise

Return travel & transfers	Return flights from a choice of regional airports or travel by Eurostar (supplement may apply). Overseas transfers, on-board portorage, airport taxes and port charges.
Spacious suites & cabins	Luxurious suites and cabins with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views.
Exceptional dining	Sumptuous breakfasts, excellent buffet lunches and delicious four-course dinners featuring our tempting new 'Local Flavours' choices.
Fascinating tours & excursions	Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including guided tours in every port in the company of knowledgeable local guides.
Experienced cruise director	Riviera Travel cruise directors and concierges on hand to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on board and ashore.
Professional & friendly crew	Five-star service from our English-speaking crew who are available 24/7.
Complimentary tea & coffee	As well as tea and coffee-making facilities in your cabin you can help yourself to hot drinks on board at any time.
Refillable water bottle	We provide a complimentary refillable water bottle and a constant supply of drinking water.
Free Wi-Fi	Stay in touch throughout your cruise.
Leisure facilities	Most of our vessels feature a sauna, steam room, fitness suite and pool. Complimentary on-board bicycles are also available on many of our ships .

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Welcome aboard

Every detail is planned with you in mind





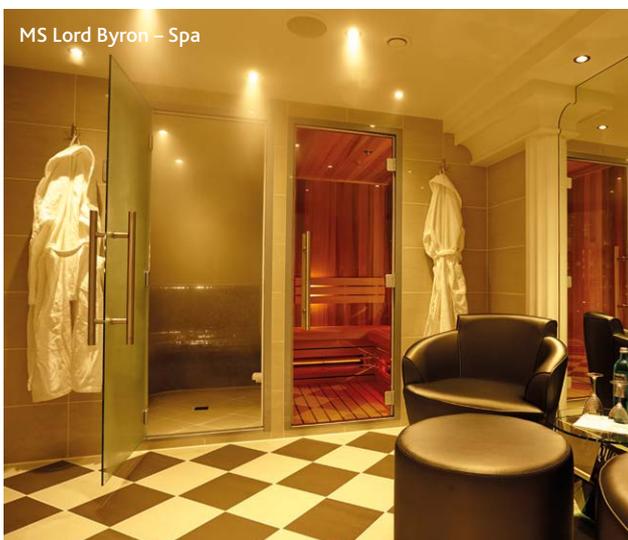
MS Jane Austen

With Riviera Travel you will be staying in a floating, luxury boutique hotel. Our fine fleet of five-star ships is truly world class. Primarily Swiss-built and operated, they are rated as some of the finest river cruise ships to grace Europe's waterways.

World-class ships

As you gracefully glide between towns and cities, relax in the privacy of your spacious cabin, unwind on deck with a refreshing drink, or enjoy the finest cuisine in a choice of wonderful restaurants on board. What better way is there to discover Europe's most awe-inspiring landscapes?

Dramatic terraced vineyards, gentle, rolling countryside or fairy-tale castles - wake up to a different view every morning from the comfort of your luxurious cabin. On a Riviera Travel river cruise everything is carefully choreographed to ensure your journey will always be a memorable one.



MS Lord Byron – Spa



World-class crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before a friendly crew welcomes you on board. From ship to shore the professional crew ensure our customers receive unparalleled standards of service and comfort. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Working closely with the Riviera Travel cruise director, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.

World-class facilities

Sustainable hardwoods, gleaming brass, polished copper, intricate wrought iron and sparkling glass combine harmoniously with soft leather furnishings and tasteful colour palettes. Immediately striking is just how remarkably spacious and beautifully illuminated these vessels are.

Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the surrounding scenery. Take in sweeping views from a panoramic observation lounge and bar, or seek out a quiet spot on deck and enjoy life on the river from a shaded sun lounger. Many of our vessels feature a pool, library, sauna and steam room, fitness suite, or hair salon and treatment room. Please refer to the ship information pages.

Exclusive cruises

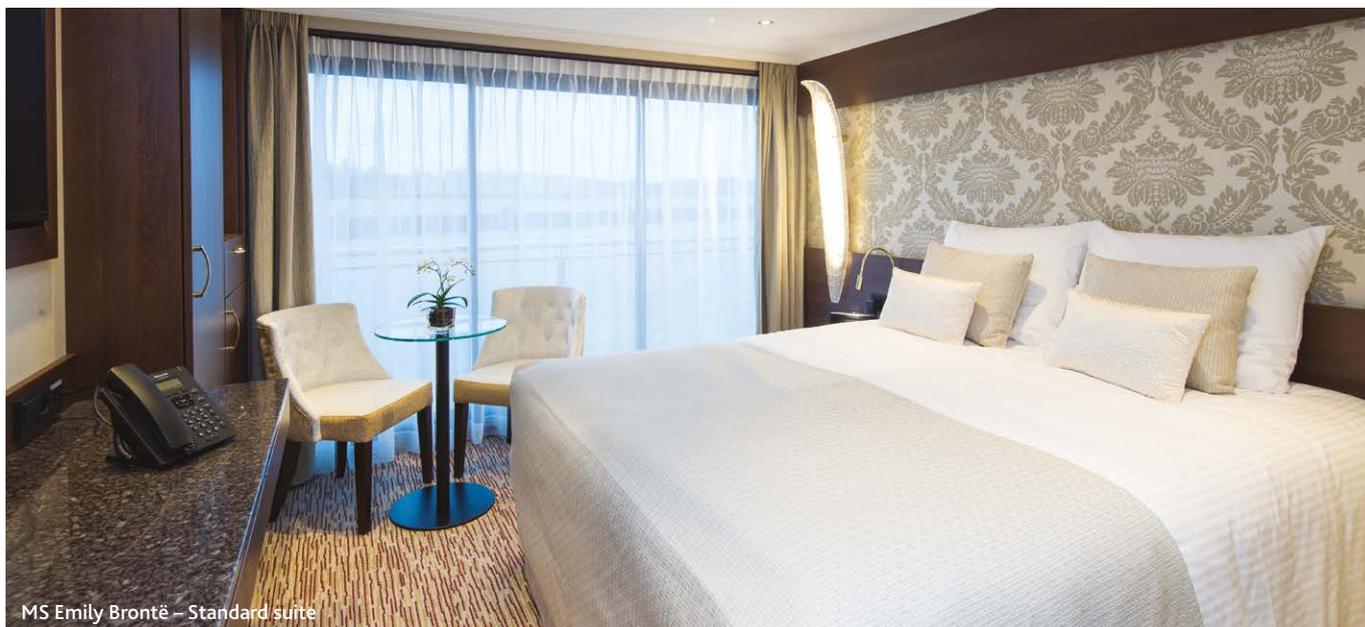
All our river cruises are exclusive to customers of Riviera Travel and we personally select every aspect of the cruise itinerary.

We want to ensure that you enjoy the outstanding service that we are renowned for.

Luxury with a view

On board your floating boutique hotel

MS Thomas Hardy – Deluxe balcony suite



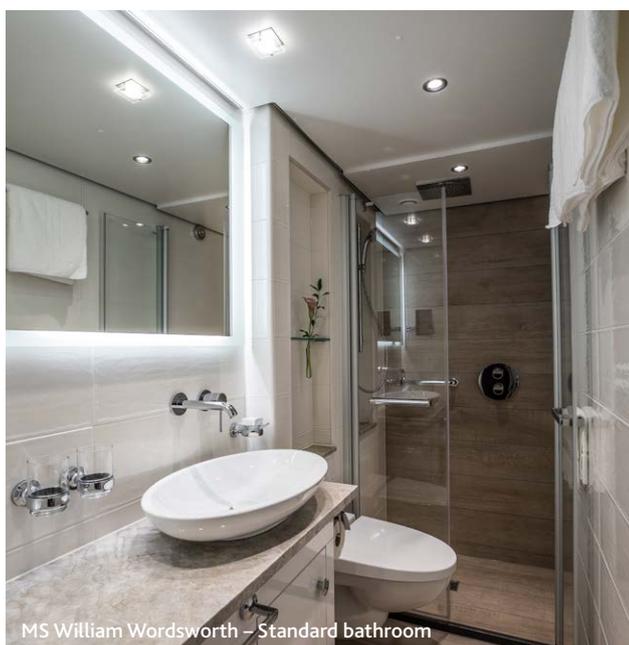
MS Emily Brontë – Standard suite

Our luxurious suites and cabins are among the largest on any river cruise vessel and over 80% feature a French or full balcony. All are well-appointed with superb facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel.

Your choice of suites & cabins

You can choose from a range of well-appointed and elegantly decorated standard or superior suites and cabins. For the ultimate in luxury, treat yourself to a stay in a deluxe suite with floor-to-ceiling doors that open up to a French balcony or lead to a private balcony.

Here you can enjoy a refreshing drink and watch as the ever-changing landscape drifts by. Our largest suite measures a generous 29 square metres (312 square feet) so there's plenty of room for relaxation.



MS William Wordsworth – Standard bathroom

Special touches that make all the difference

Step beyond the wooden door into a beautifully designed room, complete with comfortable hotel-style bed that can also be set up as twin beds, crisp cotton linen and sumptuous pillows. Your cabin comes with an en-suite bathroom and shower, thick fluffy towels, slippers and complimentary toiletries.

All cabins are equipped with adjustable air conditioning or heating, a small desk, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, hairdryer, telephone and complimentary Wi-Fi. You'll also find a wardrobe with ample storage space and a safe for your valuables. To make you feel at home, there are facilities for making coffee and tea – our thoughtful planning means we can offer you well-loved brands.

RIVIERA PLUS



New for 2021, we are delighted to introduce *Riviera Plus*. Customers in all deluxe and superior suites and all upper-deck cabins will benefit from a wealth of unique, new benefits including:

Smart handset with maps, translator, currency converter, unlimited calls, text messages and internet usage, on-board or ashore



L'Occitane en Provence toiletries for that extra touch of luxury



Bottle of chilled Prosecco on arrival



Platter of fresh seasonal fruits during the cruise



An aperitif each evening, with our compliments

Fine culinary experiences

A river cruise is a wondrous journey of discovery and a culinary pleasure

Typical dinner menu

Poached egg on crisp frisée, Comté cheese, roasted walnuts and balsamic dressing

Marinated king prawns with Asian style noodles, curry sauce and root vegetables

Smoked halibut carpaccio, celery, leek & lemon salad

Consommé niçoise - vegetable broth, aubergine, courgette, bell pepper, pasta and pesto

Beef tea royale - beef essence, root vegetables and Chester stick

Rosemary honey glazed duck breast, potato dauphinoise, apple red cabbage, star anise gravy

Pan fried fillet of sea bream, lemon butter sauce, orange fennel, risotto

Fried white asparagus, potato pearls, cress, sesame, strawberries, vegan lemon hollandaise sauce

Crème Brûlée Classique - vanilla crème brûlée and mint

Gratinated ice cream, warm cherries and pralines

Chocolate cheesecake with marinated berries

Coffee or tea

Local Flavours

Tartare of Dutch herring, pumpernickel bread, onion, sour cream and pickles

"Nederlandse Schol" - Pan fried fillet of plaice, sautéed dill cucumbers, buttered potatoes, Dutch North Sea shrimps, bacon and lemon butter sauce

"Haagse Bluff" - forest berries, biscuit, egg white

MS William Wordsworth



We offer a wide variety of fine dining experiences which are waiting to be savoured. From splendid breakfasts with over 60 options to delicious buffet lunches and classic four-course dinners, our menus feature regional and international specialities.

Quality is an integral part of dining with us, and our ships take this to the highest five-star levels with delicious cuisine prepared by a brigade of professional chefs. Friendly and smartly uniformed staff are always ready and at your service. At Riviera Travel, we want you to feel like you're at home with friends, so we have a policy of informal free seating and smaller tables, unlike the typical regimentation of many cruise ships.

First-class flexible dining

Enjoy classic cuisine in the ship's excellent main restaurant, or if you prefer a more informal setting dine in the stern restaurant with seating for no more than 28 diners (apart from Douro Elegance and Douro Splendour).

On our cruises through France we also offer classic French charcuterie, regional cheeses, traditional boulangerie and more in the La Brasserie restaurant. On our Rhine and Danube cruises you are invited to enjoy the Riverview Kitchen restaurant where classic European dishes are prepared and served while you take in the wonderful views.

Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.



Drinks package

We include everything you might need in our prices, we never charge for something you might not. If you prefer to pre-pay for your drinks, you can purchase our drinks package prior to departure. If you'd like more flexibility to purchase drinks at any time of day, why not add on-board credit to your booking before you travel? See page 21 for details.

Local Flavours **NEW**

Across our fleet, your chef will prepare a range of dishes every evening, inspired by the regions that you cruise through. Whether it be a traditional Hungarian soup flavoured with smoky paprika, a French cassoulet bursting with flavour or indulgent Dutch desserts, you are sure to feel connected to the places we visit through delicious and varied cuisine.

Additionally, our expert sommeliers have carefully selected a choice of wines which showcase popular and lesser known grape varieties. Some wines will have been produced from vineyards just a few yards from your floating restaurant.

Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening.



The perfect balance

Fascinating included excursions and time to relax

Join us on an unforgettable journey through time and culture, and see the classic sights of Europe – many on our included and insightful guided excursions.

We pride ourselves on the choice that we offer to our customers and 'Your options' gives you the flexibility to add those extra special touches that will make your voyage even more memorable.

Included excursions

From Bruges to the Black Sea, our highly engaging and informative excursions will take you further so you can truly appreciate the destination.

New tours have been added to many of our river cruises and we now include an enlightening excursion at every port of call where sailing times permit. Our local guides will share their in-depth knowledge, ensuring you get right to the heart of each of the places we visit.

We visit baroque Salzburg with its storybook Old Town, medieval Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy, and the scenic Puszta, where you will be enchanted by the beauty of the Hungarian Great Plain. The snow-capped peaks of the Bernese Oberland will quite simply take your breath away and Salamanca, perhaps Spain's most beautiful city is sure to steal your heart.

For more details see the individual cruise itineraries.

Relax or explore

Our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced, so there is ample time to relax and watch the world go by. We know that you value flexibility and choice on your holiday, that's why in many ports of call, there are plenty of opportunities to explore at leisure should you wish, or personalise your holiday with a special additional excursion. Our cruise directors and concierges are always at your service and ready to help.

All cabins come with a complimentary set of maps, and for our larger ports of call, we have teamed up with *Lonely Planet* to provide you with a handy city guide, to ensure you get the most out of your visit.

My view

We have asked our knowledgeable experts to share personal recommendations for their favourite destinations and you will find these on our cruise pages.

Our drawings have also been inspired by all the wonderful places that we visit along the rivers of Europe.





Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink. Customers upgrading to Deluxe and Superior Suites or upper-deck cabins enjoy all the benefits of *Riviera Plus* - see page 17.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. In the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar.

You're free to choose

Everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different so on a number of cruises we offer a choice of thoughtfully crafted excursions, carefully selected to give you a more well-rounded experience. This choice gives you the opportunity to discover less-explored gems if you wish and of course, all are included in the price of your cruise.

Personalise your holiday

Visit a world-renowned gallery, tour a famed riding school or taste the finest wines at a celebrated vineyard – the choice is yours. Simply inform your cruise director, who will make the necessary arrangements on your behalf.

Extend your holiday

Spend a few more days exploring ashore on an inspiring post-cruise extension.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique. Please note gratuities cannot be paid using on-board credit.

Before you go

Pre-book your airport extras for a more relaxed start to your holiday, such as airport parking, a Fast-Track pass or access to an airport lounge. Visit our partner Holiday Extras, at www.rivieraextras.co.uk. If you prefer to meet us at your destination, call about our tour-only option.



Keukenhof Gardens - Day 4

Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields

5 DAYS
from only **£849**

April 2021

Exclusive solo departures
also available

Experience historic maritime cities, where innovation meets the traditions of the past. Be inspired by iconic windmills lining the canal banks and the floral masterpiece that is Keukenhof Tulip Gardens.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar to Brussels and then the Thalys train to Amsterdam. Overnight sailing to Enkhuizen.

DAY 2 – Enkhuizen

Included entry to Zuiderzee museum. Afternoon and overnight sailing along the Markermeer.

DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Included morning guided tour of Rotterdam. Included afternoon guided tour of Kinderdijk windmills. Evening sailing to Amsterdam.

DAY 4 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

Morning drive through the bulbfields to Keukenhof Gardens. Included afternoon guided tour of Amsterdam in a canal cruiser.

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam from a choice of regional airports or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Brussels, where you change trains and continue to Amsterdam. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship. The friendly crew welcomes you on board, helping you settle into your spacious and exquisitely furnished accommodation – you'll feel immediately at home. (D)

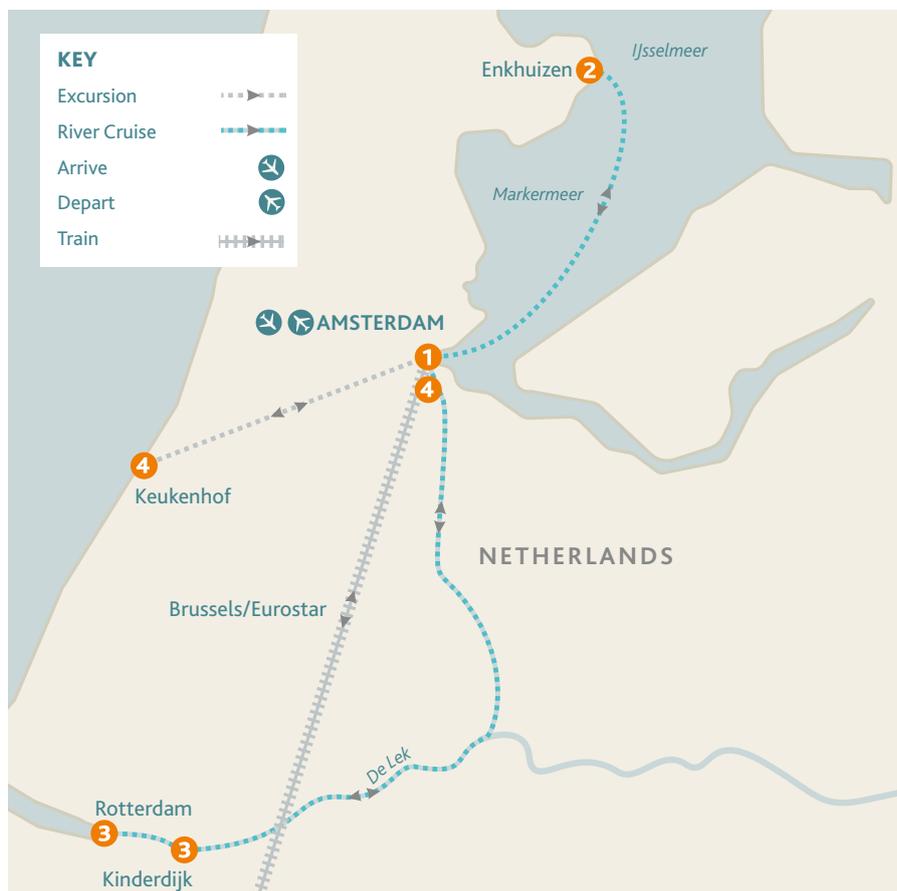
DAY 2 – Enkhuizen

Overnight the ship has gently steered a course north. As dawn breaks, you're greeted by views of Enkhuizen, a picturesque port nestling at the edge of the former Zuiderzee. It is also home to the Zuiderzee Museum, which we will experience on our visit this morning. Found in the historic centre of Enkhuizen, it superbly recreates the 19th-century heritage of Holland's inland bay and combines interesting exhibits with demonstrations of the artisan skills of yesteryear, such as sailmaking, fish curing and blacksmithing. The open air museum is particularly captivating, as the era is brought to life with a charming village atmosphere, where the likes of bakers, shopkeepers and smokehouse workers don traditional clothing and serve you their wares, just as they would have done all those years ago.

During the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th-century, the Netherlands dominated world maritime trade, becoming fabulously prosperous. Enkhuizen, as one of the country's principal ports specialising in trade in the East Indies, flourished. Merchants keen to display their wealth created this town of gabled houses, narrow streets, bridges and waterways. It's also a haven for history lovers, with numerous beautifully preserved buildings and city gates, dating back to the 1500s. In particular, look out for the grand Drommedaris gate, which has been restored since its destruction in World War II, and the ornate Waag building, built in an early Renaissance style in 1559.

It's a delight to explore, taking in the atmosphere of its little streets and jumble of sailing boats in the harbour.

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



DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Wake up in historic Rotterdam, the Netherlands' second largest metropolis, situated where the Rhine flows into the North Sea. This morning we embark on a guided tour of this captivating city, from the old harbour to the modern architecture, passing by the Witte Huis, Europe's first sky scraper, built in the Art Nouveau style.

Known as the 'Gateway to Europe', it is the largest European cargo port and has been a conduit for trade since the 14th century.

Unsurprisingly, its logistical significance made it a target for bombing during the Second World War and its old town was destroyed, with only the Church of Saint Lawrence left standing. During the following decades Rotterdam was reconstructed with typical Dutch optimism and engineering expertise and now boasts an abundance of innovative and imaginative architecture.

Other highlights of Rotterdam include Europe's largest swing bridge, the Erasmus Bridge, arched Markthal (market hall) and

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- 5 visits and tours including visits to the Keukenhof Gardens, Enkhuizen, Kinderdijk and Rotterdam, and a canal cruise in Amsterdam
- 4 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
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- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

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Cube Houses. The Erasmus Bridge is a cable-stayed and bascule construction in the heart of Rotterdam, which is aptly dubbed 'the Swan' because of its striking structure. Whilst the vibrant yellow Cube Houses, known locally as Kubuswoningen, are another architectural masterpiece. Built on stilts and tilted at bizarre angles, they were designed by Dutch architect Piet Blom in the 1970s and remain an iconic part of the city to this day.

There are also excellent museums, such as the vast Boijmans Van Beuningen, which houses a world-class collection of works by old and modern masters, from Rembrandt to Van Gogh to Dalí, and some rare and beautiful glassware.

During lunch on board you can enjoy a kaleidoscope of views through the restaurant's panoramic windows as we leave Rotterdam's skyline behind. A significant part of the Netherlands lies up to 22 feet below sea level, but an intricate network of dykes and polders, the Netherlands' unique drainage systems, has kept the seawater at bay and allowed land reclamation.

At the very heart of this fascinating reclaimed region is Kinderdijk, our next port of call. Here, you can witness a truly iconic polder scene – a series of 19 authentic windmills lining the canal banks, set against a starkly beautiful backdrop of pancake-flat marshland. Windmills are symbolic of Dutch history and the never-ending battle with the sea, and visiting these beautifully preserved structures is like stepping back in time. So impressive in fact, that the windmills have held UNESCO World Heritage status for over 20 years. Later we return to the cruise ship, where the chef has prepared a sumptuous dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

A long spring season and the polders' well-drained soil create the perfect environment for growing the Netherlands' world-famous tulips, first imported into the country from the Ottoman Empire in the late 16th-century. This morning we drive through the scenic bulb fields to Keukenhof, the world's largest flower garden, covering nearly 80 acres. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling carpet of colours created by the seven million tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other blooms arranged in rows, swirls and every other imaginable shape. The art of flower planting reaches breathtaking heights in Keukenhof's themed areas, and wandering among this dramatic pageant of hues set in a landscape of lakes, trees, pavilions and water



Enkhuisen - Day 2

features is magical – and provides gardeners with a wealth of inspiration to take home!

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

Amsterdam is the ideal walking city and we remain moored dockside so you can explore its characterful streets at your leisure. Exceptional art is always close by, from small galleries to the world-class Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, both holding huge collections. You might choose to discover the interior of Anne Frank's house, rummage through the Waterlooplein flea market or relax at a café sipping a rich Dutch coffee and watching the locals trundle over cobbles along the canals on their high-handlebar bicycles. Why not take a stroll to the picturesque Westerpark, where the vibrant Westergas, once a group of 19th-century industrial buildings, is home to a host of independent coffee roasters, a microbrewery and an art house.

You could even try a traditional Dutch snack from a street market vendor whilst you watch the locals pass by. Sample the likes of bitterballen (deep fried meatballs served with mustard), poffertjes (mini pancakes dusted with sugar) or the local Dutch liquorice, which might be saltier than you're used to. If you see a haringhandels (herring stands) they'll be serving traditional raw herring, a pickled speciality often accompanied by diced onions and gherkins. Remember to save room for this evening though, where a delicious dining experience awaits. Wrapping up a memorable day is the lavish Captain's Dinner in the ship's restaurant, as evening falls and the lights of this unforgettable city sparkle in the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



Amsterdam - Day 4

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

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Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £59 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

My view

Insider knowledge

A stroll along the grand 17th century canals of Amsterdam is a must but the smaller canals are equally rewarding. Brouwersgracht is particularly lovely in the evening when the illuminated gabled houses look like strings of lanterns.

Read

The Tulip: by Anna Pavord recounts the riveting history of the tulip bulb and how it became a worldwide phenomenon.

Taste

The stroopwafel is a wafer made from two thin layers of baked dough filled with a caramel syrup. This sweet treat is a Dutch favourite.



Mike
Cruise Director

Pricing & departures 2021

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MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
07/04/2021, 11/04/2021	£899	£1,079	£1,099	£1,279	£1,229	£1,379	£1,629
15/04/2021	£949	£1,129	£1,149	£1,329	£1,279	£1,429	£1,679
19/04/2021, 23/04/2021	£999	£1,179	£1,199	£1,379	£1,329	£1,479	£1,729

MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
01/04/2021	£749	£949	£1,179	£1,079	£1,279	£1,179	£1,479
05/04/2021	£849	£1,049	£1,279	£1,179	£1,379	£1,279	£1,579
09/04/2021	£899	£1,099	£1,329	£1,229	£1,429	£1,329	£1,629
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
02/04/2021	£949	£1,149	£1,349	£1,249	£1,449	£1,349	£1,649

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar/Thayls	£30	Amsterdam Station	Amsterdam Station
Belfast	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Birmingham	KLM	£30	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Bristol	Easyjet/KLM	£30	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
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Leeds Bradford	KLM	£30	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Liverpool	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
London Stansted	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Manchester	KLM	£30	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
Newcastle	KLM	£50	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport

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Δ The departure on 02/04/2021 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Amsterdam airport and the ship in Amsterdam - approx. 45 mins; between Amsterdam station and the ship in Amsterdam - approx. 20 mins.

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DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar to Brussels and then the Thalys train to Amsterdam.

DAY 2 – Amsterdam & Hoorn

Included guided tour of Amsterdam in a glass-topped canal cruiser. Afternoon sailing along the Zuiderzee towards Hoorn. Overnight sailing.

DAY 3 – Arnhem

Included visit to the British HQ at Oosterbeek and Commonwealth Cemetery. Evening and overnight sailing towards Antwerp.

DAY 4 – Antwerp

Included morning guided tour of Antwerp with a free afternoon to explore. Evening and overnight sailing towards Ghent.

DAY 5 – Ghent & Ypres

Included guided tours of Ghent and Ypres.

DAY 6 – Bruges

Included full day visit to Bruges with guided tour. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 7 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

Included morning visit to Keukenhof Gardens. Return to the ship for a free afternoon in Amsterdam.



DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam from a choice of regional airports or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Brussels, where you change trains connecting to Amsterdam. On arrival, a coach transfers you to your five-star cruise ship. The dedicated crew welcomes you aboard, ensuring you settle in to your extremely comfortable and well-appointed cabin. There's time to familiarise yourself with your first-class floating hotel before experiencing the chef's specially chosen menu for your first dinner on board. (D)

DAY 2 – Amsterdam & Hoorn

Breakfast is an on-board institution and you're always assured of an enticing range of choices. We're moored in the heart of delightful Amsterdam, and there's no better way to explore than taking a classic glass-topped boat tour through the network of canals that infuse every aspect of life here. The tour brings a real insight into the history and everyday life of Amsterdam, a maritime, financial and cultural powerhouse uniquely located facing both the sea and the heartlands of Europe. As we glide over the calm canal waters, you'll see a fascinating variety of typically Dutch narrow gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges immortalised by the great artists, and learn about its famous canalside residents, from the tragic Anne Frank, who wrote her diaries hidden in a merchant's house, to Rembrandt, the Dutch Old Master. A splendid buffet lunch awaits our return as we slip away from the quayside towards the IJsselmeer, the enormous inland lake created when the Zuiderzee was cut off from the North Sea by a series of dykes and dams. Our port of call is Hoorn, once a prosperous port of the Dutch East India Company. Reminiscent of another age, it's a charming mix of imposing buildings dating from the 15th century onwards, brick-built warehouses, cobble squares and twisting alleys. Hoorn's ships traded the world over, with one sailor even naming the southern tip of South America after his home town – Cape Horn. There's time to explore this intriguing spot before returning to our cruise ship to enjoy dinner and maybe a nightcap in the lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Arnhem

One of the delights of river cruising is the enchanting experience of waking somewhere new, the water gently lapping as the ship glides almost imperceptibly along. We're now deep in the heart of Holland, passing flower-bedecked houseboats, flocks of wildfowl and, of course, windmills! We soon arrive in Arnhem, synonymous with the ill-fated 1944 aerial assault depicted in the film *A Bridge Too Far*. We visit the battle HQ of the British 1st Airborne Division at Oosterbeek, now an excellent museum, and the Commonwealth War Cemetery, the final resting place of so many. Back on board, we continue our passage along the mighty River Rhine, one of Europe's most important arterial waterways, before



enjoying another sumptuous dinner on board, as distant lights glint on the waterfront as we silently slip by. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Antwerp

This morning there's a chance to marvel at the Captain's skill as he calmly navigates the busy River Scheldt and moors in Antwerp, birthplace of the Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens. Belgium's second city, the charming

atmosphere draws you in with its winding, cobble streets and spectacular historic buildings, which contrasts with modern architecture and bustling café-lined lanes. This morning we enjoy a tour led by a local guide taking in its numerous highlights and lesser-known features. At its heart is the captivating main square – the Grote Markt – dominated by ornately gabled guildhouses and the Renaissance town hall. The opulent

Your cruise price includes

- 8 visits and tours including visits to Hoorn, Arnhem and Keukenhof Gardens, a canal cruise in Amsterdam and guided tours of Antwerp, Ghent, Ypres and Bruges
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
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Brabo Fountain is a famous sight too, with its turquoise-grey finish dominating the square's skyline.

This afternoon is free to explore as you wish, perhaps visiting Rubens' extravagant former home and studio, the magnificent Gothic cathedral or even the painstakingly restored train station, of such architectural splendour it is often called the 'Railway Cathedral'. With its delightful chocolatiers, lace markets, street artists and book sellers, why not peruse the shops and treat yourself to a box of Belgian chocolates or treasured second-hand book to remind you of your travels? (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Ghent & Ypres

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

After lunch on board, there's the option to spend the afternoon in Ghent, maybe taking a horse-drawn carriage ride or finding a cosy spot in a quintessential Flemish café. If you're a beer connoisseur, look out for bars which sell *gruut*, a speciality of Ghent made with a herb-infused recipe from the Middle Ages.

Alternatively, you can join our tour to Ypres, a name synonymous with the horrors of the Great War. Almost totally destroyed during a series of battles, Ypres is now a place of peace, reverence and reflection. You may wish to visit the award-winning In Flanders Fields Museum that tells the haunting story of the conflict, providing a thought-provoking insight into the extraordinary lives of the soldiers and civilians; it's located in the Cloth Hall in the heart of Ypres' beautifully restored town centre. Nearby are many battlefields synonymous with the horrors of trench warfare, including Passchendaele, where around 600,000 perished. In addition we visit Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world. Ypres is also the home of the Menin Gate, the deeply moving memorial to the missing where the 'Last Post' is played every evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Bruges

After breakfast we take the short drive to Bruges and have a guided walk of this beautiful town, which really does carry its remarkable medieval legacy with charm and to perfection. The atmosphere here is pure romance and its streets are crammed with fascination. Exquisitely compact, its entire historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site made up of serene canals, narrow cobbled streets, romantic gabled houses, exquisite churches and myriad shops selling artisan goods – including its legendary chocolate!

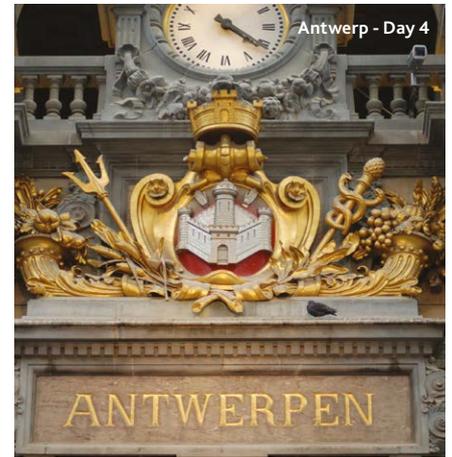
Its main square is dominated by the soaring Belfry, whose 47 bells chime to create an idyllic atmosphere. It's a 366-step climb to the

top, but the breathtaking views are well worth it. You'll also see the City Hall and the Basilica of the Holy Blood, home to a venerated relic – a phial of Jesus's blood reputedly brought back from the Crusades. Another must is the Church of Our Lady, where you can see Michelangelo's Madonna and Child, a work of incomparable beauty carved in white Carrara marble. You'll be reluctant to leave this enchanting place, although the promise of more first-class dining in the ship's restaurant will lure you back. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

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

We re-join our ship in Amsterdam and after lunch you're free to explore as you wish. Amsterdam is an art-lover's dream. The Rijksmuseum is an architectural marvel itself, but it holds a magnificent collection of works by Dutch masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer, while admirers





of Post-Impressionism might prefer the Van Gogh Museum, housing the world's greatest collection of works by this genius of a man. Amsterdam is also home to the memory of Anne Frank, where her carefully restored home is now a fascinating museum which tells her story behind the Secret Annex through her famous diary.

Tonight there's another culinary highlight – the Captain's Dinner, when the chef prepares his superb 'signature' dishes for you to enjoy in the splendid surroundings of the ship's restaurant, with a chance to reflect on the fascinating places you have discovered, poignant stories you have heard and the new friends you have made. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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Personalise your holiday

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

The Rijksmuseum's vast collection boasts more than 5,000 paintings in a beautifully restored building. See incredible works by the likes of Rembrandt, Van Gogh and countless other Dutch greats. From €19 per person.

My view



Insider knowledge

Vlaeykengang is a hidden gem right in the centre of Antwerp. Dating back to the late 16th century this secret alley was where the city's shoemakers once lived. Today it is home to art galleries and antique shops.

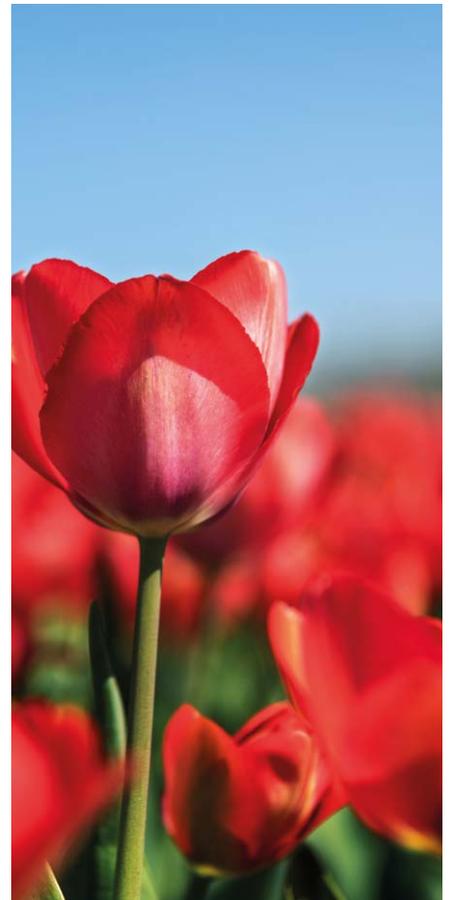
Read

Comics are an integral part of Belgian culture and *The Adventures of Tintin* by Hergé was one of the most popular comics of the 20th century.

Drink

Similar to gin but smoother and slightly sweeter, Genever is also made with juniper berries and spices. This potent clear spirit can only be produced in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Peter
Cruise Director



Pricing & departures 2021

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MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
27/04/2021	£1,599	£1,849	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,649

MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
06/04/2021	£1,199	£1,549	£1,849	£1,699	£1,949	£1,849	£2,249
13/04/2021	£1,349	£1,699	£1,999	£1,849	£2,099	£1,999	£2,399
14/04/2021	£1,449	£1,799	£2,099	£1,949	£2,199	£2,099	£2,499
20/04/2021, 21/04/2021	£1,549	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,599
28/04/2021	£1,649	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,699

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Liverpool	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
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London Heathrow	British Airways	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
London Stansted	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport
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Newcastle	KLM	£50	Amsterdam Airport	Amsterdam Airport

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DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar to Brussels and then the Thalys train to Amsterdam. Transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Amsterdam

Included guided tour of Amsterdam in a glass-topped canal cruiser. Overnight sailing.

DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Included morning guided tour of Rotterdam's architecture. Afternoon sailing and included guided tour of Kinderdijk windmills. Overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Bruges & Ghent

Included full day visit to Bruges with guided tour or option to return to Ghent for included afternoon guided tour. Overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Antwerp

Included morning guided tour of Antwerp. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Arnhem

Included visit to either the Airborne Museum or included visit to Het Loo Palace with guided tour. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 7 – Cologne

Included morning guided tour of Cologne with entrance to the cathedral.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport or train station for your return journey.

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

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Brussels, where you change trains and continue to Amsterdam. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship. The friendly crew welcomes you to your spacious and superbly furnished accommodation – you'll feel immediately at home on your first-class floating hotel. The ship remains here overnight, so watch dusk descend over Amsterdam as you enjoy your first dinner on board. (D)

DAY 2 – Amsterdam

This morning, awake to the colourful canalside of Amsterdam as you enjoy a delicious breakfast on board. We embark on a charming glass-topped canal cruiser to begin exploring this beautiful city. With a network of 165 17th-century canals radiating from the city centre, taking to the water really is the best way to immerse yourself in Amsterdam's history and culture.

As you drift between the cobbled streets, fringed with tall, narrow merchants' houses, past characterful houseboats and interesting bridges, your guide imparts a wealth of knowledge about life, past and present in this unique city, once home to the famous Dutch painter Rembrandt and the legendary Anne Frank, who wrote her world-famous diaries whilst in hiding during the Nazi occupation. Amsterdam is an incredible city to explore on foot too. This afternoon our ship remains moored, so you can wander its inspiring streets at your leisure. If art is your passion, then no visit would be complete without experiencing the vast collection of masterpieces housed in the extraordinary Rijksmuseum or Van Gogh Museum. Alternatively head to the vibrant Jordaan district, crammed with independent galleries, quirky shops and fashionable cafés from where you can linger over a refreshing locally-brewed beer and watch the Amsterdammers skilfully dodging each other on their high-handlebarred cycles. Step back in time with a thought-provoking visit to Anne Frank's house or enjoy bargain-hunting in the bustling Waterlooplein flea market, the largest in Europe. Feeling peckish? If raw herring, a Dutch delicacy often accompanied by gherkins and diced onions, from a traditional haringhandel (herring stand) doesn't appeal, perhaps opt for a plate of mouth-watering poffertjes, mini pancakes dusted with sugar.

DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Clustered at the mouth of the Rhine as it flows into the North Sea, Rotterdam's destiny as a trading gateway to Europe and beyond was almost assured, and after breakfast this morning, you will enjoy a guided tour of this vibrant city, learning more about the history of its maritime past as well as its thriving cultural scene. Although it suffered massive bomb damage during the Second World War, the city was completely reconstructed, resulting in some interesting and quirky architectural styles. We'll see the Witte Huis, Europe's first skyscraper,



built in the Art Nouveau style and the Church of Saint Lawrence, the only surviving building of the original old town, the Erasmus Bridge, nick-named 'the swan' because of its avian-like shape and the arched market hall, plus the famous yellow Cube Houses, known locally as Kubuswoningen. Designed by Dutch architect Piet Blom in the 1970s, strikingly built on stilts and tilted at quirky angles, they remain an iconic and unique feature to this day.

