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A WEEK ON THE DANUBE

A journey between Budapest & Regensburg aboard the RV Advance
with Guest Speaker Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski

27th September to 4th October 2024

NOBLE CALEDONIA



A river journey, like no other allows you to gently absorb the landscape, appreciate the subtle changes in architecture and reflect on the many ways the river you are travelling along has influenced the course of history. More than any other European river the Danube has set the historical pulse of Central Europe, the vital crucible of culture that draws on influences of East and West.



Journey with us aboard the elegant, 100-passenger RV Advance along the most romantic section of the Danube River between Budapest and Bavaria. Within the course of seven nights we will travel through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany and accomplish a comprehensive look at an area of infinite cultural riches. Along the way we will enjoy the delights of Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna, the beauty of the Wachau Valley and the timeless tranquillity of Medieval towns and villages. Travel through the idyllic, rolling pastures and vineyards, past centuries old villages, towns and imperial cities which have witnessed the fascinating and turbulent history of Middle Europe.

Our river vessel will take us through borders and from place to place along the Danube with great ease, allowing us to relax and enjoy the scenery and the numerous stops without the distraction of long road journeys, traffic jams and border delays. The bountiful months of September and October are the perfect time to enjoy a trip along the Danube, the high season crowds have departed and the temperatures are ideal for exploring.

GUEST SPEAKER – PROFESSOR RICHARD BUTTERWICK-PAWLIKOWSKI



Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski graduated in History from Cambridge, before obtaining his doctorate from Oxford. He taught European history at Oxford and Queen's University Belfast before moving to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London, where he has been Professor of Polish-Lithuanian History since 2013. He is also Principal Historian of the Polish History Museum in Warsaw. Richard's academic interests range across the history and culture of Europe, especially in the eighteenth century. An admirer of the baroque and classical styles in the arts, he delights in Mozart's operas. He has published four single-authored books, four edited books, and many articles in scholarly periodicals and collections, and is in frequent demand as a speaker at international conferences.

Bratislava



Durnstein



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna

ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the RV Advance for embarkation.

Day 2 Budapest. After breakfast our guided tour will include the old quarter, visiting the Mathias' Church and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. After lunch on board, the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure before we sail this evening.

Day 3 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive over lunch in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join a guided walking tour of the city, formerly known as Pressburg, a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Finish your tour with a visit to the beautiful Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Day 4 Vienna, Austria. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including

St Stephan's Cathedral. Alternatively join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further at your own pace.

Day 5 Krems & Durnstein, Wachau Valley. Spend the day in the Wachau Valley famous for its landscapes, vineyards and castles. From our berth in Krems we drive to Graffenegg Castle. Developed over seven centuries, here we will see traces of Gothic, Baroque and Neo-Gothic architecture with soaring towers, stylish staircases and atmospheric arcades. Also see the 32 hectares of grounds including rare plants, trees and sculptures. Over lunch we sail the short distance to the pretty town of Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Enjoy some free time ashore to explore and perhaps sample some of the town's delicious Marillenschnaps or strudel before we enjoy a tasting of some of the region's excellent wines.

Day 6 Melk. Spend the morning in Melk with its majestic Baroque abbey situated on a cliff, high above the Danube. A morning guided tour of the abbey, includes the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church. Relax on board this afternoon and maybe join a lecture as we spend time sailing along the Danube.

Day 7 Passau, Germany. Over breakfast we arrive in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. Enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace before we sail in the early evening.

Day 8 Regensburg to London. Disembark and transfer to Munich airport for your return scheduled flight to London.



Passau



POST-CRUISE PRAGUE EXTENSION 4TH TO 7TH OCTOBER 2024



After disembarking the RV Advance, we are offering a three night extension to discover the marvellous city of Prague.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Regensburg to Prague, Czech Republic. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Prague (approx. 3 hours). On arrival we will have lunch before joining our local guide for a walking tour of the Old City including Wenceslas Square, the Old Town Square, with its famous astronomical clock and finally Charles Bridge and the Church of St Nicholas. After checking in to our hotel, the remainder of the evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Prague. A morning panoramic tour of the city begins with a private visit to the impressive Strahov Monastery library with its amazing collection of ancient books and manuscripts. We then visit the Basilica and the Convent building before continuing to the castle, scene of the famous defenestration in 1618. Finally, visit the magnificent St Vitus Cathedral and walk along Golden Lane before returning to the hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Prague. Enjoy a day at leisure to sightsee and explore at your own pace. (B)

Day 4 Prague to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our return flight to London. (B)

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1095 Single: £1395

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), wine & soft drinks with included lunches, excursions as described.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