Back on board, as we continue our journey to Kinderdijk this afternoon, take in the lovely views

through the restaurant's panoramic windows over a delicious lunch. We soon arrive at the very heart of this captivating region to witness a truly striking polder scene – a series of 19 authentic windmills lining the canal banks, set against a starkly beautiful backdrop of pancake-flat marshland. Windmills are symbolic of Dutch history and its never-ending battle with the sea, and visiting these meticulously preserved structures is like stepping back in time. It's no surprise that the windmills, recognised for their significance within Dutch history and heritage,

Your cruise price includes

- 8 visits and tours including a canal cruise in Amsterdam and guided tours of Cologne, Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent and Rotterdam and visits to Kinderdijk, Airborne Museum or Het Loo Palace
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner (except one lunch if choosing the full-day Bruges excursion)
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 29 or visit our website

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from 9 regional airports or seats on Eurostar / Thalys from London St Pancras International*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
- No surcharges guaranteed
- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

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now enjoy an esteemed UNESCO status. Later we return to our cruise ship, where the chef has prepared an inviting dinner. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – Bruges & Ghent

Overnight our ship has glided stealthily downstream and you wake in the medieval city of Ghent. Today's included excursion takes us to nearby and quintessentially beautiful Bruges, known for its serene canals, narrow cobbled streets, romantic gabled houses, exquisite churches and myriad shops selling artisan goods – and of course its legendary chocolate! After breakfast we take the short drive to this picture-perfect city; exquisitely compact, its entire historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and as you wander its historic streets, stories from our expert guide will bring it to life.

We begin in its medieval heart, the Markt, which has served as the main market square since the 10th century. Towering 272 feet over the colourful gabled buildings framing the square is the Belfry and its 47-bell carillon. Another must is the Church of Our Lady, where you can see Michelangelo's Madonna and Child, a work of incomparable beauty carved in white Carrara marble. Whilst you might be reluctant to leave this enchanting place, later this afternoon you can choose between staying in Bruges and returning to the ship a little later, or returning to Ghent for an included afternoon guided tour. Please note lunch is not included on the full-day excursion to Bruges, however the ship will offer a packed lunch*.

Ghent is a medieval gem, once Western Europe's second largest city after Paris. Spared the ravages of the 20th century, you can stroll along its magnificently unspoilt waterfront, gazing upon the 13th-century skyline punctured by soaring belfries, with the 12th-century Gravenstein fortress towering above. See the impressive Gothic Saint Bavo's Cathedral, whose altarpiece is one of the world's foremost art treasures – the van Eyck brothers' Adoration of the Mystic Lamb. After tonight's superb dinner, we leave these fascinating cities behind, as

our elegant vessel cruises on towards Antwerp overnight, along the River Scheldt. (B, *L, D)

DAY 5 – Antwerp

The Scheldt has always been Antwerp's lifeline, and records showing the earliest settlers arrived here in the 2nd century, the river acting as a natural barrier against invasion. The 12th century city walls were built in an attempt to keep out the Flemish who finally annexed the city in 1357. With increasing numbers of ships arriving from Italy, together with the birth of the Flemish weaving industry, the city became an important warehouse for English wool and a period of significant prosperity ensued. Belgium's second city, Antwerp's charming and cosmopolitan atmosphere draws you in, as you immerse yourself amongst its winding, cobbled streets and spectacular historic buildings, juxtaposed by more modern architecture fringing lanes of lively cafés and tempting shops. This morning we enjoy a tour with a local guide who'll impart their knowledge about the city's highlights as well as some lesser-known but equally fascinating sights. At its heart is the captivating main square – the Grote Markt – dominated by ornately gabled guildhouses and the Renaissance town hall. The opulent Brabo Fountain is a famous sight too, with its turquoise-grey finish dominating the square's skyline.

One of the delights of river cruising is the magical experience of watching the seamlessly changing landscapes drifting by through the panoramic windows or up on the sun deck; so after lunch this afternoon, there's ample time to unwind and catch up on some reading, indulge in the spa or simply enjoy a glass of wine as the riverside views gently roll by. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Arnhem

Awake this morning to find overnight our vessel has gently brought us to the very heart of Holland. We have arrived in Arnhem, synonymous with the ill-fated 1944 aerial assault, devised by General Montgomery to end World War II, depicted in the film A Bridge Too Far. This morning you have a choice of two excursions: either a fascinating visit to the

Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek or to Het Loo Palace, royal residence at Apeldoorn.

For those choosing the former, we head to the battle HQ of the British 1st Airborne Division, now an exceptional museum with memorabilia, artwork and accounts relating to this famous and complex battle. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery, the final resting place of so many. If the latter appeals to you, join an expert guide on our visit to the exquisite Het Loo Palace, built for William, Prince of Orange and later King of England, Scotland and Ireland. Set in lush countryside, it's a fine example of Dutch Baroque architecture, set in several hundred hectares of parkland with beautifully symmetrical manicured gardens designed by Claude Desgotz. We re-join our ship for an afternoon of picturesque sailing so sink into a comfy chair in the lounge and recharge over a cup of afternoon tea before thoughts turn to tonight's mouthwatering meal prepared by our on-board chefs. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – Cologne

If you're enjoying an early coffee on the sun deck, you will witness our stately arrival in the magnificent city of Cologne. On this morning's guided tour, led by a knowledgeable local guide, we'll discover some of its highlights and enjoy entry into the spectacular twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, miraculous survivor of Second World War bombing and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took six centuries to complete, and among its many treasures are the magnificent stained-glass windows and gilded sarcophagus said to contain the remains of the three kings from the Nativity story.

We also see the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and cosy bars, some of which still brew their own beer. You'll have some free time to explore the city under your own steam; perhaps you'll opt for a spot of shopping in the Belgian quarter with its quirky boutiques, to pick up some last minute souvenirs or spend your final



Antwerp - Day 5



Amsterdam - Day 2



Rotterdam - Day 3

afternoon reflecting on this superb cruise over a glass of local Kölsch, traditionally brewed in the city and recognisable by its bright yellow hue. As night falls, a sumptuous dinner provides the perfect finale to this memorable cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or superior suites. For the ultimate in luxury, treat yourself to a stay in a deluxe suite.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

My view

Insider knowledge

Originally a group of dwellings for semi-monastic women in the 17th century, the Bequinage is a haven of peace in the heart of Bruges. Enjoy the tranquil garden and relax at one of the pretty cafés close by.

Watch

Based on Tracy Chevalier's novel of the same name, scenes from the cinematic homage to 17th century Flemish painters, *Girl with a Pearl Earring* were shot on location in Amsterdam.

Buy

No 4711 Glockengasse in Cologne is home to one of the world's oldest fragrance brands and the iconic 4711 Eau de Cologne has been produced in the city since the late 18th century.

Taste

The Antwerp Handjes is a unique 'hand shaped' chocolate and almond biscuit. This local delicacy originates from the grisly legend of a giant who cut off the hands of sailors who refused to pay a toll to enter the port of Antwerp.



Jessie
Cruise Director

Pricing & departures 2021

Prices are per person based on two people sharing. Some regional flights and rail connections carry a supplement – see below. Dates marked with an asterisk * operate a reverse itinerary.

MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
04/05/2021	£1,699	£1,949	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,749

MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
27/04/2021	£1,499	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,549
19/05/2021*	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
26/05/2021	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
23/06/2021*, 30/06/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
25/08/2021*	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
01/09/2021	£1,999	£2,349	£2,649	£2,499	£2,749	£2,649	£3,049
06/10/2021*	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
13/10/2021	£1,499	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,549
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
05/05/2021	£1,899	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,549	£2,949

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar/Thayls	Nil	Amsterdam Station	Brussels Midi Station
Birmingham	Eurowings/KLM	£20	Amsterdam Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Bristol	Ryanair/KLM	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Cologne Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Cologne Airport
Edinburgh	Easyjet/Eurowings	£20	Amsterdam Airport	Cologne Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
London Stansted	Easyjet/Ryanair	Nil	Amsterdam Airport	Cologne Airport
Manchester	Eurowings/KLM	£20	Amsterdam Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Newcastle	Eurowings/KLM	£20	Amsterdam Airport	Düsseldorf Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy. Δ The departure on 05/05/2021 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Amsterdam airport and the ship in Amsterdam - approx. 45 mins; Between Amsterdam station and the ship in Amsterdam - approx. 20 mins; between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop).

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website. On reverse itineraries, arrival and departure points are the opposite way around.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Rhine & Moselle

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Experience the contrast between the bustling Rhine and the serene Moselle, lined with castle ruins, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages. Sail some of Europe's most romantic waterways to the cobbled streets of Bernkastel, ancient Koblenz and, of course, the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Cochem

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Cochem with free time to explore.

DAY 3 – Trier

Morning sailing. Afternoon drive to Trier for a walking tour. Return to ship, now moored at Bernkastel.

DAY 4 – Bernkastel

Included morning guided tour of Bernkastel. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Koblenz & Boppard

Included morning walking tour of Koblenz. Afternoon sailing to Boppard for an included tour.

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Morning cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim.

DAY 7 – Cologne

Morning sailing to Cologne. Included afternoon guided tour of Cologne with free time to explore.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Brussels. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship moored in the heart of Cologne, one of Germany's oldest cities. The friendly crew will welcome you and help you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and well-equipped accommodation, it's time to familiarise yourself with the many first-class aspects of this floating boutique hotel. (D)

DAY 2 – Cochem

The first morning on board a river cruise is always a thrill, awakening to the peaceful lapping of the water outside as the scenic valley sides slip past your cabin window – there's no other holiday experience quite like it. Breakfast is a leisurely affair; life on board is unhurried, so you can linger over that extra cup of tea or coffee. You're cruising some of Europe's most dramatic and romantic waterways – the mighty River Rhine and its tributary the Moselle. The Sun Deck is perfect for an invigorating mid-morning stroll, watching picture-postcard villages with slanting timber-framed houses pass by.

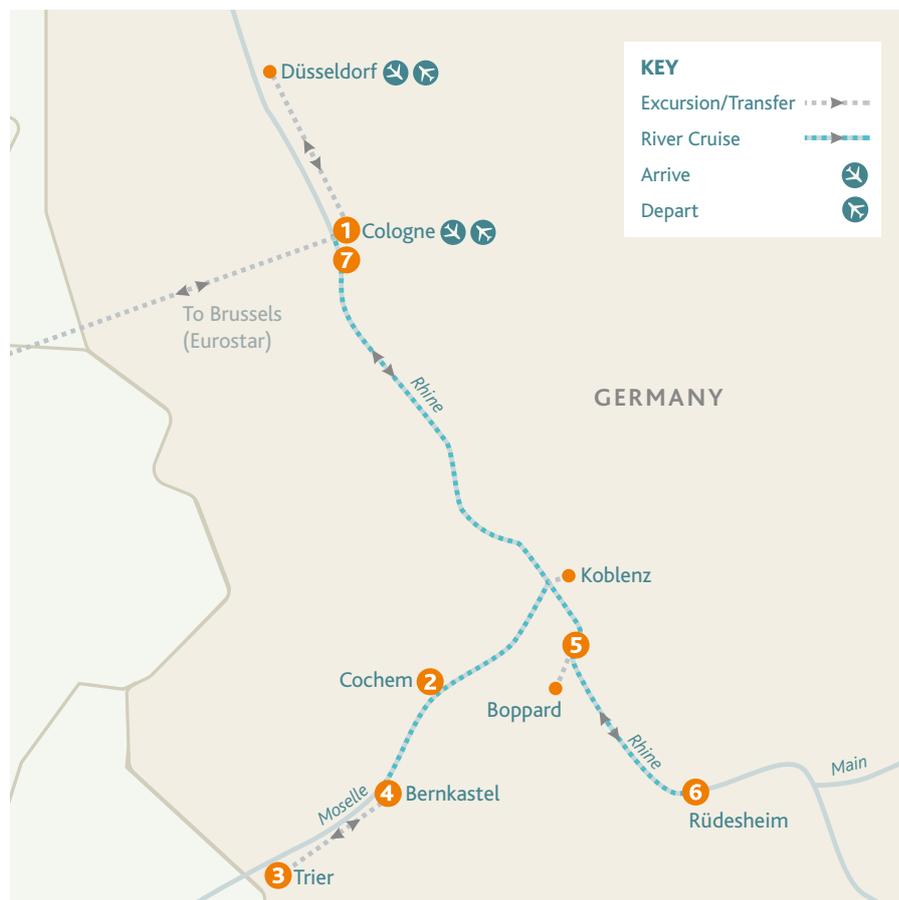
After a delicious lunch we glide into our moorings at Cochem, the traditional centre of the Moselle wine trade, for an afternoon guided tour. Dominating the scene is a multi-turreted castle crowning a vineyard covered hillside, but Cochem's real charm is its jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel coloured buildings and peppered with quirky shops and wine cellars.

There's ample time to explore here, immersing yourself in the relaxed ambience of this quintessential riverside town, before stepping back on board to enjoy the chef's choices for dinner, served in the splendid ship's restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Trier

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

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



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

We return to our ship, moored in the charming town of Bernkastel, in time for another exquisite meal. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Bernkastel

After a delicious breakfast on board, join the expert guided tour of Bernkastel town, a romantic wonder from another age. Wander its cobbled streets to the market square, where you'll be surrounded by ornate half-

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- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
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timbered houses, many dating from the 15th-century. Most famous is the Pointed House, a jewel of the rustic middle-class building tradition from the Middle Ages and a classic example of a Moselle vintner's dwelling. You might spot the famous Graacher Tor too, built in 1300, the last remaining gate and now home to a museum of local history.

We have lunch on board as the ship slips its moorings and cruises back downstream. This afternoon, sit back on one of the comfortable deck chairs on the Sun Deck and soak up the atmosphere of this magical river, breathing in the clean air, listening to the rippling water and absorbing the scenery. Another gourmet experience awaits this evening in the ship's restaurant, possibly followed by a nightcap in the company of newly made friends. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Koblenz & Boppard

Early this morning, we reach Koblenz. Strategically situated at the confluence of these two great rivers, this 2,000-year-old city, with its mighty fortress towering above, is full of appeal. It's known for the Deutsches Eck, translating as German Corner, a point between the Rhine and Moselle with spectacular views. A knowledgeable local guide accompanies us around its principal monuments and intriguing centre, taking in historic squares, highlighting painstakingly restored house frontages and revealing hidden aspects of the city that only locals know. Koblenz is a joy to wander through, pausing to window shop while trying to resist the aromas of fresh coffee and cakes drifting from the numerous traditional cafés.

Returning to our ship for lunch, we proceed to Boppard, known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine', for

a guided tour. A famously picturesque town located on a long, looping bend of the river, discover the captivating cobbled streets, lined by half-timbered houses, tucked-away shops selling traditional goods and characterful restaurants, into the town and its main square. Like many riverside settlements in the area, the Romans founded Boppard and their legacy remains in the superbly preserved town walls, the finest in Germany. There's time to explore or stroll along the river, gazing at views of the vineyard-covered hillsides. Or you can simply pass time on board in anticipation of more fine dining in the ship's restaurant this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Leaving Boppard, as the sun crests the surrounding hilltops, expectation rises at what lies in store as we journey through the outstanding natural beauty of the Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, at every dramatic turn of the river, towering valley slopes are crowned by the precarious ruins of castles built by princes to display their power and extort tolls from passing river traffic. The Gorge is home to medieval legends, tales of mysterious happenings and dark deeds, most famously the Lorelei – or 'murmuring rock' – said to have lured passing boats onto the rocks with its irresistible song. The villages drifting by – Saint Goar, Bacharach and Kaub – are synonymous with wine production and one of the many thoughtful details of this cruise is the carefully compiled wine list, from which you can choose fine Rhine and Moselle wines to enjoy with the foods sourced from the region.

During lunch, we arrive in Rudesheim, for a

guided tour with our local expert. Perhaps the best known of all the wine towns, the picturesque crooked houses slope down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. Meander through the Market Place, Brömserburg Castle and the charming Klunkhardshof, a monumental half-timbered building dating back to the first half of the 16th-century. You'll also see the Brömserhof, now the home of Siegfried's excellent mechanical music museum – a collection of around 350 intricate antique musical instruments and musical boxes from all over the world, many in working order, still playing the delicate sounds of yesteryear. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Cologne

We slip our mooring early this morning as you enjoy another fine breakfast with views of pretty riverside towns, backed by the rolling volcanic hills for which the area is renowned. It's not long before we reach the railway bridge at Remagen, captured intact towards the end of the Second World War, thereby arguably shortening the war in Germany. Not long after, we draw in to the heart of Cologne, in the shadow of the magnificent dual-spired Gothic cathedral for which the city is so famous. It's a truly monumental building, taking over 600 years to build and featuring myriad religious and art treasures and perhaps the most intricate stained glass windows in Europe.

After lunch, we join a local guide for an informative tour of the city, with time to explore its tree-lined squares and perhaps visit one of its traditional bars, many of which still brew their own beer. Modern art enthusiasts may wish to visit Museum Ludwig, featuring

Bernkastel - Day 4



Trier - Day 3



Reichsburg Castle, Cochem - Day 2





Cologne - Day 7

works from German expressionists, as well as American pop art and abstract pieces. Whilst the Römisch-Germanisches Museum embraces the rich Roman history with many preserved items and artefacts found along the Rhine. Even outside of the museum, you can see signs of Cologne's Roman past with walls, aqueducts, gates and towers dotted around the city, such as the Römerturm tower, with its preserved mosaic decoration.

This evening the Captain's Dinner takes place on board, during which delicious specialities of the regions you've visited will be served, hosted by the Captain himself, of course. After dinner, enjoy a final digestif in the bar while reflecting on the memories made on this wonderful cruise through the romantic heartlands of Germany's most iconic rivers. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Personalise your holiday

Moselle wine tasting

Sample a selection of the delightful wines produced in the stunning Moselle valley, reputedly the steepest cultivated vineyards in the world. From €12 per person.

Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet

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

My view

Insider knowledge

Walk across the Hohenzollern Bridge to the Rhine Boulevard and take in the splendid views of Cologne which are particularly lovely at sunset. This is also the perfect spot for "Kaffee und Kuchen" or a local beer.

Read

Legends of the Rhine by Wilhelm Ruland is the definitive collection of folk legends and folklore of the Rhine region.

Drink

Grapes for Eiswein are picked in the winter. Freezing concentrates the flavour, making this Moselle wine the sweetest.



Andras

Cruise Director



Bacharach



Bingen am Rhein



Cochem



Pricing & departures 2021

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing and travelling by Eurostar from St Pancras International. Regional rail connections and airports are available at a supplement – please see below.

MS Emily Brontë, MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
26/04/2021	£1,299	£1,649	£1,949	£1,799	£2,049	£1,949	£2,349
12/05/2021	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
16/06/2021, 28/06/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
19/07/2021, 04/08/2021, 09/08/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
08/09/2021	£2,049	£2,399	£2,699	£2,549	£2,799	£2,699	£3,099
05/10/2021	£1,499	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,549
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
20/10/2021	£1,899	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,549	£2,949

MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
21/07/2021	£1,749	£1,999	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,799

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Brussels Midi Station
Birmingham	Eurowings	£100	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Bristol	Ryanair	£100	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£70	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Edinburgh	Eurowings	£120	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	£70	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
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TRANSFER TIMES – Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop).

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Rudesheim - Day 6



Heidelberg - Day 4

Rhine, Strasbourg & Heidelberg

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Meander between picture-postcard towns and cities along the Rhine. From delightful Boppard, through the impressive Rhine Gorge to Germany's wine capital, Mainz, and onward to sophisticated Heidelberg and medieval Strasbourg.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard

Included morning guided tour of Koblenz. Afternoon sailing to Boppard for an included tour.

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Mainz

Cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Mainz. Overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Heidelberg

Included guided tour of Heidelberg with a free afternoon to explore. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Strasbourg and Colmar

Included guided tour of Strasbourg. Drive to visit Colmar. Overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Rudesheim

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim.

DAY 7 – Cologne

Morning sailing to Cologne. Included afternoon guided tour of Cologne with free time to explore.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship moored in picturesque Cologne. The dedicated English-speaking crew welcomes you on board and helps you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this splendid ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard

When you peek out from your cabin this morning, you'll realise the ship has slipped quietly away from Cologne; the view that greets you is of vine-covered valleys, sides aglow in the morning light, bidding you a warm welcome to the charms of the Rhine. There's nothing quite like that feeling of anticipation when gliding alongside the promenade of a river port, snatching tantalising glimpses of what lies ashore, and Koblenz – beautifully located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers – doesn't disappoint. The city is immersed in two millennia of history: founded by the Romans, it was successively occupied by the Franks, chosen as a residence of the German prince electors, conquered by the French and fortified by the Prussians! All have left their marks in the city's rich array of castles, churches and historic buildings. Koblenz is a romantic's dream – forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, while the lower slopes are strewn with pretty, half-timbered buildings so typical of the Rhineland. After a satisfying breakfast, we disembark to enjoy an insightful guided tour through 'Old Koblenz', a patchwork of narrow streets and squares, many lined with exquisitely restored traditional houses and cosy cafés.

There's time to explore on your own, maybe taking in a little shopping, before ambling back to the cruise ship. We continue upstream as we enjoy our first relaxing lunch on board and before long we arrive in Boppard, a gorgeous town on a dramatic, almost U-shaped river bend. Known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine', Boppard is renowned for its storybook medieval atmosphere of cobbled streets and ancient houses. Here we'll enjoy a guided tour lead by one of our local experts, with highlights including the beautiful white stone St. Severus and Carmelite churches, the marketplace with the ruins of the fortress and the old town with its charming winding alleys and half-timbered houses. The early evening is an ideal time to wander along the town's attractive riverside Rheinallee promenade before thoughts turn to tonight's menu, prepared by the ship's chef and served to your delight in the restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Mainz

Slipping our mooring in Boppard we cruise through the Rhine Gorge, where the waters narrow to one-fifth their normal width and



flow more swiftly. Sheer valley walls soar 600 feet and magnificent birds of prey glide above. Teutonic knights built the numerous redoubtable castles as symbols of their power and to extract tolls from ships, but the fortresses now stand as silent ruins on forested hillsides as reminders of how fortunes change with the passage of history. This really is the magical Rhine of our imagination, so find

a comfortable spot on the Sun Deck or in the forward observation lounge and enjoy the experience of cruising this famous stretch of water.

Your next port of call is historic Mainz for an unmissable guided tour. The city is renowned today as Germany's wine capital but whose most famous son was Johannes

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Gutenberg, inventor of the movable type printing press. The excellent city museum houses a reconstruction of his workshop and, outstandingly, two original 1455 Gutenberg Bibles. The museum is in a beautifully restored 17th-century building in the heart of Mainz's Old Town, opposite the impressive Romanesque cathedral. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Heidelberg

Overnight we cruise further downstream and, after breakfast, we take a short drive to Heidelberg, undoubtedly one of Germany's most perfect architectural treasures and all the more remarkable because it escaped bombing during the Second World War. Set in an almost idealised German landscape, this jewel sits on the banks of the River Neckar, surrounded by forests and with an imposing castle dominating the church spires and terracotta gabled roofs of the compact Altstadt – the romantic old town. Its 14th-century university, one of the most prestigious in Europe, lends Heidelberg a genteel atmosphere rather similar to its 'twin' town – Cambridge. During the 19th century it was the centre of Germany's Romantic Movement, on the route of the 'Grand Tour' and visited by many artists including JMW Turner, who captured its splendours for eternity. There are few more delightful places to explore, as you'll discover on our guided walking tour, which reveals its principal attractions – including the magical stone bridge with its twin white towers – and local secrets. Afterwards, you'll have time to explore on your own before returning to the ship to enjoy the gorgeous views as the sun sets. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Strasbourg and Colmar

By breakfast we've arrived in charming Strasbourg, capital of the French Alsace region. The city is a delight – its centre a mosaic of winding alleys and lanes lined with quirkily crooked, half-timbered houses largely unchanged since the 14th-century. During its history Strasbourg has been both German and French, and you see influences of both in its language, cuisine and appearance, creating a truly individual ambience. This morning, we experience a walking tour with a local guide leading us to its enchanting centre – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We take in the Petite France quarter of pretty canals lined with classic pastel-coloured houses crisscrossed with timbers and lower-filled window boxes, the famous multi-towered Ponts Couverts, or covered bridges, and, of course, the stunning Gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral, which Victor Hugo memorably described as a 'veritable tiara of stone'. Just south of Strasbourg lies a picturesque wine route, virtually an open-air museum of medieval villages, cobbled streets and Renaissance chateaux strung like pearls on a necklace against a sweeping backdrop of rolling hills. We enjoy all this on a splendidly scenic drive, soon arriving in the medieval town of Colmar, the best-preserved in Alsace. Little known outside the area, it's a magical concoction of canals, former merchants' houses, ancient religious buildings and antique shops. The cathedral quarter is surrounded by pastel-coloured half-timbered houses displaying the intricate wrought-iron hanging signs so typical of this area of Europe. We return to the ship in Strasbourg for dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Rudesheim

After a relaxing morning cruise, we arrive in Rudesheim for a wonderful walking tour – if you imagine a typical Rhine town, then this would be it! Narrow crooked streets lead down to the sweeping river with a backdrop of wooded and vine-covered slopes. Riesling is the speciality grape here and Rudesheim has many atmospheric Weinstuben where you can sample local wines produced from the surrounding vineyards. On board tonight, we enjoy a culinary spectacular – the Captain's Dinner – featuring a range of irresistible specialities from the countries and regions we visit during our cruise. This special occasion is hosted, of course, by the Captain himself. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Cologne

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

This afternoon you can discover this fascinating city on our tour led by a local guide who'll help you get the most out of your visit, which of course takes in the twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, miraculous survivor of Second World War bombing and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took six centuries to complete, and among its many treasures are



Assmannshausen,
near Rudesheim - Day 6



the magnificent stained glass windows and gilded sarcophagus said to contain the remains of the three kings from the Nativity story. We also see the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and cosy bars, some of which still brew their own beer. As night falls, a sumptuous dinner provides the perfect finale to this memorable cruise through the romantic River Rhine. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

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Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Personalise your holiday

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

My view

Insider knowledge

Frederic Bartholdi, sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, was born in Colmar. Five of his models of the statue and a scale replica are on show at the Musée Bartholdi.



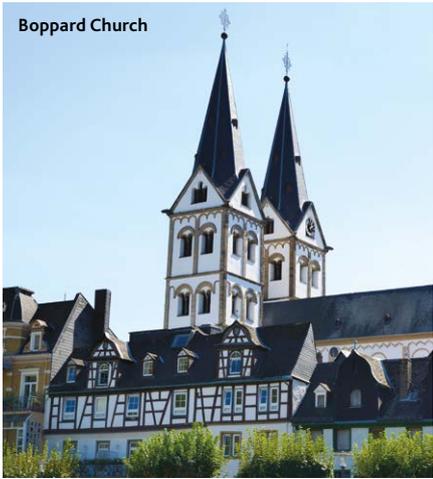
Read

A Tramp Abroad by Mark Twain includes many chapters depicting Heidelberg and its surroundings. Twain enjoyed observing student life and was known to sit in on lectures at the university.

Taste

Flammekueche is the pizza of Alsace. This savoury tart, garnished with a blend of cream, cheese, bacon and onions partners perfectly with a fine Alsatian beer or a glass of Gewürztraminer.

Eric
Cruise Director



Pricing & departures 2021

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing and travelling by Eurostar from St Pancras International. Regional rail connections and airports are available at a supplement - please see below.

MS Emily Brontë, MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
03/05/2021	£1,649	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,699
07/06/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
07/07/2021 28/07/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
30/08/2021	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
15/09/2021	£2,049	£2,399	£2,699	£2,549	£2,799	£2,699	£3,099
28/09/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
26/10/2021	£1,299	£1,649	£1,949	£1,799	£2,049	£1,949	£2,349
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
02/11/2021	£1,499	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,549

MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
11/05/2021	£1,849	£2,099	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,899
14/07/2021	£1,749	£1,999	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,799

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Brussels Midi Station
Birmingham	Eurowings	£100	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Bristol	Ryanair	£100	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£70	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Edinburgh	Eurowings	£120	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
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MS Emily Brontë



Colmar - Day 5



City Hall building
in Bamberg - Day 6

Medieval Germany

8 DAYS
from only **£1,549**

Explore quintessential medieval Germany, the aptly named Romantic Road, and some of Bavaria's most enchanting towns and cities. Leisurely glide to the likes of Mainz, Miltenberg and Ochsenfurt to wonder at the carefully preserved medieval settlements, with their winding, cobbled streets and half-timbered houses.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Mainz

Fly to Frankfurt and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Mainz

Included morning guided tour of Mainz. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Miltenberg.

DAY 3 – Miltenberg & Wertheim

Included morning guided tour of Miltenberg. Included afternoon guided tour of Wertheim. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Würzburg

Included afternoon guided tour of Würzburg.

DAY 5 – Rothenburg & Ochsenfurt

Drive along the Romantic Road to Rothenburg. Included afternoon guided tour of Ochsenfurt. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Bamberg

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Bamberg. Overnight sailing to join the Main-Danube Canal.

DAY 7 – Nuremberg

Morning sailing. Included guided tour of Nuremberg

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

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

May to September 2021

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Mainz

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Frankfurt, where a comfortable coach awaits to take you to your five-star cruise ship in Mainz. The friendly crew welcomes you, and there's an air of anticipation and excitement as you acquaint yourself with the luxury surroundings of the ship that will be your home for the next seven days. You'll soon be settled into your exceptionally well-equipped, spacious cabin and looking forward to a first-night dinner to start off your cruise in style. (D)

DAY 2 – Mainz

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

Of course, Mainz is also at the heart of Germany's winelands, so it's a pleasure to seek out a traditional wine tavern in the pastel-painted, timber-crisscrossed buildings of the old town to sample a glass. If you prefer beer, the vaulted chambers of the Eisgrub-Bräu beer hall are a fine place for a mug of the local dark brew. Back on board your floating boutique hotel in the afternoon, find a relaxing seat in the lounge to take in the lovely views of lush woodland and fertile vineyards seamlessly idling by. As evening approaches, why not enjoy an apéritif in the bar before choosing a table in the restaurant to enjoy the chef's masterful creations for dinner? (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Miltenberg & Wertheim

Today, we're moored in Miltenberg, a beautifully preserved medieval village whose labyrinth of winding alleys and lanes begs exploration. And so, this morning we do exactly that, as our local guide shows us the highlights of this charming destination. Admire the impressive gatehouse which stands like a proud guardian of the village, and wander across the charming marketplace, lined by traditional fachwerk buildings instantly recognisable by their grids of timber framing. The story goes that locals were allowed free wood from the surrounding forests, hence the abundance of this architectural style. Highlights of this beautiful square include the trickling fountain, ornately carved from stone and complete with dancing cherubs, and the intricately detailed Gasthaus



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

Wertheim is completely off the main tourist trail, making it a delightful surprise, all the better for its untouched ambience. We pass the fishing boats riding at anchor while admiring the muted colours of the sage-

green, pale lilac and buttercup-yellow houses opposite. This afternoon, enjoy a carefully planned walking tour around this wonderfully intriguing town. A russet-walled 12th-century castle overlooks the old town, surveying the church spires, turrets and patchwork of multicoloured buildings below. There's time to explore here and, as you wander the quaint and colourful market square, look out for the blink-and-miss-it Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. This evening you'll be served another delectable dinner, and overnight we cruise to Würzburg. (B,L,D)



Your cruise price includes

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DAY 4 – Würzburg

One of the delights of river cruising is indulging in complete relaxation, so this morning perhaps catch up on some reading or simply watch the world float by.

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

DAY 5 – Rothenburg & Ochsenfurt

After breakfast we take a drive along the Romantic Road – the perfectly named route made up of a spellbinding procession of folkloric scenery, medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces, so picture-perfect they could all serve as film sets. We arrive at gorgeous Rothenburg, crowning a hill with glorious views over the meandering river below. The old town is cradled within immaculately preserved walls, and there's time to explore its narrow, cobbled streets lined with tall gabled half-timbered houses.

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

DAY 6 – Bamberg

Another day dawns and this morning is free to enjoy the ship's five-star facilities while admiring the magnificent undulating landscape. There's nothing quite as refreshing as the gentle breeze as we progress along the serene waters of the Main. Alternatively,

why not find a quiet al fresco seat at the Lido Lounge at the stern of the ship and admire one enchanting vista after another? We moor this afternoon in Bamberg, undoubtedly one of the prettiest small towns in the whole of Europe and so precious that UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site. Planned by Emperor Heinrich II in the 11th century as a Franconian capital, it sits on seven lush green hills, a similar setting to the city whose grandeur it was meant to equal – Rome! You'll discover its history and many architectural highlights on our informative tour led by a local guide, which takes in the exquisite Old Town and impressive multi-spired cathedral. Perhaps the most noticeable and intriguing landmark is Bamberg's old town Hall, which sits on an island in the middle of the burbling river, flanked by bridges either side. From here you can also see 'Little Venice' – a delightful cluster of former fishermen's houses built along the waterfront, mostly dating from the Middle Ages. Leaving Bamberg, we join the Main-Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering guiding us to our next fascinating stop, Nuremberg. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Nuremberg

Of course, this Bavarian city is intriguing for its association with the Second World War, as the site of many pre-war Nazi rallies and, later, the war crimes trials. What's little known, however, is that Nuremberg also captivates



Nuremberg - Day 7



Miltenberg - Day 3



Würzburg - Day 4



visitors with its cobbled streets with classic half-timbered houses, an enchanting castle (rebuilt after wartime bombings) and many historic landmarks. These include the Church of Saint Lawrence, a stunning example of Gothic architecture, and the intricate Church of Our Lady, which features a working mechanical clock dating from 1506 and overlooks the bustling Hauptmarkt square, itself renowned for its intricate fountain resembling a Gothic church tower. Amid all this splendour, spare a moment to taste Nuremberg's famous gingerbread, perhaps stocking up with a packet to spice up the biscuit tin back home! Afterwards you return to the ship for your final dinner on board, perhaps selecting a local white from the wine list and, later, enjoying a coffee in the lounge with your travel companions while sharing memories of your exploration of Germany's medieval heart. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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My view

Insider knowledge

Discovered during construction work by the Rhine in the 1990s, a collection of well-preserved Roman war ship remains forms the core of a fascinating exhibition at the Museum of Seafaring History in Mainz.

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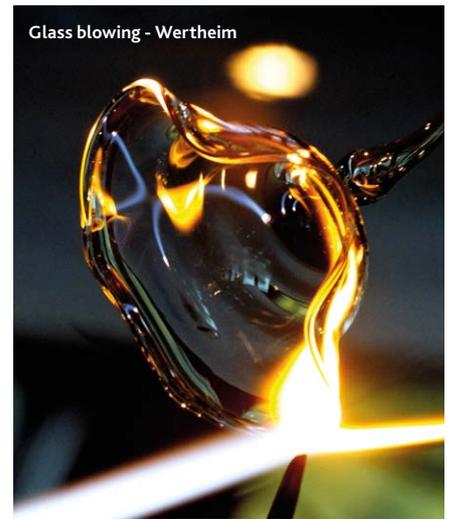
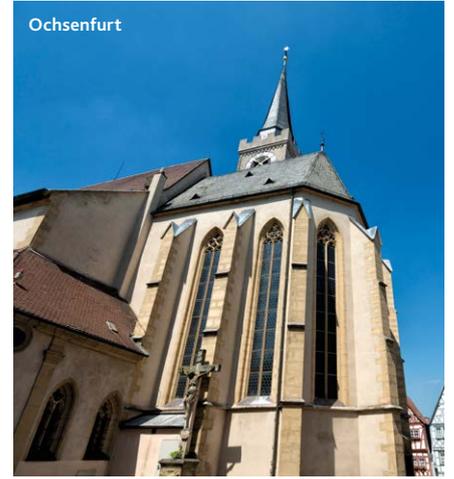
Nuremberg was the birthplace of the modern lead pencil and famous manufacturer Staedtler is still based in the city. Seek out your favourite coloured pencils amidst a riotous display at the Staedtler flagship store.

Taste

For a typical taste of Rothenburg try the Schneeball, a deep fried pastry ball dusted with icing sugar.

Viktoria

Cruise Director



Pricing & departures 2021

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Flights from regional airports are available at a supplement - please see below. Dates marked with an asterisk * operate a reverse itinerary.

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Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
19/05/2021	£1,749	£1,999	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,799
26/05/2021*	£1,799	£2,049	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,849
02/06/2021	£1,899	£2,149	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,949
09/06/2021*, 16/06/2021	£1,949	£2,199	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,999
23/06/2021*	£1,849	£2,099	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,899
12/08/2021, 19/08/2021*	£1,749	£1,999	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,799
26/08/2021	£1,849	£2,099	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,899
02/09/2021*, 09/09/2021, 16/09/2021*	£1,999	£2,249	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£3,049
23/09/2021	£1,599	£1,849	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,649
30/09/2021*	£1,299	£1,549	£1,599	£1,899	£1,749	£1,999	£2,349

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Birmingham	Lufthansa	£30	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport
Dublin	Lufthansa	Nil	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport
Edinburgh	Easyjet/Lufthansa	£30	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	Nil	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport
London Stansted	Easyjet/Ryanair	Nil	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport
Manchester	Lufthansa	£50	Frankfurt Airport	Munich Airport

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TRANSFER TIMES – Between Frankfurt airport and the ship in Mainz - approx. 45 mins; between Munich airport and the ship in Nuremberg - approx. 2hrs.

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

On reverse itineraries, arrival and departure points are the opposite way around.

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

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Nuremberg - Day 7

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



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Take in some of the most breathtaking views of Rudesheim, Strasbourg and Lucerne, gliding through the spectacular Rhine Gorge, picturesque pines of the Black Forest and the majestic Swiss alpine peaks.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Koblenz

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Koblenz.

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Morning cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim.

DAY 4 – Speyer

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Speyer. Overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Strasbourg

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Strasbourg with free time to explore. Overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Breisach & Black Forest

Absorb the breathtaking vistas of the Vosges and Black Forest as we arrive in historic Breisach. Later drive through the heart of this

stunning region to the archetypal lakeside town of Titisee.

DAY 7 – Lucerne & Bernese Oberland

Full day visit to Lucerne and Bernese Oberland.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport or train station for your return journey.

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

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International. On arrival, transfer by coach to your cruise ship moored in the heart of picturesque Cologne. The dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard your first-class floating hotel, ensuring you settle into your luxurious, well-equipped cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz

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

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

Wherever you wander you're never far from a riverbank, and it's worth crossing the 14th-century stone Balduin Bridge across the Moselle for fine views back across the spires of the Altstadt. Tonight, enjoy a meticulously prepared dinner on board, and afterwards perhaps a quiet stroll along the riverside promenade to the Deutsches Eck – 'German Corner' – where the great rivers Rhine and Moselle meet. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Slipping our mooring at Koblenz we proceed upstream on the Rhine and soon encounter the impressive Marksburg Castle, a fortress dating back to the 13th-century. We then weave through the huge looping bend – one of the most impressive on the river – at Boppard, a wonderfully picturesque town known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine'. Journeying further, you explore the most famous of all the river's reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the dramatic Rhine Gorge: steep vineyards give way to almost vertical rocky outcrops towering more than 600 feet above the



sweeping valley sides. Sailing past Saint Goar and the many ruined castles, there's a real sense of the myths surrounding this historic river coming alive around you.

After lunch we moor in Rudesheim, a classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. During this afternoon's delightful walking tour, witness the bustling

marketplace, the half-timbered Klunkhardshof and Bromserburg Castle, which dates from 1275. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of Rudesheim, known for its traditional Market Place, Brömserburg Castle, dating back to 1275, and the Klunkhardshof, a monumental half-timbered building dated back to the first half of the 16th-century. After dinner this evening, another sumptuous affair prepared by

Your cruise price includes

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

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from 7 regional airports or seats on Eurostar from London St Pancras International and TGV*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
- No surcharges guaranteed
- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 60 or visit our website

your chef, maybe sample a small Asbach – the famous brandy distilled in Rudesheim – while watching the last of the ferries crossing the river in the moonlight glow. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Speyer

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

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

DAY 5 – Strasbourg

This morning we cruise gently upstream, passing through two spectacular locks, whose elaborate engineering never ceases to

fascinate. Why not find a comfortable chair and catch up on some reading, play chess or watch the rolling kaleidoscope of scenery from the Sun Deck?

We soon arrive in France and moor in Strasbourg, capital of the Alsace region. This afternoon we have a walking tour of its old town, bisected by canals and made up of a maze of narrow streets lined with timber-framed houses and sculptured portals. Marvel at the stunning Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg, with a range of architectural inspiration from 12th-century Romanesque to 15th-century Late Gothic. Unforgettable sights include the colourful Alsatian style Maison Kammerzell, multi-towered Ponts Couverts – covered bridges – and the pretty Petite France quarter of pastel-coloured former artisans' houses lining the canals. Don't be surprised if you're tempted to linger a while in a typical Alsatian café to sample some of the region's world-famous wines – a crisp Riesling or that particular speciality of Alsace, spicy Gewürztraminer. Back on board this evening there's a truly memorable occasion – the 'Captain's Dinner', featuring delicious specialities of the countries and regions we visit during our cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Breisach & Black Forest

Your final day cruising is spent gliding through the dramatic scenery of the rift valley separating the Vosges and Black Forest mountains. We arrive at the ancient town of Breisach, whose historic heart is surrounded by stone ramparts and dominated by the impressive Saint Stephan's Cathedral. Later you drive through some of Central Europe's

most stunning scenery – the Black Forest Mountains. This is a fabled landscape of rugged valleys, white-water rivers, cascading waterfalls and rolling hillsides covered with huge, densely packed pine trees – exactly as you expect it to be. Our destination is the idyllic village of Titisee, nestling on the shores of its crystal-clear lake. Rejoining the ship, we resume our stately passage upriver. As the sun sets and the riverside lights begin to twinkle there are wonderful views over the imposing Vosges massif. You enjoy this evening's dinner en route to Switzerland and our next mooring at Basel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Lucerne & Bernese Oberland

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

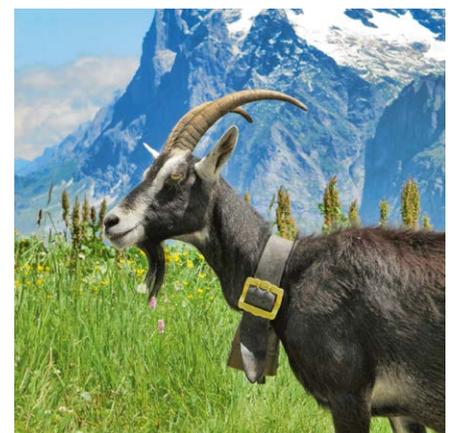
As you enter the Bernese Oberland in central Switzerland, the views become quite literally breathtaking! This is the grand alpine heart of Europe with some of the finest mountain scenery on earth, described by the composer Mendelssohn as 'the most wonderful of all in this unbelievably beautiful country'.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



Lucerne - Day 7



Feldberg mountain, Black Forest - Day 6





quite simply awestruck. We then ascend by mountain railway for more extraordinary vistas, with the crystal-clear lakes reflecting the meadows and forests below. This truly magical landscape is sure to enchant you. Later we'll descend again by mountain railway before returning to the ship. Please note, temperatures will be significantly lower at altitude, even during the summer months, so it's advisable to pack suitable clothing. Lunch is not included on this full day excursion; however the ship will offer a packed lunch.* (B,*L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade

to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Extend your holiday

3-night Glacier Express

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

My view

Insider knowledge

Escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and relax with a drink at one of the welcoming bars and cafés in the tree-lined Place du Marché-Gayot, one of Strasbourg's most enchanting squares.

Read

The Rhine by Ben Coates tells a fascinating story of how a great river has helped shape Europe.

Taste

A cross between hash browns and a potato pancake, rosti is the national dish of Switzerland. Perfect for breakfast or lunch this hearty treat is usually accompanied with cheese or bacon.

Sabi
Cruise Director



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DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – Chur

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

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

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

a refreshing drink in your choice of the city's many atmospheric bars and cafés. There's free time to explore the city at your leisure.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – Glacier Express

After breakfast we embark on an unforgettably scenic and spectacular rail journey – the legendary Glacier Express. Our starting point at Chur is the lowest point of the route to Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn, Switzerland's most famous mountain and a 'must-see' highlight for many. The train first winds its way through the 'Swiss Grand Canyon', a dramatic section of the Upper Rhine where the river has carved deep into an eerie landscape of white rocks, climbing ever higher along the Oberalp Pass to a height of 6,673 feet. At this altitude the mountain landscape becomes ever more eye-catching – lush wild flower meadows are studded with tiny shepherds' shelters, dense forests sweep up scree-covered mountainsides and snow-capped mountains glisten in the sunshine. You could be lucky and catch a glimpse of an elusive ibex or chamois negotiating a rocky ledge, or even a golden eagle soaring high above. It's impossible not to marvel at the engineering achievements as the track traverses jaw-dropping precipices and snakes into tunnels hewn through mountain walls into the Upper Rhône Valley, with dramatic views at every turn. We pass countless torrential mountain streams and tumbling waterfalls before arriving at the legendary village of Zermatt, nestling at the foot of the instantly recognisable Matterhorn. Zermatt itself is iconically Swiss. It's a car-free jumble of chalets and wooden farm huts strewn across the valley floor, surrounded by lush pastures alive with the sound of cowbells, while dramatic cable cars and soaring footpaths weave ever upwards to a majestic amphitheatre of lofty summits. Overseeing it all is the ultimate attraction in this alpine wonderland – the mighty, mythical Matterhorn. Seeing this pyramid-shaped symbol of Switzerland in its unrivalled glory is truly one of life's 'wow' moments and it doesn't disappoint! (B)

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – Zermatt

Today you may wish to explore Zermatt further under your own steam, or you can take Europe's highest open-air cog railway to the Gornergrat for more stupendous vistas. This extraordinary train service departs from Zermatt and climbs through a glorious landscape of mountains, valleys, lakes, streams and grassy meadows; you won't be surprised that some of the country's best hiking trails are here. The train stops at the summit of the Gornergrat, an altitude of just over 10,000 feet, where you're surrounded by 29 snow-capped peaks – including the Matterhorn – and numerous glaciers, together creating an absolutely jaw-dropping mountain panorama. Sit back and admire a view of some of the mightiest peaks in the world – their magnitude and beauty will simply astound you. Maybe enjoy a leisurely lunch



Matterhorn, Switzerland - Day 10

against this most dazzling of backdrops before descending to Zermatt. Perhaps take a cable car ride for more dramatic views or visit the Alpine Museum with its intriguing collection of mountaineering memorabilia. Or you can

simply relax over afternoon tea in a cosy café and soak up the magical alpine ambience. (B)

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Our hand-picked hotels

Our Switzerland based hotels will vary according to the extension date. These excellent hotels are centrally located and provide a perfect base for our programme of visits.



Hotel Drei Könige - Chur

Superbly situated in the heart of the old town, the hotel enjoys a history dating back to 1793 and all the rooms are comfortably furnished in a traditional style.



Hotel Stern - Chur

Centrally located, this charming former inn dates back over 300 years and has a welcoming atmosphere, with echoes of a typical Swiss chalet in its authentic wooden beams and floors.



Hotel Simi - Zermatt

This comfortable chalet style hotel at the heart of the village provides an excellent base for exploring the numerous restaurants and cafés that cater for every taste.

Your extension price includes

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

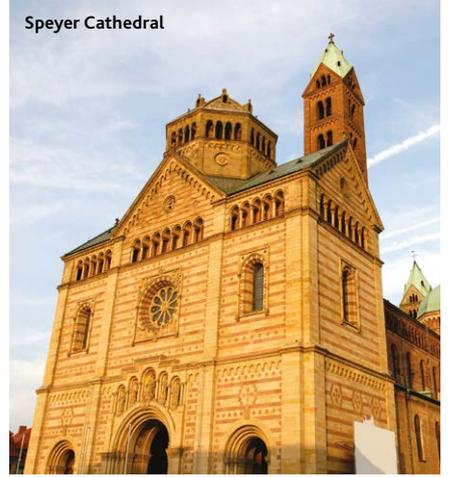
(B) Breakfast

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 60 or go online

Glacier Express



Speyer Cathedral



Chur public gardens



Pricing & departures 2021

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MS Emily Brontë, MS Geoffrey Chaucer & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite Superior Suite	Suite Superior Suite Deluxe Balcony Suite
10/05/2021†	£1,699	£2,049	£2,349
17/05/2021*, 24/05/2021†	£1,799	£2,149	£2,449
31/05/2021*	£1,899	£2,249	£2,549
02/06/2021†, 09/06/2021*, 14/06/2021†, 21/06/2021*	£1,999	£2,349	£2,649
05/07/2021†, 12/07/2021*, 14/07/2021†, 21/07/2021, 26/07/2021†, 02/08/2021*, 03/08/2021†, 10/08/2021*, 11/08/2021†, 16/08/2021†, 17/08/2021†, 23/08/2021*, 24/08/2021*	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399
31/08/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599
07/09/2021*, 14/09/2021†, 21/09/2021*	£2,049	£2,399	£2,699
22/09/2021†	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599
29/09/2021*	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499
12/10/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399
19/10/2021*	£1,299	£1,649	£1,949
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ			
18/08/2021*	£1,999	£2,349	£2,649

MS George Eliot Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper
Cabin Type	Standard Superior Suite	Standard Superior Suite	Standard Superior Suite Deluxe Balcony Suite
30/06/2021†	£1,899	£2,149	£2,349
07/07/2021*, 28/07/2021†, 04/08/2021*	£1,749	£1,999	£2,199

Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar/TGV	£20	Brussels Midi Station	Basel Station
Birmingham	Eurowings/Swiss	£100	Düsseldorf Airport	Zurich Airport
Bristol	Ryanair/Easyjet	Nil	Cologne Airport	Basel Airport
Dublin	Ryanair/Swiss	£20	Cologne Airport	Basel/Zurich Airport
Edinburgh	Eurowings/Easyjet/Swiss	£50	Cologne Airport	Basel/Zurich Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Düsseldorf Airport	Basel Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	Nil	Düsseldorf Airport	Basel Airport
Manchester	Eurowings/Easyjet	£50	Düsseldorf Airport	Basel Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability.

Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

Δ The departure on 18/08/2021 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop); between Basel airport and the ship in Basel - approx. 30 mins; between Zurich airport and the ship in Basel - approx. 1hr 30 mins; between Basel station and the ship in Basel - approx. 20 mins. For departures with Glacier Express Extension, transfer time by train between the Hotel in Zermatt and Zurich/Geneva airport - approx. 3hrs 40 mins (including change of train).

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

On reverse itineraries, arrival and departure points are the opposite way around.

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
10/05/2021	Emily Brontë	£699	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
24/05/2021	Emily Brontë	£699	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
02/06/2021	Geoffrey Chaucer	£749	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
14/06/2021	Emily Brontë	£749	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
30/06/2021	George Eliot	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
05/07/2021	Emily Brontë	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
14/07/2021	Geoffrey Chaucer	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
26/07/2021	Emily Brontë	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
28/07/2021	George Eliot	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
03/08/2021	Oscar Wilde	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel National
11/08/2021	Geoffrey Chaucer	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
16/08/2021	Emily Brontë	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
17/08/2021	Geoffrey Chaucer	£729	Hotel Stern/Hotel National
14/09/2021	Oscar Wilde	£749	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi
22/09/2021	Geoffrey Chaucer	£699	Hotel Stern/Hotel Simi

GLACIER EXPRESS EXTENSION – 4 days
The dates shown have the option to extend your stay for 3 nights in Chur and Zermatt, this is to be added to the cost of your cabin. Prices are per person based on two people sharing. Single rooms are available subject to availability at a supplement of £89 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: For the Glacier Express Extension taken at the end of the cruise, the Departure Point (Resort) will be Zurich or Geneva Airport.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship. Evening and overnight sailing to Koblenz.

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard

Included walking tour of Koblenz. Afternoon sailing to Boppard for an included tour.

DAY 3 – Rudesheim

Cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim.

DAY 4 – Mainz

Morning sailing. Included morning guided tour of Mainz. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Miltenberg & Wertheim

Included morning guided tour of Miltenberg. Afternoon sailing. Included guided tour of Wertheim. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Würzburg

Included walking tour of Würzburg. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Bamberg.

DAY 7 – Bamberg

Morning sailing. Included afternoon tour of Bamberg. Evening and overnight sailing to join the Main-Danube Canal.

DAY 8 – Nuremberg

Included morning tour of Nuremberg. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Regensburg.

DAY 9 – Regensburg

Morning sailing towards Kelheim to join the Danube River. Afternoon guided tour in Regensburg. Overnight sailing.

DAY 10 – Passau

Included morning tour of Passau and cathedral visit. Afternoon sailing through the Danube Valley. Overnight sailing.

DAY 11 – Melk & Vienna

Included tour of the Benedictine Melk Abbey. Afternoon and evening sailing towards Vienna. Tonight, enjoy a classical recital on board.

DAY 12 - Vienna

Included tour of Vienna with free time to explore. Evening sailing.

DAY 13 - Bratislava

Included tour of Bratislava. Afternoon and evening sailing along the Danube Bend towards Budapest.

DAY 14 - Budapest

Included tour of Budapest. Free afternoon to explore the city at leisure.

DAY 15 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

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

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Arrive for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Brussels. On arrival, transfer by coach to your cruise ship moored in Cologne's picturesque centre. The dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard your first-class floating hotel, ensuring you settle in to your luxurious and well-equipped cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship. (D)

DAY 2 - Koblenz & Boppard

The first morning on a river cruise is always a thrill as you awake to the gentle lapping of the water and the colourful valley sides slipping effortlessly past your cabin window. We call at historic Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers and dominated by the immense Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. This morning we take a guided walk around the old town, exploring its twisting streets and charming squares.

During a relaxed lunch we cruise to Boppard, known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine' for a guided tour. Wonderfully situated on a sweeping meander, it is one of the Rhineland's most attractive villages. Its stone quayside is lined with boats of all descriptions set against a backdrop of archetypal half-timbered buildings and cobbled streets. There are also some superb Roman walls, reputed to be the finest in Germany. Uncover its fascinating Roman past on our guided walk, seeing the 4th-century fortress, reputedly the finest and best-preserved in the country. You'll also see the striking St Severin Church, with its lovely stained glass and the picturesque marketplace, encircled by colourful facades. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Today you experience one of the real highlights of your cruise - the passage through the Rhine Gorge. Here the river narrows, the current is swifter and the towering valley sides soar 600 feet, while the ruins of castles, which once held sway over passing mariners, crown every tortuous turn. We pass rocky outcrops and cruise around endless twisting bends to the famous Lorelei or 'murmuring rock', where according to legend, enchanting maidens lured unsuspecting sailors to watery graves. Next



we call at Rudesheim, a true Rhine wine town surrounded by vineyards whose fruits you can sample in the many wine taverns you'll find in its cobbled streets. This afternoon's guided tour takes us on a delightful walk through the heart of the old town, seeing the Klunkhardshof, a magnificent half-timbered building dating back to the 16th century and the Brömserhof, which today is home to a quirky museum with an unusual collection of mechanical musical instruments. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 - Mainz

This morning we take the short cruise to the town of Mainz, situated at the confluence of

the Rhine and Main Rivers, for a city walking tour. An important Roman city for over 450 years with the largest amphitheatre north of the Alps, Mainz is also home to the magnificent Romanesque Saint Martin's Cathedral and Saint Stephen's Church, whose interior is filled with beautiful blue light flooding through stained glass windows featuring intricate biblical figures - a masterpiece by the great artist Marc Chagall.

On the tour, wander the crooked streets of the old town and city centre to discover the half-timbered houses, historic Roman Catholic monuments, striking Cathedral and bustling

Your cruise price includes

- 15 visits and tours including guided tours in Budapest, Vienna, Nuremberg, Bamberg, Bratislava, Koblenz, Boppard, Rudesheim, Mainz, Miltenberg, Wertheim, Regensburg, Passau and Würzburg; plus a visit to the Benedictine monastery, Melk Abbey
 - 14 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
 - All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
 - Live classical quartet recital on board
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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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market place. Take in the atmosphere of this river port city and marvel at the architectural feat of the 13ft sandstone 'Heunensäule' which dates back to 1,000 AD. Mainz's most famous son is Johannes Gutenberg, father of modern printing, and there's an excellent museum housing a reconstruction of his workshop and two original 1455 Gutenberg Bibles, among the earliest books ever printed. This afternoon our ship cruises up the Main River. Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Mainz and Passau. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the lido bar and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Miltenberg & Wertheim

The views this morning are of dense emerald green forests as we cruise to Miltenberg, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval villages. It became prosperous during the Middle Ages under the protection of its castle and today its colourful half-timbered houses and market square with its octagonal Renaissance fountain are an atmospheric reminder of times past. Embark on our intriguing walking tour, to see one of the most beautiful marketplaces on the Main, the "Schnatterloch", encircled by proud half-

timbered houses, with their steeply gabled roofs and charmingly decorative facades. You'll see the former Waaghaus, the old town hall and the oldest inn in Germany, dating back to the 15th-century.

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

This afternoon we'll discover the secrets of Wertheim on a walking tour. Overlooked by a mighty ruined castle, it's a joy to stroll through the town's atmospheric streets, soaking up the ambience of this delightfully picturesque spot. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Würzburg

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we glide towards Würzburg, situated at the head of Germany's Romantic Road, so called because of its spellbinding procession of captivating scenery, medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces. On the banks of the Main, this Bavarian city was founded in the 10th-century as the centre of the kingdom known

as Franconia. Würzburg is best explored on foot and we have a walking tour through neat streets dotted with fine pastel-coloured Baroque and Rococo buildings. Its crowning jewel is the magnificent Residenz, the former seat of the prince-bishops and one of Europe's finest Baroque palaces, constructed to compete with the greatest courts of the day such as Vienna and Versailles. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Bamberg

Today we visit Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's quite simply one of the most outstandingly preserved small towns in Europe, easily on a par with Prague. The masterpiece you see today began its artistic journey during the 11th-century when Emperor Heinrich II chose Bamberg as the location for a capital city he planned to be as grand as Rome. Although it never became as large as Italy's capital, Bamberg nevertheless has a wealth of fine buildings including a stupendous cathedral, a town hall built in the middle of the Regnitz River, a network of canals and former fishermen's houses called 'Little Venice' and hundreds of medieval buildings in the tangled lanes of its old town. Leaving Bamberg on the horizon, we cruise towards the Main-Danube canal, an outstanding feat of engineering which guides us to our next port of call, Nuremberg. (B,L,D)



Regensburg - Day 9

Hofburg Imperial Palace, Vienna - Day 12



Nuremberg - Day 8



DAY 8 – Nuremberg

Today we call at Nuremberg, the Bavarian city which will always be associated with the Nazi period – Hitler's pre-war rallies and the international war crimes trials that brought down the final curtain on that notorious regime. What is less well known is that Nuremberg is regarded as the unofficial capital of Germany's First Reich, better known as the Holy Roman Empire, which was founded with the coronation of Charlemagne in 800 AD and lasted for over a thousand years.

This morning we have a fascinating guided tour taking in the city's great ramparts and historic buildings, including the enormous Kaiserburg Castle, the Church of Saint Lawrence and the Market Square, with its exquisite fountain that resembles a Gothic church tower. The Craftsmen's Court just inside the Old Town walls is particularly charming; a place where local artisans come together to sell traditional wares, from pottery to pewter and leather good to

glass. Afterwards you return to the ship for a delicious on-board meal, perhaps inspired to enjoy a glass of German wine, whilst you reminisce about the cruise so far. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – Regensburg

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

Regensburg was spared war damage and today its historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's a delight to explore. This afternoon take in the sights of this fascinating Bavarian city on our guided tour. See the wealthy merchants' houses, the Old Town Hall. Stroll along the iconic stone bridge; see the Altes Rathaus – the seat of the Diet, or parliament, of the Holy Roman Empire from 1663 to 1806 – and gaze in wonder at the Gothic cathedral.

Regensburg calls itself 'Germany's medieval miracle', and it's hard to argue as you wander along the glorious winding streets and elegant squares of the old town. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – Passau

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

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

DAY 11 – Melk

On a striking rocky bluff above the town of Melk is the enormous Benedictine Abbey, which we visit this morning. This extraordinary building was originally a castle that was bequeathed to the Benedictine order during the 11th century and has been a monastery ever since. Reconstructed in full Baroque style during the 18th century, the Abbey has many fine rooms and a stupendous library with 100,000 priceless volumes, including some intricate illuminated manuscripts.

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

DAY 12 – Vienna

Imagine Vienna and you think of an elegant imperial city that's one of the gems of Central Europe, and perhaps the world's most musical city. Its name conjures up an image of culture, ornate architecture, resplendent cafés, aristocratic palaces and imposing cathedrals, with the romantic music of the great composers filling the air. In fact, the reality is little different and there's an absolute wealth of things to see in this former capital of the Habsburg Empire, which held sway over much of Central and Eastern Europe for centuries until its demise at the end of the First World War.

For such a grand city Vienna is quite compact and this morning we enjoy an enlightening guided tour. The city first rose to prominence in the 17th-century, and over the next 200 years a magnificent array of galleries, churches

and palaces was built. At its heart we have the lovely Saint Stephen's Cathedral with its dazzling patterned roof of glazed tiles, then the awe-inspiring Hofburg Palace, the former royal court that's now a collection of museums, home to the Crown Jewels and relics of the Holy Roman Empire as well as the famous Spanish Riding School, and where the Vienna Boys' Choir performs. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy Vienna at your leisure. Why not find a local café spot and indulge in a sachertorte, a rich chocolate cake and Viennese speciality, whilst you watch the world go by? (B,L,D)

DAY 13 – Bratislava

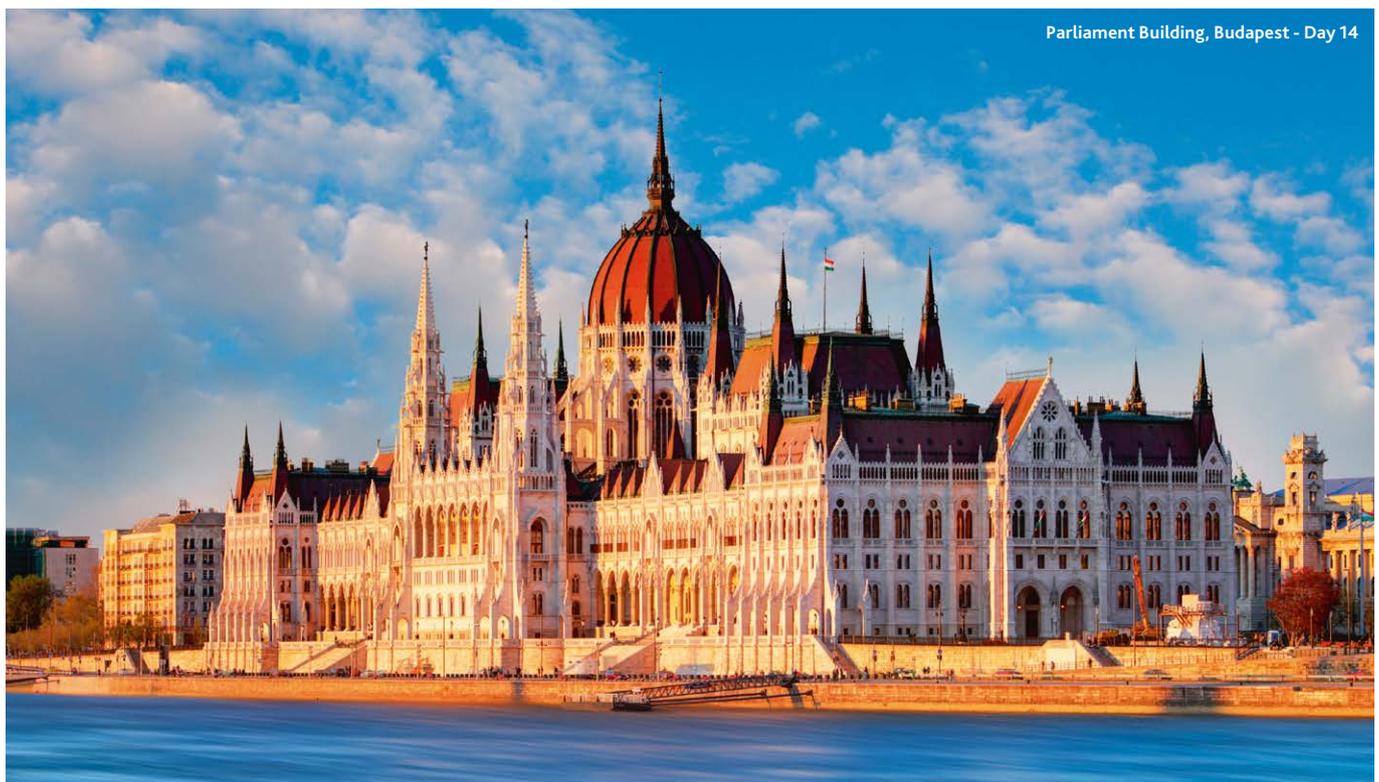
This morning we explore Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, which has shrugged off the greyness of the communist era and rekindled the splendour of its imperial past in its restored Baroque old town. Wander the winding streets to the main square where you'll find the former old town Hall, now housing a museum dedicated to the history of the city and where you may climb the tower for some lovely views. Equally impressive is the great 9th-century castle that dominates the city, with its expansive views across the Danube. Or head to the neoclassical Primatial Palace with its fabulous Hall of Mirrors and rare collection of 17th-century English tapestries. For something more relaxing, perhaps enjoy homemade lemonade – a speciality of the city – in one of the many cafés. Our cruise reaches another highlight this afternoon as we navigate the dramatic Danube Bend, one of the most spectacular stretches of this mighty river. Winding our way through a narrow twisting valley flanked by high mountains and verdant hillsides, we pass a kaleidoscope of exceptional river views, ancient castle ruins and historic towns.

We reach our journey's end cruising into Budapest and enjoying spectacular views of this breathtaking city on our stately final approach. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 – Budapest

You rise refreshed in this breathtakingly beautiful imperial capital that straddles the great Danube River, and we have a whole day to enjoy it. Dominated by its castle, Budapest has been called 'Little Paris of Middle Europe' and, with its truly magnificent skyline of soaring spires and grand domes, it's not hard to see why. It's renowned for the bewitching blend of monuments reflecting Hungary's culture and those of the foreign powers that have dominated most of the city's history. Today Budapest is a collage of Roman ruins, Turkish baths from the Ottoman Empire, palatial buildings, Baroque churches and sensational Art Nouveau architecture – all wrapped up in a wonderful atmosphere enhanced by the unique sound of Hungary's music and language.

You'll really get to know this beguiling city on our guided tour of the main sights, such as the iconic Parliament Building, a huge neo-Gothic building that dominates the river bank with its striking central dome and multitude of soaring spires. You have the rest of the day free to explore at your leisure, and culturally you're spoilt for choice with the city's array of fine museums and art galleries. Alternatively you might want to wander the ancient streets of the Castle District while you enjoy panoramic sights of the city, stroll down elegant Andrassy Avenue or experience the unforgettable views from the Fisherman's Bastion, as well as appreciating the neo-Gothic, fairy-tale like architecture. Or head to the spectacular Central Market Hall, if not only to marvel at the sheer beauty of the structure, where you



Parliament Building, Budapest - Day 14



Budapest - Day 14



Danube River

can find everything from traditional foods to handicrafts.

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

DAY 15 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £199 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet

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

My view

Insider knowledge

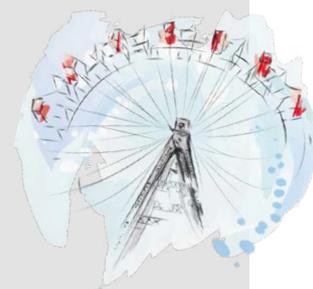
The 12th century 16 arch stone bridge in Regensburg is believed to be the model for the famous medieval bridges in Avignon and Prague.

Read

The Third Man by Graham Greene. This classic thriller, based in Vienna was made into an iconic black and white film starring Orson Welles.

Buy

Paprika is the national spice of Hungary and the perfect culinary souvenir to remind you of your visit.



Thomas
Cruise Director

Passau - Day 10



Bamberg



Mainz Cathedral - Day 4



Vienna - Day 12



Pricing & departures 2021

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Flights from some regional airports carry a supplement - please see below. Dates marked with an asterisk * operate a reverse itinerary.

MS Emily Brontë & MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle		Upper			
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
04/05/2021	£2,699	£3,199	£3,599	£3,449	£3,749	£3,599	£4,149
20/07/2021*	£3,049	£3,549	£3,949	£3,799	£4,099	£3,949	£4,499
06/09/2021	£3,149	£3,649	£4,049	£3,899	£4,199	£4,049	£4,599
25/10/2021*	£2,499	£2,999	£3,399	£3,249	£3,549	£3,399	£3,949

Departure Point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Outbound flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne and inbound flight from Budapest (or vice versa)				
Birmingham	Eurowings/Jet2	£60	Düsseldorf Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£20	Cologne Airport	Budapest Airport
Edinburgh	Ryanair/Eurowings	£20	Cologne Airport	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	£60	Düsseldorf Airport	Budapest Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£60	Düsseldorf Airport	Budapest Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	£20	Cologne Airport	Budapest Airport
Manchester	Eurowings/Jet2	£80	Düsseldorf Airport	Budapest Airport
One way Eurostar to/from St Pancras to/from Brussels and return flight from Budapest				
Bristol	Ryanair	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Budapest Airport
Leeds Bradford	Jet2	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	British Airways/Easyjet	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Budapest Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Budapest Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability.

Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

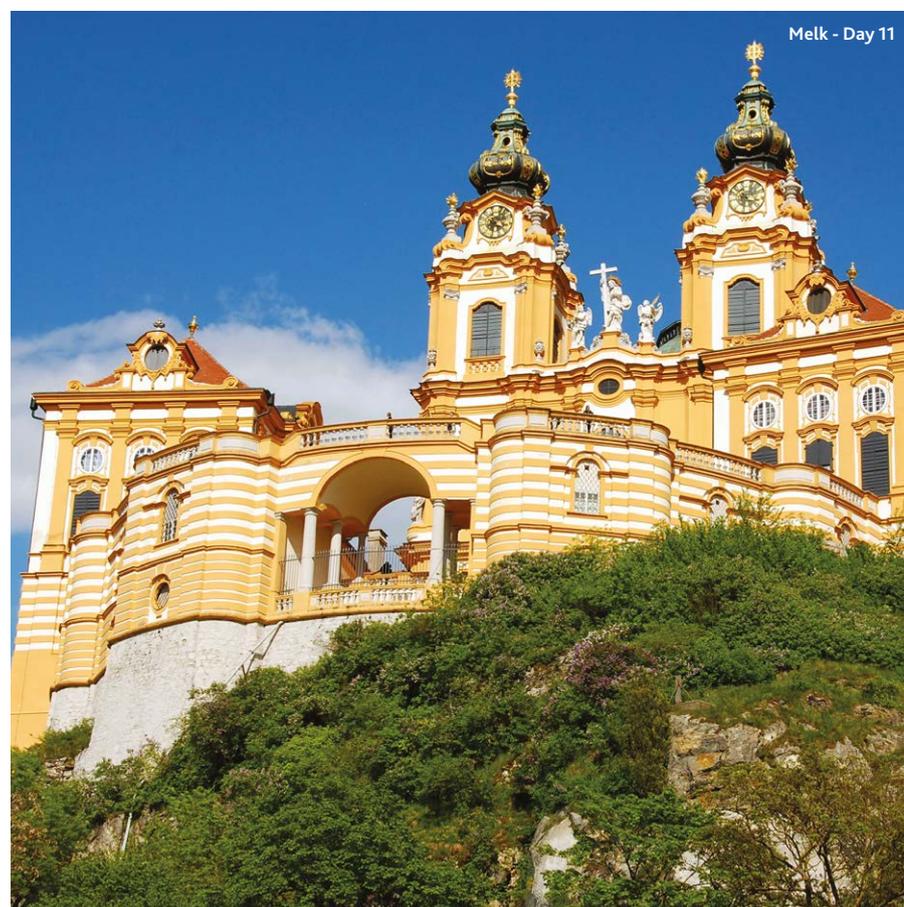
TRANSFER TIMES – Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop); between Budapest airport and the ship in Budapest - approx. 45 mins.

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

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

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.





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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Esztergom

Included morning visit to Esztergom Basilica. Afternoon and evening sailing towards Slovakia.

DAY 3 – Bratislava

Included morning guided tour of Bratislava with free time to explore. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Austria.

DAY 4 – Dürnstein & Melk Abbey

Included morning guided tour of Dürnstein. Included afternoon guided tour of Melk Abbey. Evening and overnight sailing towards Linz.

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz

Morning guided tour of Linz or a full day tour to Salzburg. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 6 – Vienna

Included morning guided tour of Vienna with free time to explore. Classical music recital on board this evening. Overnight sailing.

DAY 7 – Budapest

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Budapest with free time to explore. Gala dinner and Hungarian folklore show on board this evening.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Budapest from where you will be taken to your cruise ship. The dedicated crew are there to welcome you on board, ensuring you settle in and familiarise yourself with this first-class floating hotel. There's always a sense of expectancy and excitement on the eve of a cruise and, after an excellent dinner in the stylish restaurant, conversation is sure to revolve around the delights ahead. (D)

DAY 2 – Esztergom

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

DAY 3 – Bratislava

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

You'll have plenty of free time to explore the cobble-stoned streets of this captivating city – so what's it to be? Why not head to the regal Primatial Palace? Built in the late 1700s in a classical style, the once home to the archbishop of Esztergom now holds a rare collection of tapestry works from the 17th-century. For incredible views, you could take a walk across the Most SNP to the UFO tower, near the Sad Janka Kráľa city park, which stands at 95 metres above ground. Or simply head to the old town to absorb the café culture with a freshly brewed coffee and an indulgent skalický trdelník, a hollow pastry treat which comes with the likes of almonds, apricots or walnuts, before being dusted with sugar – some bakeries even add their own twist with an ice cream topping.

This afternoon we cruise into Lower Austria, a peaceful, bucolic region and home to some of the country's best wines. By now the stresses of everyday life seem distant as you absorb the ever-changing scenes we pass: children



playing on the river banks, young couples strolling arm in arm like generations before them, vigneron carefully pruning their vines, and cobbled quaysides lined by half-timbered buildings. You'll marvel as the Captain skilfully navigates the ship along the serene river and through locks whose mechanisms never cease to fascinate, as we cruise towards Dürnstein during dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Dürnstein & Melk

Dürnstein is known principally for the ice-blue tower of its abbey, which dominates the view, and the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192 after being shipwrecked on his return from the crusades. This morning we take a guided walking tour to explore this memorable city further. Set on a rocky outcrop high above the river, the



Your cruise price includes

- 7 visits and tours including guided tours in Vienna, Salzburg or Linz, Dürnstein, Budapest and Bratislava; and visits to Esztergom Basilica and Melk Abbey
 - 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
 - All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch if choosing the full-day Salzburg excursion), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
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castle is now ruined, but it's easy to imagine England's legendary monarch seething with frustration far from home, while waiting for his family to raise funds to pay his ransom.

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

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz

Reaching Linz, you will have the choice of two included excursions. You can stay in the city and take a guided walking tour, exploring the charming baroque old town. At its heart you'll see one of the finest squares in Austria, lined by grand pastel-coloured facades with an impressive central Trinity Column of white marble, crowned by a gilded sunburst. There's also the fortress-like castle, built high above the city by Emperor Friedrich III, now a museum housing a fine collection of nineteenth and twentieth-century artworks. Alternatively, join our included tour to Salzburg, once an independent state whose archbishops turned it into one of the most sophisticated cities north of the Alps. Dominating the skyline is one of Europe's largest stone fortresses, the Hohensalzburg, while beneath its walls church domes and spires rise from the delightful Altstadt, or old town. Then there's the wonderful Hellbrunn Palace and the splendid formal gardens of the Mirabell Palace – a must for horticulture

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

DAY 6 – Vienna

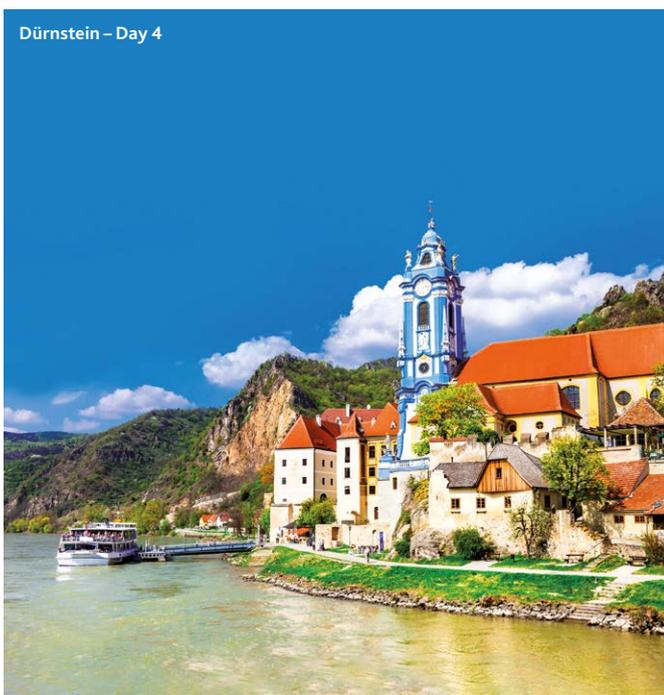
For many, today's visit to Vienna will be one of the highlights of the cruise. The city's very name provokes images of elegance, fine music, wide boulevards, Baroque architecture and a rich tapestry of peoples who were drawn here from all corners of Europe. For 200 years until the First World War, Vienna was the cultural centre of Europe and many of the showpiece buildings, galleries, aristocratic palaces and magnificent churches you see today were built to reflect its imperial status. The city's most iconic monument is the breathtaking Saint Stephen's Cathedral, whose striking multicoloured roof and huge Gothic South Tower dominate the skyline. There's also the colossal Hofburg, the former royal court that is now home to a collection of museums, the Crown Jewels and the Spanish Riding School, and the Vienna Boys' Choir. Then there are the lavish Imperial Apartments and an outstanding collection of relics of the Holy Roman Empire, including, allegedly, the sabre of Charlemagne himself. The Kunsthistorisches Museum, which contains the world's fourth largest collection of paintings, is just across the road.

This morning we enjoy a tour in the company of a local guide who will offer insights into why Vienna is one of Europe's great capitals. The city was the seat of the

Habsburg emperors and home to some of the world's finest classical composers, including Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and, of course, a whole family of Strausses. During the afternoon you're free to explore as you wish. Take a stroll in the Prater, notable for the huge Ferris wheel that features in several Cold War spy thrillers. Or, for something quite different, visit the Schonbrunn Palace, a former royal residence now housing a range of world-class museums and galleries. Perhaps, though, just take a stroll through Vienna's atmospheric side streets, or enjoy a coffee and a slice of delicious Sachertorte in one of the elegant coffee houses. No visit to Vienna is complete without a live musical experience and this evening we've arranged truly the 'icing on the cake', a classical recital on board. After dinner listen to exquisite music, played in the city of its creation-a wonderful finale to the day. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Budapest

Enjoy a leisurely morning breakfast as we cruise majestically through Hungary's peaceful pastoral landscape towards Budapest. After lunch we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city, which truly lives up to its reputation as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. The twin cities of Buda, built around the hilltop fortress, and Pest, with its wide boulevards, were fought over through the centuries. The Ottomans ruled here for 150 years before being ousted in the late 17th-century, but their legacy lives on in the many thermal baths fed by hot springs, giving rise to Budapest's other sobriquet – the 'City of Spas'. After the end of Ottoman rule, Budapest became an imperial city of the Habsburg Empire, attracting great cultural and commercial wealth. Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm: two churches, seven museums and a theatre among streets and squares with their own special atmosphere and a dramatic view across the river to the awe-inspiring neo-Gothic Parliament Building.