PRICES PER PERSON

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CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
D	Standard Stateroom	Deck 2	£3695	£3495
C	Standard Stateroom	Deck 3	£3895	£3695
B	Large Stateroom	Deck 2	£3995	£3795
A	Large Stateroom	Deck 3	£4295	£4095
Suite	Two-room Suite	Deck 3	£5295	£5095
D	Standard Stateroom for sole use	Deck 2	£4595	£4395
C	Standard Stateroom for sole use	Deck 3	£4795	£4595

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the RV Advance on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance



RV ADVANCE

The 100-passenger RV Advance is a luxurious, boutique river ship which was built in 2017, and launched into service in 2023. No expense has been spared to create a vessel which is a joy to travel on with stylish public rooms and elegant staterooms along with an expansive Sun Deck. The atmosphere is warm and convivial and within days you will have made new friends in the open-seating restaurant, on the shore excursions or whilst relaxing in the comfortable public areas. You will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English-speaking environment. A musician will play each evening whilst you relax in the lounge, Guest Speakers will provide a series of interesting talks and our Cruise Director will host informative port briefings. After a day exploring ashore, you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable vessel.



Category C Stateroomm

YOUR STATEROOM

Staterooms on board have a luxurious feel and are arranged over two decks. All feature French balcony window, mini-refrigerator, satellite television and movies on demand, coffee machine, dressing table, safety deposit box and individually controlled air conditioning. Staterooms feature a King-sized bed which can be configured as double beds and, in Categories A, B and the Suite, the bed is river facing. Ensuite facilities include a spacious walk-in shower, sustainable luxury bath amenities, bathrobes, vanity unit and hairdryer. The standard staterooms measure 17.5 square metres, the large staterooms measure 23.5 square metres and the two suites feature a separate living room with a fireplace and measure 47 square metres.

YOUR DINING

While the most beautiful river scenery passes by, you can enjoy delicacies created by the Executive Chef and his team. The Restaurant has open seating, allowing you to sit where and with whom you like at each meal. In the morning breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a delightful buffet with hot and cold choices and dinner is a served four course meal. During the day, coffee specialities, pastries, cheeses and charcuterie board are also available at The Bistro on Deck 3 and light meals are also available through room service if required. In the Skylight and Pop-up bar you can enjoy unlimited soft drinks, tea and coffee during the opening hours. At the coffee station next to the guest's services desk, water, tea and coffee are available, at any time. In addition, regional wines, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner.



The Restaurant

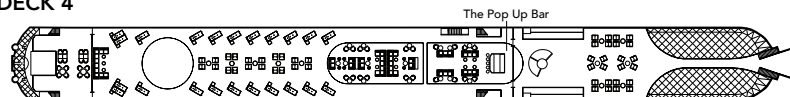


YOUR SPACE

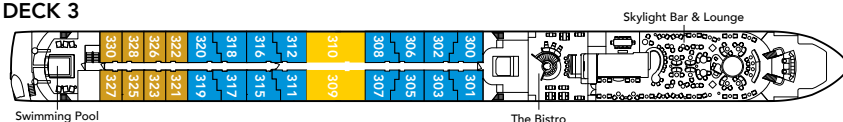
The elegant Skylight Lounge and Bar is the focal point and social hub of the vessel and features a range of comfortable seating along with a selection of books and games. With the floor to ceiling windows you can experience the wonderful scenery whilst enjoying your choice of beverage. The Skylight Lounge is where our Guest Speakers will entertain you with informative presentations and in the evenings, let the day come to an end with a choice of beverages from the extensive menu accompanied by a musician playing the piano. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the Wheelhouse and the Pop-Up Bar (open when weather permits) where you can enjoy a drink with your fellow travellers. The Sun Deck is the perfect spot to recline on a sun lounger and read a book or watch the changing scenery. There is also a well-equipped Fitness Room on board, an indoor swimming pool with a counter-current swimming system, massage salon, complimentary self-service guest laundry, a lift which serves Decks 2 and 3 and unlimited complimentary internet access.

DECK PLAN

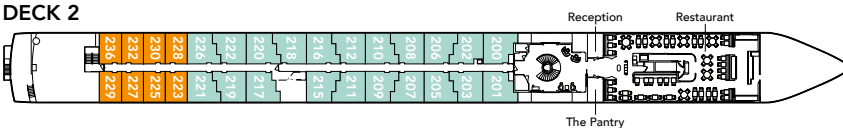
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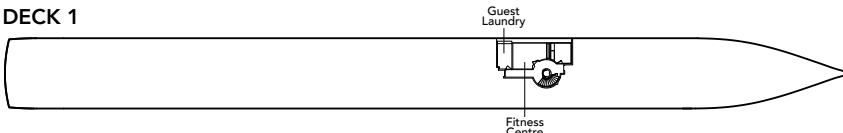
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