Dürnstein – Day 4



Melk Abbey – Day 4



Budapest's endless galleries, museums, outstanding Art Nouveau architecture and excellent shopping offer a fittingly elegant end to your Danube cruise. After our walking tour, you'll have plenty of time to explore and immerse yourself in the local culture and history.

This evening's Gala Dinner closes with a Hungarian folklore show, giving you time to bid farewell to your travelling companions and reflect on all the inspirational places, sights and sounds you have experienced on a truly 'imperial' cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Personalise your holiday

Visit the Spanish Riding School, Vienna

Enjoy a visit to the Spanish Riding School, the only institution in the world that has practised classical equestrianism in the Renaissance tradition of the haute école for over 440 years and continues to do so. From €16 per person.

My view



Insider knowledge

Enjoy a stroll along the charming cobblestoned streets of Dürnstein. The town is also renowned for delicious jams and liqueurs, made with the highly prized apricots of the Wachau Valley.

Read

White Stallion of Lipizza by Marguerite Henry. The magnificent Lipizzan stallions of Vienna come to life in this insightful historical novel.

Drink

The Wiener Melange originated in the elegant cafés of Vienna. This speciality coffee, similar in style to a cappuccino, is the perfect accompaniment to a flaky apple strudel.

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Cruise Director



Budapest tour extension

3 NIGHTS
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April to October 2021

Discover more of majestic Budapest's imperial past and the 19th-century grandeur of the Habsburg Empire. Delve into the charming, old-world atmosphere of medieval Buda, stroll along the broad boulevards of elegant Pest and venture into the scenic Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, on this superb three night extension.

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – Visegrad & Szentendre

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

chapel which features a stunning gilded wooden ceiling. There's also a chance to visit Solomon's Tower, a 13th-century hexagonal keep housing a museum with fascinating Gothic and Renaissance discoveries. A tasty lunch of typical Hungarian cuisine will follow. We spend the rest of the day in picturesque Szentendre. Nestling below rolling hills, this charming riverside town has a lovely Baroque square lined with brightly painted facades and pretty churches. Described as the 'Montmartre of the Danube', the rich, rusty reds and warm orange and yellow hues of its handsome townhouses dazzle in the rosy light. This is the perfect spot to while away a lazy afternoon, exploring the old town's delightful maze of cobblestone streets. We return to

Budapest and our hotel where we stay for the next three nights.

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – Budapest

Budapest is truly a magnificent city – an alluring collage of palatial buildings and grand churches with dramatic spires and domes straddling the vast waters of the Danube. Numerous foreign powers have ruled here and this is reflected in the city's eclectic architectural mix. Ancient ruins hark back to Roman times and Turkish baths recall the days of the Ottoman Empire. The greatest influence on the architecture of Budapest was Hungary's union with Austria in 1867, which initiated a period of huge growth continuing up to the First World War. This resulted in some

superb buildings in a range of styles, including the elegant Art Nouveau Gellert Hotel and its sumptuous thermal baths, resplendent with gleaming majolica tiles and colourful mosaics. The iconic Parliament Building – the world's third largest – was also built during this period. Constructed in neo-Gothic style and arguably grander than our own Houses of Parliament, it dominates the river bank with its striking central dome and spires soaring into the sky above. Its cathedral-like interior is breathtakingly ornate, with fabulous frescoes, stained glass and mosaics. During an included tour we'll see the Domed Hall, home to the Hungarian Crown Jewels, the 16-sided Central Hall with its stunning gilded ceiling and intricate carvings, and the astonishing Golden Staircase.

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

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

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – Gödöllő & The Puszta

Today we leave the bustling city and drive northeast towards Gödöllő. The landscape gradually begins to change as the thickly forested hills of the uplands to the north come into view, while isolated sleepy villages and remote ruined castles are all that interrupt the swathes of lush vineyards of this world-class wine-producing region. Our first port of call is the charming Baroque town of Gödöllő, where we have a tour of the impressive Royal Palace. Known as 'Hungary's Versailles', it was used by Queen Elisabeth of Hungary as a residence during the spring and autumn hunting seasons and is surrounded by a large park and gorgeous manicured gardens. Inside we see the stately private apartments, lavishly decorated with exquisite furniture and antiques, and the Queen's secret staircase linking her bedroom to the library. Our scenic drive continues south into the Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, which covers half the entire country. Although prone to flooding the soil was once rich with volcanic silt, and in medieval times vast numbers worked the land here. But, in the decades of war that followed, villages were deserted, and the once-thick forests destroyed so entirely that the region became an inhospitable swamp. Today this huge, flat expanse is a protected prairie stretching endlessly for miles into the horizon.



Royal Palace at Gödöllő – Day 9

Romantically desolate, the wild, lonely silence of this landscape is broken only by the sound of livestock on the occasional whitewashed farm, where ruby-coloured peppers dry in the hazy sun before being ground into paprika. We visit the renowned Equestrian Park owned by the Lazar brothers – world coach-driving champions! After a welcome drink, we enjoy a traditional fortifying lunch accompanied by the authentic sounds of Hungarian gypsy music. Later we sit back to watch a spectacular performance by some of the most skilled horsemen in the area. You also have the opportunity to take a scenic carriage ride

to experience this unique landscape from a different perspective. (B)

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your extension price includes

- 3 nights in an excellent, centrally located hotel with breakfast
- Visit the medieval town of Visegrád and enjoy a Hungarian lunch
- Visit picturesque Szentendre, 'Montmartre of the Danube' Guided visit of Budapest's iconic Parliament Building
- Visit the famous National Gallery with its world-class collection of Hungarian masterpieces and antiques
- Tour of the Royal Palace and stunning gardens at Gödöllő, former summer residence of the Habsburgs
- Experience the dramatic 'Puszta' on our scenic tour into Hungary's Great Plain and after a traditional lunch, watch a performance by some of the region's most famous horsemen

(B) Breakfast

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 73 or visit our website

Our hand-picked hotels

Our Budapest hotel will vary according to the extension date. Both hotels are centrally located and provide a perfect base for our programme of visits.

K+K Opera Hotel

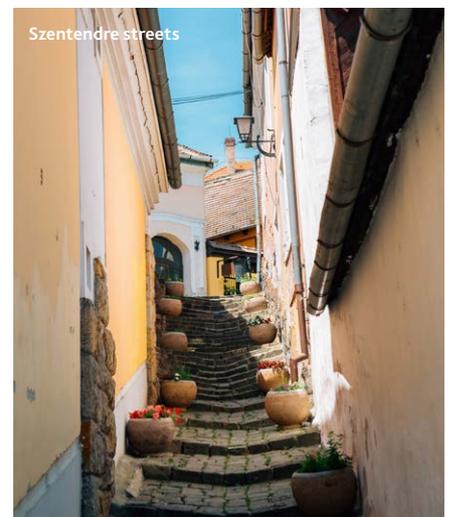
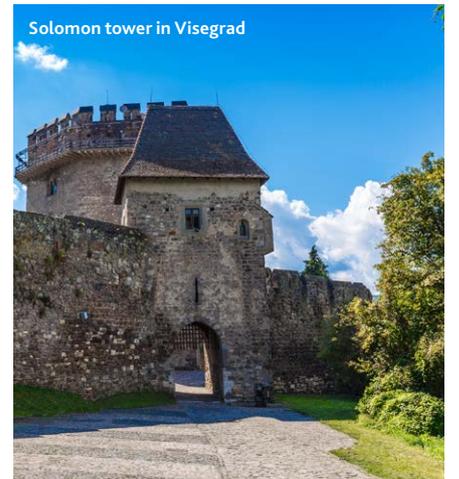
Superbly located next to the State Opera House, this boutique-style hotel has a sophisticated yet welcoming ambience. Hotel facilities include bar and fitness centre. The stylishly furnished, air-conditioned rooms are well-appointed.



Courtyard by Marriott

This excellent hotel has a Mediterranean bistro restaurant, bar, sauna, steam room and gym. The comfortable, air-conditioned rooms are elegantly decorated in a contemporary style and superbly appointed.





Pricing & departures 2021

Prices are per person based on two people sharing. Some regional flights carry a supplement - see below. Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability and timings, call us or visit our website. Dates marked with a † have the option of an extension in Budapest.

MS Emily Brontë, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde, MS Robert Burns & MS William Wordsworth Five-star

Deck Cabin Type	Lower			Middle		Upper	
	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
01/04/2021	£1,099	£1,449	£1,749	£1,599	£1,849	£1,749	£2,149
08/04/2021†, 09/04/2021	£1,249	£1,599	£1,899	£1,749	£1,999	£1,899	£2,299
15/04/2021	£1,349	£1,699	£1,999	£1,849	£2,099	£1,999	£2,399
16/04/2021†	£1,449	£1,799	£2,099	£1,949	£2,199	£2,099	£2,499
22/04/2021, 29/04/2021	£1,549	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,599
06/05/2021†, 13/05/2021	£1,649	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,699
18/05/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
25/05/2021†	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
01/06/2021, 17/06/2021, 18/06/2021, 22/06/2021, 24/06/2021, 25/06/2021†	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
29/06/2021†	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
02/07/2021, 06/07/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
09/07/2021†, 13/07/2021, 16/07/2021, 23/07/2021, 29/07/2021, 30/07/2021†, 05/08/2021, 06/08/2021, 12/08/2021†, 13/08/2021, 19/08/2021, 20/08/2021	£1,649	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,699
26/08/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
27/08/2021†, 29/08/2021	£1,849	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899
05/09/2021†, 12/09/2021, 19/09/2021, 20/09/2021	£2,049	£2,399	£2,699	£2,549	£2,799	£2,699	£3,099
26/09/2021, 27/09/2021	£1,949	£2,299	£2,599	£2,449	£2,699	£2,599	£2,999
03/10/2021, 04/10/2021	£1,749	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,799
10/10/2021†, 11/10/2021	£1,649	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,699
14/10/2021, 15/10/2021	£1,549	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,599
18/10/2021	£1,499	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,549
21/10/2021†	£1,399	£1,749	£2,049	£1,899	£2,149	£2,049	£2,449
22/10/2021	£1,299	£1,649	£1,949	£1,799	£2,049	£1,949	£2,349
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
02/04/2021	£1,699	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,349	£2,749

Departure Point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Birmingham	Jet2	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Bristol	Ryanair	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
East Midlands	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Edinburgh	Wizz Air/Ryanair	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Leeds Bradford	Jet2	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Luton	Wizz Air	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Manchester	Jet2	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard suites available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard suites are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person suite price – subject to availability. All other suite types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy. Δ The departures on 02/04/2021 are exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Budapest airport and the ship in Budapest - approx. 45 mins. For departures with Budapest Extension, transfer time between the hotel in Budapest and Budapest airport - approx. 45 mins.

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

BUDAPEST EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
08/04/2021	Robert Burns	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
16/04/2021	William Wordsworth	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
06/05/2021	Robert Burns	£549	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
25/05/2021	Oscar Wilde	£549	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
25/06/2021	Thomas Hardy	£549	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
29/06/2021	Oscar Wilde	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
09/07/2021	William Wordsworth	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
30/07/2021	William Wordsworth	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
12/08/2021	Robert Burns	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
27/08/2021	William Wordsworth	£549	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
05/09/2021	Thomas Hardy	£549	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
10/10/2021	Thomas Hardy	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center
21/10/2021	Robert Burns	£499	Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center

BUDAPEST EXTENSION – 4 days: The dates shown left have the option to extend your stay for 3 nights in Budapest, this is to be added to the cost of your cabin (prices are per person, based on two people sharing). Double rooms for sole occupancy are subject to availability at a supplement of £199 per person.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Vienna - Days 2 and 7

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Immerse yourself in the imperial splendour of Austria's refined capital and discover some of the finest baroque architecture and medieval centres in Europe. Marvel at the spectacular views of the Danube Valley and enjoy a classical recital on board as you glide into historic Krems.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Vienna

Fly to Vienna and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Vienna

Included guided tour of Vienna with free time to explore. Afternoon sailing to Krems. Classical music recital on board this evening.

DAY 3 – Krems

Drive to visit Göttweig Abbey. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Passau & Aldersbach

Morning sailing to Passau with free time to explore. Included afternoon visit to Aldersbach Monastery. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Regensburg

Included morning guided tour of Regensburg. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Linz.

DAY 6 – Linz

Morning guided tour of Linz or a full day visit to Český Krumlov Castle. Overnight sailing.

DAY 7 – Vienna

Morning sailing. Enjoy either a free afternoon in Vienna or a visit to Schönbrunn Palace.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

Passau
- Day 4

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Vienna

You fly to Vienna, where a coach takes you to your river cruise ship, moored in this spectacular city. On arrival the professional friendly crew welcome you on board as you familiarise yourself with the ship and settle in to your cabin. Reconvene with your fellow travelling companions in the bar before tonight's excellent dinner in the elegant restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 – Vienna

The Viennese have a reputation for 'Gemütlichkeit', quite literally 'cosiness', and there can be fewer European capitals more supremely nostalgic or elegantly civilised than Vienna. On our sightseeing tour we enjoy an insight into Viennese life with our local guide. The imperial grandeur of its magnificent architecture speaks for itself – awash with dazzling palaces, grand avenues fringed with fine baroque facades and a majestic cathedral amongst a tangle of historic streets. Home to world-class art collections, museums, orchestras and opera, its cultural heritage is equally extraordinary with countless composers such as Mozart, Strauss and Haydn, all inextricably linked to this 'City of Music'.

The first foreign capital to fall to the Nazis during World War II, then remaining under allied occupation for the following decade, today Vienna serves as one of the headquarters of the United Nations. Surprisingly compact, at the heart you'll find the colossal Gothic Saint Stephen's Cathedral with its striking multicoloured roof. Former royal court of the Habsburgs, the vast Hofburg, now a complex of excellent museums and galleries, also houses the crown jewels, the world-famous Vienna Boys' Choir and Spanish Riding School. Afterwards, there's some free time to explore before returning to the ship for lunch.

Head up on to the sun deck to take in the glorious views as we get our first tantalising glimpses of the lush green slopes of the Danube Valley, sprinkled with sleepy little towns - clusters of red roofs swarming around a baroque church spire. Wooded hills give way to wide fields of maize and sunflowers, and the carefully tended terraces of the region's vineyards. During tonight's dinner we arrive in the medieval town of Krems, after which retire to the lounge to enjoy a live classical recital. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Krems

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



Enjoy lunch as we cruise through the Wachau, as it snakes its way between the vine-clad hills, passing the tiny walled town of Dürnstein with its beautiful blue and white baroque church, swathes of apricot trees and the spectacular mustard-yellow monastery at Melk, teetering on a granite slab high above the river. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Passau & Aldersbach

Overnight we have made steady progress upstream and on rising this morning, draw back the curtains to another captivating view – a scenic landscape peppered with idyllic little towns and ancient riverside castles against a hilly backdrop. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before heading up on deck to witness our



Your cruise price includes

- 9 visits and guided tours including Vienna, Regensburg and Linz; full day excursion to Český Krumlov with guided tour; guided tour of Göttweig Abbey; and visits to Krems, Passau, Aldersbach Abbey and Schönbrunn Palace
 - 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
 - All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
 - Live classical quartet recital on board
 - Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
 - Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Plus, of course...
- Return scheduled flights from 8 regional airports*
 - Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
 - Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
 - All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
 - No surcharges guaranteed
 - ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection
- *A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 82 or visit our website

arrival in Passau, 'Town of the Three Rivers'; uniquely situated where the Danube meets the rivers Inn and Ilz, an imposing citadel watches over the colourful jumble of quaint houses, baroque churches, palaces and spires, rising from the water's edge. There will be time to wander the old town, exploring its network of winding streets, and picturesque squares, quaint shops and cafés, swarming around the impressive cathedral with its magnificent ornate frescoes and the gothic-style town hall with its lovely decorative clock tower.

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

DAY 5 – Regensburg

Our ship reaches the northernmost point of the Danube and the delightful city of Regensburg, a former Roman garrison town

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

Spend the afternoon at leisure on board; perhaps up on deck enjoying the views as fortified castles and ancient churches idly drift by. There will be ample photo opportunities as we cruise through the iconic natural wonder of the Danube Loop, where the water spectacularly carves its path in an almost 360-degree bend, flanked on all sides by steep lushly forested slopes. Evening falls and our chef serves up tonight's excellent dinner in the relaxed ambience of the ship's restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Linz

Dawn breaks and we reach vibrant Linz, the capital of Upper Austria. Straddling the banks of the river, the Romans recognised its geographical importance at the crossroads of the Danube Valley and the old salt road

into Bohemia and today it is still a significant port. You may wish to remain in the city and join our guided tour as we wander through the old town, stopping to admire the elegant merchants' houses encircling one of the finest squares in Austria. There's the grand regional parliament building plus a host of interesting little churches and, surveying the river below, the vast fortress-like castle now housing a museum with various historic exhibits and artworks, plus the modern art museum or for technology enthusiasts there's the remarkable Ars Electronica.

Alternatively, you may choose to join our excursion to the beautiful medieval town of Český Krumlov, in the heart of scenic Bohemia, amidst a fairytale landscape of rolling hills, tumbling mountain streams and glassy lakes, with a wonderful mountain backdrop. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, nestling on the banks of the Vltava River: the magnificent castle, set in extensive gardens, dating back to medieval times with one of the best preserved baroque theatres in the world, perches high above a jumble of terracotta roofs below. Please note lunch is not included on this full day excursion to Český Krumlov, however the ship will offer a packed lunch.* (B,*L,D)

DAY 7 – Vienna

During another superb lunch, you can tweak those final plans as to how you intend to spend the rest of the day. For art lovers, the renowned Kunsthistorisches Museum is a



Götweig Abbey - Day 3



Linz - Day 6



Regensburg - Day 5

Schönbrunn Palace - Day 7



must; containing the fourth largest collection of paintings in the world. You might choose to return to one of the Hofburg's museums, perhaps the Imperial Treasury, containing the Habsburgs' crown jewels or take a stroll in the Prater with its huge famous Ferris wheel. Don't forget to leave time to indulge in the Viennese institution of a coffee in one of the beautiful atmospheric cafés where you can sit and watch the world go by over a slice of Sachertorte.

Alternatively, you might choose to join our visit to Schönbrunn, the Habsburgs' splendid summer palace. Your included entrance and audio guide allows you into the dazzling state rooms, with their wealth of priceless artworks, stunning parquet floors and the family's impressive royal carriages. Take a stroll through the charming formal gardens, admiring the beautifully tended flowerbeds and neatly clipped hedges.

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

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

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My view

Insider knowledge

Höllgasse in Passau is also known as "Artists Alley". Follow the rainbow painted cobblestones to the charming artisan shops and galleries.

Read

Danube: A Cultural History by Andrew Beattie explores the turbulent past and vibrant present of the landscape through which the Danube flows.

Taste

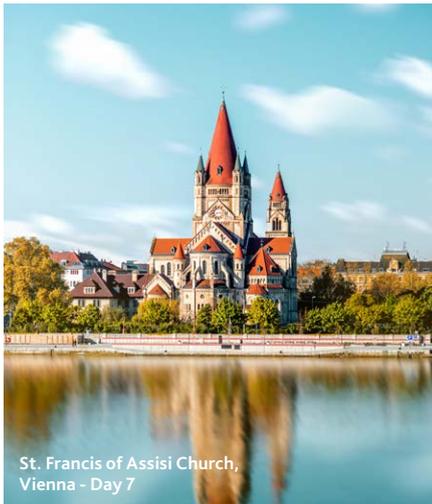
The Linzertorte is a cross between a cake and a tart. A pastry case made with ground hazelnuts is filled with raspberry jam and topped with a lattice of golden pastry. Try a slice in Linz, the city that gave the tart its name.



Leslie
Cruise Director



Prater Park in Vienna



St. Francis of Assisi Church,
Vienna - Day 7



Regensburg - Day 5



MS Thomas Hardy

Pricing & departures 2021

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MS Thomas Hardy Five-star

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Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
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London Luton	Wizz Air	Nil	Bratislava/Vienna Airport	Bratislava/Vienna Airport
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TRANSFER TIMES – Between Bratislava airport and the ship in Vienna - approx. 1hr 15 mins; between Vienna airport and the ship in Vienna - approx. 30 mins.

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DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.





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Palace of the Parliament
in Bucharest - Day 14

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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Kalocsa

Morning sailing to Kalocsa. Choose to join a guided tour of Kalocsa or visit a paprika house followed by a scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian performance.

DAY 3 – Belgrade

Morning sailing. Included morning guided tour of Belgrade. Free afternoon to explore. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Iron Gates Gorge

Cruise through the Iron Gates Gorge and the Djerdap locks. Evening and overnight sailing towards Bulgaria.

DAY 5 – Pleven

Morning visit to Pleven with a guided tour or free time to explore Nikopol. Afternoon cruising.

DAY 6 – Bucharest

Morning cruising. Included guided tour of Bucharest. Overnight and evening sailing towards Tulcea.

DAY 7 – Danube Delta

Experience the vast nature reserve of the

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

DAY 8 – Constanta

Morning sailing towards Constanta. Included visit to Constanta with free time to explore. Overnight sailing.

DAY 9 – Rousse – Ivanovo & Veliko Tarnovo/Arbanassi

Drive to visit Veliko Tarnovo. Included afternoon visit to Arbanassi. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 10 – Belogradchik

Morning sailing to Vidin. Drive to visit Belogradchik Rocks. Overnight sailing.

DAY 11 – Iron Gate & Lepenski Vir

Morning sailing. Afternoon cruising to Donji Milanovac. Drive to visit Lepenski Vir with guided tour. Overnight sailing.

DAY 12 - Novi Sad

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Novi Sad. Overnight sailing.

DAY 13 – Osijek & Vukovar

Included guided tour of Vukovar. Drive to visit Osijek. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 14 – Budapest

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Budapest with free time to explore.

DAY 15 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

You fly to Budapest, where a coach transfers you to your five-star cruise ship, moored in this beautiful city. The friendly crew will welcome you on board and help you settle into your spacious, luxuriously appointed suite. The ship remains here overnight, so watch dusk descend over Hungary's capital as you enjoy your first dinner on board. (D)

DAY 2 – Kalocsa

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

Alternatively, we take the short drive to a paprika house on the outskirts of the town to learn more about its production before continuing on a scenic drive into the Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, a hauntingly atmospheric prairie whose spirit is burnt into the Magyar soul. Stretching as far as the eye can see, it is home to villages seemingly frozen in time, while Hungarian grey cattle, spiral-horned sheep and buffalo graze on its pastures. The Puszta is also famed for its horses, and we visit an equestrian farm



to watch a performance by some of the region's most skilled riders. You'll have the opportunity to take a horsedrawn carriage ride and experience this unique wilderness from a different perspective.

We return to the ship for lunch as our elegant vessel seamlessly glides away from her mooring. Later we enjoy a welcome drink in the lounge before descending the elegant staircase to the restaurant for a special Welcome Dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Belgrade

This morning we arrive in historic Belgrade. The only European capital built at the confluence of two rivers, the city has been fought over numerous times, most recently during the Second World War and the Kosovo War, when it faced months of NATO airstrikes. Dramatically sited overlooking both rivers is Kalemegdan Park, which includes in its grounds the city's iconic fortress, a stronghold built by the Celts, expanded by the Romans and besieged over a hundred times during its history – all detailed in its military museum.

Your cruise price includes

- 16 visits and tours, including guided tours in Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest, Novi Sad, Kalocsa, Osijek, Vukovar and Pleven; a scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian show; a cruise into the Danube Delta; guided visits to Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi, the churches of Ivanovo, the rock formations at Belogradchik, and the Mesolithic archaeological site of Lepenski Vir; and a visit to the ancient city of Constanta
- 14 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Spectacular cruising through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge
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- Return scheduled flights from 11 regional airports*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
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*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 90 or visit our website

Despite its past, Belgrade is now a revitalised and forward-looking city and a delightful and varied place to explore, with delicate Art Nouveau facades tucked away among the stark concrete towers of the Communist era.

We enjoy a guided tour, seeing all the main sights such as the cathedral, Republic Square and Prince Michael Street with its wealth of 19th-century buildings, some bearing the scars of recent conflicts among their intricate Habsburg ornamentation. After lunch, you are free to explore this fascinating capital, still one of the least visited in Europe. Maybe you'd like to wander the old town's lattice of winding streets, pausing for a welcome drink in one of the grand coffee houses or visit the bubbling bohemian quarter, which is being transformed into a 21st-century cultural hub by an influx of creative talent.

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

DAY 4 – Iron Gates Gorge

For many, today will be a highlight of the cruise as we begin our passage through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge. One of the most memorable stretches of the Danube, this is where the river cuts its mighty path between the Carpathian and Balkan mountain ranges, forming part of the boundary between Serbia and Romania. The 'true' Iron Gates is a single narrow gorge, but the name covers an entire 83-mile stretch of valleys where towering limestone cliffs plunge into the depths below. During the 1960s and '70s,

two hydroelectric power stations were built here and their dams raised the river level by over 100 feet, submerging a number of historic settlements. We pass through the Great Kazan, meaning 'cauldron', where the river narrows to just 500 feet. As the Captain skilfully steers us through, you'll see the huge sculpture of a Romanian hero – Decebalus – carved into the rock. Created in the 1990s, at over 130 feet high it is the largest rock relief in Europe – it even dwarfs the US presidents at Mount Rushmore. Decebalus was the last king of Dacia, the kingdom stretching from the Carpathians to the Black Sea. A warrior through and through, he fought the Roman Empire in three campaigns before the Emperor Trajan got the better of him. Decebalus fled into the Carpathians, taking his own life rather than being captured.

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

DAY 5 – Pleven

Crossing the border into Bulgaria, you awake in Nikopol, and after breakfast we drive across the Danubian Plain to Pleven. Surrounded by parks and forest, the town is famed as the scene of a major siege in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877. The joint Russian and Romanian army took five months to take the town, partly because the defending Turks were the first in

European history to use repeating rifles. Plevna was a decisive battle, leading to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the restoration of Bulgaria as a state and the independence of Romania. Opened to commemorate the battle's centenary, the Plevna Panorama tells the story of this engagement through a series of moving photographs and canvasses. We enjoy some free time here, so perhaps visit the St George Chapel Mausoleum, a memorial to the soldiers killed during the siege, or one of the town's many other museums.

During lunch we slip our moorings for an afternoon's cruising, so why not enjoy the invigorating river breeze up on the Sun Deck before dinner? (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Bucharest

Today we visit Bucharest, with its tree-lined boulevards and elegant belle-époque villas – echoes of the hedonistic 1900s when it earned the nickname 'Little Paris' – dotted among the utilitarian architectural legacy of Communist rule. Dominating the capital city of Romania, though, is the astonishing Palace of the Parliament, a colossal concrete extravaganza commissioned by the Communist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu. Started in 1984 and still unfinished, it is the second-largest administrative building in the world after the Pentagon – so big that only 400 of the 1,100 rooms are used. Furnished with all the gaudiness expected from a heartless despot at the head of a bankrupt state, from marble staircases to mosaics and chandeliers, to some it's a marvel, to others a monument to vanity.

On our guided tour we see the Palace of the



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



Constanta Casino - Day 8





Parliament and the Athenaeum, with its impressive Baroque cupola and remarkable acoustics. There are also some superb Orthodox churches and squares, including Revolution Square, named after the 1989 uprising that swept away Ceausescu's regime. Lunch isn't included today, so seek out a cosy restaurant in the old town for a fortifying plate of traditional meatballs or a hearty vegetable and dumpling soup. We return to the ship with time to relax before dinner. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Danube Delta

Overnight we cruise towards the city of Tulcea, clinging to seven hills overlooking the river and regarded as the gateway to the vast Danube Delta on the edge of the Black Sea. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Danube Delta is the best preserved and second largest river delta in Europe, with 2,200 square miles of rivers, marshes, tree-fringed lakes and reed islands, where nearly 3,500 animal and fish species, and 1,700 types of plant, make their home. A bird-watcher's paradise, the maze of canals bordered by willows and oaks offers the perfect breeding ground for many species. Millions of Egyptian white pelicans arrive here every spring to raise their young, while equal numbers of Arctic geese come to escape the harsh Northern European winters.

We disembark to take an excursion on smaller boats into the heart of this inspirational and tranquil place. Our guide helps to point out

some of the fascinating flora and fauna – you could spot a colourful kingfisher or a catfish darting beneath the water's glassy surface. Enjoy another delicious dinner as we cruise the magical landscape. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Constanta

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

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

DAY 9 – Rousse – Ivanovo & Veliko Tarnovo/Arbanassi

Crossing into Bulgaria, we arrive in Rousse, a city known as 'Little Vienna' for its wealth of fine 19th-century buildings. A scenic drive brings us to possibly Bulgaria's most beautiful city – Veliko Tarnovo, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital, located in a rugged landscape entangled by the meanderings of the Yantra River. Its old town is clustered on three hills with its houses stacked on steeply sided valleys, while the remains of the once-impregnable fortress complex stands on Tsarevets Hill. Tucked away in its picturesque cobbled streets are tiny workshops, where you can watch copper pots being beaten or wooden utensils skilfully carved.

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

complex of churches, chapels and monasteries hewn into the solid rock during the 12th century and with frescoes dating back to the 14th century, so exquisite and historically significant they are now on the UNESCO World Heritage List. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – Belogradchik

This morning why not take a cup of coffee up on deck and soak up the spectacular open spaces of this landscape, where thick woods of fragrant pine and silver fir cling to the banks, forming a hazy outline on the distant horizon? After lunch we moor in Vidin, home to the Baba Vida, the only entirely preserved medieval fortress in the country. From here, we drive into this rugged wilderness and suddenly the horizon is dotted with huge sandstone cliffs, in a spectrum of orange-reds and yellows, eroded into huge, bizarre shapes. These are the Belogradchik Rocks – unique and dramatic, they cover an area of 35 square miles, some reaching as high as 600 feet. Many of these gigantic natural sculptures are named after people or objects they are thought to resemble, while others are associated with colourful legends.

We return to the ship for dinner. Later on, maybe enjoy a drink in the lounge with your companions while the resident pianist plays. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – Iron Gate & Lepenski Vir

This morning's cruising brings us once again to the dramatic splendour of the Iron Gates Gorge, at the heart of Serbia's Djerdap

National Park. The gorge was cut out of the Carpathian mountains over millions of years as the Danube drained the Pannonian Sea. Among the park's forests of ancient oak, hazel and beech lies a rich preserve of game, including deer and wild boar. Mountain goats roam the rocky cliffs of Djerdap Kazan, while bears, wolves, foxes and wildcats populate the dense woodland. Keep an eye out for eagles and falcons, too.

This afternoon we moor in Donji Milanovac and take the short drive to Lepenski Vir, one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe, dating back to 9,500 BC. It consists of a series of Mesolithic villages located on a high terrace overlooking the Danube. Our guided tour will reveal more about this fascinating place and how these ancient people lived. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 – Novi Sad

The numerous fortresses along the Danube are reminders that the area has been fought over for centuries and this morning we pass one of the most impressive – the medieval Smederevo Fortress. We moor in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, in the shadow of the Fruška Gora mountain, its fertile slopes terraced with vineyards. The climate and the proximity to the Danube make this region ideal for wine production, particularly Riesling, but there are many others produced here including Bermet, a vermouth-like dessert wine with a unique aromatic sweetness.

Enjoy a guided tour of this vibrant city which flourished during the 18th and 19th centuries, becoming known as the 'Athens

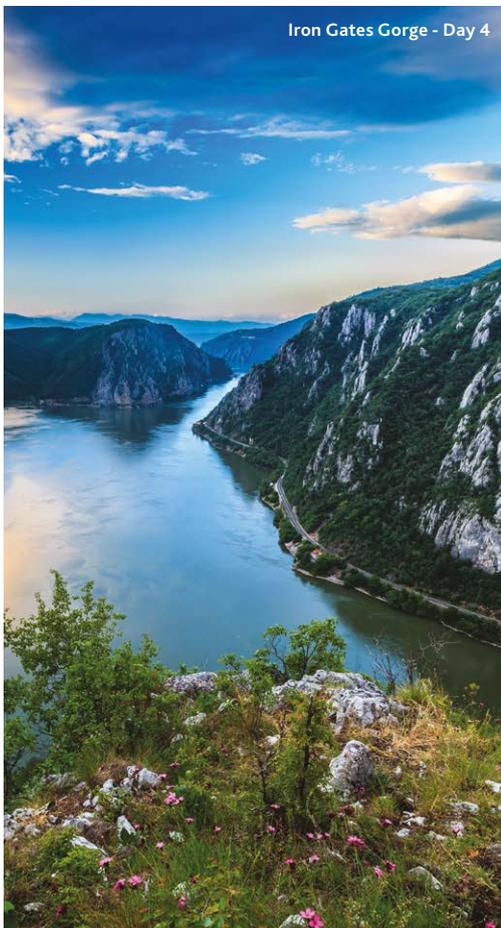
of Serbia'. See its old Town Hall on the impressive main square, flanked by lovely 19th-century architecture, its ancient castle and synagogue. Towering over it all is the mighty Petrovaradin Fortress with its complex system of underground tunnels. We moor here this evening, so why not enjoy an after-dinner stroll and take in the relaxed ambience of this lovely city, which will be the European Capital of Culture in 2021. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 – Osijek & Vukovar

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

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

This evening we cross into Hungary again, as the chef presents tonight's appetising menu. (B,L,D)



Iron Gates Gorge - Day 4



Belgrade - Day 3



Old Veliko Tarnovo - Day 9



DAY 14 – Budapest

As pastoral landscapes pass by, Budapest's skyline comes into view once more. Straddling the Danube, this imperial capital is a collage of palatial buildings, grand domes and attractive Baroque churches with soaring spires. From Roman ruins to Ottoman Turkish baths and elegant Art Nouveau facades, the eclectic mix of architectural styles reflects the city's varied history, with numerous foreign powers ruling here over the centuries.

We enjoy a guided tour, seeing all the main sights of this lovely city including the iconic Parliament Building, the National Gallery with its huge collection of Hungarian masterpieces, and the Matthias Church with its intricate rose windows. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

The Captain's Dinner is served this evening, with a superb menu reflecting the countries and regions we have visited. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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My view



Insider knowledge

Step back to the belle époque on a stroll through Pasajul Macca-Vilacrosse. These elegant, covered passages, inspired by the fine architecture of Paris, are located in the heart of Bucharest.

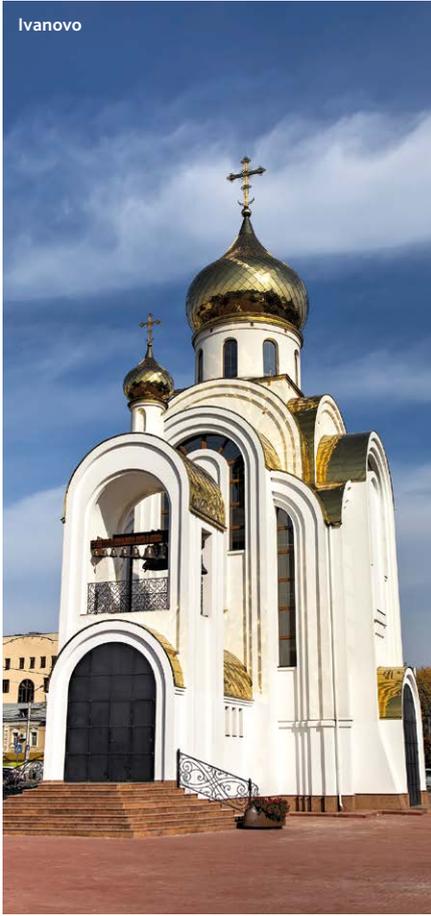
Buy

Hand painted Romanian eggs are small, lightweight masterpieces of artistry and a perfect gift or memento of your visit, especially at Easter.

Taste

Burek is the most popular street food in Serbia. Layers of flaky pastry, similar to filo are filled with cheese, meat or vegetables. This tasty snack is perfect at any time of the day.

Péter
Cruise Director



Pricing & departures 2021

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MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde, MS Robert Burns & MS William Wordsworth Five-star

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07/05/2021, 14/05/2021	£2,949	£3,449	£3,849	£3,699	£3,999	£3,849	£4,399
20/05/2021, 21/05/2021, 28/05/2021, 03/06/2021, 04/06/2021, 08/06/2021, 18/06/2021	£3,049	£3,549	£3,949	£3,799	£4,099	£3,949	£4,499
02/09/2021, 03/09/2021, 16/09/2021, 17/09/2021	£3,149	£3,649	£4,049	£3,899	£4,199	£4,049	£4,599
30/09/2021	£2,949	£3,449	£3,849	£3,699	£3,999	£3,849	£4,399
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Bristol	Ryanair	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
East Midlands	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Edinburgh	Ryanair/Wizz Air	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Leeds Bradford	Jet2	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
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MS Robert Burns



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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto

Fly to Lisbon or Porto and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Pinhão

Morning cruising. Included afternoon visit to a quinta.

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo

Morning cruising. Included afternoon guided excursion to Castelo Rodrigo.

DAY 4 – Salamanca

Drive to Salamanca for an included guided tour. Enjoy a flamenco show over lunch. A free afternoon to explore Salamanca.

DAY 5 – Mateus Palace Gardens

Morning cruising to Peso da Régua. Included afternoon guided excursion to Mateus Palace Gardens. Evening dinner at Quinta da Pacheca.

DAY 6 – Lamego

Drive to Lamego to visit the Sanctuary of our Lady of Remedies with free time to explore. This evening enjoy the Captain's Dinner and a folklore show.

DAY 7 – Porto

Morning cruising. Included visit to a local port producer with tasting and afternoon guided tour of Porto with free time to explore.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto

Fly to Lisbon or Porto, where we'll meet and transfer you to your five-star cruise ship in Porto. From the moment you board, the welcoming crew are at your service. In no time you'll be settled into your luxurious, thoughtfully furnished accommodation and familiarising yourself with all the first-class aspects of this floating boutique hotel. (D)

DAY 2 – Pinhão

As dawn breaks over Porto the adventure begins as our elegant vessel commences her stately passage upstream. Your first delicious breakfast is served by the attentive crew and whilst you linger over another coffee, you can really start to unwind as we leave the city skyline far behind. Head up on deck to appreciate the changing landscape in all its splendour as the river weaves its way between the lush hillsides; from the first morning on board, it's very apparent that the Douro is one of Europe's most photogenic river valleys and the topography has prevented the building of extensive riverside roads.

Thoughts turn to lunch, so reconvene with your fellow travellers in the elegant restaurant – its lovely panoramic windows ensure you won't miss any of the spectacular views gliding by before we arrive later in the pretty little town of Pinhão. We enjoy a visit to a local historic quinta to learn all about the stages of wine production, from the planting of the vines, harvesting, the wine-making process and finally tasting and labelling. No visit would be complete without sampling some of their excellent produce of course, so we enjoy a tasting before returning to the ship.

Tonight, as you enter the restaurant for the Welcome Dinner, feel free to choose your table. Later we will see a celebratory vintage port wine opened in the traditional way. We are moored in Pinhão overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo

Relax over a leisurely breakfast whilst the ever-changing scenery idly slips by through the restaurant's superb panoramic windows. The Douro was once a wild river, notoriously challenging to navigate. Today it has been tamed by a system of dams and locks, which have raised the water level to produce a topography reminiscent of Scotland's lochs that enhances the valley's charm. As we cruise into ever more rural territory towards the Spanish border, the river here is at its most peaceful. It's the perfect time to take a refreshing dip in the Sun Deck pool or perhaps enjoy a cool pre-lunch glass of vinho verde, the local, gently fizzy white wine. Portuguese wine is simply outstanding but production is low, so the best is rarely exported.

This afternoon we visit Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful 12th-century walled village tucked away in the picturesque highland ranges bordering Spain. Its church was a resting place on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela and it is said that Saint Francis



himself stayed here. The views are simply stupendous, stretching across almost-deserted ochre hillsides. This evening after dinner head up on to the sun deck to listen to the unmistakable sound of crickets and breathe in the scents from the surrounding valley slopes. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Salamanca

Today we visit historic Salamanca, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites on

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



Your cruise price includes

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

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from 9 regional airports*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
- No surcharges guaranteed
- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 98 or visit our website

of Wellington and Napoleon.

Salamanca is dominated by its two cathedrals and its university. Founded in 1218, the university is the oldest in Spain and was one of the civilised world's most important seats of study for over 400 years. The Spanish Inquisition's records are still kept here, and as early as the 16th century it boasted some 12,000 students. Seeing its immaculately preserved lecture halls with their vaulted ceilings, it's easy to conjure an image of Christopher Columbus addressing the learned men of the day or legal experts constructing the international laws that originate here. We enjoy a guided tour of the city seeing the main sights. Over lunch you enjoy a traditional flamenco show, then you are free to explore Salamanca as you wish. You may choose to linger, admiring the ornate interiors of its cathedrals – the more recent dates from the 16th-century – or explore its tiny streets, medieval squares, traditional shops, gardens and marketplaces. The main square, the Plaza Mayor, was built in the 18th-century in Spanish Baroque style with colonnaded walkways all around at ground level, ideal for finding a shaded spot to sit and watch the locals pass by. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Mateus Palace Gardens

One of the benefits of life aboard a river cruise is the sheer sense of relaxation it brings; our elegant ship slips its moorings during breakfast, after which there is plenty of time for a spot of pampering in the on-board spa, or simply watch the seamless changing of the riverbank scenery passing

by from the comfort of a cosy seat in the lounge. We're in port wine territory, where the lush hillsides have largely given way to a patterned landscape of terraced vineyards. Inland from the Atlantic, the climate has changed, too; it's noticeably warmer and drier, while the area has a Mediterranean appearance with orangey, earthy colours replacing verdant greens. After another superb lunch on board, we cruise into the small town of Peso da Régua, from where we visit the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace. Anyone familiar with Mateus Rosé and its characteristic 'squashed' bottle will recognise the palace from the label. Whatever your opinion of the wine, it is an impressive 18th-century Baroque edifice, mirrored in its stunning pond, surrounded by landscaped French gardens. This evening we take the short drive to the 126-acre Quinta da Pacheca for dinner. Enjoying dramatic views over the Douro, it dates back to the 18th-century and is simply one of the most beautiful and distinguished properties in the region. It is also notable as being the first quinta – in 1738 – to bottle wine under the name of its owner, the aristocrat Mariana Pacheco Pereira. You have time to wander through part of the estate before sampling a selection of its finest wines at dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Lamego

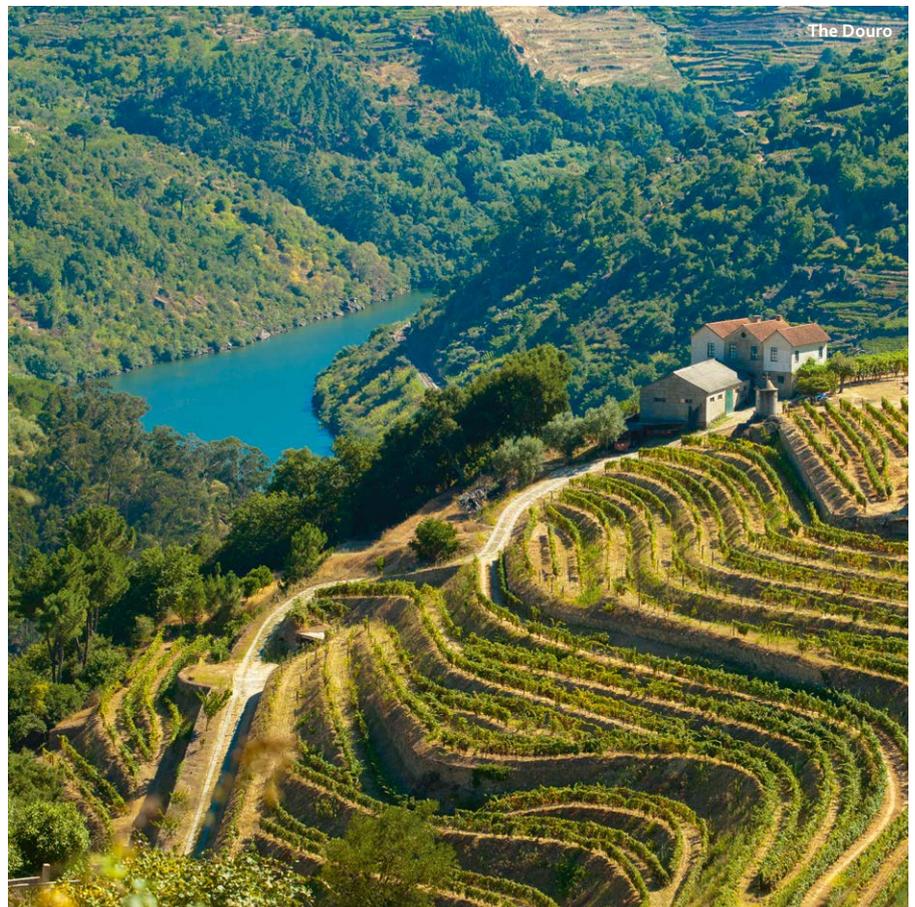
This morning after breakfast we take a short drive to historic Lamego, home of Portugal's sparkling wine, Raposeira, and one of the first places to be reclaimed from the Moors in the 12th century. Situated atop

the hill overlooking this lovely town is the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with attractive azulejos, the country's characteristic painted ceramic tiles.

By the time we return to our ship, our chef and his team will be adding the finishing touches to another delicious lunch, ready to be served as we depart for Entre-os-Rios. After lunch there's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the kaleidoscope of Douro views – or perhaps a spot of reading in the lounge over a cup of tea. This evening is the Captain's Dinner, a truly memorable experience featuring exquisite regional specialities, followed by a colourful performance of traditional Portuguese folk music by a local cultural group. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Porto

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





lovingly matured, sometimes for decades, before you can enjoy its subtle flavours. Of course, you'll get the chance to sample various port styles at the end of our visit.

After lunch on board we enjoy a guided tour of Porto. Strategically overlooking the Douro as it empties into the Atlantic, Portugal's second largest city was originally a Roman town, but its wealth derived from its knowledge of the sea routes to India, with fortunes made from trading spices, silks and other fine goods. Our tour unveils some of its major and more surprising sights. You'll experience the tangled lanes of the old town and wander the sloping maze of winding, cobbled alleyways, soaking up the atmosphere whilst stopping to admire the lovely architecture, soaring bell towers, fine baroque churches, golden rooftops and beautiful tiles of this slice of traditional Portugal. Stop for a drink in a cosy café and be tempted by an array of the most delicious cakes you'll ever taste.

You'll have the rest of the afternoon to explore the truly fascinating city; so perhaps return to the lounge to chat into the evening and reflect on the splendours of the remarkable River Douro – over a glass of port, of course. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant, take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £89 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Extend your holiday

Add four days to your trip, staying in Lisbon, Portugal's elegant and eccentric capital city, seeing its many wonderful highlights. See the next page for details.

My view

Insider knowledge

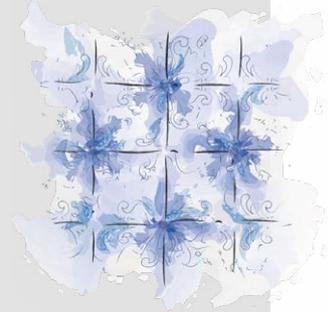
São Bento in Porto is one of the world's most beautiful railway stations. The magnificent azulejo tiles in the entrance hall recount the city's fascinating history.

Watch

Starring Forest Whitaker and Dennis Quaid the 2008 political thriller *Vantage Point*, was shot on location in Salamanca.

Taste

The Douro Valley is known for world-class Port wine and red wine but the elegant white wines are equally good and the perfect companion to a plate of grilled sardines or a creamy, local cheese.



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Cruise Director



Lisbon tour extension

3 NIGHTS
from only **£449**

Head south to the beautiful Roman city of Coimbra and discover the tranquil sanctuary of Fatima. Next, explore the famous sights of Lisbon before travelling to the picturesque town of Sintra, with its panoramic views and the famous Royal Palace.

DAY 8/DAY 1 EXTENSION – Coimbra & Fátima

For those choosing to extend their holiday with our three-night tour to Lisbon, we depart the ship and leave behind the terraced hillsides of the Douro Valley. Heading south, our journey takes us inland as the wild seascapes of the Atlantic coast gradually give way to a hinterland of fertile fields and pine forests. Our first destination is the ancient city of Coimbra, renowned for the impressive Roman aqueduct striding across the city and the historic university, one of Europe's oldest and a rival to Salamanca's. With its labyrinthine lanes, charming Moorish quarter and pretty squares, this city is a fascinating place to explore and its many historical buildings are collectively classified as a UNESCO

World Heritage Site. Once a capital city, Coimbra became a major cultural centre during the Middle Ages with the university at its heart. We have the privilege of a visit to the university, which is situated on a hill overlooking the city. Its Baroque library – rich in giltwork, exotic woods and with a dazzling frescoed ceiling – contains over 200,000 leather-bound, centuries-old volumes. Equally extraordinary is the chapel, so exquisitely decorated it would be considered a cathedral in most places, and in complete contrast to the university prison, which is suitably austere and dates back to the mid 16th-century.

We drive on through olive groves and wheat fields to Fátima, an unremarkable small town until 1917 when three children experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary and it suddenly

became an important Catholic pilgrimage site and a national shrine. The original chapel built to mark the site of the apparition is now part of a large and impressive Sanctuary Complex, which is well worth exploring.

Later we arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal and the country's finest natural harbour, situated at the mouth of the River Tagus. Nestled amid seven hills, the city's skyline is a mosaic of pastel and ochre shades, peppered with elegant domes and soaring spires. (B)

DAY 9/DAY 2 EXTENSION – Lisbon

After a leisurely breakfast, we set out to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which have attained the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site. On our tour we'll see

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

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

DAY 10/DAY 3 EXTENSION – Sintra

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

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

Coimbra - Day 8



return to Lisbon under your own steam, your tour manager will be able to advise how this can be done easily by train.

Otherwise we return to Lisbon along the coastline where Atlantic rollers crash onto endless golden beaches. Lisbon has an amazing old quarter that still follows the original Phoenician street grid, so spend this evening wandering through its atmospheric lanes lined with bars and restaurants, often decorated with the colourful ceramic tiles so typical of this city. Many will be buzzing with the sound of fado – a unique and infectious

musical mix evolved from folk, colonial African and Brazilian styles. Don't leave Lisbon without experiencing this. (B)

DAY 11/DAY 4 EXTENSION – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Our hand-picked hotels

We stay three nights at either the Olisippo Marquês de Sá or the Real Palacio Hotel, the perfect base for our programme of visits.

Olisippo Marquês de Sá



This contemporary hotel, near to a metro station, features a stylish restaurant and bar. All air-conditioned rooms are comfortably furnished and well-appointed. As well as

the hotel's own restaurant, you'll find plenty of other dining options nearby.

The Real Palacio Hotel



This hotel is creatively constructed around the renovation of a historic 17th-century palace, with a restaurant, bar, health club and spa, and well-located in

one of Lisbon's most prestigious neighbourhoods with easy access to the metro.

Your extension price includes

- 3 nights in an excellent, centrally located hotel with breakfast
- Guided tour of Lisbon with its magnificent squares, Baixa and Moorish quarters, cathedral and castle
- Visit to the spectacular historic town of Sintra and its Royal Palace, summer residence of the Portuguese monarchy
- Visit the astounding Monastery of Jeronimos with its outstanding 16th-century stonework
- See the holy shrine of Fatima, famous for its apparitions and one of Catholicism's most renowned pilgrimage sites
- Tour Coimbra University, founded in 1290, one of Europe's oldest seats of learning and a UNESCO World Heritage site

(B) Breakfast

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 98 or visit our website



Pricing & departures 2021

Prices are per person based on two people sharing. Some regional flights and rail connections carry a supplement – see below.

Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability and timings, call us or visit our website. Dates marked with a † have the option of an extension in Lisbon.

MS Douro Elegance Five-star

Deck Cabin Type	Lower		Middle		Upper		
	Standard	Standard Stern Sole Occupancy	Standard	Standard Stern	Standard	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite
26/03/2021†	£1,449	£1,449	£1,749	£1,699	£1,899	£2,199	£2,399
02/04/2021	£1,649	£1,649	£1,949	£1,899	£2,099	£2,399	£2,599
09/04/2021†	£1,749	£1,749	£2,049	£1,999	£2,199	£2,499	£2,699
16/04/2021	£1,849	£1,849	£2,149	£2,099	£2,299	£2,599	£2,799
23/04/2021	£1,899	£1,899	£2,199	£2,149	£2,349	£2,649	£2,849
30/04/2021, 07/05/2021†	£1,949	£1,949	£2,249	£2,199	£2,399	£2,699	£2,899
14/05/2021, 21/05/2021†	£2,049	£2,049	£2,349	£2,299	£2,499	£2,799	£2,999
28/05/2021	£2,099	£2,099	£2,399	£2,349	£2,549	£2,849	£3,049
04/06/2021, 11/06/2021†, 18/06/2021	£2,149	£2,149	£2,449	£2,399	£2,599	£2,899	£3,099
25/06/2021	£2,099	£2,099	£2,399	£2,349	£2,549	£2,849	£3,049
02/07/2021†, 09/07/2021, 16/07/2021, 23/07/2021, 30/07/2021, 06/08/2021, 13/08/2021, 20/08/2021†	£1,949	£1,949	£2,249	£2,199	£2,399	£2,699	£2,899
27/08/2021	£2,049	£2,049	£2,349	£2,299	£2,499	£2,799	£2,999
03/09/2021†, 10/09/2021†, 17/09/2021, 24/09/2021	£2,249	£2,249	£2,549	£2,499	£2,699	£2,999	£3,199
01/10/2021	£2,049	£2,049	£2,349	£2,299	£2,499	£2,799	£2,999
08/10/2021	£1,949	£1,949	£2,249	£2,199	£2,399	£2,699	£2,899
15/10/2021†	£1,749	£1,749	£2,049	£1,999	£2,199	£2,499	£2,699
22/10/2021	£1,549	£1,549	£1,849	£1,799	£1,999	£2,299	£2,499
29/10/2021	£1,449	£1,449	£1,749	£1,699	£1,899	£2,199	£2,399
05/11/2021†	£1,299	£1,299	£1,599	£1,549	£1,749	£2,049	£2,249

MS Douro Splendour Five-star

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29/08/2021†	£2,049	£2,049	£2,349	£2,299	£2,499	£2,799	£2,999
05/09/2021, 12/09/2021, 19/09/2021, 26/09/2021†	£2,249	£2,249	£2,549	£2,499	£2,699	£2,999	£3,199
03/10/2021	£2,049	£2,049	£2,349	£2,299	£2,499	£2,799	£2,999
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17/10/2021	£1,749	£1,749	£2,049	£1,999	£2,199	£2,499	£2,699
24/10/2021†	£1,549	£1,549	£1,849	£1,799	£1,999	£2,299	£2,499
31/10/2021	£1,399	£1,399	£1,699	£1,649	£1,849	£2,149	£2,349
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ							
07/11/2021	£1,849	£1,799	£2,149	£2,099	£2,299	£2,599	£2,799

Departure Point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Birmingham	Ryanair/Jet2	£40	Lisbon/Porto Airport	Lisbon/Porto Airport
Bristol	Easyjet	Nil	Lisbon Airport	Lisbon Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	Nil	Porto Airport	Porto Airport
Liverpool	Ryanair	Nil	Porto Airport	Porto Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet/Air Portugal	£50	Porto Airport	Porto Airport
London Heathrow	Air Portugal	£60	Lisbon Airport	Lisbon Airport
London Luton	Easyjet	Nil	Lisbon/Porto Airport	Lisbon/Porto Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	£40	Porto Airport	Porto Airport
Manchester	Easyjet	Nil	Porto Airport	Porto Airport

LISBON EXTENSION Departure Date	Ship	Price per person	Hotel
26/03/2021; 09/04/2021; 02/07/2021; 20/08/2021; 05/11/2021	Douro Elegance	£449	Real Palacio
07/05/2021; 21/05/2021; 15/10/2021		£499	
11/06/2021; 03/09/2021; 10/09/2021		£549	

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30/05/2021; 20/06/2021; 26/09/2021		£549	

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

Δ The departure on 07/11/2021 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Porto airport and the ship in Porto - approx. 45 mins; between Lisbon airport and the ship in Porto - approx. 4hrs (including comfort stop). For departures with Lisbon Extension, transfer time between Hotel in Lisbon and Lisbon airport - approx. 30 mins.

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

PLEASE NOTE – For a Lisbon Extension, the Departure Point (Resort) will be Lisbon Airport.

LISBON EXTENSION – 4 days. The dates shown left have the option to extend your stay for 3 nights in Lisbon, this is to be added to the cost of your cabin (prices are per person, based on two people sharing). Double rooms for sole occupancy are subject to availability at a supplement of £139 per person.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Lyon - Day 2

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March to October 2021

Exclusive solo departures
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Enjoy the scenic wine regions in the south of France. From lush terraced vineyards and sun-baked hills, to dramatic rugged gorges and medieval towns, with their delightful streets and charming architecture.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon

Fly to Lyon, Marseille or Montpellier, or take the Eurostar / TGV to Lyon and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Lyon

Included morning guided tour of Lyon with free time to explore. Afternoon and evening sailing towards Chalon.

DAY 3 – Beaune and Burgundy

A morning visit to Beaune for a wine tasting and free time to explore. Afternoon and overnight sailing.

DAY 4 – Vienne and Tournon

Included morning guided tour of Vienne. Free time in the evening to explore Tournon.

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges

Morning cruising to Le Pouzin. Included visit to Ardèche Gorges. Overnight sailing to Arles.

DAY 6 – Arles and Pont du Gard

Included morning guided tour of Arles. Included afternoon excursion to Pont du Gard. Evening sailing to Avignon.

DAY 7 – Avignon

Included morning guided tour of Avignon with free time to explore.

DAY 8 – Return home.

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.



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

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon

Arrive for your flight to Lyon, Marseille or Montpellier, or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Paris Gare du Nord, where you will be met by a guide and escorted on a coach transfer to Gare de Lyon to board a high-speed TGV to Lyon. On arrival we transfer by coach to our ship moored in Lyon's historic centre. Our dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you on board and help you to your cabin. After settling in to your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this floating five-star hotel. (D)

DAY 2 – Lyon

After our first splendid breakfast, we've a leisurely start enjoying a guided tour of Lyon, one of France's most fascinating cities. The Rhône Valley had been the route of choice for marauding armies and peaceful traders for centuries, and Lyon's current site, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, cried out to be fortified. In 43 BC the Romans founded the city, which subsequently grew in importance; the Emperor Claudius, conqueror of Britain, was born here. There are many Roman remains to see, but it was the production of silk that brought Lyon to prominence during the Middle Ages, and throughout the city you can see signs of the wealth that poured in – Renaissance buildings, imposing churches and Europe's largest pedestrian square, Place Bellecour, with a statue of Louis XIV as its focus.

The old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is crammed with antique shops and intriguing traboules – narrow covered passageways enabling silk merchants to transport their wares to the river without getting wet – that today are a joy to amble through. As well as its glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's (and to locals the world's) gastronomic capital. In fairness it has much to commend it: nouvelle cuisine was invented near here and the city boasts a huge array of speciality food shops and eateries, including 20 restaurants with one or more Michelin stars and countless little places to eat.

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



DAY 3 – Beauce and Burgundy

Rising this morning we're berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy and home of Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography. On this morning's tour we see some of the pretty villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines – Meursault, Volnay, Pommard, Gevrey-Chambertin and many more. Nearby is medieval Beauce, Burgundy's wine capital. At its centre is the Hospices de Beauce, also known as the Hôtel-Dieu. Originally built in the 15th-century as a hospital for the

disadvantaged, it's a jewel of High Gothic architecture, instantly recognisable for its colourful glazed roof tiles arranged in dazzling geometric patterns. A prestigious annual wine auction takes place here each November, with proceeds going to the Hospices. Of course you can't visit Burgundy without sampling its amazing wines, so we visit the cellars of a leading traditional winemaker for a tour and tasting before returning to the ship for lunch. (B,L,D)

Your cruise price includes

- 7 visits and tours, including guided tours of Lyon, Arles, Avignon and Vienne; a wine tasting in Beauce, and excursions to the Ardèche Gorges, Popes' Palace and the Pont du Gard
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Prices are per person. Departure dates, prices and ship information – see page 104 or visit our website

DAY 4 – Vienne and Tournon

Overnight the ship has cruised almost imperceptibly downstream and we enjoy breakfast in Vienne before our guided tour. Strikingly located in a narrow section of the Rhône where the river meanders dramatically around a steep bluff, Vienne is a treasure trove of historic remains, including the stunning Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia, one of only two edifices of this type in the whole of the country. From the ship, a little train will take you to the top of the city, the Mont Pipet hill, where the view onto the Rhône will inspire keen photographers. It's also where the Romans chose to build the spectacular amphitheatre in the 1st Century AD, which could accommodate 13,500 spectators. As the train weaves through the charming, narrow streets of the old town, soak up the history of this fascinating place.

We wander back to the ship for another superb lunch, during which we enter perhaps the most picturesque section of the Rhône as the river squeezes and twists past Condrieu, Saint-Rambert-d'Albon and Saint-Vallier, with wooded cliffs rising high on both sides. Traditionally these stretches were the most dangerous due to fierce currents and varying water levels but, with the waters now tamed by a series of locks whose complex mechanisms never cease to fascinate, this afternoon can be spent relaxing on the Sun Deck taking in the exceptional views. Later we moor in the pretty provincial town of Tournon, with its imposing castle and tree-lined avenues on one side of the river, while on the

other are the steep vine-covered hillsides of Hermitage, where another of the world's most revered wines is produced – a fitting view as we enjoy another exquisite dinner.

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges

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

After lunch we explore the Ardèche Gorges, whose scale is a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. Sheer limestone cliffs plunge almost 1,000 feet to the river's blue waters, which elegantly snake their way through stupendous rock formations, culminating in a huge natural arch, the Pont d'Arc. Caves, grottoes and natural sculptures create marvellous views at every turn before we return to the gentler slopes of the Rhône Valley, where our ship is moored in charming Viviers, a medieval town clustered around its 12th-century cathedral. We continue through the famous lock at Bollène as you relax over dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Arles and Pont du Gard

You awake under the azure skies of deepest Provence and amid the warm stone colours of Arles, many of whose historic monuments are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Our guided tour will help you appreciate the finer

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

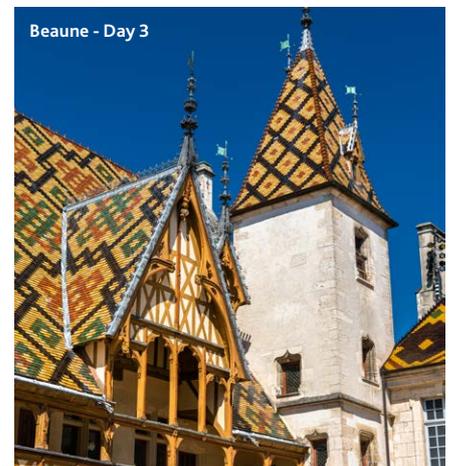
After lunch we visit Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, one of the wonders of the ancient world. No amount of fame can diminish the first sight of this 2,000-year-old structure, which was the highest bridge built in the Empire – the Romans themselves considered it the most important testimony to their greatness. Rejoining the ship, we cruise along the Rhône and, during dinner, pass the imposing 15th-century castle at Tarascon standing guard on the river bank. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Avignon

The light catching the red roofs of Avignon's majestic skyline is a sight to behold over breakfast, after which we embark on a guided tour of one of the most extraordinary and intriguing cities in France. Avignon's destiny changed during the 14th-century, when the Pope's court moved here to avoid strife in Rome. Igniting a century of prosperity, the Pontiff commissioned a host of ambitious building projects, and today the city is immaculately preserved, nestling behind



Ardèche Gorges - Day 5



Beaune - Day 3



Pont du Gard - Day 6



Lavender fields in Provence

its almost-intact 14th-century walls and boasting more remarkable monuments, superbly decorated buildings, churches, chapels and convents than you can possibly count. But to truly embrace the feel of papal Avignon, imagine yourself here during the Middle Ages amid the Palace's rich furnishings and extravagant decoration, with cardinals, princes and ambassadors milling about its candle-lit halls and corridors, while in the streets below countless pilgrims eagerly anticipate benediction. This was Avignon's brief golden age, when it was truly the centre of Christendom.

After lunch you're free to explore as you wish, perhaps visiting the nearby Petit Palais, the former home of the archbishops of Avignon, to cast a critical eye over the remarkable collection of over 300 paintings and sculptures from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, including works by Botticelli and Carpaccio. This evening we enjoy the sumptuous Captain's Dinner, with the chef serving specialities of the regions you've visited during your voyage of discovery. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

My view

Insider knowledge

Enjoy glorious views of Avignon and the famous bridge from the Jardin du Rocher des Doms. This public garden also has its own tiny vineyard and a bar where you can enjoy a glass of Côtes du Rhône.

Listen

Vincent written by Don McLean is a tribute to the artist Vincent Van Gogh. The song is also known by the opening line *Starry, starry night*, a reference to Van Gogh's 1889 painting.

Taste

Almonds, honey, lavender and candied orange peel are combined to make the irresistible soft nougat of Southern Provence.

Eden

Cruise Director

Avignon bridge



Popes Palace - Day 7



Hotel Dieu hospital



Pricing & departures 2021

Prices are per person based on two people sharing. Some regional flights and rail connections carry a supplement - see below.

Not all airports are available for every departure. Dates marked with an asterisk * operate a reverse itinerary. For availability and timings, call us or visit our website.

MS William Shakespeare Five-star

Deck Cabin Type	Lower	Middle	Upper	
	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
05/04/2021	£1,299	£1,599	£1,749	£2,349
12/04/2021*	£1,399	£1,699	£1,849	£2,449
19/04/2021	£1,449	£1,749	£1,899	£2,499
26/04/2021*	£1,549	£1,849	£1,999	£2,599
03/05/2021, 10/05/2021*, 17/05/2021	£1,649	£1,949	£2,099	£2,699
24/05/2021*	£1,749	£2,049	£2,199	£2,799
31/05/2021, 07/06/2021*, 14/06/2021, 21/06/2021*	£1,949	£2,249	£2,399	£2,999
28/06/2021	£1,849	£2,149	£2,299	£2,899
05/07/2021*	£1,749	£2,049	£2,199	£2,799
12/07/2021	£1,649	£1,949	£2,099	£2,699
19/07/2021*, 26/07/2021, 02/08/2021*, 09/08/2021, 16/08/2021*	£1,599	£1,899	£2,049	£2,649
23/08/2021	£1,699	£1,999	£2,149	£2,749
30/08/2021*	£1,899	£2,199	£2,349	£2,949
06/09/2021, 13/09/2021*, 20/09/2021	£2,049	£2,349	£2,499	£3,099
27/09/2021*	£1,949	£2,249	£2,399	£2,999
04/10/2021	£1,749	£2,049	£2,199	£2,799
11/10/2021*	£1,599	£1,899	£2,049	£2,649
18/10/2021	£1,449	£1,749	£1,899	£2,499
25/10/2021*	£1,299	£1,599	£1,749	£2,349
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ				
29/03/2021*	£1,799	£2,099	£2,249	£2,849

MS Lord Byron Five-star

Deck Cabin Type	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite	Deluxe Suite
08/04/2021	£1,399	£1,549	£1,699	£1,999	£1,849	£2,099	£1,999	£2,349
15/04/2021*, 22/04/2021	£1,449	£1,599	£1,749	£2,049	£1,899	£2,149	£2,049	£2,399
29/04/2021*	£1,549	£1,699	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,499
06/05/2021, 13/05/2021*, 20/05/2021	£1,649	£1,799	£1,949	£2,249	£2,099	£2,349	£2,249	£2,599
27/05/2021*	£1,749	£1,899	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,349	£2,699
03/06/2021, 10/06/2021*, 17/06/2021, 24/06/2021*	£1,949	£2,099	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,549	£2,899
01/07/2021	£1,849	£1,999	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,449	£2,799
08/07/2021*	£1,749	£1,899	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,349	£2,699
15/07/2021	£1,649	£1,799	£1,949	£2,249	£2,099	£2,349	£2,249	£2,599
22/07/2021*, 29/07/2021, 05/08/2021*, 12/08/2021, 19/08/2021*	£1,599	£1,749	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,549
26/08/2021	£1,699	£1,849	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,649
02/09/2021*, 09/09/2021, 16/09/2021*	£2,049	£2,199	£2,349	£2,649	£2,499	£2,749	£2,649	£2,999
23/09/2021	£1,949	£2,099	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,549	£2,899
30/09/2021*	£1,849	£1,999	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,449	£2,799
07/10/2021	£1,749	£1,899	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,349	£2,699
14/10/2021*	£1,599	£1,749	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,549
21/10/2021	£1,449	£1,599	£1,749	£2,049	£1,899	£2,149	£2,049	£2,399
Exclusive departures for solo travellers Δ								
01/04/2021	£1,799	£1,949	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,749

Departure Point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar/TGV	£20	Lyon Station	Avignon TGV
Birmingham	Flybe	£30	Lyon Airport	Lyon Airport
Bristol	Easyjet	£30	Lyon/Geneva Airport	Lyon/Marseille Airport
Dublin	Aer Lingus/Ryanair	£130	Lyon Airport	Lyon/Marseille Airport
Edinburgh	Ryanair	£50	Marseille Airport	Marseille Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Lyon Airport	Marseille/Montpellier Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£30	Lyon Airport	Marseille Airport
London Luton	Easyjet	Nil	Lyon Airport	Lyon/Marseille Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	Nil	Lyon/Marseille Airport	Lyon/Marseille Airport
Manchester	Easyjet	£30	Lyon Airport	Lyon Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability.

Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy. Δ The departures on 29/03/2021 and 01/04/2021 are exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies. **TRANSFER TIME info** – Between Marseille/Montpellier airport to the ship in Lyon - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop); between Lyon airport and the ship in Lyon - approx. 45 mins; between Geneva airport and the ship in Lyon - approx. 1hr 30 mins; between Lyon station and the ship in Lyon - approx. 20 mins; between Marseille/Montpellier airport to the ship in Avignon - approx. 1hr 30 mins; between Lyon airport and the ship in Avignon - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop); between Avignon station and the ship in Avignon - approx. 20 mins.

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DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Honfleur - Day 5

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Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris

Fly or take the Eurostar to Paris and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Les Andelys

Morning sailing. Shuttle to Chateau Gaillard with entrance fee included. Evening sailing.

DAY 3 – Rouen

Included morning guided tour of Rouen. Free time this evening in Caudebec.

DAY 4 – Bayeux and Arromanches

Included full day tour to Bayeux and Arromanches.

DAY 5 – Honfleur

Included morning guided tour of Honfleur. Afternoon and evening cruising to Vernon.

DAY 6 – Giverny & Vernon

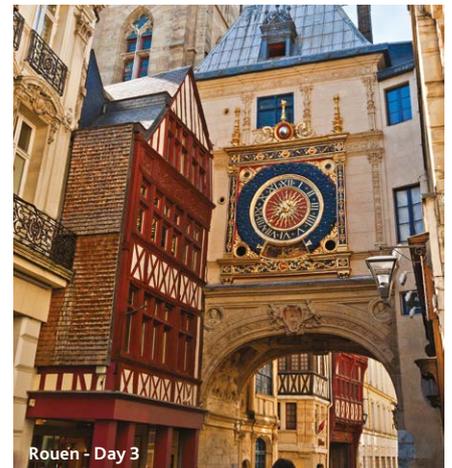
Included morning visit to Monet's Garden. Evening and overnight sailing.

DAY 7 – Paris

Included morning guided tour of Paris with free time to explore.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.



Rouen - Day 3

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Paris or fly to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. On arrival, transfer by coach to your cruise ship moored on the River Seine in the heart of the city. The friendly crew will welcome you on board, helping you settle into your spacious and exquisitely furnished accommodation – you'll immediately feel at home. This evening you enjoy your first sumptuous dinner, served in the ship's restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 – Les Andelys

During the night our ship slips her mooring and, as you enjoy breakfast, the landscape passes by serenely and you quickly get used to this luxurious sightseeing experience. Rounding a sweeping bend so typical of the Seine, we reach the town of Mantes-la-Jolie with its imposing church – so large and architecturally impressive it could be a cathedral – while straight ahead is a medieval stone bridge. The central section of the bridge was destroyed during the Second World War and never repaired – it's the first of many poignant reminders that this region of France has been a battleground for centuries. Beyond Mantes we encounter another typical feature of the Seine as it flows seaward – picturesque chalk cliffs, almost resembling a giant's teeth. Beautiful villages like La Roche Guyon slide by, surrounded by bocage countryside of lush pastures and high hedgerows, countless cider orchards, half-timbered barns and ancient wooden farmhouses. We're truly in the heart of one of France's historic and stunningly attractive dukedoms – Normandy.

While you're enjoying your first delicious lunch, the captain has skillfully berthed at Les Andelys, a small town dominated by one of the most spectacular sights along the entire valley – Château Gaillard. This afternoon we discover the story behind this remarkable castle, with entrance fee included. The remarkable Château Gaillard guards the apex of the river bend and was built by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th-century to defend Rouen from the French. Besieged many times during the turbulent history of northern France, Château Gaillard is now one of the most dramatic ruins in the region. From this spectacular vantage point – probably the finest of the entire cruise – you enjoy stupendous views across the countryside.

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



DAY 3 – Rouen

We awake in Rouen, Normandy's capital, one of Europe's finest medieval cities and scene of many momentous events over the centuries. Pride of place on our guided tour of the city belongs to its stunning Gothic cathedral, which was immortalised by the great Impressionist Claude Monet in a series of 28 paintings showing the facade at varying times of day and in different weather conditions.

Briefly becoming the world's tallest building when the soaring spire was added in the 19th-century, the cathedral is also notable for the recumbent statue reputedly containing the heart of Richard the Lionheart. Rouen's beautifully tangled alleyways are a revelation, lined with antique shops, tasteful boutiques and, of course, countless restaurants serving exceptional local cuisine emphasising the country's outstanding gastronomic heritage.



Paris - Day 7

Your cruise price includes

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

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The Place du Vieux-Marché is one of the city's most poignant spots; a large cross marks the point where the 'Maid of Orléans' Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for her beliefs.

During another superb lunch we cast off to navigate through yet more twists and turns, chalk cliffs and a landscape of forest-covered hills that are designated as areas of outstanding natural beauty and sanctuaries for diverse wildlife, including deer and wild boar. Another highlight of the valley soon greets us – the ethereal ruins of Jumièges Abbey. In the late afternoon we moor in Caudebec-en-Caux, with its typical market square, richly decorated church and the Maison des Templiers, one of the oldest houses in Normandy. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Bayeux and Arromanches

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

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

DAY 5 – Honfleur

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

After returning to the ship for lunch, we slip our mooring and begin our passage back upstream, retracing the river's winding course, its huge variety of wildlife, enchanting scenery and forests, all reflected in differing colours in the sparkling waters. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Giverny & Vernon

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

DAY 7 – Paris

We have arrived in Paris and this morning we take a sightseeing tour of this amazing capital, one of the world's most iconic cities. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Sacré-Coeur – you'll see all these and much more. The grand Place de la Concorde, the largest square in the city, shows off





Les Andelys - Day 2

18th-century French architecture at its best, and just over the Seine on the Left Bank you'll find the Musée d'Orsay, home of the world's finest Impressionist art collection. Then there's the eccentrically modern and yet stylish Pompidou Centre, famous not only for its exhibits but also for street entertainment, while the exquisite Tuileries Gardens are perfect for a stroll. After lunch on board you could visit fine shops such as the Galeries Lafayette or those in the smart arcaded Rue de Rivoli, or perhaps wander around the café-lined streets of bohemian Montmartre. This evening is the Captain's Dinner, hosted of course by the Captain himself. Featuring specialities of the regions through which we have travelled, it's a truly memorable experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French

balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £99 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Personalise your holiday

Visit the Louvre Museum, Paris

Don't miss your chance to visit the world's largest museum and admire one of the most impressive art collections in history. From €17 per person.

My view

Insider knowledge

During your visit to Giverny take a peek out of Monet's bedroom window; the splendid view over the glorious gardens must surely have been an inspiration to the artist.

Buy

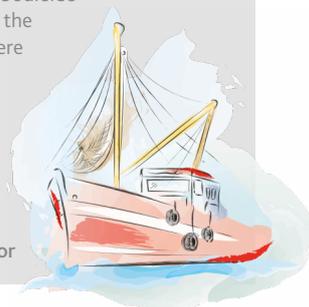
Magnificent window displays are filled with the artistic and tempting creations of the highly skilled master chocolatiers of Rouen.

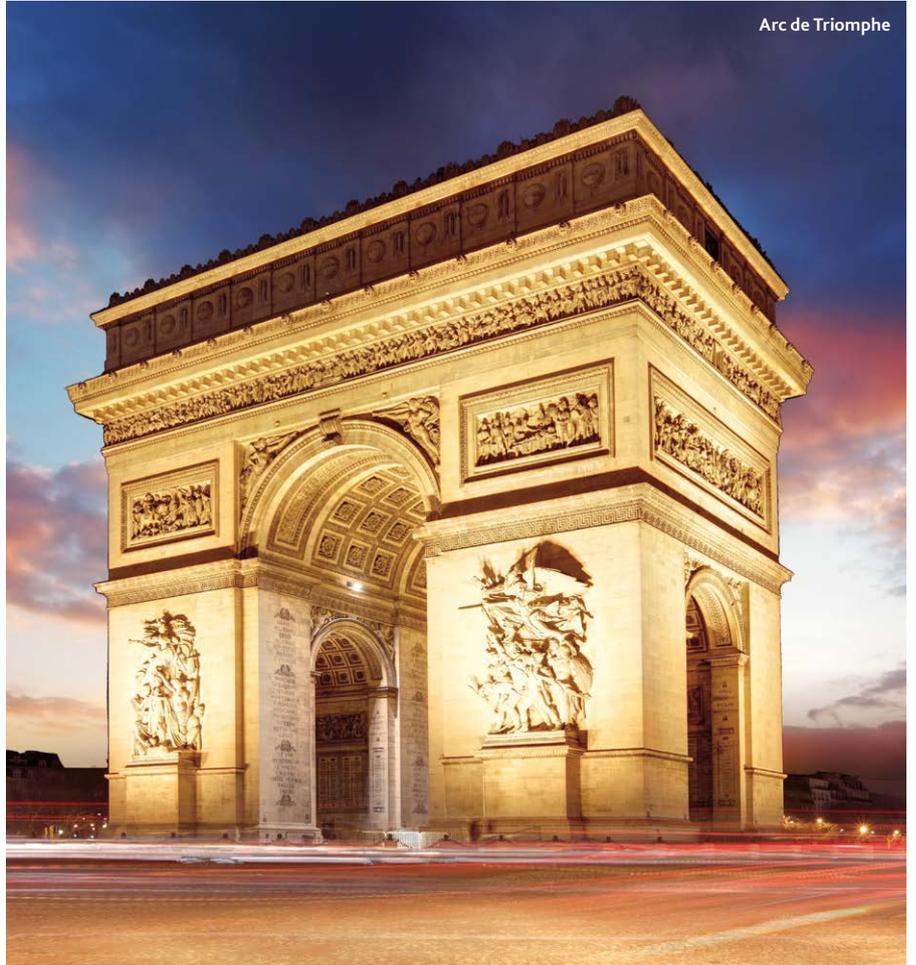
Drink

Relax with a glass of Normandy cider or calvados at a harbourside café and soak up the unique atmosphere of Honfleur.

Karim

Cruise Director





Pricing & departures 2021

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing and travelling by Eurostar from St Pancras International. Regional rail connections and airports are available at a supplement – please see below.

MS Jane Austen Five-star

Deck Cabin Type	Lower		Middle		Upper			
	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Standard	Superior Suite	Superior Stern Suite	Deluxe Suite
20/04/2021	£1,449	£1,599	£1,749	£2,049	£1,899	£2,149	£2,049	£2,399
27/04/2021	£1,549	£1,699	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,499
04/05/2021, 11/05/2021	£1,649	£1,799	£1,949	£2,249	£2,099	£2,349	£2,249	£2,599
18/05/2021	£1,749	£1,899	£2,049	£2,349	£2,199	£2,449	£2,349	£2,699
25/05/2021	£1,849	£1,999	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,449	£2,799
15/06/2021, 22/06/2021	£1,949	£2,099	£2,249	£2,549	£2,399	£2,649	£2,549	£2,899
29/06/2021	£1,849	£1,999	£2,149	£2,449	£2,299	£2,549	£2,449	£2,799
06/07/2021, 13/07/2021, 20/07/2021, 10/08/2021, 17/08/2021	£1,599	£1,749	£1,899	£2,199	£2,049	£2,299	£2,199	£2,549
24/08/2021	£1,699	£1,849	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,649
31/08/2021	£1,899	£2,049	£2,199	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,849
07/09/2021, 14/09/2021, 21/09/2021	£2,049	£2,199	£2,349	£2,649	£2,499	£2,749	£2,649	£2,999
12/10/2021	£1,699	£1,849	£1,999	£2,299	£2,149	£2,399	£2,299	£2,649
19/10/2021	£1,549	£1,699	£1,849	£2,149	£1,999	£2,249	£2,149	£2,499
26/10/2021	£1,299	£1,449	£1,599	£1,899	£1,749	£1,999	£1,899	£2,249
Exclusive departure for solo travellers Δ								
30/03/2021	£1,799	£1,949	£2,099	£2,399	£2,249	£2,499	£2,399	£2,749

Departure Point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar	Nil	Paris Gare du Nord	Paris Gare du Nord
Birmingham	Air France	£120	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Bristol	Easyjet	£70	Paris Orly Airport	Paris Orly Airport
Dublin	Aer Lingus	£120	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Edinburgh	Easyjet	£100	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Glasgow	Easyjet	£70	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Liverpool	Easyjet	£70	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	£70	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£90	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Manchester	Air France	£90	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport
Newcastle	Air France	£140	Paris Charles de Galle Airport	Paris Charles de Galle Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability.

Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy. Δ The departure on 30/03/2021 is exclusively for solo travellers and no single supplement applies.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Charles de Gaulle airport and the ship in Paris - approx. 1hr; between Orly airport and the ship in Paris - approx. 40 mins; between Gard du Nord station and the ship in Paris - approx. 45 mins.

PLEASE NOTE – Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

Connecting rail to London is available at supplements from £30 - £80. In order to enjoy your Eurostar experience to the full, you may upgrade to Standard Premier Class for only £139 return, subject to availability. This price includes a complimentary light meal, offered from a selection of sweet and savoury cold snacks and includes a drink appropriate to that time of day, served at your seat while you relax in the spacious comfort of Standard Premier Class.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



MS Jane Austen



Sacre Coeur - Day 7



Enchanting Rhine & Yuletide Markets

5 DAYS
from only **£549**

December 2020

Discover the magical ambience of Germany's traditional Christmas markets, with their host of unique, inspired gift ideas. Immerse yourself in the wintry splendour of the stunning Rhineland for a truly enchanting December to remember.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour. Visit Rudesheim Christmas markets.

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Koblenz

Morning cruising past Loreley Rock. Included

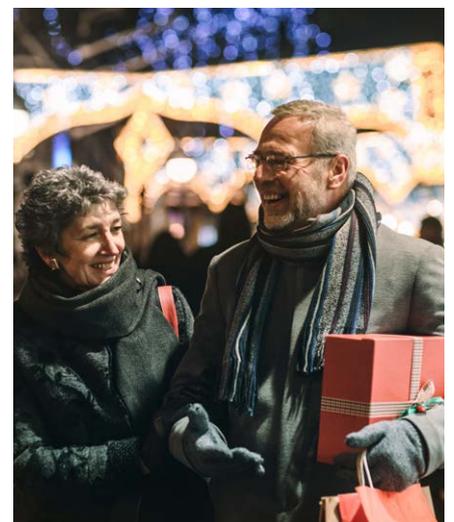
afternoon guided tour of Koblenz with free time to explore. Evening sailing to Bonn.

DAY 4 – Bonn & Cologne

Included morning guided tour of Bonn. Afternoon sailing. Visit Cologne Christmas markets.

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship moored in historic Cologne, whose skyline is dominated by the spires of its magnificent cathedral. The dedicated English-speaking crew welcomes you on board and helps you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this splendid ship. (D)

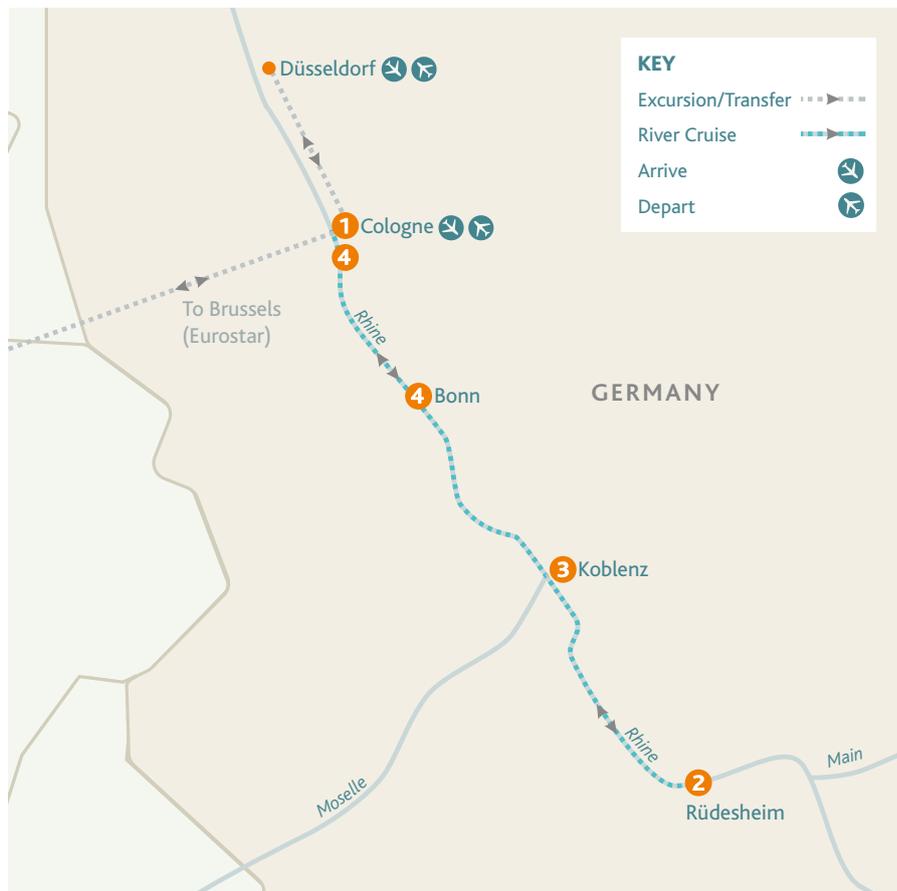
DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

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

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

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Koblenz

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



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

Located in the atmospheric old town, Koblenz's Christmas market is one of the largest in the Rhineland. As you browse its enticing stalls, the aroma of hot chestnuts and mouth-watering sausages fills the air; don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas bakery, making the famous Stollen – the delicious bread made with candied and dried fruit, nuts and marzipan, traditionally eaten at this time of year. As the fairy lights glow brighter in the cool evening air, it's time to head back to the

Your cruise price includes

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

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from 8 regional airports or Eurostar seat from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
- No surcharges guaranteed
- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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inviting warmth of the ship's lounge for an aperitif before the Captain's Dinner is served, as we sail on to historic Bonn, arriving later this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Bonn & Cologne

Rising refreshed, after breakfast there's the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating city, which served as the capital of the West German state from 1949-1990, until the reunification of Germany which restored Berlin as the country's capital. Whilst it lost the battle to retain the parliament, Bonn still holds the status of a secondary governmental seat, so many government ministries and public bodies still have their headquarters here. But behind its official facade lies a historic and fascinating city and this morning you will enjoy a guided tour of the main sights around the old town, centred around its two spacious squares. See the city's most prominent landmark, the soaring spire of the huge Romanesque minster, one of the oldest churches in the country and the attractive pastel pink Rococo old town hall, with its gleaming silver and gold trim, from where an endless list of politicians throughout the decades have appeared on its sweeping staircase. Bonn is also famous for being the birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven, and the house where he was born is one of the few old buildings in the city not to have been damaged during the war. Together with the house next door, it now houses a museum dedicated to one of the greatest composers of all time. You'll have some free time to wander the seasonal market, centred around the old

town; the old town hall's windows are transformed into a giant Advent calendar and an imposing Christmas tree takes centre stage. Classical music floats on the air, along with the delicious smells of gingerbread and baked apples – simply magical. No visit would be complete without sampling a glass of warming Glühwein, or mulled wine. This delicious concoction is usually made with red wine heated with citrus zest and spices such as cloves and cinnamon. Sometimes it's drunk mit Schuss, meaning a shot of rum or brandy has been added for extra punch! Back on board for lunch, we make our return to Cologne as the ever-changing river scenery drifts silently by. As the towering spires of Cologne's cathedral come into view on the wintry skyline, we moor in the shadow of this ancient monument once again. Christmas creates a special atmosphere here and you have free time to immerse yourself in the city's seven Yuletide markets, each with its own unique theme. Every year a huge number of visitors are drawn to the more than 160 tastefully decorated festive stalls of the Cathedral Christmas market, impressively set against the spectacular backdrop of the imposing cathedral, where the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland, illuminated with 50,000 LED lights, is a magnificent glittering sight to behold. There's also plenty of live entertainment to enjoy.

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

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

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Purchase a drinks package

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On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique. Please note gratuities cannot be paid using on-board credit.

My view

Insider knowledge

To add to the festive spirit, the town hall in Koblenz displays 24 advent calendar windows on its elegant baroque roof and these are opened during the Christmas market period.

Taste

Popular in the Rhine Valley, the Baumstriezel is a pastry cone which is cooked over a baking spit and then rolled in granulated sugar.

Drink

Brewed only in Cologne, Kölsch beer is a refreshing alternative to the more seasonal Glühwein.



Barbara
Cruise Director



Bonn - Day 4



The Rhine - Day 2



Cologne - Day 4



Stall selling Glühwein

Pricing & departures 2020

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing and travelling by Eurostar from St. Pancras International. Regional rail connections and airports are available at a supplement – please see below.

MS Oscar Wilde Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
Cabin	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
05/12/2020	£629	£829	£1,029	£929	£1,129	£1,029	£1,329
09/12/2020, 13/12/2020	£599	£799	£999	£899	£1,099	£999	£1,299
17/12/2020	£549	£749	£949	£849	£1,049	£949	£1,249

MS Charles Dickens Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle	Upper	
Cabin Type	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Balcony Suite
04/12/2020, 08/12/2020	£579	£779	£879	£1,279
12/12/2020	£549	£749	£849	£1,249
16/12/2020	£499	£699	£799	£1,199

Departure point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
St Pancras International	Eurostar	Nil	Brussels Midi Station	Brussels Midi Station
Birmingham	Flybe	£70	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Bristol	Ryanair	£70	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Dublin	Ryanair/Aer Lingus	£100	Cologne/Düsseldorf Airport	Cologne/Düsseldorf Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	£70	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£80	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	£70	Cologne Airport	Cologne Airport
Manchester	Flybe/Eurowings	£80	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport
Newcastle	Eurowings	£100	Düsseldorf Airport	Düsseldorf Airport

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TRANSFER TIMES – Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne- approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop).

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Connecting rail to London is available at supplements from £30-£80. In order to enjoy your Eurostar experience to the full, you may upgrade to Standard Premier Class for only £139 return, subject to availability. This price includes a complimentary light meal, offered from a selection of sweet and savoury cold snacks and includes a drink appropriate to that time of day, served at your seat while you relax in the spacious comfort of Standard Premier Class.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



The Danube's Imperial Cities & Yuletide Markets

6 DAYS
from only **£899**

December 2020

Experience the grand imperial cities nestled along the iconic Danube and their festive seasonal markets at a truly enchanting time of year. Relax on board and enjoy the stunning river views, stepping out in your winter best to wander the twinkling streets and soak up the Christmas spirit.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Budapest

Included morning guided tour of Budapest. Afternoon cruise along the Danube Bend. Overnight sailing.

DAY 3 – Bratislava

Included morning guided tour of Bratislava with free time to explore. Evening sailing.

DAY 4 – Vienna

Included morning guided tour of Vienna with free time to explore. Evening classical recital on board. Overnight sailing.

DAY 5 – Budapest

Morning cruising. Visit Budapest Christmas markets.

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

You fly to Budapest, where a coach transfers you to your five-star cruise ship moored in this beautiful city straddling the banks of the glorious Danube. As you step on board you will be greeted by your professional, five-star crew who are on hand to help you settle in as you familiarise yourself with the layout of this splendid ship. We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring this charismatic city, so full of atmosphere at this special time of year. It won't be long before our first excellent dinner is served in the ship's restaurant, over which you can get acquainted with some of your fellow travellers. Enjoy a digestif in the welcoming lounge as you ponder all that the next few days has in store! (D)

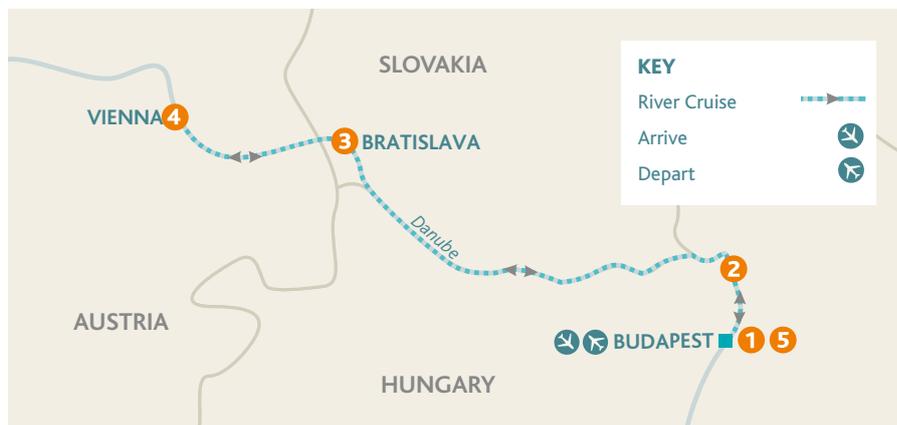
DAY 2 – Budapest

Budapest is always an atmospheric and fascinating city, but at this time of the year, the muted colours of its magnificent archaic spires and grand domes are especially captivating on the wintry skyline. The historic and palatial buildings, the superb Roman ruins and exquisite Art Nouveau architecture provide a truly impressive backdrop for the city's acclaimed Christmas markets. This morning we enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as the iconic Parliament Building and the ancient Castle District with its winding streets and panoramic views. There's free time to explore under your own steam, so perhaps take in one of the city's fine museums or simply wander the markets. Soak up the traditional atmosphere as classical music fills the air along with the delicious smells of spicy gingerbread and peppery goulash – and don't forget the mulled wine to stave off the winter chill! Back on board for lunch, excitement mounts as we slip our mooring and our adventure begins; just sit back and relax as the fairytale landscape glides by through the ship's panoramic windows. This afternoon we witness a cruising highlight as we navigate the Danube Bend, where the river spectacularly winds its way through a narrow twisting valley, flanked by high mountains and snow covered hillsides.

Wrap up and take to the deck to enjoy this wonderful kaleidoscope of Christmas card scenery drifting by in the frosty air, then return to the warmth of the ship's inviting lounge and catch up on some reading or write those final Christmas cards. Later head to the convivial atmosphere of the ship's well-stocked bar for your favourite aperitif, before another excellent dinner is served. (B,L,D)

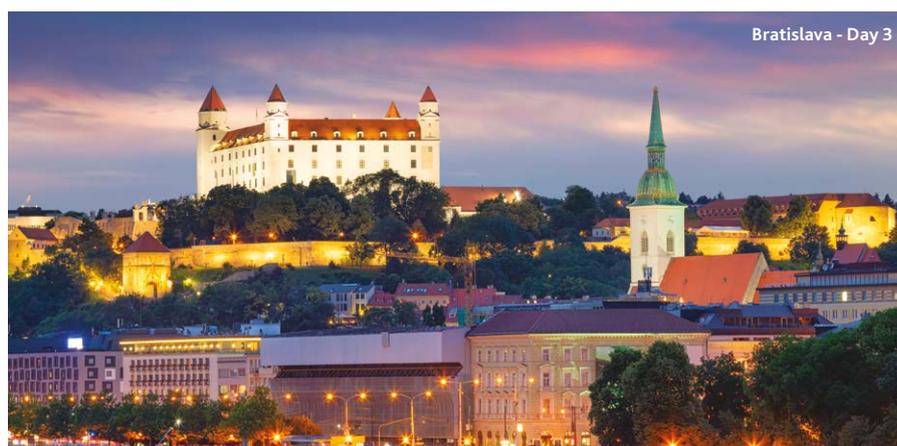
DAY 3 – Bratislava

During this morning's breakfast, we arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Its communist past now firmly confined to the history books, the city has rediscovered its imperial heritage in its beautifully restored baroque old town whilst the grand white fortress, former seat of the rulers, enjoys commanding views over the river. This



morning we will discover more about the city's interesting history, seeing the main sights and visiting some of the churches to view their traditional Christmas cribs, before you enjoy some free time. Wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cosy atmosphere; the sweet fragrance of cinnamon wafts on the air and hundreds of fairy lights twinkle amongst the branches of the Christmas trees. The pretty red and white stalls groan with inspirational artisan gifts, from decorations, wooden figurines or pottery.

Sample some local delicacies too such as potato pancakes or poppy seed strudel but make sure you don't spoil your appetite as it won't be long until lunch is served back on board. Afterwards you may wish to return to shore – perhaps to climb the tower of the Old Town Hall for a bird's eye view of the city and the bustling market below. Alternatively, you may choose to join our optional excursion to Slovensky Grob, a village situated in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, famed for its geese rearing. We will visit a typical Slovak chalet to enjoy a wine tasting of some



Bratislava - Day 3

Your cruise price includes

- 3 guided tours of Budapest, Vienna and Bratislava
 - 5 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
 - All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
 - Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
 - Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Plus, of course...
- Return scheduled flights from 8 regional airports*
 - Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
 - Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
 - All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
 - No surcharges guaranteed
 - ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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of the season's new wines, accompanied by some typical local delicacies. Later we return to the ship where another excellent dinner will be served. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Vienna

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

museums, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the world famous Spanish Riding School.

After lunch on board there's plenty of time to explore some more of the markets, while the brass band plays its Christmas repertoire and the sweet aroma of nutmeg fills the air. When things turn chilly, retreat to the refined yet cosy elegance of a traditional Viennese café for a steaming hot chocolate and watch the last daylight fade away. After tonight's excellent dinner on board, retire to the lounge for a nightcap and enjoy a classical recital - a fitting musical finale to our day as the ship glides away from this captivating city. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Budapest

We have sailed overnight and on waking, draw back the curtains to see the early morning mist rising over this gentle pastoral landscape, draped in a blanket of glistening frost. After breakfast, seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and watch this lovely slideshow of winter wonderland scenery effortlessly gliding by – what could be more relaxing! For the more energetic, perhaps a visit to the ship's fitness centre to work off some of those delicious meals or head up to the sun deck to enjoy the bracing river breeze as the Captain skillfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital. Our final lunch is served during which Budapest's majestic skyline comes into view.

This afternoon you are at leisure so perhaps wander to the Vorosmarty Square in the very heart of Pest, where the rustic cottage-style wooden stalls groan under the weight of their treasure troves of unique Christmas gifts. The scent of traditional honey cookies and mulled wine pervades the air as you browse the stalls, enjoying the friendly festive ambience or perhaps indulging in a slice of traditional chimney cake. Return to the ship in time for tonight's superb Captain's Dinner, expertly served by your attentive crew before enjoying one last evening amongst newly-made friends in the convivial bar, recounting stories from a very magical cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



Bratislava - Day 3





My view



Insider knowledge

Located in front of the City Hall in Vienna is one of the largest mobile ice rinks in the world. You don't have to get your skates on to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Buy

No Hungarian Christmas is complete without *szaloncukor*, a Christmas candy covered in chocolate, filled with marzipan and wrapped in foil – perfect for hanging on the Christmas tree.

Taste

Medovina is a wine made from honey and is similar in taste to English mead. A seasonal favourite in Slovakia, this local wine is traditionally served warm at the Bratislava Christmas market.

Anette
Cruise Director

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £79 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique. Please note gratuities cannot be paid using on-board credit.

Personalise your holiday

Visit to Slovensky Grob

Enjoy our excursion to Slovensky Grob, a village in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, famed for its wild geese rearing. Visit a typical Slovak chalet to enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by some typical local delicacies. From €38 per person.

Pricing & departures 2020

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Flights from some regional airports are available at a supplement – please see below.

MS William Wordsworth & MS Geoffrey Chaucer Five-star

Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
Cabin	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
01/12/2020, 02/12/2020	£749	£999	£1,199	£1,099	£1,299	£1,199	£1,499
06/12/2020, 07/12/2020, 11/12/2020, 12/12/2020	£699	£949	£1,149	£1,049	£1,249	£1,149	£1,449
16/12/2020, 17/12/2020	£649	£899	£1,099	£999	£1,199	£1,099	£1,399

Departure point	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Bristol	Ryanair	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Edinburgh	Jet2/Ryanair	£30	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Luton	Wizz Air	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Manchester	Jet2/Ryanair	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY – On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard cabins are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person cabin price – subject to availability. All other cabin types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

TRANSFER TIMES – Between Budapest airport and the ship in Budapest - approx. 45 mins.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all airports are available for every departure. For availability from your preferred departure point and timings please call or check on our website.

DEPOSIT – The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.

Budapest - Day 7



Christmas on the Blue Danube

8 DAYS
from only **£2,249**

21 December 2020

NEW for 2020

Celebrate Christmas and experience all the pleasures of this joyous time of the year amidst the grand imperial cities of the magnificent Danube. Immerse yourself in majestic surroundings and enjoy a superb gala dinner on Christmas Day.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Esztergom

Included morning visit to Esztergom Basilica and time to explore the Christmas market. Afternoon and evening sailing towards Slovakia.

DAY 3 – Bratislava

Included morning guided tour of Bratislava with free time to explore. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Austria.

DAY 4 – Melk Abbey on Christmas Eve

Included morning guided tour of Melk Abbey. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Linz.

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz on Christmas Day

Included morning guided tour of Linz or a full day tour to Salzburg. Evening and overnight sailing. Gala Christmas Day dinner on board.

DAY 6 – Vienna

Included morning guided tour of Vienna with free time to visit the Christmas markets. Afternoon visit to Schönbrunn Palace and the Schönbrunn Christmas market. Classical Christmas music recital on board this evening. Overnight sailing.

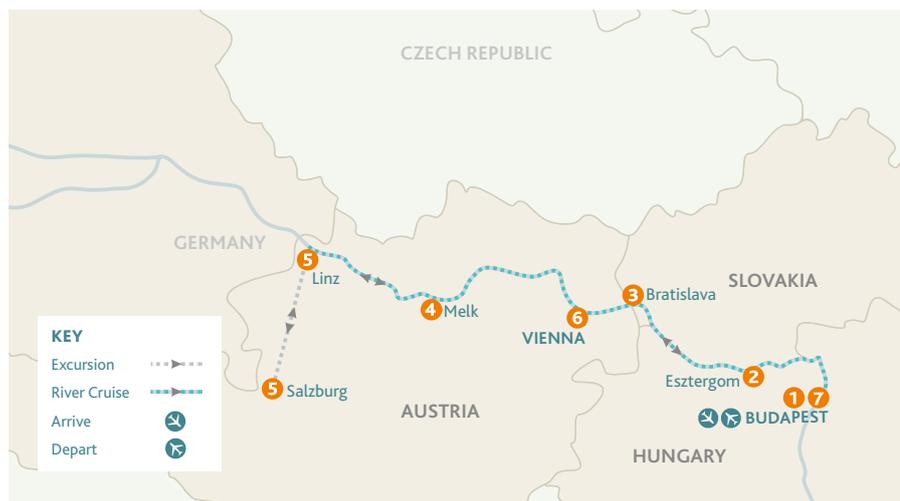


DAY 7 – Budapest

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Budapest with free time to visit the Christmas markets. Enjoy a Hungarian Christmas folklore show on board this evening.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Budapest from where you will be taken to your cruise ship, now glimmering in festive glory. The dedicated crew are there to welcome you on board, ensuring you settle in and familiarise yourself with this first-class floating hotel. Your eyes will be wide with wonder as you take in the fabulous décor, with garlands adorning the staircases, lights as far as the eye can see and of course the majestic Christmas tree taking centre stage. There's always a sense of expectancy and excitement on the eve of a cruise, especially at Christmas time and, after an excellent dinner in the stylish restaurant, conversation is sure to revolve around the seasonal delights ahead. (D)

DAY 2 – Esztergom

Overnight we have cruised upstream to Esztergom, one of Hungary's oldest towns, a royal capital during medieval times and today the seat of the country's archbishop. We have a guided tour of the famous neoclassical basilica, standing sentinel over the Danube on the border with Slovakia, and boasting one of the world's largest altarpieces and a wealth of priceless religious artefacts. The castle is also worth exploring; it was the seat of government until the Ottomans invaded in the 16th century. Nestling below are myriad atmospheric churches resonating with the sounds of choir, particularly enchanting at this special time of the year; this is the best of provincial Hungary and is little changed since Habsburg times.

There will also be time to browse the stalls at the Esztergom Christmas market, where Széchenyi Square has now been transformed into a winter spectacular, and for years has featured an ice rink and live music. Seek out those last minute gifts from the rustic wooden stalls, enjoy the friendly festive atmosphere and perhaps indulge in a slice of traditional chimney cake. As you enjoy your first lunch on board we gently leave Esztergom in our wake, affording a fascinating opportunity to compare the different landscapes, towns

and villages of Hungary on one river bank and of Slovakia on the other. Wrap up in your winter best and take to the deck to enjoy the wonderful kaleidoscope of Christmas card scenery drifting by in the frosty air, then return to the warmth of the ship's inviting lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Bratislava

After a delicious breakfast, this morning we explore Slovakia's fast-emerging capital city, Bratislava, on a guided tour. Until recently swathed in the drab uniformity of Communism, the city has rekindled the splendour of its imperial past in its beautifully restored old town. Equally impressive is the imposing 17th-century castle commanding expansive views across the Danube. Christmas in Bratislava is an enchanting experience, with Hviezdoslav Square now dressed up for the special season, complete with a lit-up tram with cosy interior and joyous carols.

You'll also have plenty of free time to explore the cobble-stoned streets of this captivating

city – so what's it to be? Why not head to the regal Primatial Palace? Built in the late 1700s in a classical style, the once home to the archbishop of Esztergom now holds a rare collection of tapestry works from the 17th-century. Take the opportunity to view the traditional Christmas cribs in some of the churches or maybe wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations, until you reach the main square. For a seasonal treat try the medovníky, these delicious honey and ginger biscuits are traditionally eaten at Christmas time in Slovakia.

This afternoon we cruise into Lower Austria, a peaceful, bucolic region and home to some of the country's best wines. Head to the convivial atmosphere of the ship's well stocked bar for your favourite aperitif before another excellent dinner is served. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Melk on Christmas Eve

We awake on Christmas Eve amidst the enchanting surroundings of the Wachau Valley where the landscape is blanketed with vineyards and dotted with ornamental villages. After breakfast you visit the remarkable Melk Abbey. Nothing quite prepares you for your first sight of this enormous honey-coloured building, standing resplendent above the surrounding countryside and perhaps even more atmospheric at Christmas time. Originally built as a castle, it was gifted to the Benedictine Order in the 11th-century and, although reconstructed in Baroque style, it has remained a monastic school and monastery ever since. The Abbey is renowned for its 214-yard-long Emperor's Gallery lined with portraits, many fine rooms and an ornate library. Later we re-join the ship for lunch and the final part of our cruise upstream through the pretty Nibelungengau, an inspiration to poets and also immortalised in the music of Wagner. This evening adjourn to the

Your cruise price includes

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

- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from
- 7 regional airports*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
- No surcharges guaranteed
- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

*A supplement may apply

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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inviting bar and reflect on a fascinating day of discovery before another sumptuous dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz on Christmas Day

Reaching Linz, you will have the choice of two included Christmas Day excursions. You can stay in the city and take a guided walking tour, exploring the charming, decorated streets of the Baroque old town. At its heart you'll see one of the finest squares in Austria, lined by grand pastel-coloured facades with an impressive central Trinity Column of white marble, crowned by a gilded sunburst. There's also the fortress-like castle, built high above the city by Emperor Friedrich III, now a museum housing a fine collection of nineteenth and twentieth-century artworks. Now embellished in seasonal splendour, take in the festive ambience with the glow of lights and the magnificent Christmas tree in the Hauptplatz. Although the Christkindmarkt won't be open on Christmas Day, the peaceful atmosphere

give you a chance to appreciate the impressive architecture with a sense of calm.

Alternatively, join our included tour to Salzburg, surely the perfect city for a Christmas day visit. Dominating the skyline of Salzburg is one of Europe's largest stone fortresses, the Hohensalzburg, while beneath its walls, church domes and spires rise from the delightful Altstadt. Then there's the wonderful Hellbrunn Palace and the splendid formal gardens of the Mirabell Palace.

This morning discover some of the city's main sights in the company of an expert local guide, then you're free to explore as you wish. Everywhere there are sights associated with the city's most famous resident, Mozart, who wrote his first opera when he was 11! Celebrate the day by the magnificent Christmas tree in Cathedral Square and perhaps reflect on the hauntingly beautiful lyrics of Silent Night. This carol was written by Joseph Mohr who was also born in Salzburg. Please note lunch is not

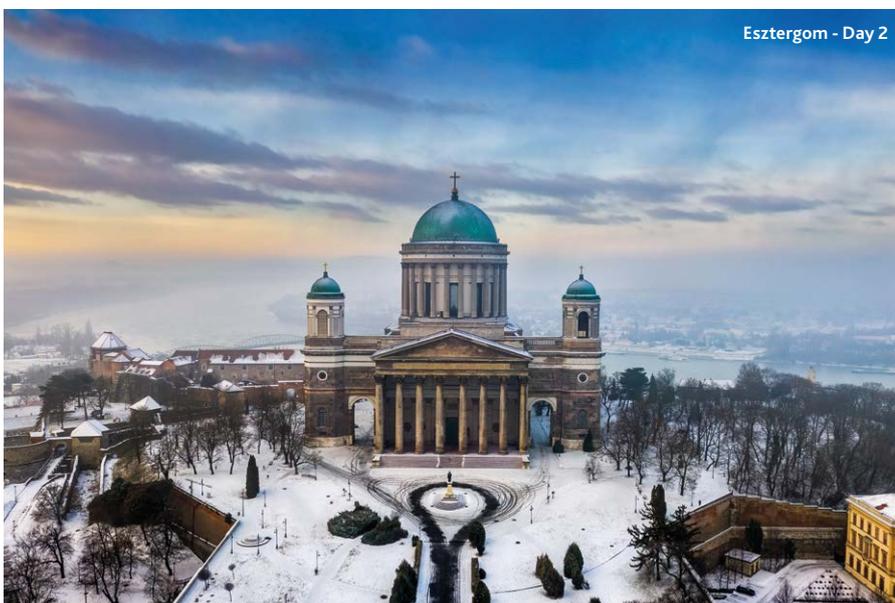
included on this full day excursion to Salzburg; however, the ship will offer a packed lunch.*

This evening enjoy tonight's superb Gala Christmas Day dinner, expertly served by your attentive crew before further celebrations with newly made friends in the convivial bar. (B,*L,D)

DAY 6 – Vienna

During the early hours, our ship has stealthily crept into port and you awake to find yourself in twinkling Vienna. There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than here – where the elegant imperial facades, their decorations glittering in the glow from a thousand Christmas lights, the sound of classical carols floating on the crisp air and the irresistible smell of candyfloss and roasted chestnuts is truly reminiscent of Christmas from a bygone age. There has been a Christmas market here since the Middle Ages and today the markets held over the festive period sell a huge range of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. After breakfast you enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as St Stephen's Cathedral and the impressive Hofburg complex, former royal court, now home to a collection of museums, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the world famous Spanish Riding School. There will also be time to explore the Christmas markets, or if you prefer you can retreat to the refined, yet cosy elegance of a traditional Viennese café for an indulgent slice of Sachertorte.

After lunch on board we visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. Once the summer residence of the Hapsburgs, this former royal residence now houses a range of world-class museums and galleries. The palace also hosts a superb Christmas market, specialising in traditional handicrafts and nostalgic toys. After tonight's excellent dinner on board, retire to the lounge for a nightcap and enjoy a classical Christmas recital – a fitting musical finale to our day as the ship glides away from this captivating city. (B,L,D)



DAY 7 – Budapest

We have sailed overnight and on waking, draw back the curtains to see the early morning mist rising over this gentle pastoral landscape, draped in a blanket of glistening frost. After breakfast, seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and watch this lovely slideshow of winter wonderland scenery effortlessly gliding by – what could be more relaxing! For the more energetic, perhaps a visit to the ship's fitness centre to work off some of those delicious meals or head up to the sun deck to enjoy the bracing river breeze as the Captain skilfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital. Our final lunch is served during which Budapest's majestic skyline comes into view.

Budapest is always an atmospheric and fascinating city, but at this time of the year, the muted colours of its magnificent archaic spires and grand domes are especially captivating on the wintry skyline. The historic and palatial buildings, the superb Roman ruins and exquisite Art Nouveau architecture provide a truly impressive backdrop for the city's acclaimed Christmas markets. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour seeing the main sights such as the iconic Parliament Building and the ancient Castle District with its winding streets and panoramic views. There's free time to explore under your own steam and wander the markets. Soak up the traditional atmosphere as classical music fills the air along with the delicious smells of spicy gingerbread and peppery goulash – and don't forget the mulled wine to stave off the winter chill!!

This evening the magnificent Captain's dinner is followed by a Hungarian Christmas folklore show, giving you time to bid farewell to your

My view

Insider knowledge

Traditionally Christmas in Austria does not start until the afternoon of 24th December. The Christmas tree is brought into the house and decorated before a Christmas Eve dinner which is also the most important family meal of the festive season.

Buy

Pop a last minute gift into an embroidered Christmas stocking from Budapest. You can recycle these traditional felt stockings year after year.

Taste

The pork and cheese Käsekrainer is probably the most popular Viennese sausage and you are sure to find this tasty snack at the Christmas Market food stands.

Daniel
Cruise Director



Linz - Day 5



travelling companions and reflect on all the inspirational places, sights and sounds you have experienced on this very magical festive cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

Choose your cabin or suite

Choose from a range of standard or upgraded accommodation. Select one of our middle or upper deck cabins or suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to a French balcony. Or for the ultimate in luxury, upgrade to one of our superior or deluxe suites, with either French or private outside balcony where you can enjoy a refreshing drink.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. When it's time to dine in the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar. Priced at £109 per person.

On-board credit

Plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish. Enjoy drinks in the bar and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique. Please note gratuities cannot be paid using on-board credit.

Pricing & departures 2020

The prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Flights from some regional airports are available at a supplement – please see below.

MS William Wordsworth Five-star							
Deck	Lower	Middle			Upper		
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
21/12/2020	£1,899	£2,249	£2,499	£2,349	£2,599	£2,499	£2,899

Departures and Transfers				
Departure Point (UK)	Carrier	Supplement	Arrival Point (Resort)	Departure Point (Resort)
Birmingham	Jet2	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
East Midlands	Ryanair	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Leeds Bradford	Jet2	£20	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Manchester	Jet2	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport

SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard suites are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person suite price – subject to availability. All other suite types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

TRANSFER TIMES - Between Budapest airport and the ship - approx. 45 mins.

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Christmas on the Rhine

8 DAYS
from only **£1,799**

21 December 2020

NEW for 2020

Glide past sleepy villages, explore idyllic riverside towns adorned with glittering lights and experience the unique ambience of the magical Yuletide markets. The seasonal tradition of a German Christmas awaits, with a gala dinner to celebrate Christmas Day.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Koblenz

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Koblenz and free time to visit the Christmas market. After dinner enjoy an on-board folklore show.

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Morning cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim and free time to visit the Christmas market. Overnight sailing towards Speyer.

DAY 4 – Speyer on Christmas Eve

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Speyer and free time to explore the Christmas market. Overnight sailing towards Strasbourg.

DAY 5 – Strasbourg on Christmas Day

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Strasbourg with free time to explore. Christmas Day gala dinner before an evening and overnight sailing towards Boppard.

DAY 6 – Boppard

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Boppard. Overnight sailing towards Cologne.



DAY 7 – Cologne

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Cologne. Classical music recital on board this evening.

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport or train station for your return journey.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International. On arrival, transfer by coach to your cruise ship moored in the heart of picturesque Cologne. The city will look quite magnificent at this very special time of year, with fairy lights twinkling along the harbourside and the monumental Christmas tree standing proudly against a historic backdrop.

The dedicated English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard your first-class floating hotel, ensuring you settle into your luxurious, well-equipped cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship. Marvel at the elegant décor at every turn: lush garlands, baubles in jewelled tones and a spectacular Christmas tree. (D)



DAY 2 – Koblenz

To really get in the Christmas mood, nothing beats waking up on board to find you're already cruising through an entrancing winter wonderland. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning and relax while a kaleidoscope of riverside views drifts by in all their seasonal glory.

The festive period is a magical time to visit this picturesque part of Germany, and no country does it better. The historic Yuletide markets here are the ideal places to soak up the spellbinding atmosphere while seeking out unusual presents for friends and family back home. After lunch on board we arrive in the historic city of Koblenz. Strategically situated at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle, this 2,000-year-old city with its mighty fortress towering above, is full of appeal. Forest-covered hillsides dominate the

skyline, whilst the lower slopes are strewn with the pretty, half-timbered buildings so typical of the Rhineland. Koblenz is also known for the Deutches Eck, translating as German Corner, a point between the Rhine and Moselle with a spectacular view. Enjoy a guided tour, seeing the principal monuments, discovering ancient squares, admiring beautifully restored historic house frontages and quaint hidden passageways.

Located in the atmospheric old town, Koblenz's Christmas market is one of the largest in the Rhineland. As you browse its enticing stalls, the aroma of hot chestnuts and mouth-watering sausages fills the air; don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas bakery, making the famous Stollen – the delicious bread made with candied and dried fruit, nuts and marzipan, traditionally eaten at this time of year. As the Christmas lights glow brighter

Your cruise price includes

- 6 visits and tours including guided tours of Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, Boppard and Cologne
- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure, including welcome cocktails, a welcome dinner, the Captain's dinner and a Christmas Day Gala Dinner
- Folklore show on board
- Live classical music concert on board
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from
- 6 regional airports or seats on Eurostar from London St Pancras International
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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in the cool evening air, it's time to head back to the inviting warmth of the ship's lounge for welcome cocktails and canapés before a delicious dinner and a festive folklore show. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Rudesheim

During breakfast the ship effortlessly glides out of port as we commence a spectacular morning's cruising, sailing upstream. One of the cruise highlights will be our passage through the magnificent Rhine Gorge; here where the swifter current sweeps between the narrowing valley sides that tower above, the river twists and turns towards the famous Loreley Rock, where legend has it, unsuspecting sailors were lured to their deaths by enchanting maidens. After lunch on board we arrive in Rudesheim. If you imagine a typical Rhine town, then this would be it. Narrow crooked streets lead down to the sweeping river, providing the perfect chocolate box setting for its Christmas market. As you wander the myriad stalls, glistening in the glow of hundreds of fairy lights, stop perhaps for a slice of gingerbread or a warming Rudesheim coffee with its fortifying shot of locally distilled Asbach brandy and a dollop of whipped cream. And don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas shop: it's a treasure trove of all things seasonal, from tree decorations and music boxes to wooden nutcrackers and handcrafted figurines. Rudesheim also



has many atmospheric Weinstuben where you can sample local wines produced from the surrounding vineyards. As the evening light fades, amble back on board to enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the ship's excellent restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Speyer on Christmas Eve

Unwind after breakfast this morning as the ship gently cruises to Speyer. As you enjoy your most relaxing Christmas Eve ever, taking in the glorious views seemingly drifting by as the landscape becomes much wider and flatter, with gently rolling hills and vineyards that are home to the Liebfraumilch wines. Take to the deck and enjoy the bracing as we continue our Christmas journey upstream. We berth in historic Speyer, founded by the Celts and one of Germany's oldest cities, celebrated for its illustrious past, for an afternoon walking tour. The breathtaking Imperial Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is among the largest Romanesque churches in the world; it's also one of the finest. Its beautiful four-roomed crypt is the resting place of many Holy Roman emperors and German kings.

Another landmark is the magnificent neo-Gothic Gedächtniskirche, built at the turn of the 20th-century to commemorate the 1529 'Protestation at Speyer', a significant event when a group of Martin Luther's followers protested against his imperial ban – henceforth Luther's religious followers were known as 'Protestants'. Speyer's delightful Christmas market is held on the bustling Maximilianstrasse, in front of the Old Mint. The alluring aromas of hot Glühwein and roasted almonds fill the air and local choirs and music groups provide a festive programme. There's free time to explore the numerous stalls decorated with twinkling lights before stepping back on board for another splendid dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Strasbourg on Christmas Day

This morning we cruise gently upstream, passing through two spectacular locks, whose elaborate engineering never ceases to fascinate. After breakfast why not find a comfortable chair in the lounge and enjoy a relaxing morning – the perfect start to Christmas Day. For this special day, we're on our way to Strasbourg, hailed the capital of Christmas. You are sure to be captivated by the unique atmosphere of this captivating French city at Christmas time – its centre a mosaic of winding alleys and lanes lined with quirkily crooked, half-timbered houses largely unchanged since the 14th century. During its history Strasbourg has been both German and French, and you see the influences of both in its language, cuisine and appearance, creating a truly individual ambience. With Strasbourg locals spending time with loved ones today, the markets, shops, cafés and attractions may not be open. Take this time to appreciate this spellbinding capital of the Alsace region and its wonderful architecture in the gentle calm of Christmas Day.

This afternoon we experience a walking tour with a local guide leading us to its enchanting centre – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the stunning Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg, with a range of architectural inspiration from 12th-century Romanesque to 15th-century Late Gothic. Other unforgettable sights include the colourful Alsatian style Maison Kammerzell, multi-towered Ponts Couverts – covered bridges – and the pretty Petite France quarter of pastel-coloured former artisans' houses lining the canals, now looking merry and bright for the season. In the heart of Place Kleber you'll find The Great Christmas Tree, the seasonal symbol of Strasbourg. Back on board this evening, the Christmas Day gala dinner is served which is sure to be a memorable occasion. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Boppard

After a relaxing Boxing Day breakfast, wrap up in your winter warmers and head to the sun deck or relax in the lounge and soak up the atmosphere of this magical river as we cruise downstream. We have another delicious lunch on board before we reach Boppard, a gorgeous town on a dramatic, almost U-shaped river bend. Known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine', the town is renowned for its storybook medieval atmosphere of captivating cobbled streets lined by tucked-away shops, traditional houses and characterful restaurants. Like many riverside settlements in the area, the Romans founded Boppard and their legacy remains in the superbly preserved town walls the finest in Germany. This delightful medieval setting provides a picturesque backdrop for a crisp but cosy December day, with the bewitching lights bedecking the half-timbered buildings.

This afternoon we'll enjoy a guided tour led by one of our local experts, with highlights including the beautiful white stone St. Severus and Carmelite churches, the marketplace with the ruins of the fortress and the old town with its charming winding alleys and ancient houses. This evening you can wander along the town's attractive Rheinallee promenade and look out to the glittering lights across the river before thoughts turn to tonight's menu, prepared by the ship's chef and served to your delight in the restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Cologne

This morning enjoy more glorious views of dramatic, rocky vineyard-topped valley sides dotted with romantic ruined castles. What better way to spend your last morning on board than on deck or in the welcoming lounge as we progress majestically downstream. As the towering spires of Cologne's cathedral come into view on the wintry skyline, we moor in the shadow of this ancient monument once again. Christmas creates a special atmosphere here and this afternoon you can discover this fascinating city on our tour led by a local guide who'll help you get the most out of your visit, which of course takes in the twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, miraculous survivor of Second World War bombing and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took six centuries to complete, and among its many treasures are the magnificent stained glass windows and gilded sarcophagus said to contain the remains of the three kings from the Nativity story. This majestic building provides a superb setting for the huge Christmas tree which stands proudly in Cathedral Square. We also see the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and cosy bars, some of which still brew their own beer. As night falls, the sumptuous Captain's dinner is followed by an on-board classical music concert - the perfect finale to this memorable Christmas cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options**Choose your cabin or suite**

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On-board credit

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My view**Insider knowledge**

The simple exterior of the Dreifaltigkeitskirche gives no hint of the beautifully decorated wooden interior. This charming baroque church in Speyer lies close to Maximilianstrasse, the main shopping street.

Buy

Lebkuchen are the classic German Christmas biscuits. Similar in texture and taste to gingerbread, these festive treats are usually decorated with a message in icing.

Drink

Take your glühwein to the next level and top with a flaming rum-soaked sugar lump – prost!



Sarah
Cruise Director

Pricing & departures 2020

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All other suite types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

TRANSFER TIMES - Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop).

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



New Year on the Blue Danube

6 DAYS
from only **£1,399**

28 December 2020

NEW for 2020

Welcome in the New Year on this splendid cruise along the mighty Danube. Experience the imperial grandeur of Vienna and the elegance of Budapest, browse at the atmospheric Yuletide markets and enjoy your best New Year's Eve ever.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship.

DAY 2 – Budapest.

Included morning guided tour of Budapest with free time to explore the Yuletide markets. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Slovakia.

DAY 3 – Bratislava

Included morning guided tour of Bratislava with free time to explore. Evening and overnight sailing towards Austria.

DAY 4 – Vienna on New Year's Eve

Included morning guided tour of Vienna with

free time to visit the New Year's Village markets. Included afternoon visit to Schönbrunn Palace and the Schönbrunn Yuletide market. Classical music recital on board this evening. Midnight celebratory drinks and canapés. Overnight sailing towards Hungary.

DAY 5 – Budapest on New Year's Day

Full day of cruising with a New Year's Day brunch. Afternoon arrival in Budapest and free time to explore. Hungarian folklore show on board.

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey.





Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Budapest from where a coach transfers you to your cruise ship moored in this beautiful city. The dedicated crew are there to welcome you on board, ensuring you settle in and familiarise yourself with this first class floating hotel that will be your home for your New Year sojourn. You'll be mesmerised by the beautiful twinkling garlands and luscious décor, a striking backdrop to welcome in 2021. The ship remains here overnight so take in the views of the sparkling lights of the city as you enjoy your first dinner on board. (D)

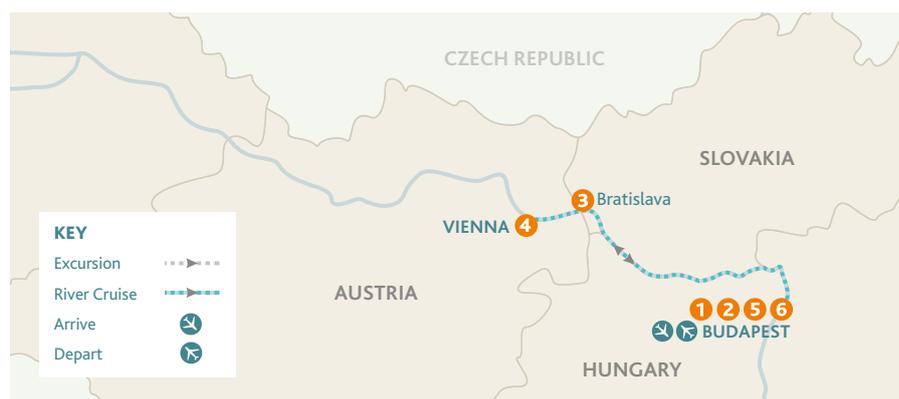
DAY 2 – Budapest

Budapest is always an atmospheric and fascinating city, but at this time of the year, the muted colours of its magnificent archaic spires and grand domes are especially captivating on the wintry skyline. The twin cities of Buda, built around the hilltop fortress, and Pest, with its wide boulevards, were fought over through the centuries. The Ottomans ruled here for 150 years before being ousted in the late 17th-century, but their legacy lives on in the many thermal baths fed by hot springs, giving rise to Budapest's other sobriquet – the 'City of Spas'. After the end of Ottoman rule, Budapest became an imperial city of the Habsburg Empire, attracting great cultural and commercial wealth. The historic and palatial buildings, the superb Roman ruins and exquisite Art Nouveau architecture also provide a truly impressive setting for the acclaimed Yuletide markets.

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of this captivating city which truly does live up to its reputation as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm: two churches, seven museums and a theatre among streets and squares with their own special atmosphere and a dramatic view across the river to the awe-inspiring neo-Gothic Parliament. There's also free time to explore under your own

steam, so perhaps take in one of the city's fine museums or simply wander the markets. Soak up the traditional atmosphere as classical music fills the air along with the delicious smells of spicy gingerbread and peppery goulash – and don't forget the mulled wine to stave off the winter chill! Back on board for

lunch we slip our mooring and our Danube adventure begins. Wrap up and take to the deck to enjoy a kaleidoscope of winter scenery before stepping back into the warmth of the ship's inviting lounge. Join new found friends for welcome cocktails before a superb dinner as we sail towards Bratislava. (B,L,D)



Your cruise price includes

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- 5 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite, with river views
- All meals on board from dinner on your day of arrival through to breakfast on your day of departure including welcome cocktails, New Years Eve gala dinner, midnight drinks and canapés, a New Year's Day brunch and the Captain's dinner
- Live classical music recital on board
- Hungarian folklore show on board
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)

Plus, of course...

- Return scheduled flights from 7 regional airports*
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- Services of a Riviera Travel cruise director and concierge
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers
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- ABTA, ATOL and IATA protection

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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DAY 3 – Bratislava

After a delicious breakfast, this morning we explore Slovakia's fast-emerging capital city, Bratislava, on a guided tour. Until recently swathed in the drab uniformity of Communism, the city has rekindled the splendour of its imperial past in its beautifully restored old town. Equally impressive is the imposing white fortress, former seat of the rulers, which enjoys commanding expansive views across the Danube. This morning we will discover more about the city's interesting history on a guided tour. You'll also have plenty of free time to explore the cobblestoned streets of this captivating city – so what's it to be? Why not head to the regal Primatial Palace with its fabulous Hall of Mirrors? Built in the late 1700s in a classical style, the once home to the archbishop of Esztergom now holds a rare collection

of tapestry works from the 17th-century. Alternatively wander the maze of streets, admiring the charming baroque architecture, until you reach the main square. Absorb the café culture with a freshly brewed coffee and maybe sample some local delicacies such as *skalický trdelník*. This hollow pastry treat comes with the likes of almonds, apricots or walnuts, before being dusted with sugar. After lunch on board you may wish to return to shore – perhaps to climb the tower of the Old Town Hall for a bird's eye view of the city below. This evening head to the welcoming atmosphere of the ship's bar for an aperitif as the ship sails towards Austria. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Vienna on New Year's Eve

For many waking in Vienna on the eve of the coming year will be a highlight of the cruise. The city's very name provokes images

of elegance, fine music, wide boulevards, Baroque architecture and a rich tapestry of peoples who were drawn here from all corners of Europe. For 200 years until the First World War, Vienna was the cultural centre of Europe and many of the showpiece buildings, galleries, aristocratic palaces and magnificent churches you see today were built to reflect its imperial status. The city was the seat of the Habsburg emperors and home to some of the world's finest classical composers, including Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and of course, a whole family of Strausses. 2020 is a particularly special time to visit Vienna, as the city has planned many events to mark Beethoven's 250th birthday.

In this captivating city, there's also the colossal Hofburg, the former royal court that is now home to a collection of museums, the Crown Jewels and the Spanish Riding School and the Vienna Boys' Choir. Then there are the lavish Imperial Apartments and an outstanding collection of relics of the Holy Roman Empire. There has also been a Yuletide market in Vienna since the Middle Ages and today the markets held over the festive period sell a huge range of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. This morning we enjoy a tour in the company of a local guide who will offer insights into why Vienna is one of Europe's great capitals, now proudly embellished in winter sparkle, ahead of the New Year festivities. There will also be time to browse the stalls of the markets where the irresistible smell of roasting chestnuts fills the air. Alternatively retreat to the refined yet cosy elegance of a traditional Viennese café for a steaming hot chocolate and a tempting pastry.



After lunch on board we visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. Once the summer residence of the Hapsburgs, this former royal residence now houses a range of world-class museums and galleries. Your included entrance and audio guide allows you into the dazzling state rooms, with their wealth of priceless artworks and the family's impressive royal carriages. The palace also hosts a superb Yuletide market, specialising in traditional handicrafts and nostalgic toys.

This evening, it's time to dress up in your winter best for a New Year's Eve to remember! No visit to Vienna is complete without a live musical experience and this evening we have arranged truly the 'icing on the cake', a classical recital on board. After an excellent New Year's Eve dinner listen to exquisite music – a fitting reminder of our day in this most captivating of cities. As the clock strikes midnight our wonderful crew will serve celebration drinks and canapés as you welcome in the New Year. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Budapest on New Year's Day

We have sailed overnight and on waking to the first day in 2021, draw back the curtains to see the early morning mist rising over this gentle pastoral landscape, draped in a blanket of glistening frost. Seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and watch this lovely slideshow of winter wonderland scenery effortlessly gliding by – what could be more relaxing! A sumptuous brunch will be served, giving you the perfect opportunity to mark the New Year and share your favourite moments. This afternoon head up to the sun deck to enjoy the bracing river breeze as the Captain skilfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital.

Our ship will be moored right in the heart of Budapest this evening so why not take a stroll before the magnificent Captain's dinner. A lively Hungarian folklore show draws this glorious day to a close, giving you time to bid farewell to your travelling companions and reflect on all the wonderful places you have experienced on this most magical of cruises. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Your options

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Budapest - Days 2 & 5

My view

Insider knowledge

In many parts of Eastern Europe lentils symbolize wealth and it is believed that a bowl of lentil soup or stew on New Year's Day will ensure your wallet is never empty during the coming year.

Listen

The Vienna Philharmonic presents a live programme of nostalgic music on New Year's Day, including many pieces from the repertoire of the Strauss family. The concert is broadcast to over 90 countries and it is also possible to purchase recordings of this special performance.

Taste

Zserbó is a Hungarian dessert which is particularly popular during the festive season. This layered cake is filled with walnuts and apricot jam and then covered with chocolate – quite irresistible.



Pricing & departures 2020

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MS William Wordsworth Five-star							
Deck	Lower		Middle		Upper		
Cabin Type	Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Suite	Superior Suite	Stern Superior Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite
28/12/2020	£1,399	£1,749	£1,999	£1,849	£2,099	£1,999	£2,399

Departures and Transfers				
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Bristol	Ryanair	£20	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Dublin	Ryanair	£40	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Edinburgh	Ryanair	£20	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Gatwick	Easyjet	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Heathrow	British Airways	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
London Stansted	Ryanair	Nil	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport
Manchester	Jet2	£50	Budapest Airport	Budapest Airport

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TRANSFER TIMES - Between Budapest airport and the ship - approx. 45 mins.
DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.



Cologne - Days 1 & 5

New Year on the Rhine

6 DAYS
from only **£1,299**

28 December 2020

NEW for 2020

From the splendour of Cologne through the legendary Rhine Gorge to magical Rudesheim and historic Koblenz, immerse yourself in the majesty of one of Europe's most romantic rivers and celebrate the New Year in style on this unforgettable Rhine cruise.

Your cruise at a glance

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing.

DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

Cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Included afternoon guided tour of Rudesheim. Folklore show on board this evening.

DAY 3 – Frankfurt

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Frankfurt. Overnight sailing to Koblenz.

DAY 4 – Koblenz on New Year's Eve

Morning sailing. Included afternoon guided tour of Koblenz. Midnight celebration drinks and canapés.

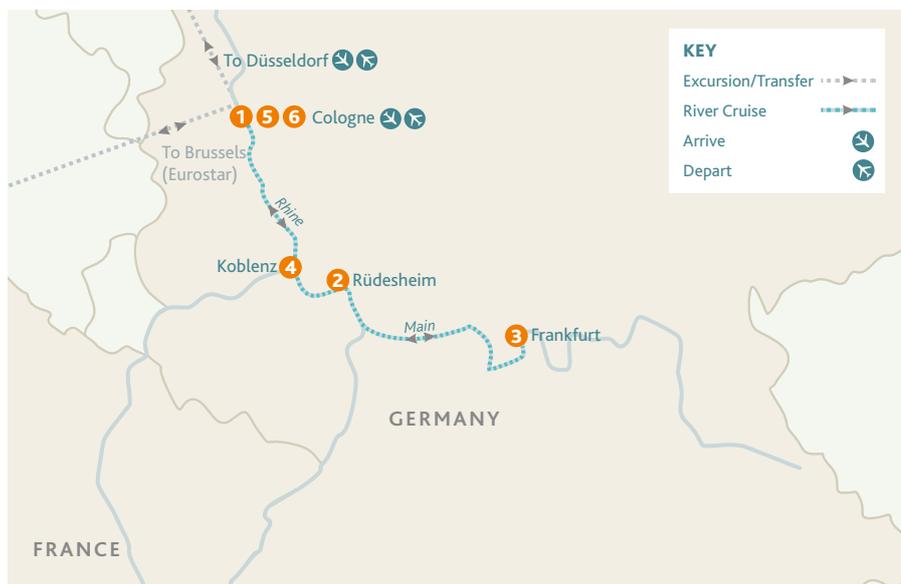
DAY 5 – Cologne on New Year's Day

Morning sailing. New Year's Day brunch. Included afternoon guided tour of Cologne. Classical music concert on board this evening.

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey.





Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International. On arrival, transfer by coach to your five-star cruise ship moored in historic Cologne, whose skyline is dominated by the twin spires of its magnificent cathedral. The dedicated English-speaking crew welcomes you on board and helps you to your cabin. After settling into your spacious and tastefully furnished accommodation, there's time to familiarise yourself with this splendid ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Rudesheim

As you wake to a sumptuous breakfast, the delights of the Rhine begin to emerge as we proceed upstream past the first rolling hills of the Rhine Valley. Journeying further you explore the most famous of all the rivers' reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the dramatic Rhine Gorge: steep vineyards give way to almost vertical outcrops towering more than 600 feet above the sweeping valley sides of this wintry landscape. Sailing past many ruined castles, there's a real sense of the myths surrounding this historic river coming alive around you. The river twists and turns towards the famous Loreley Rock, where legend has it, unsuspecting sailors were lured to their deaths by enchanting maidens. After lunch we moor in Rudesheim, a classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides. If you imagine a typical Rhine town, then this would be it. During this afternoon's delightful walking tour, witness the bustling marketplace, the half-timbered Klunkhardshof and Bromersburg Castle, which dates from 1275.

Enjoy some free time to make your own discoveries perhaps stopping for a warming Rudesheim coffee with its fortifying shot of locally distilled Asbach brandy and a dollop of whipped cream. After welcome cocktails and another superb dinner, prepared by your chef,

enjoy an entertaining folklore show in the welcoming surroundings of the ship's lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Frankfurt

During breakfast the ship effortlessly glides out of port as we commence another spectacular morning of cruising as our passage takes us up the Main River towards Frankfurt. Take in the glorious river views of this spectacular landscape at such a magical time of year as another delicious lunch is served in the ship's restaurant. Set against a striking juxtaposition of medieval buildings and towering skyscrapers, Frankfurt is a dynamic international city. At its centre is the Römerberg, a charming cobbled square lined with historic buildings including Frankfurt's impressive town hall and the 13th century St Nicholas Church. This afternoon take in the

sights on a guided tour. You'll take a stroll through the atmospheric old town and admire the giant façade of Frankfurt's towering cathedral, the Kaiserdom. In the 14th century the church gained cathedral status when it became the election site for emperors of the Holy Roman Empire. Between the 16th and 18th centuries Kaisers were also crowned here. There will also be free time for you to explore Frankfurt as you wish. Why not meander through the charming cobbled lanes of Sachsenhausen or cross the Eisener Steb and visit Germany's oldest museum, the Städel where an extraordinary collection of art spans 700 years. You can't leave Frankfurt without sampling its famous Apfelwein cider or if you prefer try Ebbelwoi, a wine made from apples. Another delicious dinner is served on board as we rejoin the Rhine and sail downstream towards Koblenz.(B,L,D)

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DAY 4 – Koblenz on New Year's Eve

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as you anticipate a morning of cruising. Wrap up warm and take to the deck for an invigorating breath of frosty air while a kaleidoscope of riverside views drifts by in all their winter glory.

There's nothing quite like that feeling of anticipation when gliding alongside the promenade of a river port, and Koblenz – beautifully located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers – doesn't disappoint. The city is immersed in two millennia of history: founded by the Romans, it was successively occupied by the Franks, chosen as a residence of the German prince electors, conquered by the French and fortified by the Prussians. All have left their marks in the city's rich array of castles, churches and historic buildings. Koblenz is a romantic's dream;

forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, whilst the lower slopes are strewn with the pretty, half-timbered buildings so typical of the Rhineland.

After lunch in the ship's restaurant enjoy a guided tour through 'Old Koblenz', a patchwork of narrow streets and squares. You'll stop to see the principal monuments and admire beautifully restored historic house frontages and quaint hidden passageways. After free time to explore the historic old town further, it's time to head back and dress to impress for this evening's special appointment. Head to the inviting warmth of the ship's lounge for an aperitif before a superb New Year's Eve dinner. Gather with fellow passengers in the lounge and as the clock strikes midnight, welcome in the New Year with celebration drinks and canapés. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 – Cologne on New Year's Day

Seek out a good vantage spot in the lounge, sink into a comfy chair and linger over a coffee as you take in the last views of the vine-covered valleys or, if you are feeling energetic, why not visit the ship's fitness centre. An inviting New Year's Day brunch is served in the ship's restaurant as we sail towards Cologne.

This afternoon you can discover this fascinating city on our tour led by a local guide who'll help you get the most out of your visit. We take in the twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, miraculous survivor of Second World War bombing and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's a truly monumental building, taking over 600 years to build and featuring myriad religious and art treasures and perhaps the most intricate stained glass windows in Europe. The gilded sarcophagus is said to contain the remains of the three kings from the Nativity story. We also see the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of cosy bars. You'll have more free time to explore Cologne before returning to the ship this evening for the excellent Captain's dinner. Gather with new-found friends for an on-board classical music concert in the lounge – surely the perfect ending to this magical New Year cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



Koblenz - Day 4

My view

Insider knowledge

Germans traditionally ring in the New Year with a piece of Neujahrsbrot. A midnight bite on this giant pretzel is believed to bring good luck.

Buy

The bembel is the symbol of Frankfurt's apfelwein tradition. These striking grey and blue patterned jugs are perfect for any beverage and can also be used as a vase.



Taste

Apples are the "heaven" and potatoes are the "earth" in the Rhineland dish, Himmel und Erde. Black pudding is another traditional ingredient of this hearty favourite.

Hugo
Cruise Director

Your options

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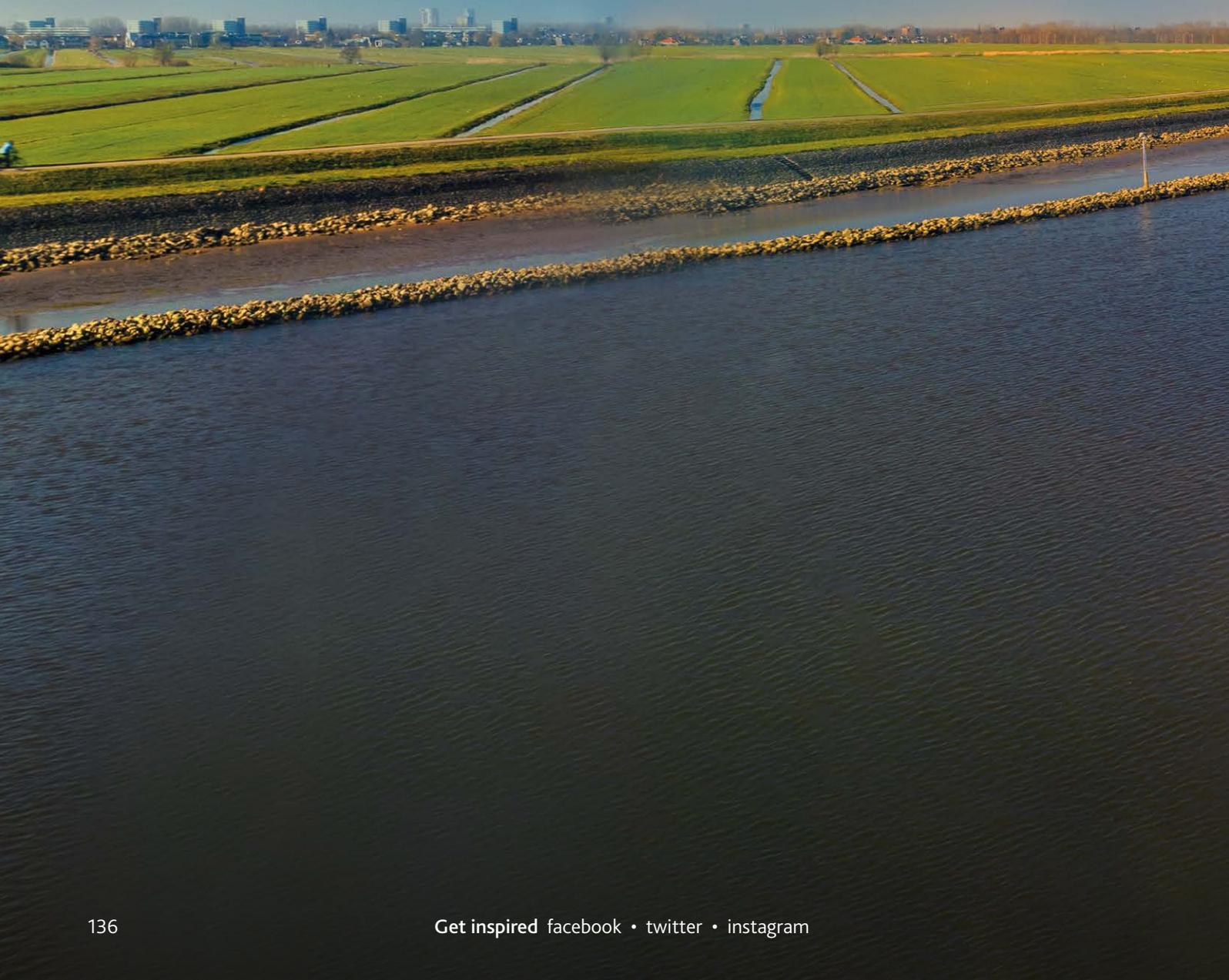
SINGLE OCCUPANCY - On the lower deck there are a limited number of standard cabins available at No Single Supplement, subject to availability. Additional lower, middle or upper deck standard suites are available on request at a supplement of 50% of the per person suite price – subject to availability.

All other suite types carry a 100% supplement when requested for sole occupancy.

TRANSFER TIMES - Between Düsseldorf airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 1hr; between Cologne airport and the ship in Cologne - approx. 30 mins; between Brussels station and the ship in Cologne - approx. 3hrs 30 mins (including comfort stop).

DEPOSIT - The deposit for this river cruise is £250 per person.

Introducing our fleet of five-star ships







ALL-SUITE SHIPS

MS Geoffrey Chaucer MS Emily Brontë, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde, MS Robert Burns, MS William Wordsworth

Length: **135m** • Crew: **44** • Guests: **169** • Decks: **4** • Suites: **88** • Launch Years: **2017-2021**

Affording the ultimate in space and comfort, our all-suite 'boutique style' ships are truly world-class. All are imaginatively furnished and harmonious colour schemes and contemporary lighting put you in the most relaxed frame of mind from the very first minute.

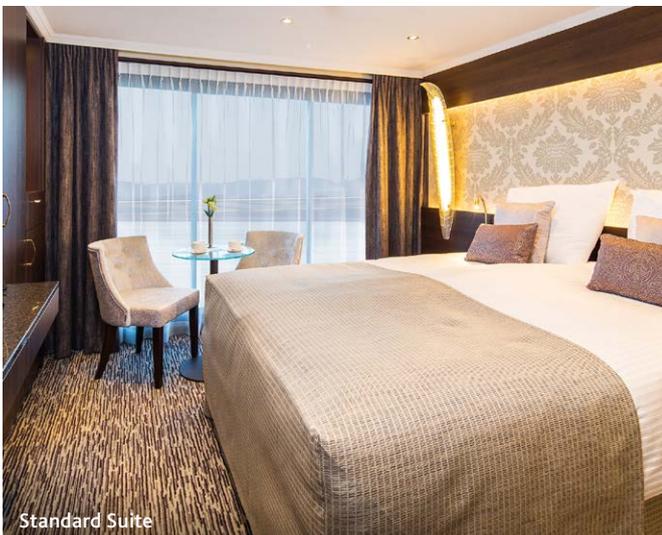
All magnificent suites enjoy a river view and are amongst the largest you will find on a cruiser gracing any European river. Our suites are designed and appointed to the highest specification, for uncompromising comfort and a real home from home experience.

Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.

Clever design allows for ample space in the gleaming marble bathroom which features a powerful fully glazed shower, contemporary lighting and complimentary cosmetics by 'Crabtree & Evelyn'.

The chic styling of a talented designer's eye extends to the generous seating area with two chairs and a table.

All suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities. A bow camera conveys live images of the ship's progress to your flat screen TV ensuring you don't miss a thing.



Standard Suite



Riverview Kitchen

Deluxe Balcony Suites

Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck measure approximately 25 square metres (269 square feet) and enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open out on to a private balcony. These suites are completed with a table and two chairs, plus additional space in the seating area for extra comfort.

Superior Suites

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks measure approximately 23 square metres (247 square feet). These suites feature a French balcony and panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors bring riverside life just that little bit closer.

Standard Suites

Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 17 square metres (183 square feet) feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony to enjoy the panoramic views.

Suites on the Emerald Deck are slightly smaller, measuring approximately 16 square metres (172 square feet) and have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Upgrade to Riviera Plus – from 2021

When you choose to upgrade to a standard suite on Diamond Deck, Superior Suite or Deluxe Balcony Suite you will benefit from a range of new Riviera Plus enhancements. Chilled Prosecco in your cabin, a platter of fresh fruit, portable internet handset, including unlimited UK calls and text messages, L'Occitane en Provence toiletries and a nightly aperitif are all included.



Deluxe Balcony Suite

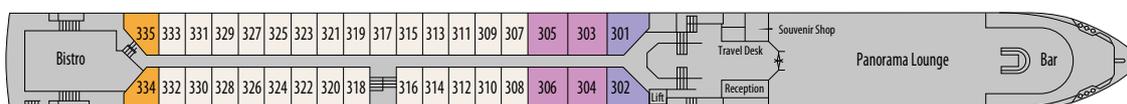
Your ship's facilities

- At the very heart of the ship is the superb panoramic observation lounge and bar with plenty of comfortable seating.
- Watch spectacular river scenery and life ashore from the comfort of a sun lounger up on the magnificent Sun Deck.
- At the Riverview Kitchen with its large panoramic windows and open plan environment where you can see the chef at work, enjoy a more informal dining experience whilst taking in the fantastic views.
- Pick up those last-minute souvenirs in the on-board shop.
- Enjoy the convenience of complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- Experience exceptional first-class cuisine accompanied by the most attentive yet discreet service from the ship's highly professional crew in the main restaurant. Beautifully laid tables of just four or six guests, crisp linen, deep wool carpets and warm wooden panelling create a delectable dining experience of the highest order.
- Work off all those delicious meals in the fitness centre.
- Or relax with a massage and book an appointment at the on-board hairdresser's, where manicures and pedicures are offered (small additional fee).
- A lift operates to all accommodation decks.
- Laundry service is available.

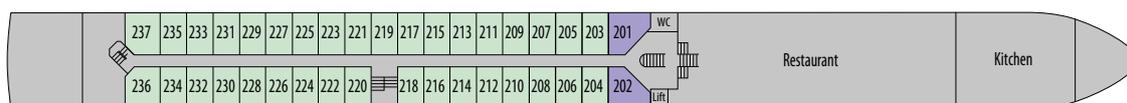
Side Elevation



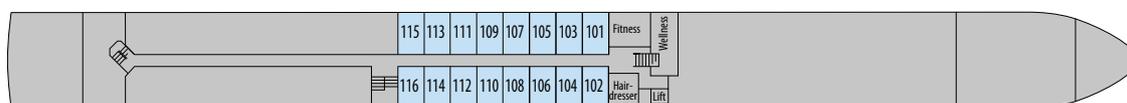
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)



- DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 25sq.m/269sq.ft
- SUPERIOR SUITE 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- SUPERIOR STERN SUITE 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- DIAMOND DECK SUITE 17sq.m/183sq.ft
- RUBY DECK SUITE 17sq.m/183sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK SUITE 16sq.m/172sq.ft



MS George Eliot

Length: **110m** • Crew: **36** • Guests: **132** • Decks: **4** • Cabins / Suites: **70** • Launch Year: **2019**

All cabins provide some of the most luxurious and spacious accommodation you will find on any European river cruiser, with all the elegant and thoughtfully styled facilities of a boutique hotel so your comfort is assured.

Beautiful hardwood furniture, stylish premium fittings plus carefully considered lighting and quality fabrics in a cool palette of colours work in harmony to provide the perfect ambience in which to relax.

Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.

Enjoy a generous seating area with two chairs and wardrobes with ample storage space.

Spacious cleverly designed marble bathrooms featuring a shower with fully glazed screen, a WC and washbasin with plenty of space for complimentary cosmetics ensures there's no compromise to your on-board comfort.

All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV with satellite channels, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.



Standard Cabin



Lounge

Deluxe Balcony Suites

Upgrade to one of our Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck. Measuring approximately 23.5 square metres (253 square feet) they allow for a generous living area with chairs and table. They feature full floor to ceiling windows plus additional sliding doors which open out on to a small balcony with a table for two.

Superior Suites

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 18 square metres (194 square feet), benefit from a larger living area plus a French balcony – panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. Superior Suites on the Emerald Deck benefit from the larger living area but have smaller fixed windows.

Cabins

Cabins on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, measuring approximately 16 square metres (172 square feet) feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony to enjoy the panoramic views.

Cabins on the Emerald Deck measure 15 square metres (161 square feet) and have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Upgrade to Riviera Plus – from 2021

When you choose to upgrade to a standard cabin on Diamond Deck, Superior Suite or Deluxe Balcony Suite you will benefit from a range of new Riviera Plus enhancements. Chilled Prosecco in your cabin, a platter of fresh fruit, portable internet handset, including unlimited UK calls and text messages, L'Occitane en Provence toiletries and a nightly aperitif are all included.

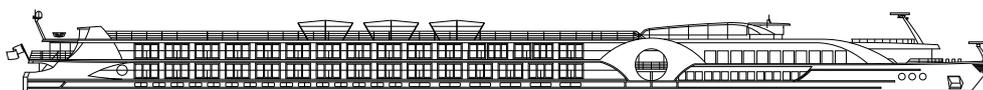


Superior Suite

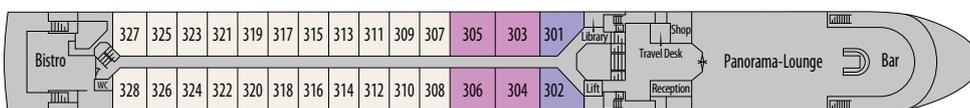
Your ship's facilities

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

Side Elevation



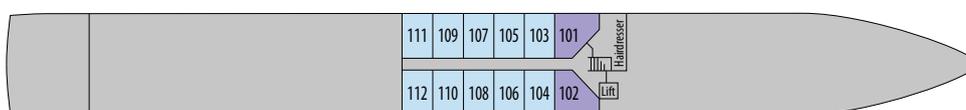
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)



- DIAMOND DECK DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 23.5sq.m/253sq.ft
- DIAMOND DECK SUPERIOR SUITE 18sq.m/194sq.ft
- DIAMOND DECK CABIN 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- RUBY DECK SUPERIOR SUITE 18sq.m/194sq.ft
- RUBY DECK CABIN 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK SUPERIOR SUITE 17sq.m/183sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft



MS Lord Byron, MS Jane Austen

Length: **110m** • Crew: **36** • Guests: **140** • Decks: **4** • Cabins / Suites: **74** • Launch Years: **2013 & 2015**

All cabins are amongst the largest and most comfortable you will find on any cruiser gracing a European river, luxuriously appointed with all the high-quality facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel.

Open the fine wooden door and the chic elegance is immediately evident – an exquisite contemporary design using skilfully hand-crafted tropical hardwoods and premium fittings.

Finest pastel-coloured Italian fabrics, deep pile carpets and subtle lighting combine to make your chic cabin a stylish home from home.

Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.

Enjoy a generous seating area with two chairs and cleverly-designed wardrobes ensuring ample storage space.

All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.



Deluxe Suite



Bathroom

Deluxe Suites

Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck, measuring approximately 22.5 square metres (242 square feet), are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and incredibly comfortable, they feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors

Superior Suites

Superior Suites across all decks, measuring approximately 18.5 square metres (199 square feet). Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer. The Superior suite on the Emerald Deck has smaller fixed windows.

Cabins

Cabins across all decks measure approximately 15 square metres (161 square feet). Cabins on the Diamond and Ruby Decks feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors. Cabins on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Upgrade to Riviera Plus – from 2021

When you choose to upgrade to a standard cabin on Diamond Deck, Superior Suite or Deluxe Suite you will benefit from a range of new Riviera Plus enhancements. Chilled Prosecco in your cabin, a platter of fresh fruit, portable internet handset, including unlimited UK calls and text messages, L'Occitane en Provence toiletries and a nightly aperitif are all included.

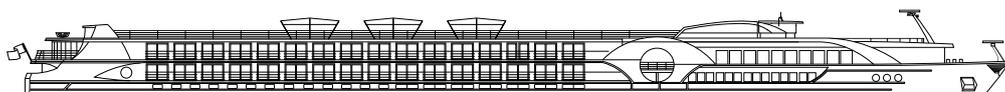


Superior Suite

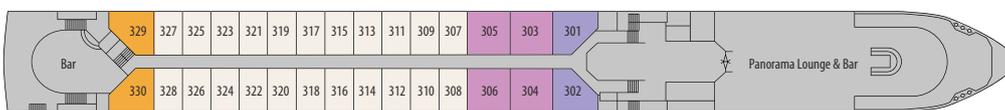
Your ship's facilities

- At the very heart of the ship is the magnificent panoramic observation lounge and marble-tiled bar with wonderful views through floor-to-ceiling windows. Rich carpeting and comfortable sofas create a refined and welcoming ambience, complemented by discreet, intuitive service.
- La Brasserie at the rear of the ship, with its terrace and alfresco seating, is the perfect spot to unwind whilst absorbing the sights and sounds of Europe's greatest rivers.
- The main restaurant on the Ruby Deck serves exceptional first-class cuisine to tables of just four or six people against an elegant backdrop of glass, marble, wool carpets and crafted hardwood panelling.
- Watch spectacular river scenery and life ashore from the comfort of the outdoor chairs and sun loungers up on the magnificent Sun Deck with full bar service. Enjoy a round on the putting green or when the temperature rises there is a splash pool.
- Indulge in a little pampering in the sauna or steam room, or book an appointment with the on-board hairdresser who also offers manicures and pedicures (small additional fee).
- Enjoy complimentary on-board Wi-Fi.
- A lift operates between the upper and middle decks.
- Laundry service is available.

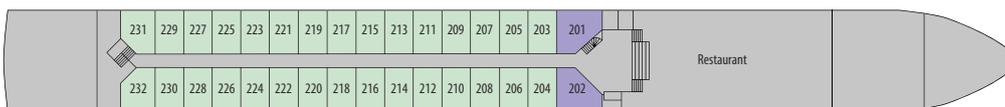
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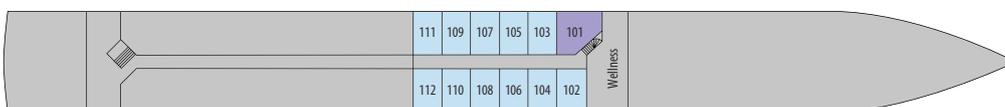
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)



- DELUXE SUITE 22.5sq.m/242sq.ft
- SUPERIOR SUITE 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- SUPERIOR STERN SUITE 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- DIAMOND DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft
- RUBY DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft



MS William Shakespeare, MS Charles Dickens

Length: **110m** • Crew: **35** • Guests: **142** • Decks: **4** • Cabins / Suites: **76** • Launch Years: **2014 & 2015**

Our cabins are amongst the largest on European rivers, all very tastefully appointed, featuring a wealth of mahogany, leather, marble and Italian soft furnishings, blending together to create an ambience of true quality and elegance.

Spacious marble bathrooms are equipped with a WC, a fully glazed shower and a washbasin with plenty of space for cosmetics.

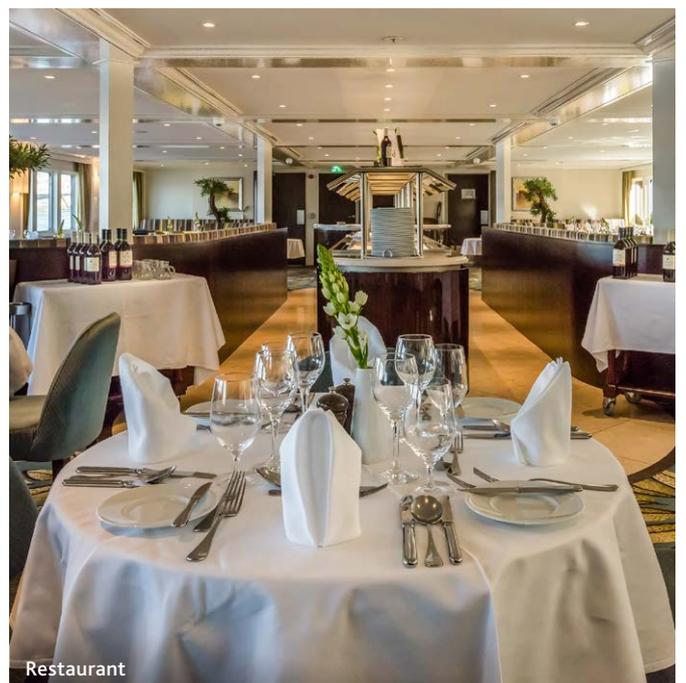
Finest Italian fabrics, deep pile carpets and subtle lighting combine to make your chic cabin a stylish home from home.

Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.

All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.



Standard Cabin



Restaurant

Deluxe Balcony Suites

Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Upper Deck, measuring approximately 22.8 square metres (245 square feet), enjoy extra living space and an outside balcony with table and chairs, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer!

Upper & Middle Deck Cabins

Cabins on the Upper and Middle Decks, measuring approximately 15 square metres (161 square feet), have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.

Lower Deck Cabins

Cabins on the Lower Deck, measuring approximately 14 square metres (151 square feet), have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Upgrade to Riviera Plus – from 2021

When you choose to upgrade to a standard cabin on the Upper Deck or Deluxe Balcony Suite you will benefit from a range of new Riviera Plus enhancements. Chilled Prosecco in your cabin, a platter of fresh fruit, portable internet handset, including unlimited UK calls and text messages, L'Occitane en Provence toiletries and a nightly aperitif are all included.

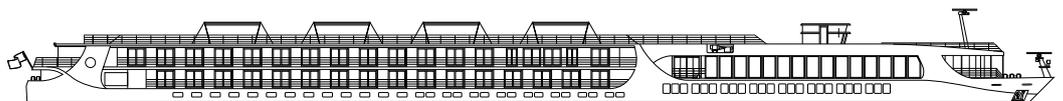


Deluxe Balcony Suite

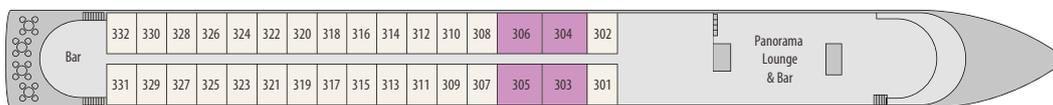
Your ship's facilities

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

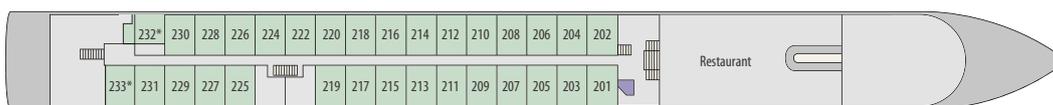
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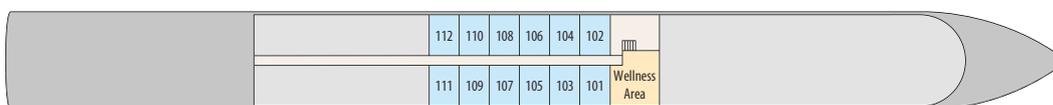
Upper Deck



Middle Deck



Lower Deck



- UPPER DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft
- DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 22.8sq.m/245sq.ft
- MIDDLE DECK CABIN 15sq.m/161sq.ft
- LOWER DECK CABIN 14sq.m/151sq.ft

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



MS Douro Elegance, MS Douro Splendour

Length: **80m** • Crew: **36** • Guests: **121** • Decks: **4** • Cabins / Suites: **63** • Launch Years: **2017 & 2018**

Our cabins are amongst the largest on European rivers, all very tastefully appointed, featuring polished hardwoods, sparkling marble and sumptuous fabrics.

Spacious marble bathrooms are beautifully designed, featuring a shower with fully glazed screen, a WC and a washbasin with ample space for complimentary cosmetics.

All cabins and suites feature individually-controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, safe and telephone and the convenience of tea and coffee-making facilities.

Beds are hotel-style and can be configured as double or twin with the finest cotton linen, and an evening turn-down service.

For the epitome of luxury and the ultimate in space and comfort, our Deluxe Suites come with a walk-in wardrobe, larger living area and bathroom with twin wash basins and a separate section for the WC, plus complimentary bathrobes and slippers.

If you decide to upgrade to one of our Superior Suites instead, you'll enjoy the benefit of a larger living area with table and chairs, plus a spacious bathroom with a separate section for the WC, plus complimentary bathrobes and slippers.



Superior Balcony Suite, Douro Splendour



Lounge

Douro Elegance Suites

On the Douro Elegance, Deluxe Suites measure approximately 29 square metres (312 square feet) and Superior Suites measure approximately 19 square metres (205 square feet). They feature floor-to-ceiling windows, plus an additional full-length window, which opens halfway down to create a cosy Juliet balcony within your suite, complete with a table for two.

Douro Splendour Balcony Suites

On the Douro Splendour, Deluxe Balcony Suites measure approximately 29 square metres (312 square feet) and Superior Balcony Suites measure approximately 19 square metres (205 square feet). They feature floor-to-ceiling windows, plus sliding doors extending on to a small private balcony with a table and two chairs.

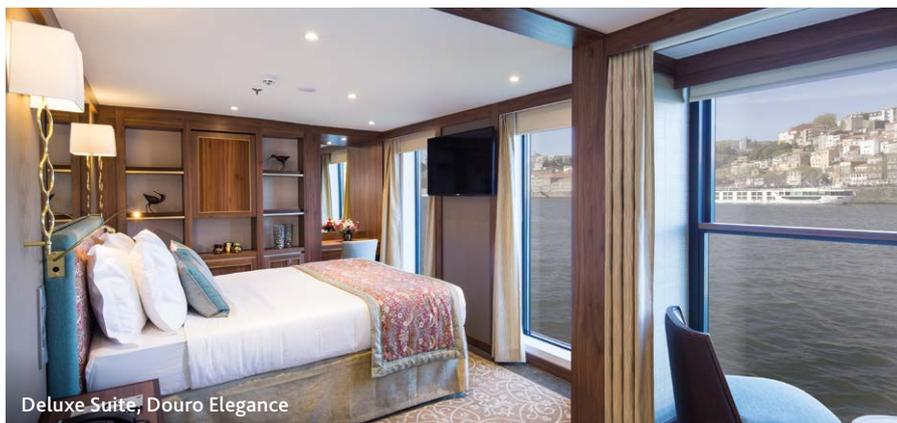
Cabins

All cabins on the Upper and Main Decks measuring 14 square metres (151 square feet) feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Cabins on the Lower Deck measuring approx. 12 square metres (129 square feet) have smaller fixed windows. Stern Cabins on this deck are available for sole occupancy with no supplement.

Upgrade to Riviera Plus – from 2021

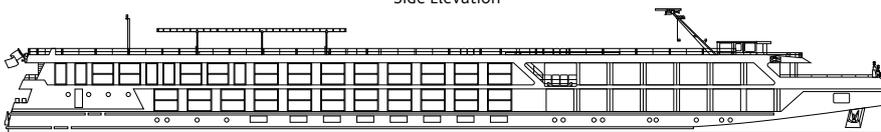
When you choose to upgrade to a standard cabin on the Upper Deck, Superior Suite or Deluxe Suite you will benefit from a range of new Riviera Plus enhancements. Chilled Prosecco in your cabin, a platter of fresh fruit, portable internet handset, including unlimited UK calls and text messages, L'Occitane en Provence toiletries and a nightly aperitif are all included.



Your ship's facilities

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

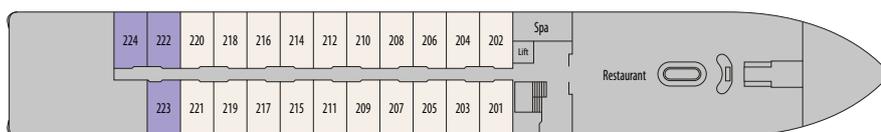
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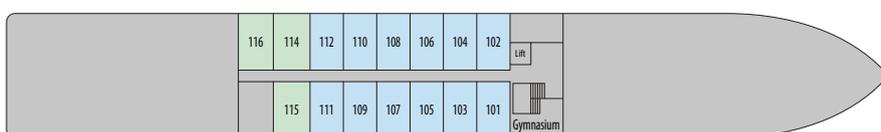
Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck



- DELUXE SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & DELUXE BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR) 29sq.m/312sq.ft
- SUPERIOR SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & SUPERIOR BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR) 19sq.m/205sq.ft
- UPPER DECK CABIN 14sq.m/151sq.ft
- MAIN DECK STERN CABIN 14sq.m/151sq.ft
- MAIN DECK CABIN 14sq.m/151sq.ft
- LOWER DECK STERN CABIN (sole occupancy) 12sq.m/129sq.ft
- LOWER DECK CABIN 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft

European river cruise assurance

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

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

Disruption – delays to your cruise

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

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

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

Cabin grade per person	Maximum compensation per complete 24 hours
Lower deck	£80
Middle deck	£100
Upper deck	£120
Superior and Deluxe Suites	£140

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

Curtailed – having to come home early

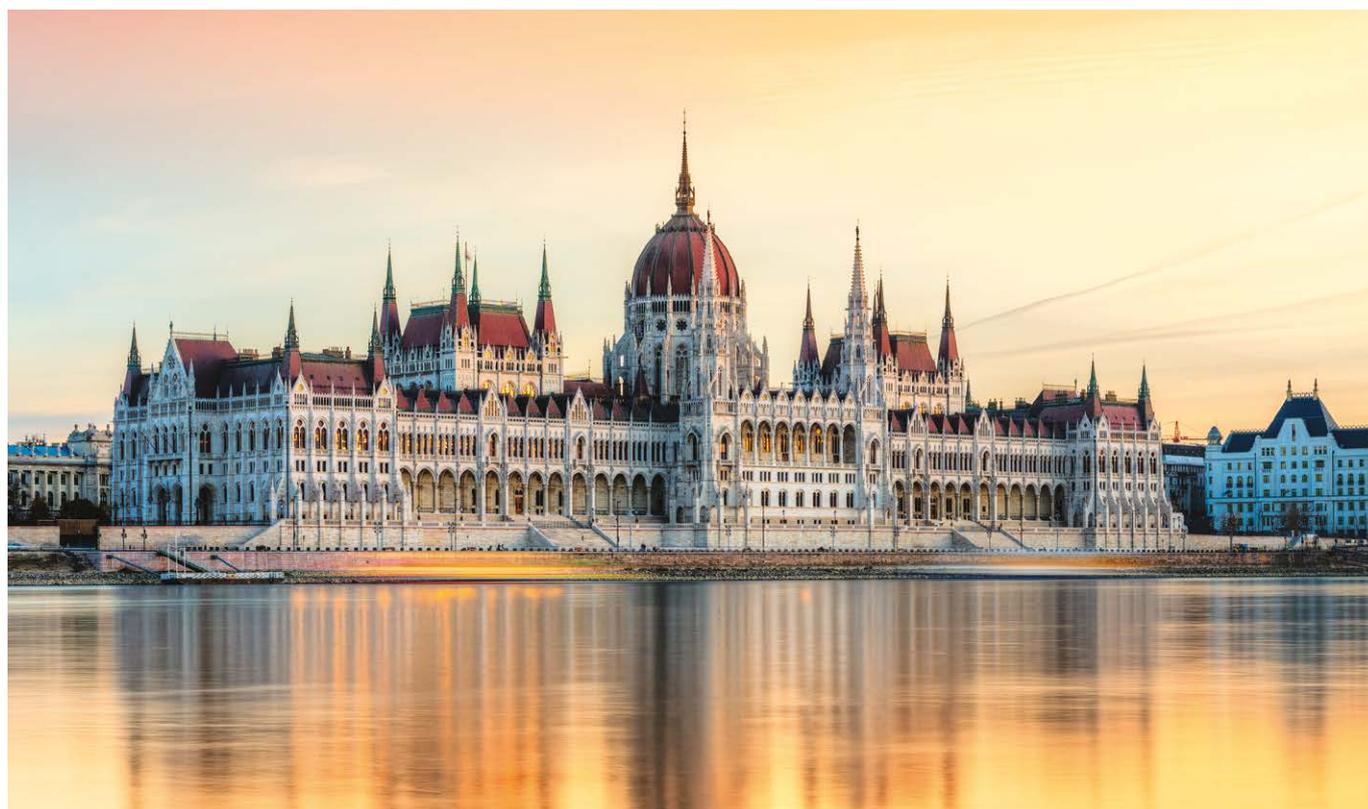
If the disruption is such that we are unable to continue your holiday, we may decide to terminate the cruise.

In this instance we will, at our cost, transport you back to the UK if you originally travelled with us. If you made your own way to the ship embarkation point we will return you at our cost to the original disembarkation point, or the nearest major European city if you prefer. Please note if you join our outbound UK flight, or make your own way to the ship embarkation point, having first flown in from another country, we strongly advise that you take out travel insurance to cover your originating flight into the UK or Europe.

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

Cancellation prior to departure

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



Frequently asked questions

Documentation

Do I require a passport?

You will require a valid passport for your holiday. For the latest advice on passport validity, visit: www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit. If you need to renew your passport, full details can be found at www.gov.uk/renew-adult-passport/renew

Do I require travel insurance?

It is a condition of booking that you carry suitable travel insurance to ensure you are covered for eventualities, such as cancellations prior to travel, loss of personal possessions during the holiday, and personal accident. We can offer you a competitive policy or you can arrange your own cover. We also advise that you have adequate insurance cover for any other ancillary items such as car parking or overnight airport hotels. Please take your insurance documents with you on holiday in case a claim needs to be registered. It is also important that you obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which is used by European citizens to prove their entitlement to emergency medical treatment for free or at a reduced cost during temporary stays in other European countries.

When can I expect to receive my travel documents?

Your tickets and final travel documents will be sent to you by post approximately 10 working days before your departure date.

Where can I find travel advice?

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

Air and rail travel

Can I pre-book my seat?

Requests to pre-book your seat are subject to the relevant airline's policy. If you would like to pre-book seats, please contact our reservations team, who can advise if this is possible and of any applicable cost. If your booking includes rail travel, our team will be able to add seat requests to your booking; however, these requests cannot be guaranteed and are subject to availability.

If I have a connecting flight, will my luggage be checked all the way through?

Your luggage should be checked through to your final destination; however, we recommend that you reconfirm this with airline staff when checking in at the airport.

How much time do I need to check in at the airport or railway station?

Travel by air: We recommend that you arrive at the airport least 2 hours before European flights. This will give you plenty of time to check in and go through security. Travel by Eurostar: We advise that you arrive at the station at least 1 hour before departure.

What is my luggage allowance?

Full details of your luggage allowance will be included with your final travel documents, which are sent approximately 10 days prior to your travel date. On Eurostar, only 2 medium-size pieces of luggage are permitted per person. Please call our reservations team for further information.

How long do overseas transfers take to and from the airport?

Approximate airport transfer times are detailed on the relevant Pricing & Departures pages.

Enjoying the experience

Can I still travel if I have reduced mobility?

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

Overseas transfers: All our tours involve some travel on coaches, which have not been adapted for wheelchair access.

Air travel: We can arrange airport assistance at no extra cost, but you must notify us in advance more than 48 hours before your flight departs.

Eurostar: Special assistance is available at no extra cost to help you get to and from the train. Should you need to travel in your own wheelchair, Eurostar trains have specially adapted spaces, which must be pre-booked. If you require assistance at St Pancras railway station, we can notify Eurostar Assist of your request; you will need to make your way to the Eurostar Assist desk at St Pancras at least 60 minutes prior to your departure. Please also refer to our terms and conditions.

Will there be any changes to the itinerary featured in the brochure or on the website?

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

What clothing should I pack?

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

What currency should I take?

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

Can you book an additional tour or visit for me?

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

Booking conditions

These booking conditions set out the terms of your contract with Riviera Tours Limited trading as Riviera Travel (Riviera). Please read them carefully as you will be bound by them. References to "you" and "your" and "passenger(s)" means all persons named on the booking (Booking Party) (including those added at a later date) "We", "us", "our" means Riviera. For cruises, we will be the contracting carrier.

1. Making your booking

Subject to availability, we will confirm your holiday by issuing a confirmation invoice to the party leader who confirms they have authority on behalf of the Booking Party including minors (under the age of 18) and are responsible for obtaining and providing all information and payments required by us in accordance with these booking conditions. Please check your documents carefully and contact us immediately if any information on any document is incorrect. We cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). You may contact us by e-mail at info@rivieratravel.co.uk or call us on 01283 880 177.

2. Payment

The relevant deposit and insurance premium (if purchased) must be paid to confirm your booking. The balance of the holiday cost is due 8 weeks* prior to the departure. If full payment is not made on time, we will cancel your booking and keep all payments paid at that date and levy the cancellation charges shown in clause 7. If booking within 8 weeks* of departure, full payment must be made at the time of booking. *13 weeks for cruises aboard Aegean Odyssey and Queen Mary 2 departing 2018 onwards, and all European River Cruises, Yacht & Tall Ship Cruises departing from 2019 and 14 weeks for Oberammergau Passion Play, Salzburg & Lake Constance and Voyage to Antarctica: The Great White Continent.

3. Your contract

A binding contract comes into existence when we issue the confirmation invoice.

4. The cost of your holiday

Please note, advertised prices may have changed by the time you book your holiday and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. We reserve the right to change prices and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before or after your holiday is confirmed. Subject to the correction of errors or amendment costs, once your booking is confirmed we guarantee the price will not change.

5. Special requests

Special requests, must be advised at the time of booking. Unless specifically confirmed by us in writing, all special requests are subject to availability. Any special requirement which we have accepted will be specifically confirmed as accepted on your confirmation invoice.

'No flight' option

Tour or cruise-only options are offered subject to availability. Please call for details. Your tour or cruise will begin at the hotel or ship as stated in the itinerary. You must make your own travel arrangements, including any flight or rail travel, plus transfers to the first hotel or ship, and onwards from the final hotel or ship. Riviera Travel is not liable for the cost of any travel arrangements you put in place if the tour or cruise is cancelled or the mooring point changed. You must send us details of your travel arrangements at least eight weeks prior to your departure.

6. Changes by you

Any amendments we agree after issue of the confirmation invoice will cost £15 per person plus any costs incurred by us and or charged by our suppliers. A change of holiday dates is a cancellation of the original booking and the cancellation charges in clause 7 apply. Name changes are allowed 7 days or more prior to travel. All costs must be paid before the amendment can be effected.

7. Cancellation by you

You may cancel your booking at any time prior to departure. Cancellation of the booking must be requested in writing (letter or email) to us which will be effective when received by us. Where the cancellation charge below is shown as a percentage, this is of the holiday cost. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not included in the holiday cost below and are not refundable.

All European River Cruises, Yacht, Cunard and Tall Ship Cruises:

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 91 days	deposit
90 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	75%
30 - 16 days	85%
15 days or less	100%

All holidays including cruises with Azamara, Princess and Albatros Expeditions and Oberammergau Passion Play, Salzburg & Lake Constance:

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 98 days	deposit
97 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	75%
30 - 16 days	85%
15 days or less	100%

All other holidays and cruises:

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 56 days	deposit
56 - 31 days	50%
30 - 15 days	95%
14 days or less	100%

In addition, change or cancellation of flights and other transport costs can result in 100% cancellation charges irrespective of the date of cancellation. Part cancellation will require recalculation of the holiday price and we will re-invoice you accordingly. A single person supplement will be payable if a cabin or hotel room is occupied by only one person except where 100% cancellation charges have been paid by the person cancelling. See clause 6.

8. Insurance

It is a requirement of booking that you have valid and appropriate travel insurance for the full duration of your trip. You should ensure that your policy provides at least comparable cover to that provided by the policy we offer as shown on our website and brochures.

9. Changes or cancellations by us

(1) Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so in accordance with this clause 9. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Occasionally, before departure, we may be constrained by circumstances beyond our control to make a significant alteration to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 5. Where we have to do so, clauses 9(4) and 9(5) will apply.

(2) All alterations which are not significant in accordance with Clause 9(1) will be treated as insignificant changes. A change of flight time of less than 12 hours, airline, departure airport between London airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted or London City), type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport will all be treated as insignificant changes.

(3) Our holidays require a minimum number of 35 passengers to enable us to operate them and we reserve the right to cancel any holiday where this minimum number is not achieved by notifying you not less than 20 days prior to departure. Failure to achieve this minimum number does not, however, oblige us to cancel.

(4) In the event we have to significantly alter any of the main characteristics of your confirmed arrangements or accepted special requirements, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration and any impact this has on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration, details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

(5) If you choose to cancel your booking in accordance with clause 9(4), we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (see clause 10).

(6) Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements. We have the right to terminate your contract in the event (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (see clause 10) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible or (ii) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your holiday has not been achieved and we notify you of cancellation for this reason as referred to in clause 9(3). Where we have to cancel your holiday in these circumstances, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. We will of course endeavour to offer you comparable alternative arrangements where possible which you may choose to book in place of those cancelled. We also have the right to cancel if you fail to make payment in accordance with the terms of your contract in which case clause 2 will apply.

(7) We will, where appropriate, pay you the compensation in the table below. This compensation will not be payable where a change is not significant or we have to make a change or cancel as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances or we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings has not been achieved as referred to in clause 9(6).

(8) In the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity and significantly affect the performance of the contracted arrangements or the carriage of passengers to that destination, you will be entitled to cancel prior to departure without payment of cancellation charges. We will notify you as soon as practicable in the event of this situation occurring.

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you	Compensation per person
More than 56 days	Nil
56 - 15 days	£10
14 days or less	£25

Please also see clause 20.

We cannot guarantee that cruises will call at every port on the itinerary. Cancellation of part of the itinerary, substitution of ports or unavailability of some services will not amount to a significant alteration.

10. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances

We cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our obligations is prevented or affected as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. This means a situation which is beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Such situations are likely to include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, fire, closure, restriction or congestion of airspace, airports and ports and all other events outside our control or the UK Foreign Office advice.

11. Our liability to you

(1) Subject to clauses 11(6), 11(7) and 11(8), we promise to make sure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to provide as part of our contract with you are performed with reasonable skill and care.
 (2) We are not responsible for any failure in performance which is wholly attributable to your fault or the unforeseeable or unavoidable act or omission of a third party unconnected with the supply of any service to be provided under the contract or by unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances.
 (3) We are not responsible for any services which do not form part of our contract with you.

(4) The services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract will be subject to the laws and applicable standards of the country in which they are provided.

(5) Subject to clause 11(6), 11(7) and 11(8) or as permitted by English law, we do not limit the amount of damages you are entitled to claim in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently. For all other claims, the maximum amount we will pay is three times the holiday price.

(6) Our liability to you will never exceed that of any transport carrier or supplier and we shall have the benefit of all and any applicable international conventions, rules and regulations. In respect of carriage by air the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail as amended. Copies of the applicable international conventions and EU regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Where carriage is performed on inland waterways the liability of the carrier to all passengers shall be determined in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims. The limit for claims involving death or personal injury is 175,000 SDR per passenger per carriage. The Strasbourg Convention as amended applies to vessels navigating on waterways located in the territory of a state party which limits passenger claims involving death or personal injury to 60,000 SDR per person subject to a maximum of 6,000,000 SDR.

(8) In the event of international carriage by sea the provisions of EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents ("Regulation") will apply. The Regulation limits the liability of the carrier in respect of passengers and their luggage in the event of accidents. A summary of the Regulation may be found at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=URISERV:tr0018&from=EN>. This applies strict liability for shipping incidents as defined and requires compulsory insurance. The Regulation limits the maximum amount we may have to pay if found liable in the event of death or personal injury occurring during the course of carriage to a maximum of 400,000 SDR or in the event of terrorism 250,000 SDR. Damages can be reduced for any contributory negligence of the passenger. The maximum amount payable for loss or damage to luggage is 2,250 SDR subject to a deductible of 149 SDR per person. There is no liability for money or valuables except when deposited with the ship in which case the liability is limited to 3,375 SDR. Provision of safes in cabins is not a deposit with the ship whether a charge is levied or not. The daily conversion rates for Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) can be found on the International Monetary Fund website at www.imf.org.

(9) We will not be liable for consequential losses including loss of profits.

12. Complaints and problems

All complaints and any problems must be made at the time in resort and confirmed in writing. If you remain dissatisfied you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK with booking reference and full details of your complaint. In respect of cruises which commence in the EU complaints pursuant to EU Regulation 1177/2010 must be sent to us as soon as possible. We will respond within 28 days. If you are not happy with our final decision you can refer your complaint to the Cruise Line International Association which is the voluntary complaints body authorised by the Department of Transport to deal with complaints at PassengerRights@cruising.org.

13. Arbitration

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number V4744. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can't resolve your complaint, go to www.abta.com to use ABTA's simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration under a special independent scheme arranged by ABTA which provides for a simple arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or obtained from www.abta.com. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

14. Behaviour and damage

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

15. Conditions of suppliers.

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

16. Passports, visas and health requirements

For guidance we have details on our website of passport and visa requirements applicable to our holidays, together with details of any compulsory health requirements. It is, however, your responsibility to ensure you have and comply with passport and visa requirements, and you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions. We cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to comply with these requirements.

17. Foreign Office advice

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which we recommend you consult before booking and in good time before departure.

18. Financial security and ABTA membership

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 3430). All flights and flight inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The Civil Aviation Authority can be contacted at Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK tel +44 (0)333 103 6350, e-mail claims@caa.co.uk www.caa.co.uk

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number V4744). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. ABTA can be contacted at 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ, UK tel +44 (0)20 3117 0599 www.abta.com

19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/search_en. We are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 Changes and cancellation by us will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, website and/or on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your travel documents approximately 2 weeks before departure. Please check your tickets very carefully to ensure you have the correct flight times. Flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements.

20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

For cruises which begin in the EU, EU Regulation 1177/2010 applies. Any liability we have for providing accommodation is limited to €80 per passenger for a maximum of 3 nights. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. We are not the carrier and have no liability to you under this Regulation. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may use the CAA Passenger Advice and Complaints Service. See www.caa.co.uk

21. Brochure / website / advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, website and other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen holiday (including the price) with us at the time of booking.

22. Children

For holidays other than cruises, we are unable to accommodate children under 9 years old at the date of departure. For cruises, the minimum age limit is 12 years old at the date of departure. We reserve the right to limit the number of children on any particular cruise. Any minor must be accompanied by and share a cabin with an adult aged 21 or over. If the adult is not the minor's parent, a "Parental Consent Guardianship Form" must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to sailing.

23. Health and safety

You must attend all mandatory safety briefings and drills at the commencement of the holiday and any subsequent briefings or drills required during the holiday by any carrier or supplier. You must at all times comply with rules and regulations and the orders and directions of carriers and our suppliers and warrant that your conduct will not impair the safety of others. We, carriers, our suppliers and/or the relevant authorities are entitled to administer a public health questionnaire at any time. You must complete the questionnaire and supply accurate information regarding any symptoms of illness. We may deny boarding to any passenger who has symptoms of any viral or bacterial illness. You must report illness and you may be required to remain in your cabin or hotel room as required by the ship's captain or the hotel manager. Refusal to comply with any of these procedures may result in your holiday being terminated. We have no liability to you in the event that we cancel or curtail your holiday as referred to in this clause.

In respect of cruises which commence in an EU Member State and where necessary in order to meet applicable international, European and national safety requirements and/or where the design or structure of the ship or port infrastructure and equipment, including port terminals, makes it impossible to carry out the embarkation, disembarkation or carriage of a passenger suffering from a disability of reduced mobility in a safe or operationally feasible manner, we and the carrier are entitled to refuse a booking from the person concerned. Passengers must be fully mobile to travel on any cruise. We cannot provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, embarking or disembarking or travelling on other forms of transportation. In the event that you require assistance with embarking or disembarking from the ship at the first or last port as a result of your reduced mobility or disability, please advise us at the time of booking but in any event no later than 48 hours before the assistance is required. Some ships may not have elevators. You must check at the time of booking. Some excursions require a good level of physical fitness and do not have vehicles and/or there are restrictions re access. Regulation 1177/2010 may be viewed at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32010R1177&from=EN> and the DFT Guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-guidance-notes-relating-to-regulation-eu-no-1177-2010>.

The carrier, acting via the captain, reserves the right to refuse passage, disembark or confine to a cabin any passenger whose physical or mental condition or behaviour is considered in the sole opinion of the captain to constitute a risk to the passenger's own well-being or that of any other passenger or crew member. The carrier and the captain reserve the right to disembark any passenger whose behaviour affects the comfort, enjoyment, safety or well-being of other passengers or of any crew. During passage through locks or under low bridges or in the event of adverse weather conditions, it may be necessary to close the sundeck to passengers. Sundeck closures are rigidly enforced in the interests of safety. Ships may be required to moor alongside one another in some ports. This may result in your view being blocked. It may also result in your having to cross other ships in order to go ashore.

While we take reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on the cruise ships, you acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that we will not be liable to you in relation to such noise and vibration.

24. Food allergies

If you have any food allergies which may cause significant health issues, you must report this in writing at the time of booking or as soon as convenient. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively avoid any food you are allergic to and make all appropriate enquiries to establish the ingredients of any food. The supplier is not under any obligation to prepare or provide special meals.

25. Smoking

Passengers must observe the non-smoking policy on board the ships, hotels and other transport provided. If smoke is detected in any accommodation, a cleaning fee of £165.00 per occurrence will be billed to the passenger's account. Smoking restrictions include e-cigarette smoking. If there is violation of the non-smoking policy, then passengers may be disembarked from the ship or asked to leave the hotel without refund.

26. Indemnity

You must indemnify us and the carrier for all penalties, fines, charges, losses or expenses incurred or imposed upon us, the carrier or our suppliers by virtue of an act or violation of law by you and or any breach of these terms and conditions or any carrier's or suppliers terms and conditions of conditions of carriage.

27. Pregnancy

The river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships do not have doctors or facilities to deliver babies or provide natal treatment. We recommend that women who are less than 12 weeks pregnant seek medical advice prior to travel. For safety reasons women past their 24th week of

pregnancy at any stage of the cruise cannot be carried on board. Airlines also have restrictions. Pregnant women are required to produce a fitness to travel certificate based on the proposed holiday itinerary and transport provider's requirements. The carrier expressly reserves the right to refuse passage to board to any passenger who appears to be in an advanced state of pregnancy and the carrier shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of either such refusal and/or the carriage.

28. Medical facilities/treatment on board and ashore

There are no doctors on board any of the river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships in our programme. Should you require medical attention during your holiday then local medical services can be contacted for emergency treatment. The cost of such treatment is your sole responsibility. We are not liable for any aspect of medical treatment provided to you ashore or in resort. If you have any medical condition which may need treatment during a cruise, this must be disclosed at the time of booking in order for a risk assessment to be undertaken as to whether you can be safely carried. You may be asked to provide medical evidence for this purpose. Carriage is dependent on the nature and extent of the medical condition, the itinerary and length of cruise. In relation to other holidays please notify us in writing of any medical or reduced mobility needs at the resort or on transport provided by us. This includes adapted hotel rooms and assistance at airports. In relation to your own medical equipment, there are limited storage facilities on board ships and in hotels. You must check prior to booking if the equipment is allowed on board aircraft, ships or hotels. Scooters cannot be carried on board ships due to space limitations and reasons of safety.

29. Disability/wheelchairs/service animals

During our holidays, we visit many historical sites and often enjoy walking tours of various places of interest. Some holidays, therefore, may not be suitable for clients of impaired mobility. Before you make your booking, we will advise you as to whether the proposed holiday arrangements are generally suitable for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility of course means different things to different individuals as we fully appreciate that individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. When we refer to reduced mobility, this means any material reduction in mobility whether this is permanent or temporary and whether caused by age or by physical or mental disability or impairment or other cause of disability. Our priority is always the comfort and safety of passengers as well as complying with the strict legal requirements relating to safety of life at sea and inland waterways. In order to achieve these objectives, passengers with reduced mobility or disability or who need assistance dogs should at the time of booking provide as much detail as possible of the matters set out on our website at www.rivieratravel.co.uk/reducedmobilityinformation. Passengers may be required to be accompanied or may be refused carriage. You warrant that you have considered the INFORMATION TO PASSENGERS FOR REDUCED MOBILITY AND DISABILITIES and that you have made all relevant notifications to us. Please be aware that there are no wheelchair accessible cabins on any of the river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships used on our cruises. Disabled rooms in hotels are limited in number and so must be prebooked and subject to availability.

30. Security

Weapons, ammunition, explosives, substances that are hazardous, disabling, or illegal, or any other article that in the sole opinion of the captain may be considered dangerous, are strictly prohibited aboard the ship or carried on any form of transport or hotels. You consent to a reasonable search being made of your person, property, cabin, hotel room and to the removal and confiscation or destruction of any object which may, in our opinion or that of any carrier or supplier will impair the safety of others or of property or be illegal or inconvenience others.

31. Assistance whilst away

In the event you end up in difficulty (of any sort) during your holiday, we will provide you with appropriate assistance as soon as reasonably possible including by the provision of appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance and by assisting you to make distance communications and to find alternative travel arrangements as may be applicable. Where you are in difficulty as a result of your negligence, we may charge you a reasonable fee for this assistance which will not exceed the costs we actually incur.

32. Data Protection

We are a data controller for the purposes of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 (data protection laws). Personal data will be collected, processed, stored and used securely and in accordance with our privacy policy and data protection laws. Please see www.rivieratravel.co.uk for our data protection privacy policy.

33. Law and jurisdiction

Save as provided by law and subject to the provisions of the Regulation all claims must be brought in the English courts which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and shall be subject to English law.

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Travel insurance is a vital aspect of booking any holiday, giving you protection against unforeseen circumstances that could otherwise spoil your holiday. To assist you with this, we have arranged competitive travel insurance from Travel & General Insurance Services Limited to specifically meet your needs on a Riviera Travel holiday. It is a condition of booking that you purchase travel insurance that properly covers you for the holiday you are taking.

Travel insurance is provided by Riviera Travel as an appointed representative of Travel & General Insurance Services Limited who are authorised and regulated by the FCA and details can be found on their website www.fca.org.uk.

Our Insurance Premiums (per person)

Age on date of travel	Europe			Worldwide excl N.America		N.America
	Up to 5 days	6-8 days	9-15 days	Up to 16 days	Up to 26 days	Up to 17 days
18-65	£20.70	£31.09	£36.30	£50.96	£71.76	£71.76
66-69	£36.30	£41.50	£46.69	£82.16	£102.96	£102.96
70-74	£36.30	£46.69	£57.10	£92.56	£109.20	£113.36
75-79	£57.10	£67.49	£77.89	Please call 0330 024 9952		
80+	£67.50	£88.30	£109.09			

All premiums include Insurance Premium Tax at 20%

It is a condition of the policy that you must declare all pre-existing medical conditions for yourself and anyone else named as an insured on the policy, your immediate family and any travelling companions to [Healthcheck on 0203 829 6637](https://www.rivieratravel.co.uk/healthcheck) to ensure that you have the appropriate cover.

A policy booklet is provided which contains all of the terms and conditions and must be read carefully to ensure that it meets your requirements. You may return the policy and the proof of purchase for any reason within 14 days of purchase to receive a full refund provided that you have not travelled or made a claim.

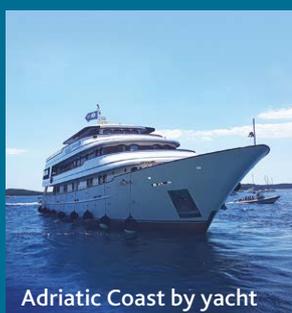
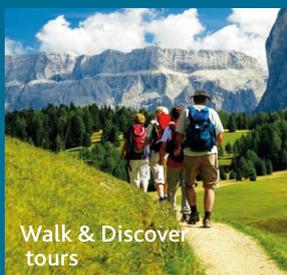
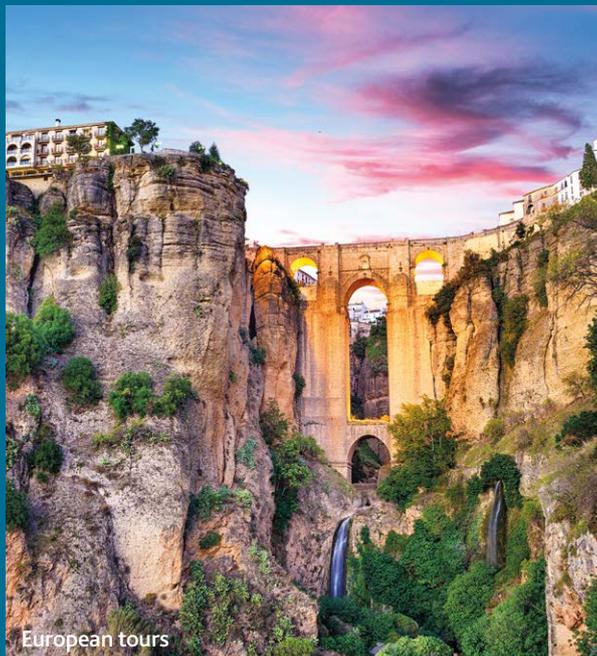
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It is a condition of booking that everyone travelling with us is adequately covered, so if you do not take out our insurance please state the name and number of your policy at the time of booking.

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